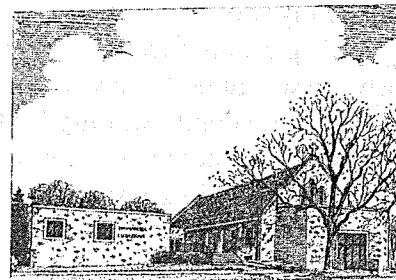
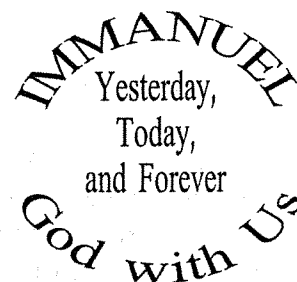


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Newsletter Article

The other day I was checking my email and I ran across the CPH Blog and I wanted to share with you what I read. It is titled; "Just for decoration." Written by Rev. Gerard Bolling who currently resides in the South side of St. Louis. Here is what he wrote.

Special thanks to the ministries of St. Lucas Lutheran Early Childhood Center and Word of Life Lutheran School in St. Louis, Missouri, for taking the time to educate my children and many others on the promises of God.

In my household, I get the pleasure of dropping both of my children off at school each day. My wife is a full-time Lutheran school teacher, so she arrives at school quite early and is not able to drop the kids off on a consistent basis. As I load my two- and four-year-olds into our purple Ford Flex, they fill my car with songs from school—songs about Jesus. They kick their legs with excitement as they belt "Jesus Loves Me" with a remix of "Jesus, Remember Me" with a feature by the "ABC" song. I open our sunroof to get some fresh air and therapeutic sun into the car as the kids scarf down their breakfast, bellowing lyrics as we drive along.

Mornings with Jesus

This has quickly become my favorite part of every single day—that ten minutes of hearing my kids sing about Jesus.

One particular day, I was having a tough morning. The pressures of ministry were wearing down on me—the way of the world was tossing me to and fro—and I had "had it" with the singing in the back seat. The wad of French toast residue from an overzealous SUS at the end of the word JESUS during one such song that made a trajectory from one of my children's mouths (not sure which) directly into my left eye as I looked back at them to check their buckles was the straw that broke the camel's back. I animatedly declared, "That's it! Quiet! No talking, singing, or yelling until we get to school!"

Just like that, the purple Ford Flex fell more silent than a library in off-peak hours.

And for the next ten minutes, we let the drizzle of the rain wash over the car with the sunroof protectively closed.

A Sign of the Cross

When we arrived at school, I dropped my daughter off at the early childhood center and

then made my way around the corner on foot to my son's preschool entrance. We were a bit early, so we sat on the brick bench outside of the entrance, silently waiting for the teacher to meet us at the door for a temperature check. In my silence, my eyes caught something.

Jesus.

A statue of Jesus making the sign of the cross.

And in that moment, as I marinated on my feelings of being a major failure as a parent by ruining our sacred morning song time, I became overwhelmed by the sight of the eyes of Jesus staring right back at me. And all at once, the song that my kids sang from Luke 23:42 came rushing back:

Then he [the thief] said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

I felt immediate shame as I gazed upon King Jesus, the same shame the thief must have felt, and I was assaulted by my sin. Assaulted by my stresses that I let get to me—meanwhile, this King endured all stress. Assaulted by the pressures that I let consume me—meanwhile, He was made to consume the sin of the world in order to give to me the joyous exchange of salvation.

And then, something broke the silence.

My son, Lincoln.

He said, "You lookin' at that, Daddy?"

I replied, "Yep," with thoughts running through my head.

Then Lincoln said, "But, Daddy, remember that's just a decoration. Jesus lives in our hearts."

He then proceeded to tell the story of Jesus clearer and more animatedly than he had ever done before.

With tears in my eyes, I asked him, "Where did you learn to tell the story like that?"

He replied, "My teachers taught me at school."

Jesus, Remember Me

As the church bells rang, I was overwhelmed with emotion. This child had ministered to me. The Gospel had consumed him, and his teachers had affirmed the Good News that his Baptism has sealed. They had taught him about Jesus. They taught him about how real Jesus is, and how His promises are not "just for decoration" but are real. He helped me realize what I had always known: that Jesus remembers me. He has secured His promise of salvation in His right hand. I have no reason to fear or despair. For God is my light and salvation.

And as I bade goodbye to my boy, he hugged me, absolving me of all guilt that I felt. As I walked back to my purple car a forgiven dad, I was reminded that this would not be my only failure as a parent. Yet I opened up my sunroof and looked up at the sun that the Son of God had broken the cloudy sky with—and I saw a rainbow.

And I knew—it was just for decoration.

But I whispered, "Thank You, Jesus, for remembering me."

And I smiled. Because Lincoln was right.

He lives in my heart.

That is why we have a school, Sunday School, church, to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What a joy and privilege God has given us.
Blessings to you. Pastor Mueller

Stewardship Corner

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

- "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Cor. 9:14)
- "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Gal. 6:6-7)
- The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.' " (1 Tim. 5:17-18)

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

"When Paul says 'all good things,' this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for

preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: 'God is not mocked.' ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: 'Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages'; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13-14): 'Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.' It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office." (LW 27:125-126)

Flowers this month were from the funeral of Roger and Sharon Smith.



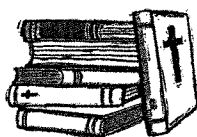


Sharon Tiensvold
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 Kenton Dietrich
 Don Banks
 Pierce Sanchez
 Dixie Bloom
 Betty Grubbs
 Marci Bixby (Diane Mitchell's daughter)
 Kallista & Faith Berg (Kevin & Julie Wilson's niece and great-niece)

Larry Ring
 JoElla Fritzler
 Wiletta Dye
 Ellen Christensen
 Maxine Fox
 Pastor Richard C. Mueller
 Grace Rose



10/1/1988 Bart & Kathy Dye
 10/1/1979 Norman & Janene Odell
 10/3/1962 Earl & Betty Bush
 10/4/1996 Frank & Jean Johns
 10/10/1954 Gerald & Irene Seidler
 10/18/1986 Larry & Andrea Luce
 10/23/1968 Larry & Pamela Schnell
 10/24/1992 John & Kara Aguallo
 10/25/1980 Kenneth & Jerre Mount
 10/27/1977 Jim & Vicki Henton
 10/27/1979 Todd & Teresa Thies
 10/28/2006 Tyler & Jennifer Foster
 10/30/1966 Larry & Mary Ring



Bible Studies

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES...

Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am Fellowship Hall.
 Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall

MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

LYDIA CIRCLE will meet Wednesday October 14th at 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Janice Brixius will be the hostess and Violet Colson will lead Devotion and Pastor will lead the Bible Study.

MARTHA CIRCLE Will meet on Monday, October 12th at 6:00 pm. Marlene Mischnick will lead devotion. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible Study.

TABITHA CIRCLE will meet Monday, October 26th at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Pastor Mueller will lead the Bible Study.

RETURN TO SENDER: A reminder to notify the church office of any address changes. *We are required to pay a fee for undeliverable mail.*

ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

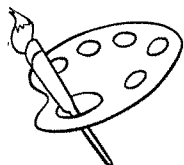
GREETING CARDS: If you plan to send greeting cards for any occasion please consider purchasing cards from LWML. We have a nice selection of birthday for both adults and children, anniversary, wedding, get well, thinking of you, encouragement, congratulations, thank you and other cards to let someone know you're

thinking of them. During this time of Covid 19, a greeting card with scripture and a Christ centered message are an exceptional way to keep in touch with friends, neighbors and loved ones. You'll find these cards located in the main church entrance near the front door.



Education News

The school will **NO LONGER** be accepting aluminum cans as H&H will no longer be taking them. If you have cans, please take them to the KAB.



ARTWORK ON DISPLAY: Check out the artwork at church on the upper narthex doors this month from Ms. Gilliland's first grade class!

Grace and mercy to you from Jesus! Greetings to you from IELS! All at school are going well. We continue to temperature check every morning and are limiting the number of visitors to our building. With this said however, feel free to stop out if you need scrip. A huge thank you for your support of our cheese fundraiser. We sold about 1200 pounds of cheese! We did order some extra cheese if you need more or missed out on the opportunity to order. October will be a busy month at the school. The first week all the teachers will be attending the Pastors/Teachers conferences in Casper. October 21st and 22nd, Parent/Teacher conferences are set. We love these! These conferences give us a much-needed opportunity to visit with parents as we work together as a team. We welcome Becca Kollé, Liz Johnson, and Jenna Crosswell to the school as Para Educators. We also are so thankful for the return of Robyn Jensen and Ashley Rose as paras to our school. The preschoolers are busy learning more about Fall activities and getting into the routine of school. We are working on scissor skills and painting. We even tried those on the same day! (Not a good idea!) It's a wonderful thing to have the students back in our building! We ask that you continue to keep the school and staff in your prayers as we forge ahead in this uncertain time. We know and trust that the Lord will provide and keep us safe! Blessed Fall!

Miss Jill

First Grade Flash

It has been a very exciting month in our First Grade Classroom. We moved from 19 individual desks to 5 new tables. The tables are our favorite part of our classroom, along with our new seat sacks. We want to say a huge thank you to all of the ladies who made our seat sacks and to everyone who helped make our new tables possible. It is so much easier to move and learn in our classroom with extra space.

We are starting to do addition problems in math, and all of the students are doing amazing! We do a big monthly spelling test and between our first test and the second test, each student improved their score. The students are doing great at getting back into the school routine and are outstanding learners. I am so grateful to be their teacher.

Thank you for supporting and praying for our classroom,
Miss Gilliland & 19 Firsties

3rd Grade Class

This year, we have a travel-themed classroom as we have been taking on new adventures in third grade.

In religion, we are talking about prayer. This week, we have been writing a classroom prayer.

One of our ongoing projects to study geography and practice our best handwriting is a postcard exchange. We are sending and receiving postcards locally and globally. If you would like to join us on our snail mail project, send you can send a postcard to:

3rd Grade Class

c/o Miss Dye

P.O Box 715

Alliance, NE 69301

We would love to hear from you and send you a card!

Hello From Mrs. Scherbarth's Classroom!

Our school year in the 5th and 6th grade classroom is off to a great start. I am so thankful for this wonderful bunch of students and their kind hearts. In Religion, we have been learning about the Israelite journey to the promised land. Next, we will be taking a closer look at the prophets and kings. In science, we have been learning about the different inventions that have greatly impacted our ability to communicate. I have enjoyed watching students make stamps out of potatoes as we learned about the printing press, create and decode messages in morse code as we learned about the telegraph, and create their own paper cup telephones. In P.E., we are just beginning a new unit where students will learn and play ultimate frisbee! Our first art project in the 5th and 6th grades was a still life painting. Students drew a plant from observation, and then got to be creative with their painting. It was fun seeing what everyone drew from their own perspective.

We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support!

God's Blessings,

Mrs. Scherbarth

7th-8th Grade

The 5th-8th graders are off and running, and working diligently! School certainly looks differently than we're used to, but it has given us an opportunity to practice being flexible, and working through challenges with which we are presented. The 7th and 8th graders began their art lessons with a project which focuses on the relaxing art of Hygge (pronounced H-yoo-gah). This style allows the artist and the viewer to focus on colors and form that promote relaxation and peace. It was a great way to begin our focus for the year. Our students are currently working on their dioramas for Language Arts. At the end of the month, each student will give a short presentation on their dioramas, which will be a chosen scene from a book they read outside of class. These projects are always a source of joy for the teachers and students at school. It is amazing to see how creative they become when they have to think through their projects. We are off to a great start, and are grateful to be back in school!

Mrs. Soriano

October Duty Roster

Ushers:

Saturday: Mr. Dick Bloom & Mr. Nathan Grant

Sunday: Mr. Anthony Wilcox & Mr. Marlyn Wilcox

Elders:

Saturday: Mr. Brad Stewart

Sunday: Mr. Joel Hausmann

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
Saturday Oct 3 Sunday Oct 4	Keera Stanec Avenell Soriano	LWML Sunday Shirley DeVoogd	Karen Kelly
Saturday Oct 10 Sunday Oct 11	Zach Childers Ayla Foster	Kara Aguallo Robyn Jensen	Deb Grant
Saturday Oct 17 Sunday Oct 18	Paige Jensen Bany Stark	Jill Mueller Marlene Stewart	Deb Moore
Saturday Oct 24 Sunday Oct 25	Rozlyn Wills Jett Herian	Deb Moore Sally Henderson	Starla Endsley
Saturday Oct 31 Sunday Nov 1	Josh Aguallo Avenell Soriano	Jocelyn Gerth Janene Odell	Karen Kelly



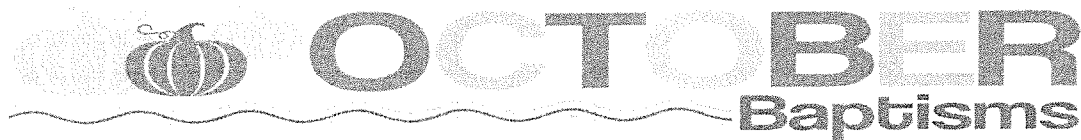


October BIRTHDAYS

10-1 - Trudy Varvel
 10-1 - William Rowley
 10-4 - Joan Schnell
 10-4 - Harvey Schnell
 10-4 - Nathaniel Narjes
 10-5 - Kimberly Walker
 10-5 - Dwayne Rose
 10-5 - Vickie Hartley
 10-5 - Nicholas Hinman
 10-6 - Aubrey Schledewitz
 10-9 - Sheila Seidler
 10-11 - Hannah Panwitz
 10-11 - Vickie Small

10-12 - Hunter Jensen
 10-12 - Marlyn Wilcox
 10-13 - Elizabeth Pope
 10-14 - Joshua Aquallo
 10-14 - Marlene Rose
 10-14 - Beau Boness
 10-14 - Bella Boness
 10-15 - Dak Smith
 10-16 - Heath Wills
 10-16 - Pierce Sanchez
 10-16 - Ida Mae Drabbels
 10-16 - Melissa Heinrich
 10-17 - Rylan Bauer

10-17 - Dana Hall
 10-17 - BreAnna Holmes
 10-17 - Tayte Palmer
 10-18 - Jason Seidler
 10-18 - Heather Edwards
 10-21 - Jean Johns
 10-21 - Grace Rose
 10-23 - Tyler Endsley
 10-23 - Ann Meier
 10-23 - Casey McCarty
 10-24 - Aurora Hinman
 10-25 - Elena Wilcox
 10-25 - Whitney Wills
 10-26 - Justin Edwards
 10-27 - Karly Wangler
 10-28 - Jacob Dassuncao
 10-30 - Nick Schledewitz
 10-30 - Mike Wills
 10-30 - Terry Eckhardt
 10-31 - Janaye Shoemaker



OCTOBER Baptisms

10-1 - Ryan Taylor
 10-1 - Jacob Schwanke
 10-1 - Zachary Schwanke
 10-2 - Jeremy Evert
 10-2 - Kai Lucas
 10-2 - Ulala Lucas
 10-3 - Jason Eckhardt
 10-4 - Vincent Sheldon
 10-5 - Gary Trenkle
 10-7 - Jediah Heusman
 10-7 - Jeremiah Heusman
 10-8 - Carolyn Hoff
 10-8 - Roger Schnell
 10-8 - Merlin Ring
 10-8 - Tonchita Ring
 10-10 - Berlyn Clear

10-10 - Virginia Dennison
 10-12 - Storm Peterson
 10-13 - Keegan Grant
 10-14 - Noah Freeze
 10-15 - Jeremia Dunovsky
 10-15 - April Prella
 10-16 - Lois Meier
 10-16 - Nicole Schledewitz
 10-17 - Alyssa Dye
 10-17 - Thomas DeVoogd
 10-18 - Cydnie Herian
 10-19 - Kenton Dietrich
 10-19 - James Hansen
 10-20 - Nathaniel Narjes
 10-20 - Macey Seebohm

10-21 - Aubree Mapes
 10-21 - Beau Edwards
 10-21 - Heather Edwards
 10-21 - Jordyn Yearling
 10-21 - Spencer Sanchez
 10-24 - Eden Foster
 10-24 - Evelyn Green
 10-24 - Ethan Korth
 10-25 - Bart Dye
 10-26 - James Henton
 10-27 - Phoenix Steinman
 10-28 - Dirk Seidler
 10-28 - Valissa Velasquez
 10-29 - Dillon Journey
 10-31 - Betty Vaughn