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SEPTEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

God's People Gather to Receive the Lord's Supper *by Pastor Piet Van Kampen*

"And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, 'Take, eat; this is My body.' Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.'" - (Matthew 26:26-28, NKJV)

Over the last few months we've explored several blessings our Lord freely gives us when we gather together in His name. First of all, we have the privilege to hear the good news that our sins have been forgiven for the sake of Jesus Christ. God also blesses us with the joys of fellowship—of seeing one another and greeting each other with smiles and handshakes, the joys of encouraging one another in our personal faith-walk with Christ. The Lord also blesses us with the joys of Christian service, giving us opportunities to help and serve our neighbor and one another in love—giving us the opportunity to accomplish more together than we would have done by ourselves.

This month, we take a few minutes to consider one more blessing: the Lord's Supper. Do you remember what Christ Jesus Himself shares with you when you come to His table? "Take, eat; this is my body... Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant." "My body... My blood." That's what He gives us along with the bread and the wine! When we eat and drink, we come into contact with the body and blood of God Himself. In this life you will never be closer to God than when you receive His holy supper!

And with Christ's own body and blood, we receive

"the remission of sins". He gives to us the forgiveness He won by shedding His blood at the cross! Forgiveness for every sin—no matter how small, no matter how big! What a treasure-trove of blessings Jesus shares with us at this holy meal—a treasure we get to experience together as His people!



And yet, the Lord's Supper is a treasure we never fully appreciate. I know that in my own life I haven't always thought so highly of the gifts Jesus wants me to have in His supper. There were days and weeks when I told myself, "You know what, I can get by without it."

God used a blind woman to show me how wrong I was. When I was a teenager, I met a lady named Kris. She was a member of my church, and yes, Kris couldn't see. Her disability didn't get in the way of her worship life. Kris was in church almost every week, with her unmistakably beautiful singing voice, reading the hymns that were printed in braille for her.

The Lord's Supper had a profound impact on Kris. Every time she came to the altar to take communion, she would return to her seat with tears streaming down her face. They weren't tears of sorrow, but tears of joy! Joy that Jesus' own body and blood had touched her lips! Joy that all of her sins—all the ways she had rebelled against God, all the things she had done that

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deserved God’s eternal punishment—were now totally and completely forgiven.

Back then, I didn’t fully understand what God was teaching me through Kris. The older I get, though, the more I think about her—and how she saw God’s gifts with eyes of faith.

Would a man dying of thirst refuse a drink of cool, clear water? No way! Yet we sinners often refuse the food and drink that refreshes us with God’s grace and mercy. Why? Because we’re not looking with eyes of faith. We fail to see the seriousness of our sin, that our sin is what is killing us.

Yet when we see with eyes of faith, when we understand just how serious our sins are and how often we commit them, then, we want nothing more than to be touched by our Lord and our Savior, and know that we are loved by Him. We want nothing more than the gift of God’s full and free forgiveness, shared with us in Jesus’ body and blood.

Join me in spending some time this month thanking God for the privilege of joining together as His people, in His house. Come together and receive the Lord’s body and blood. May we appreciate more and more the treasure trove of blessings He gives us when God’s people gather.

-Pastor Van Kampen

ORGAN UPDATE

Our new Rodgers Imagine Series 235 organ, Lord-willing, has been ordered and will be installed in mid-September. When the time comes, we may need some volunteers to help with removal of the old organs. Keep your ear to the ground for more details. Thanks again to all who have donated toward the project and to those who are donating regularly and keeping up with your pledges!

CHURCH PICNIC

The church picnic will be held Sunday, September 12, after Sunday School and Bible Class, starting around



11:30 a.m. Join us for games, music and other activities—come and join the fun!

WOMEN ON A MISSION

Christ the King WOM will be holding their first meeting of the fall season on Tuesday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend for devotion/Bible study, and an opportunity to plan our work and activities for the



upcoming year. Come and join us!

TRUNK OR TREAT

Sunday, October 31, we’ll be holding our annual Trunk Or Treat. Park your car, decorate your car (if you like), and hand out candy to neighborhood kids! We have a goal of having 20 cars for this year’s celebration. (More would be great!) We’re also planning on serving hot dogs and hot cocoa/cider. Sign up in the fellowship hall if you’re able to attend with a vehicle!



September Birthdays!

- 7 Maya Wallenfang
- 9 Roderick Meves
- 18 Rick Schnese
- 18 Judi Watters
- 19 Sara Montes
- 21 Theresa Tilkens
- 25 Jay Brown

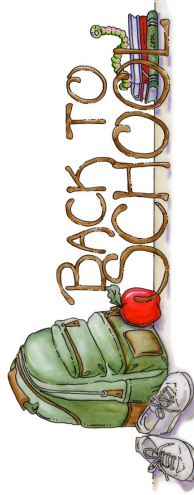


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ALTAR GUILD FOR SEPTEMBER:
Sandra Gillaume & Janet Heuser



YEAR AT A GLANCE

- 9/12 - Rally for Christian Education (Church Picnic, First Day of Sun, School & Bible Class)
- 10/6-8 - ELS General Pastoral Conference
- 10/31 - Reformation Day & Trunk or Treat
- 11/24 - Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 12/1, 12/8, 12/15 - Midweek Advent Services
- 12/24 - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- 12/25 - Christmas Day Festival Service
- 12/31 - New Year's Eve Service

September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 9:00 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. 10:05 Fellowship 10:15 Choir Practice USHERS: Group 2	6 6:30 Divine Service w/Holy Comm. Labor Day	7 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows 4:00 Conf. Class	8 4:00 Emerald Bay Service 6:30 Worship Comm.	9	10	11 Patriot Day
12 9:00 Divine Service 10:05 Fellowship 10:30 Education Hour 11:30-1:30 Church Picnic USHERS: Group 3 Rally for Christian Education! Grandparents Day	13 6:30 Divine Service 7:30 Board of Evan. Meeting	14 9:00 Bible Class 2:30 Brookview Meadows 4:00 Conf. Class 6:30 CTK Women on a Mission Holy Cross Day	15 4:00 Emerald Bay Service	16	17	18
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4-7 P.M.
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