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DEEP ROOTS AND ABUNDANT FRUIT



The fall of the year is supposed to bring the familiar routines of church, School, and work back into our lives. We have patterns that do not just make us comfortable, they also focus our energy and productivity. They remind us who we are and what we are to do. I am a teacher or a student. I am an employer or a worker. I may be retired, but the fall means friends coming back from summer vacations, the days getting cooler invites more time in the outdoors. We begin looking forward to the holiday seasons and making plans to celebrate Hallowe'en, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Usually... But nothing has been "usual" in 2020; no standard operating procedure in these days. The manner in which we all do the normal things in life have taken on another layer of negotiation and consideration. Activities normally held in person are still held through technology or postponed. Every family and every person has a different level of health risk which each needs to manage given their unique circumstances.

Paul's counsel in 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 reads:

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

We have all been asked to re-evaluate life, to leave some things behind, to hold onto this world a bit more loosely than perhaps we did before, to recognize false gods that we have been dragging around in our back pockets without even realizing they were there. And still in these changes, the Lord's urgent calling leads us to seek every means possible to fill the disruption with the good news promises of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Serving you, Serving Jesus,

Pastor John Perling

The Pump

October 2020

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Adult Christian Education Opportunities

Sunday: The Acts of the Apostles

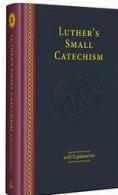
The Acts of the Apostles declares the ongoing work of Jesus Christ. At His Ascension, the work of Jesus did not stop, it moved to fill all creation both visible and invisible.



He promised to work with and through his disciples for the salvation of the world.

- How is the Lord working now?
- What are the Lord's priorities?
- Suffering and Success
- Starting/planting new ministries
- Learning from the Apostles how to describe Jesus in your own words together with the OT

Luther's Small Catechism Wednesday 9am



This new edition recognizes the need for adults to learn about Jesus and lead family devotions. Our Wednesday morning Bible Study is reading, marking, learning, and taking it to heart. Martin Luther provides a brief, clear summary of God's Word on the essentials of the Christian faith. In question-and-answer format. It explores the Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine and includes daily prayers, a table of duties for Christians in their various callings, and a guide for Christians as they prepare to receive Holy Communion.

One Nation Under God: Healing Racial Divides in America



Tuesday Evenings 6:30pm

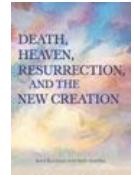
Amid divisive rhetoric, violence, riots, and racial tensions, confusion arises—how can

Christians tear down the racial walls dividing our country? This division stems from a lack of communication, empathy, and understanding. Author Rev. B. Keith Haney, an African American LCMS pastor, encourages everyone to seek answers to racial tensions in the only place where truth and peace can be found—God's Word. Healing must begin with Jesus.

Let's be a nation united—united under God.

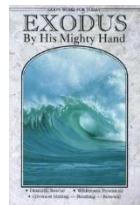
Resurrection and New Creation Men's Club-October 24

Death wasn't part of God's original design, it's a tragic reality of living in a fallen world. It feels unnatural because it is. But Christ has conquered death; it has no hold over us. In death, Christ becomes our all in all as we live forever in communion with Him. In light of this promise that is sealed in our Baptism, we can live this impermanent life as an act of bold confession, trust, and hope.



Thursday Evening 7pm Crossways!

The Crossways course surveys all 66 books of the Old & New Testaments. The focus of each book is Christ and His Salvation. Enrolling in the course will give you the tools to describe how each book of the bible contributes to its overall message. Members will gain a working framework for understanding any scriptural text in light of the whole. All of the promises of God find their "Yes!" in Christ. More information may be found on page 5 of this newsletter.



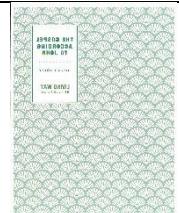
Thursday Morning Bible Class 9am

We will be walking through **God's Word for Today: Exodus**. Some people think of God as remote and uninvolved in the affairs of this world. But Exodus shows God intimately involved in the lives of His people and powerfully directing the course of history. This class meets on Zoom.

For more information, Contact Joan 573-765-2838

The Gospel of John Tuesday 3:00 pm

We will together explore the Good News of Jesus as the Apostle John was inspired to write. We will see through the eyes of Scripture, the wondrous works of Jesus, the Son of God. We will look for and find the "nuggets of truth" spoken by Jesus during His visible, public ministry on earth.



Preparing for the Divine Service

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(4 October 2020)



Isaiah 5:1–7
Philippians 3:4b–14
Matthew 21:33–46

Hymn Numbers: 664, 544, 644, 827, 825

The True Vine Redeems the Vineyard of the Lord of Hosts

“The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel” (Is. 5:7), which He planted “on a very fertile hill” (Is. 5:1). He did everything for His vineyard, not only clearing it of stones and planting it with “choice vines,” but also building the “watchtower” of His prophets and hewing out the “wine vat” of His priesthood in its midst (Is. 5:2). But when “he looked for it to yield grapes,” there were only “wild grapes” of bloodshed and unrighteousness (Is. 5:2, 7). The Lord Jesus likewise described the unfaithfulness of those who were called to care for His vineyard (Matt. 21:33–35). But in this He also describes His cross and Passion (Matt. 21:38–39), by which He has redeemed the vineyard for Himself. He is the true Vine, planted by death into the ground, and in His resurrection He brings forth “the fruits in their seasons” (Matt. 21:41). Among those good grapes of the true Vine is the apostle Paul. Once a zealous persecutor of the Church, he “suffered the loss of all things” in order to “gain Christ and be found in him,” to “know him and the power of his resurrection” (Phil. 3:8–10).

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(11 October 2020)



Isaiah 25:6–9
Philippians 4:4–13
Matthew 22:1–14

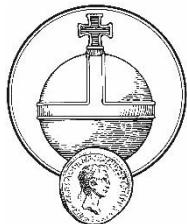
Hymn Numbers: 818, 510, 626, 676, 813

Clothed in the Righteousness of Christ, We Partake of His Wedding Feast

By His cross and resurrection, the Lord has swallowed up death forever, and by His Gospel He “will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth” (Is. 25:8). Therefore, “let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). On the mountain of the Lord of hosts — in His Church on earth, as in the kingdom of heaven — He has made “for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine” (Is. 25:6). It is the royal “wedding feast” of the Son of God, “and everything is ready” (Matt. 22:1, 4). Thus, His servants are sent into the highways and byways to invite and gather as many as they find, “both good and bad,” to fill the wedding hall with guests (Matt. 22:8–10). In Holy Baptism, He clothes them all in the “wedding garment” of His own perfect righteousness (Matt. 22:11). Therefore, “do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God,” and “rejoice in the Lord always” (Phil. 4:4–6).

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

(18 October 2020)



Isaiah 45:1–7
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10
Matthew 22:15–22

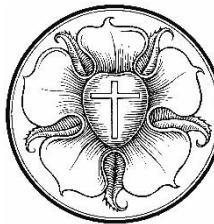
Hymn Numbers: 525, 940, 549, 851, 733

We Are Recreated in the Image of God by the Cross of Christ

Plotting against Jesus, the Pharisees attempted “*to entangle him in his words*” by asking about the payment of taxes to Caesar (Matt. 22:15). The Lord pointed to coins required for the tax, and He answered that we should “*render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s*” (Matt. 22:21). But if coins bearing the image of Caesar should be rendered to him, then man — who is made in the image of God — must be rendered to the Lord. That tax is paid for us by the Lord Jesus, the image of God in the flesh, by His self-offering on the cross. And from His cross, as the Lord’s anointed, He reigns as the true Caesar over all nations “*from the rising of the sun and from the west*” (Is. 45:6). The Lord once called and anointed Cyrus “*to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings*” (Is. 45:1). Now by the preaching of the Gospel, “*in power and in the Holy Spirit*” (1 Thess. 1:5), foreigners from all over the world are “*turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God*” (1 Thess. 1:9–10).

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED)

(25 October 2020)



Revelation 14:6–7
Romans 3:19–28
John 8:31–36 or
Matthew 11:12–19

Hymn Numbers: 950, 705, 848, 689, 653, 706, 656

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“*Wisdom is justified by her deeds*” (Matt. 11:19), and the true wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, in order that we may eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and “*remain in the house forever*” (John 8:35). He is “*a friend of tax collectors and sinners*” (Matt. 11:18–19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “*to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people*” (Rev. 14:6), “*the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law*” (Rom. 3:21), “*that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus*” (Rom. 3:26). And by the hearing of that Gospel of Christ Jesus, “*whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith*” (Rom. 3:25), “*you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free*” (John 8:31–32).

Thursday Crossways Bible Study

**God has left a rather long message...
You deserve an explanation**



Think of your favorite childhood stories. It's likely many come from the Bible; Noah's Ark, Moses and the ten plagues, David and Goliath, Zacchaeus meets Jesus.

But the Bible is not about little stories. The biblical library of 66 books contains one huge story – a message about God's big plan for the world and humanity, revealed ultimately in Jesus the Messiah. Do you know that big story? Can you tell others about the key threads weaving through it?

Those who study Crossways learn what it means to walk through life in the presence of Jesus the Messiah as their forgiving Savior and Servant-Lord. Many experience what the two disciples experienced on the way to Emmaus, Luke 24:32. Their hearts are set on fire, and their lives are transformed!



The course equips people to grapple with the mind, manner, ministry, and mission of Jesus the Messiah, and to reflect Him in all they think, say and do. After all, Jesus does not call us to put Him *first* – but only. Christianity is not the most important part of life. It has to do with *all* of life.

Above all else, the goal is to help people understand the *grand finale* of the biblical narrative: the final rescue of God's people from the Real Enemy – the demonic – through the ministry of Jesus the Messiah. Throughout, the desire is not merely to provide students with *information*; it is to seek their *transformation*.



Class will be in person in the church Fellowship Hall and live streamed on Zoom Thursdays from 7pm-9pm.

The cost for materials is \$40.

You can give payment to Mary Jones or put a marked envelope in the offering plate.

**Please contact the office with any questions:
573-336-4464 or office@felclcms.org**

FROM BEN'S PEN

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"God so loved the world that He sent His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

This passage is one of the most well-known verses of the New Testament, if not the entire Bible. And for good reason. Its nickname is the "The Gospel in a nutshell" Why? Because with simple clarity and force it conveys the central truth of God's Word, summarizing our Christian faith.

This verse is but one example of why the study of John's Gospel is so rewarding and comforting. In it, John, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us the meaning of faith, the blessings of eternal life AND the mystery of God's love in Christ.

ALL are welcome to join us as we explore and ponder this great, wonderful story of Jesus with its practical meaning for each of our lives.

We meet on Tuesdays in Faith's library, beginning at 3pm. You may attend in person...OR...at home on Zoom.

With Joy in Jesus,

Ben Schumacher, Assistant Pastor

Ladies Aid Church Bazaar

November 14, 2019

9AM-2PM

Crafts, Pies & Baked Goods,
Local Honey, House Plants, and
Gently Used Household Items

Lunch Served 11 AM-2 PM

Chili or Choice of 3 Soups
Rolls, Drink and Pie - \$6.00

Pie and Coffee - \$3.00

For more information contact

Liz Joyce – 573-336-7331

or

Linda Keener – 573-774-1208

LADIES AID

We are off to a rolling start and will continue our "new normal" with in person & Zoom for most of our activities. Our regular monthly meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1st, at 12:30 pm in the Parish Hall with spacing & masks (if desired), Zoom is also available like last month. *All ladies* are invited to join us! Karen will lead the Bible study from the fall LWML Quarterly. We hope to have a light lunch also provided. This is our time to plan our upcoming activities, so take note!

LWML Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 4th, is LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Sunday. We will be assisting Pastor Perling with the service, providing the ushers & a reader. We will have refreshments following the service for those who would like to fellowship. Karen Boorom, LuAnn Clark, Linda Keener, Bev Richard, Flori Scheuermann, Elaine Schumacher & Vernetia Tassus will provide the goodies.

Workday

Rolling right along, we will be doing our regular monthly workday on Thursday, October 15th, at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall, since we are "working" no Zoom is available. We are sewing children's dresses for Orphan Grain Train. If you like to sew, machines are available, or you can cut or iron fabric. Come help out! Following our work time, we will head to The Hub for lunch. Let Linda Keener know if you plan to join us (774-1208). Our Birthday Lunch is the third Thursday of each month at 1 pm and is open to anyone from our church family. The restaurant changes each month so check w/Linda Keener for more info.

Fall Rally

LWML Rolla Zone will have our Fall Rally on Saturday, October 17th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Houston, MO at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. The Theme is: "Our Identity in Christ" with Rev. Kristopher Morris as our speaker. Lunch is provided by the ladies at Holy Cross. Mites for LWML will be collected AND we are asked to bring non-perishable food items or personal care items for the Blessing Box, a free pantry at Houston. Please RSVP to Kim Ehlers at 417-259-0667 by Oct. 3rd. We will carpool from our church that morning, Oct. 17th; be sure to have your name on our list or tell Linda Keener.

Bazaar

Last, but not least - now is the time to prepare for our FALL BAZAAR! We need donations of crafts, pies & baked goods, silent auction items AND house plants! Our Bazaar will be Saturday, Nov. 14th, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. EVERYONE is invited to come AND participate. Invite your neighbors & friends! A soup lunch is part of the day with chili and other soups available along with delicious pies and tea or coffee. This is our annual fundraiser that supports our missionaries, our church projects & missions locally & nationally.

Though we are partly closed up, we are still going & doing, adjustments have been made & we are doing well - the Lord is with us and each day brings blessings! Thanks be to our Lord & Savior!
Have a great month!

How Can I Help? Glad you Asked!

Our Ladies Aid Bazaar is not just a fun fellowship event for our church family and members of our community, it is an important fundraising opportunity as well.

The proceeds from the Bazaar are used to help:

- LCMS missionaries at home and abroad
- Seminary Students
- Local Charities like the Free Women's Center
- Convention Costs for delegates
- Church Improvements

The Ladies Aid will need donations of handmade craft items, pies (especially) and baked goods, gently used household items, larger 'big ticket' silent auction items, and house plants. They are counting on their church family to step up and support this annual event! Now is a great time to do some 'fall cleaning' and creating. More information about days and times for dropping off items will be coming. Thank you for your support!



Board of Young People

FAMILY, FUN, FELLOWSHIP



"It was awesome!!"
"We'll come back on the 25th when the parking lots are not all full!"
"We're coming back to Johnson's Shut-Ins again!"
"Let's come back here next year!"

Those were some of the comments made on Saturday, August 22. That will be a day for 5 Youth 8 adults and 4 children (including Timmy Bradford whom most of us have not seen except on ZOOM) will remember for a long time. The day was hot.



The drive to Elephant Rocks State Park and Johnson Shut-ins State Park was long (a bit over 100 miles), but everyone thought it was well worth it. Both State Parks are an unbelievable display of God's creation, although Johnson's Shut-Ins was altered by a major flood sometime in the past decade.

The Parks System did some rebuilding.



Stay tuned for future meetings, studies and events. Check the September calendar for our first get-together.

Widows of Faith



The Widows of Faith will begin meeting again on October 7 at 1:00 pm @ Coltan's. For more, contact Liz Joyce at 573-336-7331.

Men's Club

The Men's Club Bible Prayer Breakfast will meet on Saturday, October 24. Bible study and prayer begins at 9:00am in person at church and on Zoom. The Men's Club provides a venue for men to deeply consider the many hats they wear in the world and their desire to fulfill Christ's calling to lead in love through those vocations.

CHURCH PROPERTIES

1. If anyone is aware of something that may need attention, (leaky faucet, burned out lights, broken windows, etc.), drop a note in the Board of Church Properties mailbox.
2. Interested in lending a hand outside? Help is always appreciated for grass cutting, weed eating, spreading mulch, raking, etc.
3. Any ideas to improve outdoor landscaping around the sanctuary, parsonage, playground, etc., is most appreciated.
4. Working plans to upgrade our playground. Any ideas or suggestions? A helping hand to assemble new equipment/remove existing equipment is welcome.

Board of Stewardship

Thank you to everyone who has started utilizing our electronic giving options! You may always mail your offering in to the church office, but if you would like to give with a bank debit or credit card, please use this link: <https://www.paypal.me/felcmo>

Or use our QR Code:



You can transfer funds from your personal PayPal account to the church's PayPal account without fees.

Hello, Choir!

Have you thought about joining choir but you're worried about the singing? Now is a great time to join our 'Choir side' chats at 4:30pm (through Zoom) and see what choir is all about! Pastor Ben will lead a devotion based on the hymn of the day (sermon hymn) for each weekend followed by fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join us.

In the meantime, stay tuned and stay in tune! ♫

--Heidi Perling

Cook's Corner



Two Meat Chili with Scallion Cornbread

Ingredients

Chili:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 3 slices center-cut bacon, chopped into 1/2-inch pieces
- 6 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 white onions, roughly chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, roughly chopped
- 1 red bell pepper, roughly chopped
- 2 tablespoons chile powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- One 6-ounce can tomato paste
- Two 15-ounce cans fire-roasted tomatoes
- 2 pounds ground beef
- 1 pound ground pork
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 8 cups (2 quarts) beef broth
- Two 15-ounce cans pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- One 15-ounce can kidney beans, drained and rinsed

Cornbread:

- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter, melted, plus more for greasing skillet
- 1/2 cup light brown sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 2 cups yellow cornmeal
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup diced jalapeno peppers
- 1/2 cup chopped scallions

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F.
2. For the chili: In a large pot or Dutch oven over medium-high heat, add the olive oil and bacon and cook until the bacon is light brown and crispy, about 4 minutes. Remove the bacon from the pan with a slotted spoon and set aside for the cornbread.
3. Add the garlic, onions and green and red peppers to the bacon renderings and cook until the vegetables begin to soften, about 5 minutes. Add the chile powder, cumin and cayenne pepper to the vegetables and allow the spices to brown to open up the aroma, 1 to 2 minutes. Next, add the tomato paste and cook for 1 to 2 minutes. Add the fire-roasted tomatoes and mix with the vegetables. Mix in the ground beef and pork. Add some salt and pepper and cook for about 3 minutes. Finally, add the beef broth, pinto beans and kidney beans, reduce the heat to medium, cover the pot loosely with a lid and let simmer for 40 minutes.
4. For the cornbread: In the meantime, whisk together the butter and sugar in a large mixing bowl. Add the eggs and whisk until combined. Add the cornmeal, flour, baking soda, salt and sugar and whisk to combine. Add the buttermilk and sour cream and whisk together. Add the jalapenos, scallions and reserved bacon and use a spatula to stir until just combined.
5. Lightly grease a cast-iron skillet and pour in the batter. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, about 30 minutes. Let cool slightly before serving with the chili.

Recipe courtesy of

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/nancy-fuller/two-meat-chili-with-scallion-cornbread-2254331>



If you would like to include a recipe to be printed in the PUMP, please place it in The Pump mailbox or email the church office at office@felclcms.org.



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Monday to Friday Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer
 - 7:15 a.m. – Oratio {AM850 Sign On}**
 - 8:00 a.m. – Sharper Iron
 - 9:00 a.m. – The Coffee Hour {New Program!}
 - 9:30 a.m. – Law and Gospel
 - 10:00 a.m. – Daily Chapel from the LCMS International Center
 - 10:30 a.m. – Sacred Music
 - 11:00 a.m. – Thy Strong Word
 - 12:00 p.m. – Moments of Assurance
 - 1:00 p.m. – Sacred Music
 - 2:00 p.m. – Cross Edges
 - **Monday:** Cross Defense
 - **Tuesday:** Concord Matters
 - **Wednesday (2:00pm):** The Student Union
 - **Wednesday (2:30 p.m.):** World Lutheran News Digest
 - **3rd Wednesday of the month (2:30 p.m.):** Free to be Faithful
 - **Thursday:** Word & Work: An Intersection
(Presented by Concordia Seminary)
 - **Friday:** Let's Talk! (The Pastor Is In)
 - 3:00 p.m. – Issues, Etc.
 - 5:00 p.m. – Evening Prayer
 - 6:00 p.m. – Sacred Music through the night
- **{AM850 Sign Off}**

Saturday Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. – Sacred Music
- 7:45 a.m. – Moments of Assurance: Weekend Edition
- 8:00 a.m. – Sacred Music
- 9:05 a.m. – Wrestling with the Basics®
- 9:30 a.m. – World Lutheran News Digest
 - Weekend following the 3rd Wed. of the month: Free to be Faithful
- 10:00 a.m. – Concord Matters
- 11:00 a.m. – Lamplighter Theatre®
- 11:30 a.m. – White Horse Inn®
- 12:00 p.m. – Sacred Music
- 5:00 p.m. – **Worship Service**
- 6:00 p.m. – Sacred Music

Sunday Schedule

- 7:00 a.m. – Sacred Music
- 7:45 a.m. – Moments of Assurance: Weekend Edition
- 8:00* a.m. – **Worship Service**
- 9:30 a.m. – St. Paul's Des Peres Bible Study
- 10:30* a.m. – **Worship Service**
- 12:00 p.m. – Sing for Joy®
- 12:30 p.m. – The Lutheran Hour®
- 1:00 p.m. – Sacred Music
- 5:00 p.m. – The Lutheran Hour®
- 5:30 p.m. – Sacred Music
- 6:00 p.m. – **Worship Service**
- 7:00 p.m. – Sacred Music

Birthdays

11	Mary Byers Chelsea Howery
12	Chris Holsten Erlinda Johannsen Susan Rostad
14	Mary Smith
16	Keith Kubinski Mavis Nelson
18	Joan Houser
22	James Butzler
26	Ashlyn Flores
28	MJ Carey

Members & Friends



Baptisms

1	Dennis Engstrom Maggie Wilson
6	Dalton Holsten
7	Gene Wilson
14	Kayla Maassen
15	Nels Lund Susan Rostad
26	Henry Gordon
27	Ian Hinchman
30	Patrick Dunn Seth Holsten
31	Mary Byers Jared Munson

Anniversaries

13, 1979	Tom & Faith Dunn
14, 1967	Leroy & Fronze Tronstad
20, 1957	Don & Dolores Colby
25, 1975	Richard & Cheryl Teague
26, 1990	Stephen & Connie Lund



Around the Synod

After connecting with your Faith family for worship and Bible Studies check out these other LCMS churches and pastors offering online options for worship and study of God's Word:

- Missouri District LCMS Churches offering Facebook and/or YouTube livestreams can be found here: <https://mo.lcms.org/facebook-and-youtube-streaming/>
- St. Paul Lutheran Church in Austin, Texas is posting virtual worship services on YouTube. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVvwWXmDRGogt5nJXwdfyhA/featured>
- While Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller from Saint Paul Lutheran Church continues to heal from COVID, David Preus will fill in as the host of the "Worldwide Bible Class" Tuesdays at 10am on Zoom. The current topic is the book of Mark. <https://wolfmueller.co/bible/>
- In his new book, Pastor Wolfmueller explores Luther's understanding of faith that pushes through suffering and arrives, with joy, on the threshold of eternal life.

Martin Luther had a robust theology of martyrdom, calling it the “pattern of the true Christian life.” Luther expected a martyr’s death and was ready for such a death. This essay digs into Luther’s theological understanding of Christian suffering and death, and preaches Christ to fainting hearts, so that we too would joyfully face persecution, suffering, and even death, knowing that Jesus waits for us. Download the PDF for free here:



"Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins." Matthew 26:26-28

As seminary student, I remember discussing the Lord's Supper with my grandmother, who was already in her late 80's. The conversation focused on the matter of the frequency of receiving the Sacrament as she had lived through the period when it was offered just four times a year. I spoke with her about yearning for Christ's body and blood by which my sins were forgiven and faith strengthened. I could not imagine a return to such infrequent reception of Christ's gifts of Himself in His Holy Supper. Fast forward to 2020 and the saints of God found themselves unable to receive the Sacrament for quite an extended period. During a time of fear and anxiety, it has been difficult to not be able to receive what St. Ignatius called "the medicine of immortality." This past Sunday as I returned to the pew after having received the Lord's Supper, I sang the final verse of one of the distribution hymns and was reminded of the great blessing that we receive in the Sacrament. Hymnwriter Samuel Kinner wrote:

For Your consoling supper, Lord,
Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying." (LSB 622, v. 8)

What a blessing it is to receive the comfort that God gives to us in this great mystery. Though we live in a world that rages against the Gospel and Christ's Church, our Lord brings to us such great consolation under the simple forms of bread and wine as He gives to us His very own body and blood. While our world has been thrown into chaos and confusion, our God gives to us the peace of sins forgiven and paradise restored. As He invites us to come to His table, may we never take this blessed gift for granted. That is one of the greatest lessons that we can take away from 2020. My hope and prayer is that in time, all of the saints of God are able to return to their congregation and to receive the Lord's Supper for comfort when living and when dying. May you be strengthened by Christ's body and blood for your faithful service in our Lord's name.

Prayer – Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood be for my soul the highest good. I thank and praise You for sending me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Fraternally in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Lee Hagan".

President Lee Hagan



FELC FAMILY PRAYER PAGE



Virus: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)

Disease: Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

Servicemen and Missionaries we support

Please remember to pray for loved ones deployed on active duty:

Franklin LaLonde † Chris MacMurray (Korea)

LCMS Missionaries: Rev. Dr. David Preus and his family (Dominican Republic)

Current Events

- † Pray that we and the nations would put away false gods, but know, trust, love, and follow Jesus
- † Hurricanes and flooding in Texas and across the Gulf Coast
- † Fires on the West Coast
- † Prayers for Peace and Justice
- † Fall Bible Studies

Thanksgivings

- † Chris Malley – Successful Surgery on Vocal Cord (repaired paralysis) restored ability to drink fluids and talk
- † Kenneth Drees – Heart Stent implanted
- † Molly Perling has her first post College job

Immediate Needs

- † Sandy Bayston - Diagnosed with Stage 4 Brain Cancer, during surgery on tumor she had a stroke. (Happened in May) She is in a rehabilitation center and Hospice has been called in – Per Liz Joyce (Sandy is her Sister-in-law) 9-16-2020
- † Boorom family – Healing from COVID
- † Mike Bradford – Tooth infection has spread to his face
- † Ellen Brockson initial diagnosis (9/16) with Multiple Sclerosis
- † John Conner - Hospitalized with sepsis. He is Johnna Boerner's brother submitted 9-17-2020
- † Copley Family – In a Head on collision on 9-15. Heather and her 5 children were in the minivan. Heather had moderate injuries. Her 1 & 3 yr. old had minor injuries, 5 & 8 yr. old had moderate injuries, 10 yr. old boy has serious injuries and had surgery on his abdomen and brain and has internal bleeding in his chest and lungs. -Submitted by Anita Matthews

- † Herb Houser – Ongoing health issues
- † Francis Iversen – Mike & Gayle nursing her at home
- † Joelle Jones – Recovering from shingles, also fatigue and headaches. Also managing her COPD
- † Joyce Kelly – Cancer, close to death – Submitted by John Vaughan 9-20
- † Patricia King –
- † Leonard Martin – He was in a rollover accident in a backhoe. Doubtful that he will walk again – that he might have confidence in Jesus
- † Clark Mullins – Cancer diagnosed in his spine
- † Jane Robinson – hospitalized, treatment for kidney disease and Dementia (Houser family)
- † Michael Ruehs – Diverticulosis, burst colon repaired, but still slowly recovering – Submitted by Karen Boorom
- † Elaine Schumacher – Pain in the upper vertebrae
- † Roberta Thornsberry – Recovering at home from Skin Cancer Surgery
- † Ron Weaver – Accident, broke his neck and is paralyzed. Still in hospital and rehab (update from Joelle Jones 8-12-20)

Long Term Needs/Chronic Needs

- † Inge Allen – Nursing Home in Texas (Alzheimer's) – Updated 8/26 by Cheryl Hinchman
- † Tim Berrier – Cancer – Submitted 4/4/2017 by Mitzi Sparks
- † The Boettger Family – Health and family issues
- † Barb BonGiovanni – Prayer for a healthy spiritual life in Christ, prayer for Barb's children that they bring her to church to hear the Word
- † Ray Crosby – Health issues
- † Maureen Drees – Pain throughout due to complications from lifelong diabetes
- † Jerry and Janet Driscoll – Ongoing health issues
- † Sharon Green – Fighting Cancer – Submitted 12/10/2017 by Cheryl Teague
- † Mary Heimsoth – Family Issues, prayer for peace in Christ – Joelle Jones
- † Bob Hogancamp
- † Doug Isaac – Pain management – Submitted by Karen Boorom
- † Mary Jones – backpain, Kidney treatment continues
- † Liz Joyce – ongoing back and hip pain
- † Marian Kubinski
- † Don Major – Had a liver transplant. Has returned home. (Linda Keener/Cheryl Hinchman)
- † Chris Malley – MRI results on her brain revealed 3 more tumors, is undergoing radiation treatments, taking chemotherapy orally
- † Laine Martin – Awaiting Kidney transplant (2019) – Submitted by Mary Smith
- † Jim and Marie Matthews
- † Ken Merrill – illness – Submitted 11/2013 by Mitzi Sparks

- † Sydney Merrill – illness – Submitted 10/17/2013 by Mitzi Sparks
- † Todd Meyer – Had Lymphoma mass removed, has begun Chemotherapy at the Mayo Clinic—will continue Chemo until November, will reevaluate treatment plan after that, medication, bone marrow transplant – Submitted 2/18/2020 by Karen Boorom
- † Jenny Miessler – Personal problems – Submitted 4/20/2016 by Bev Richard
- † Ed Pyatt – Had a stroke on 7/6, will be hospitalized for the foreseeable future
- † Dwayne Richard – Parkinson’s diagnosis (3-16) – Submitted by Bev Richard
- † Melvin and Joan Rust – Melvin has a blood clot, had a difficult procedure to evaluate his heart
- † Waldo Ruehs – Returned home chronic Colitis transferred to him by his cats Marian – Submitted by Karen Boorom
- † Belinda Schuler – Had a stroke recently, has a long recovery ahead. Still in nursing home (update by Joelle Jones 8-12-2020)
- † Ben Paul Schumacher for relief from any MS relapses
- † Donna Thomas – Chronic Lung ailments – Submitted by Dan Boorom
- † Tom Ulmer
- † John Vaughan
- † Becky Vogel – Systemic Osteoarthritis
- † Jerome Welliver – Submitted by Ron Hinchman
- † Lisa Weinhold – Systemic Rheumatoid Arthritis
- † Mike Wilson – Rheumatoid Arthritis/Sciatica/Carpal Tunnel
- † Donna Wogan

Prayer for those near death and grieving the loss of loved ones

- † The family of Maria Copeland – the Funeral was 9/23 (Elaine Schumacher)
- † Dennis Engstrom – comfort as he grieves Marlene’s loss
- † Robert Lafferty – Donna Wogan’s brother passed away Wednesday morning (9/16) Funeral on Saturday (9/19)
- † Mary Smith – On the passing of Smity 9/2/20
- † Paul Zander – Passed away last weekend – Karen Boorom’s Brother

Pray for:

- † All members of the medical field
- † Teachers, Students, and Parents at home during this time
- † College Students

Free Women's Center of Pulaski County

11th Annual 5K Run/Walk

Saturday October 10th, 2020 @ Waynesville City Park

Run/Walk starts- 9am



The donations raised from this event will fund the high-quality & free services offered at the Free Women's Center.

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CHURCH PLANTING
IN OZARK

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OCTOBER
ETHIOPIAN OUTREACH
IN PLATTE WOODS

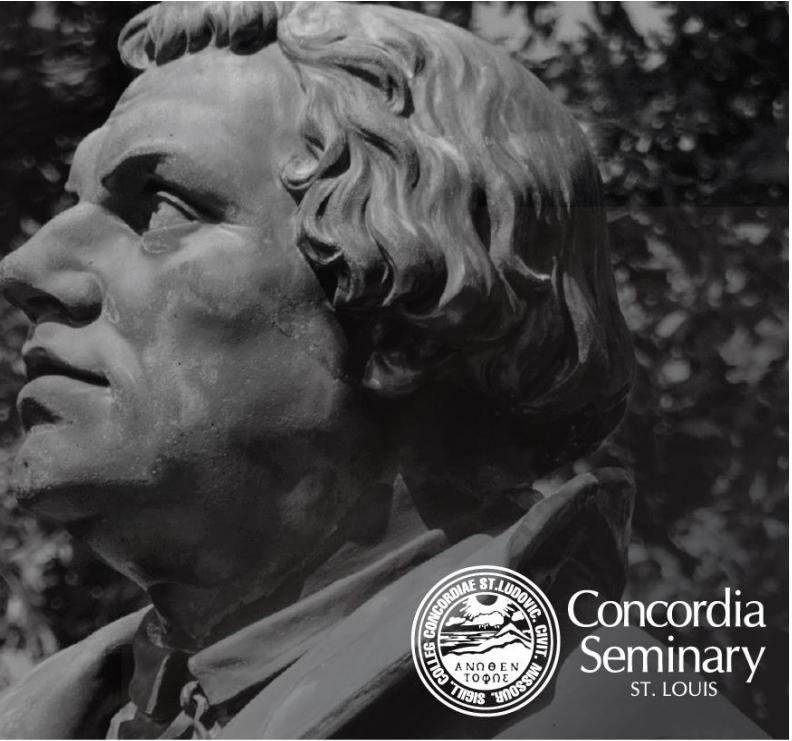
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NOVEMBER
CHINESE OUTREACH
IN OLIVETTE

Video link will appear here on the day of the event
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Rev. Gerald Wittmaier

December 6, 1944- August 30, 2020

Rev. Gerald Wittmaier passed into glory August 30, 2020 in Rolla at the age of 75. Rev. Wittmaier was born December 6, 1944 in St. Ann to Roman and Olga (Meyr) Wittmaier. Rev. Wittmaier and his wife of 52 years, Mary Ann (née Pahlmeyer), had six children and 15 grandchildren.

Before attending Seminary, Rev. Wittmaier graduated from St. Paul's Junior College in Concordia, Missouri (1965), and from Harris-Stowe College in St. Louis, Missouri (1967). He received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois in 1971. Rev. Wittmaier was blessed to serve in many congregations including a vicarage in Antigo, Wisconsin, and as pastor in Kentucky, Illinois, Wisconsin, and in Missouri at Zion in Poplar Bluff, Redeemer in Rolla, and St. Paul's in Cuba. He was also actively involved with Lutherans for Life and enjoyed hunting, birdwatching, and fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Wittmaier, Rolla and children, Jennifer Wittmaier, Matt (Aimee) Wittmaier, Jonathan (Christy) Wittmaier, Nathan (Vicki) Wittmaier, Sarah (Calvin) Shanks, and Suzanne Cowan. Rev. Wittmaier was blessed with many grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Graveside service for Gerald Lee Wittmaier was held September 3, 2020 at Elm Lawn Memorial Park, Litchfield, Illinois. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made in lieu of flowers to the Concordia Seminary Scholarship Fund or Alzheimer's Association.