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Making peace by the blood of his cross — Colossians 1:15-20

Grace, peace, and mercy to you from the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We just finished a busy summer highlighted by Vacation Bible School and the Grace Happens School Supply Giveaway. Thank you, brothers and sisters! Both events take a lot of volunteer energy in giving to the community around us. It's good to look back after two well done events and remind ourselves why we put so much energy into events like these.

When we look through the Bible, one book gives us a picture of the church as the Holy Spirit first led and governed her: the book of Acts. Just hours after the Holy Spirit descends in fire upon the first disciples, Peter's sermon leads three thousand people to be baptized. Then Luke describes how that first church acted.

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

The core strength of the newborn church is their gathering around Word and Sacrament. Hearing and experiencing that grace from God led them to share grace with others. As we continue through Acts, we see less reliance on miracles. We also see the need to rethink how the church will maintain charity. But throughout, there is a drive to bring new people into their graceful gathering.

It's hard for us to share the Gospel among people who think they know it all already. Just as the early church reconfigured at times, so will we.

On the other hand, we watch VBS continue to provide opportunities to share the faith with children whose parents do not regularly gather around Christ's gifts. This is work we can and will joyfully continue.

The School Supply Giveaway is a way to give possessions to those in need. We were proud to receive a member's report hearing, "You're the church that helps people." We only need to draw the connection from our feeble help to the great grace of God. We want to help because He is always helping us—not just helping but forgiving and restoring.

There can be frustration that some small fraction of the people who come to Grace Happens

events appear to be ungrateful or even dishonest. But we do not reflect Christ's mercy through judgment, suspicion, or begrudging generosity. We think of how He gave mercifully to us as sinners. While crucified, He showed compassion and love to a thief next to Him. That's the church's birthright and mandate. We go forward then, neither worried nor boastful about the past. Christ has forgiven all and leads us into eternity. As we go, we look for ways, both old and new, to encourage each other in that grace, to see the Word grow among us. Your servant in Christ, Pastor Daniel Guagenti



CELEBRATIONS IN AUGUST

BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Tommy Conder
- 6- Anita Themer
- 9- Carl Clark
- 14- Ashley Lancaster
- 15- Joel Franke
- 16- Debbie Nelson
- 16- Lisa McCarty
- 25- Greg Rutledge
- 29- Mary Ann Conder
- 30- David Conder
- 30- Chris McKinley
- 30- Robert Myers

ANNIVERSARIES

18– Walter & Barbara Dobring (1979)

ADULT BIBLE STUDY: SUNDAYS 9:45AM

July 29 began a new Sunday morning Bible class on 2 Peter and Jude. Two books of the Bible at once? Yes, these two books are closely linked, one prophesying false teachers would soon arrive and another saying, "They're here!" Why did Peter think false teachers were unavoidable for Christians to confront? How do we deal with them in our own lives? We'll also be talking about Jesus' kingdom, how books became a part of the Bible, Sodom and Gomorrah, not letting love grow cold in times of trouble, angels, the end of the world, and more Jesus. Join us!

LADIES NIGHT OUT: AUGUST 14

Ladies Night Out will be going to Mimi's Café on Hurstbourne Tuesday August 14. They will meet there at 6:30pm. Please let Rita Whitehouse know if you will be attending.

MENS NIGHT OUT: AUGUST 14

Men's Night Out will be going to Cattleman's in Shelbyville. They will meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Please let Rod Shreve know if you will be attending.

THREADS OF GRACE: AUGUST 21

Threads of Grace is now meeting in Frankfort. Whether you knit, crochet, cross-stitch, needlepoint or just want to socialize - all are welcome. Please see Anita Themer for more information. They will meet again on Tuesday, August 21.

BOOK CLUB: AUGUST 5

The next book for book club is James R. Gaines' *Evening in the Palace of Reason*. This history recounts Johann Sebastian Bach meeting Frederick the Great. Frederick set the changing tastes of Europe at the time and "old Bach" was seen as a curmudgeon of the old ways. Frederick's court, including Bach's own son, set a musical test they thought the old master couldn't pass. Not only did Bach compose a master-piece answer, his *A Musical Offering* testified to his faith. This book not only tells the story of that encounter but of the conflict between worldviews, between faith and reason, between parents and children.

HELPING HANDS - TEAM PLANNING MEETING: AUGUST 5
Our new team, aimed at helping members, neighbors, veterans, and folks in the community, now has a name (Helping Hands) and will be having its first meeting on Sunday August 5 after church. We will be discussing our first project and doing some general planning for our team. Anyone is welcome to join us to learn more about Helping Hands. Contact Corrie Brian for more info at cdbrian@hotmail.com or 301-580-4693.

DEEP ROOTS: AUGUST 23

Deep Roots August 23 at 7 pm digs into the moral questions raised by social media. How has new technology of connectivity affected loving our neighbors as ourselves? Facebook, twitter, video games, message boards, and more- how do we live healthy lives digitally?

RALLY DAY: SEPTEMBER 9

Mark Your Calendars! Rally Day has been set for Sunday, September 9. We will be celebrating the first day of the new Sunday School year. More information to follow on this event.

COUNCIL MEETING: AUGUST 26

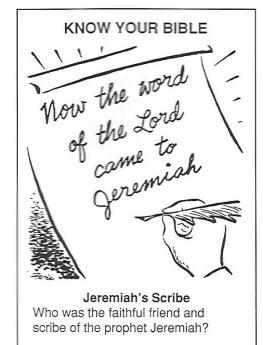
The next Council Meeting is set for Sunday, August 26. The next Voters' Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 16.

LIFE QUOTES

"When the end of life is near, may we be able to speak up for those who are the most vulnerable here as well. States across this nation are considering legalizing assisted suicide. We have a voice. We need to use it! Do not let the voice of the evil one be the most vocal. Be voices For Life!"

Virginia Flo, Lutheran For Life Regional Director of Minnesota

"A "Life Quote" from Lutherans For Lifewww.lutheransforlife.org





Look for the answer in the September's Newsletter June/July's Answer: Exodus (see Ex. 20:1-17)

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY	ACOLYTE	READER	USHER	USHER	CLEAN	NURSERY	MOWING
August 5	Gracie McKin- ley	Madeline Botkins	Charlie Moody	Rita Whitehouse	Harlan Joseph	Jennie Shreve	Dave Pontius Jack Bink Aug 8-11
August 12	Kameron McKinley	Charlie Moody	Harlan Joseph	Aaron Franke	Brooks / Runner	Anita Themer	John Feole Steve Rusch Aug 15-18
August 19	Zoe Shreve	David Themer	Don Williams	Bob Myers	Botkins family	Alena Guagenti	Dave Themer Brian Gehrman Aug 22-25
August 26	Eden Guagenti	Nancy McKinley	Alex VanPelt	Charlie Adams	Franke family	Josh Botkins	Greg Rutledge Pastor Guagenti Aug 29– Sep 1
September 2	Elijah Smith	David Franke	Joel Franke	Harlan Joseph	Kathy Vetter	Jennie Shreve	Josh Botkins Jeremy Botkins Sept 5-8
September 9	Isaac Guagenti	Jeff Wilson	Rod Shreve	John Feole	Harlan Joseph	Anita Themer	Dave Franke Max Themer Sept 12-15

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE APPOINTED DAY, PLEASE CALL SOMEONE TO SERVE IN YOUR PLACE.

MEMBERS OF HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN

Our church will experience some turnover at the end of this year on our church council. Our volunteer leadership positions are critical. You (volunteers) provide the guidance, wisdom and experience to help our church become a better tool for the Lord. As we approach the Fall season, I will personally solicit your help as either incumbents or new volunteers for vacant council positions. More information will be available in the near future. Please ask Him for guidance and consider your service to our church. Thank you, John Feole

TRUNK OR TREAT: OCTOER 27

Make your Calendars! The date for Trunk or Treat has been set for Saturday, October 27. Debbie Nelson is looking for suggestions for this years



events. If you have a preference for time or activities please let her know. Suggestions have been made for a cake walk, sack race, and pumpkin piñata. She will also need volunteers to hand out candy from their trunks as well as volunteers to help with events. Please see Debbie if you have suggestions and to volunteer.

COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES

Concordia Lutheran is collecting used eye glasses for Honduras. A box has been set at the back of the church for your donations

GLUTEN-FREE COMMUNION

We will have gluten-free communion hosts available. Let Pastor know if you would like one.

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WE APPRECIATE YOU STANDING IN AS A BACKUP, BUN BUN, BUT FLOPPY SEEMS TO HAVE FULLY RECOVERED

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

"The Lutheran Hour" is every Sun. morning at 6:30am on Louisville radio WHAS-840AM and at 7am on Cincinnati radio WLW-700 AM. Delivering the messages is the Rev. Ken Klaus. "On Main Street", sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries, is a TV program with Dr. Dale Meyer as host. It is broadcast each Sunday afternoon on Louisville Television Channel 24, at 5pm.

WORLDWIDE KFUO AM850

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PRESCHOOL SCHOOL TEACHER NEEDED

Our Savior Lutheran School - 8307 Nottingham Pkwy is looking to fill a Preschool 4 year old teaching position for the 2018-2019 school year. The candidate should possess a degree in early childhood education and be licensed by the State of Kentucky. The position is part time. Salary varies with experience. Please send a cover letter and resume to Mr. Wes Wrucke at oslsprincipal@oslslouisville.com. Position will remain open until filled. For more information contact the school at 502.426.0864.

PROJECT OUTREACH

Project Outreach uses Styrofoam plates and cups, plastic utensils, tea, and desserts every month and those items are always appreciated. A donation box has been set up at the back of the church. They also need volunteers! For more information please see Jennifer Harrod.

TREASURER'S NOTE

If you use Thrivent cards or pay for any item used by the church but do not want reimbursement Please let the treasurer know. Thank you, Bob Myers.

YOU KNOW YOU MIGHT BE A LUTHERAN IF...

- you can't get into heaven without a casserole.
- you notice the Kool Aid stock shoots up during the Vacation Bible School season.
- a line item in the trustee's budget is "coffee maker maintenance."



You are invited to the Installation of

Rev. Dr. Daniel J. Brege, President
Rev. Dr. D. R. Stuckwisch, First Vice President
Rev. David Shadday, Second Vice President
Rev. Nathan Rastl, Third Vice President
Rev. Peter J. Brock, Fourth Vice President
Rev. Douglas D. Punke, Secretary

September 9, 2018
3:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church
2313 Hanna Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46803

Reception following the installation.

RSVP: church@zionfw.org by August 30

Saturday	Num. 31:1–24; Ps. 34; John 12:1–11	4	Num. 35:16-34;Ps. 40;John 14:15-31		Deut, 4:1-14;PS. 47;John 18:19-40	60	Deut. 8;Ps. 54;John 21:20-25	25		
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Thursday	Num. 29:12-40; PS. 32; John 11:28-44	1-1	Num. 34; PS. 38; John 13:21-55		Deut. 2:24-3:11;Ps. 45;John 17:1-26		Deut. 6:4–25; Ps. 52; John 20:19–31		Deut. 12:15-32;Ps. 59;Gal. 4:1-20	
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Wednesday	Num. 28:26-29:11; Ps. 31; John 11:1-27		Num. 33:37–56; PS. 37:23–40; John 13:1–20		Deut, 2:1-23;Ps. 44;John 16:25-33	50	Deut. 5:22–6:3;Ps. 51;John 20:1-18	R 49	Deut. 11:22-12:14;Ps. 58;Gal. 3:10-29	
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Sunday			■ Num. 31:25–53; ■ Ps. 35; ■ John 12:12–26		Num. 36; Ps. 41; John 15:1-17		Deut. 4:15–31; Ps. 48;		Deut. 9; Ps. 55; Gal. 1:1-24	< JULY 2018
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SHARING THE POWERFUL GOSPEL!

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EVERY SUNDAY
BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL-9:45AM
DIVINE SERVICE-11:00AM

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