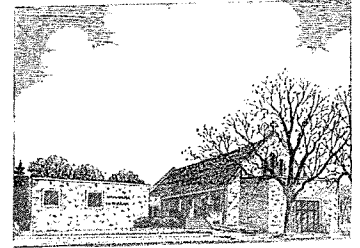


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October 2021

From the Pastors:

It's the month of October already! Time seems to be flying by. During the month of October what comes to my mind is the beginning of the Lutheran Church, Martin Luther and the Reformation. How amazing that Martin Luther and others stood up to the Church, the Church that had moved away from God's Word. Martin Luther was threatened with his life if he did not recant all of his writings and teachings. How important it was for them (and us) to stay true to God's Word and not change it to fit their own desires and wants. During the time period of Martin Luther, he and others stayed true to God's Word and wanted to correct the Church where it had gone astray. He did not want to start a new Church, but bring the Church back to God's Word.

Have things changed today? Is the church on earth straying from God's Word. The answer is yes. Many so-called Christian Churches and Christians have turned away from God's Word. They are deciding what is God's Word and what is not God's Word found in the Bible. They do not like to hear what God has to say in His Word, they do not want to hear the truth that they are sinners and that Jesus is the only way to heaven. So they ignore it and make it what they want it to be. If we stick to God's Word, then we are unloving and do not care about others.

In the society that is against God and His Word it is important for us to be in God's Word, to read and study it. One way to be in God's Word is to attend Divine Service and receive the gifts God gives in His Word and Sacraments. But here again, many do not come to the Divine Service. Why? Because they say that the church does not meet their needs, does not make them feel good. That the pastor's sermon did not make them feel the way that they wanted to.

Many think that the church is too old fashion, out of touch with the people today. Some do not come to the Divine Service because they do not like the pastors. Are you going to church because of the Pastor or because of God's gifts given in the Divine Service through Word and Sacrament? Many have been using the fear of Covid for not going to church so they are missing out on the gifts God gives in His Divine Service.

What does God say about the Divine Service, about coming to church? We turn to God's 10 Commandments for an answer, we look at the Third Commandment.

The Third Commandment:

“Remember Sabbath day be keeping it holy.”

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

In *Luther’s Small Catechism* we read that God did not command us Christian to observe any day (Romans 14:5,6). But we observe Sunday and other church festivals in order to have time and opportunity for public worship. The Catechism then quotes Hebrews 10:25:

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

And Acts 2:42, 46:

“They devoted themselves to the apostle’s teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer....Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”

We also read in the Catechism that “the church worships together especially on Sunday because Christ rose from the dead on Sunday (Luke 24:1-2; Acts 20:7).

The question is then asked:

“When do we sin against the Third Commandment?”

“We sin against the Third Commandment when we despise preaching and the Word of God. How is this done? We despise preaching and the Word of God:

- A. when we do not attend public worship;
- B. when we do not use the Word of God and the Sacraments;
- C. when we use the Word of God and the Sacraments negligently and carelessly.

(Luther’s Small Catechism, CPH, 1991, pages 67, 68)

As a Pastor, one of the things that concerns me most is the lack of understanding of the importance of regular Divine Service habits and lack of commitment to being at the Divine Service. Yes! I really do mean habit. No! I don’t always feel like coming. Yes! There is always something else to do. But let me ask you this—do you eat every day? Of course the answer is, “Yes”. Why? It is because you know your body needs food and liquids to survive? Well, your soul needs to be nourished too. Not only should we be in the Word of God every day, but we should especially be at the Divine Service on the Lord’s Day. There are medical studies that show that people who attend the Divine Service, who worship regularly and are involved in their church, 1) live longer, 2) live healthier, 3) are sick less often and 4) heal faster. Have you ever thought about that as one of the blessings God has given you in Divine Service?

When you are not in church, you are missing out on the blessings of God. You are missing out being encouraged and strengthened by fellow believers in Jesus Christ. And you also are not there encouraging and strengthening fellow believers (Have you thought about that part of coming to the Divine Service?). You are missing out on hearing God’s Word proclaimed, you are missing out on the gifts God gives to you in His Sacraments. You are missing out of the encouragement of being with fellow believers.

God has given you these Means of Grace, that you may know the way to heaven. At Divine Service you hear God’s good news for you, that He sent His only Son Jesus to save you, a lost and condemned sinner. Jesus gave His life on the cross, suffered and died and rose from the dead that you may have life, that your sins are forgiven and you have eternal life in heaven with Him.

I pray that we will see you regularly at Divine Service. We have services on Saturday night (6:00 PM) and Sunday Morning (10:30 AM), Sunday School and Adult Bible Class at 9:00 AM on Sundays and other opportunities for the study of God’s Word (see the list of Bible Study opportunities in this newsletter). Prayerfully consider coming to the Divine Service and receive what God has to offer you.

See you at Divine Service! Pastor Mueller

Time for High School?

I would advise no one to send his child where the Holy Scriptures are not supreme. Every institution that does not unceasingly pursue the study of God's word becomes corrupt.... I greatly fear that [schools], unless they teach the Holy Scriptures diligently and impress them on the young students, are wide gates to hell. -- "To the Christian Nobility" (Luther's Works, American Edition (AE), vol. 44, pp. 123-217))

Over the last few months, we have seen this concern of Luther's take on new life as federal and state governments have proposed shocking changes to our public school curriculum and health standards, particularly around the issue of gender identity. This, of course, is only the latest in a long list of battles over the heart and soul of our public schools. And, as Luther notes, there is a grave tendency toward corruption. Slowly but surely, our schools are becoming not only non-religious, but anti-religious; and particularly anti-Christian.

As concerned Christians, it is our duty to take a stand for the sake of the children in our community, so that there is a place for them to learn the Scriptures and be instructed in the Gospel. This is the reason why Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church started an Elementary School some seven years ago. And it is the

Stewardship Corner

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand

reason we must now pray and consider whether God might be calling us to start a Christian High School.

During the next several months, I will be seeking your ideas and opinions about the possibility of starting a High School. (And yes, I welcome your thoughts even now). I know that it is a big undertaking that will require a lot of work and sacrifice on the part of many people. We will need to understand what kind of support and/or obstacles we might face in the community. We will need to do our homework and count the cost before we say yes or no.

Above all, as Christians and parents, we must take to heart the admonition of Deuteronomy 6: 6-7, where Moses encourages the people of Israel concerning the instruction of their children:

These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

Now, as ever, our children need to hear the Words of Eternal Life. And we are called to diligently teach them.

-- Pastor Daugherty

and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry

out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father’s grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father’s gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther’s Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord’s Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread

to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God’s daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



We wanted to take a moment to say thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during Pastor James Mueller’s surgery. We have appreciated the phone calls, visits, help, and food during this time. This congregation is such a blessing to us! We are thankful to call you all family! We ask for your continued prayers for healing during the lengthy recovery process. A huge thank you also to Pastor Daugherty for filling in where needed.

Bart & Kathy Dye	10/1/1988
Norman & Janene Odell	10/1/1979
Earl & Betty Bush	10/3/1962
Frank & Jean Johns	10/4/1996
Larry & Andrea Luce	10/18/1986
John & Kara Aguillo	10/24/2006
Scott & Tanya Klinkerman	10/24/1992
Ken & Jerre Mount	10/25/1980
Jim & Vicki Henton	10/25/1977
Tod & Teresa Thies	10/27/1979
Tyler & Jennifer Foster	10/28/2006
Larry & Mary Ring	10/30/1966





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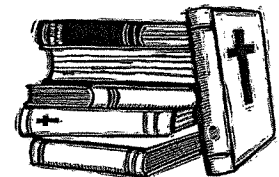
ONGOING MISSION PROJECTS: Used bedding is needed by the quilters. Canceled postage stamps are needed for mission projects. Old eye glasses and outdated hearing aids are useful to others. Bedding may be left in the quilting room. Other items can be left in the cupboard under the guest book.

DAKOTA BOYS & GIRLS RANCH PRESENTATION/HONEY SUNDAY

The Mission Board is promoting Honey Sunday in conjunction with presentations by representatives for the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch on Saturday, October 23rd and Sunday, October 24th, after services and during Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 am. Bulletin inserts will include information on how to order honey directly from the Ranch, which will be shipped directly to the recipient. The honey is \$10 for an 11 ounce bottle with all proceeds going to the Ranch, a Christian residential treatment and education center for children, providing best-in-class psychiatric therapy and trauma informed care. Inserts will be in the bulletins for the weekends of October 16-17 and Oct 23-24, and available at our school. Please join us the weekend of Oct 23-24 to hear about the life-changing work of the Ranch.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES. . .

- Adult Bible Study - Sundays, 9 am, Fellowship Hall
- Hemingford Bible Study - Tuesdays, 10 am, Hemingford Care Center
- Bible Break - Thursdays, 9:30 am, Fellowship Hall



Bible Studies

MONTHLY LWML BIBLE STUDIES:

- Lydia** – Will meet on Wednesday, October 13th at 1:30 pm.
- Martha** – Will meet on Monday, October 11th at 6:00 pm
- Tabitha** – Will meet on Monday, October 25th at 6:00 pm.



Sunday School has begun and we invite your children to join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 am. We start in the Fellowship Hall with Opening Devotion along with the adults and then we head to our classrooms to learn the lesson of the day. You can come early at 8:45 to enjoy some food and drink before we begin. If you have any questions, please contact Samantha Steinman (760-2833) or call the church to speak to one of the pastors.

LWML GRANT HIGHLIGHTS:

- Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - grant for \$81,680. This grant will be able to fund one year of the deaconess ministry that impacts more than 300 residential children annually, especially female children victimized by male figures.
- Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses - grant for \$95,000. The grant will provide for 58 veterans to go through the Spirit Warrior Program. Connecting with God and theological discussions will take place while caring for horses in Bangor, Maine area under the guidance of disabled veteran, Deaconess Kim Slininger.

October Duty Roster

Ushers: Saturday: Mr Nathan Grant

Sunday: Mr Marlyn Wilcox & Mr Anthony Wilcox

Elders: Saturday: Mr. Brad Stewart

Sunday: Mr Joel Hausmann

Date	Acolytes	Coffee Duty	Counters
October 2 nd October 3 rd	Miss Jadyne Aguallo Mr. Logan Vogel	LWML SUNDAY Shirley & Tom DeVoogd	October 4 th Karen Kelly
October 9 th October 10 th	Mr Zach Childers Mr Jett Herian	Kara Aguallo Robyn Jensen	October 11 th Deb Grant
October 16 th October 17 th	Miss Railey Wills Mr Eban Lore	Jill Mueller Marlene Stewart	October 18 th Deb Moore
October 23 rd October 24 th	Miss Rozlyn Wills Mr Jonas Daugherty	Deb Moore Sally Henderson	October 25 th Starla Endsley
October 30 th October 31 st	Miss Rozlyn Wills Mr Lucas Weber	Jocelyn Gerth Janene Odell	November 1 st Karen Kelly

Stewardship of the Word Daily Bible readings for the month:

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| 1. Malachi | 3. Matthew 5-6 | 10. Matthew 20-21 | 17. Mark 6-7 | 24. Luke 2-3 | 31. Luke 17-18 |
| 2. Matthew 1-4 | 4. Matthew 7-8 | 11. Matthew 22-23 | 18. Mark 8-9 | 25. Luke 4-5 | |
| | 5. Matthew 9-10 | 12. Matthew 24-25 | 19. Mark 10-11 | 26. Luke 6-7 | |
| | 6. Matthew 11-12 | 13. Matthew 26 | 20. Mark 12-13 | 27. Luke 8-9 | |
| | 7. Matthew 13-14 | 14. Matthew 17-28 | 21. Mark 14 | 28. Luke 10-11 | |
| | 8. Matthew 15-17 | 15. Mark 1-3 | 22. Mark 15-16 | 29. Luke 12-13 | |
| | 9. Matthew 18-19 | 16. Mark 4-5 | 23. Luke 1 | 30. Luke 14-16 | |

PINE RIDGE ZONE LWML FALL RALLY

October 2, 2021

I've met Mary of Bethany and she's serving a life sentence for murder.

Presented by Pastor Darren Pflughoeft
Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
916 2nd Street, Crawford, NE

Registration: 9:30
Presentation 10:00
Lunch 12:00 noon
Business Meeting 12:30 pm
Dismiss 2:00 pm



LWML Sunday will be October 3rd.

MITE Sunday will be October 3rd.

HONEY SUNDAY will be October 23rd and 24th

VOTER'S ASSEMBLY will be Sunday October 17th at 1:30 pm.



Day School

NEWS

Grace and mercy to you from Jesus! Greetings to you from IELS! All at school are going well. We encourage you to join us for Chapel on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons and feel free to stop out if you need scrip. A huge thank you for your support of our cheese fundraiser. We sold about 1300 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 20th and 21st, 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. The parent group continues to plan hot lunches once a month for our students, which is quite a treat. It has been great to be able to have the parents joining us for lunches and to be able to attend Chapel services again. The students have been singing a couple of times at church and have done awesome. We are so blessed to have a wonderful support staff of para educators and the team that keeps our building looking fabulous. To that team we recently added Charlotte Schmidt. (This can't be true as she was 5 just a few days ago! Lol) As usual, if you need anything please call out to the school as Stephany is a pro and taking care of us! This year, our school will host 2 spots for the downtown Trunk or Treat on October 29th! A huge thank you to all who helped our staff receive things from Amazon for their classrooms. We are so blessed by this congregation in every way. Our wonderful new staff has formed such an awesome team that I continually marvel at God's goodness. If you haven't had a chance to get to know them, I encourage you to do so. They are great girls!!

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!) We have a great group of students this year and it's a wonderful thing to have the students back in our building! On October 1st the entire school will visit the Pumpkin Patch near Bayard. We ask that you continue to keep the school and staff in your prayers as we forge ahead in these uncertain times. We know and trust that the Lord will provide and keep us safe! Blessed Fall!

Miss Jill

Hello! Mrs. Fulk's report for kindergarten. Since my last report a lot has happened. I got married! I took a few days off from school and went on a trip to Yellowstone with my husband, Andy. The kids are working on my new name, but Miss Horn still gets shouted out frequently. We have added the sounds of the letters b, e, f, g, h, i, j, k, l, m, n, o, p, q, r, and u. September 19 was "International Talk like a Pirate Day" so we celebrated and learned about the letter P. (Love that idea from Jocelyn Gerth). In religion we have been talking about Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. The kids are working on sounding out, reading, and spelling CVC words. We love using our new magnetic letters that someone purchased from Amazon! The kids are excited for the field trip to the pumpkin patch in October. During the last few weeks in September we will learn all about pumpkins so we are prepared for the trip. Thank you for your continued support!

First Grade Flash

The first graders have been busy learning lots of new things! We have memorized almost all of the Old Testament books, and every student is doing fantastic with their weekly memory work. In math, we are practicing doubles addition facts, drawing story problems, and talking about measurements. They have become very proficient in narrative and informative text structures. Grammar is a tough subject, but the kids are doing awesome! They are labeling and creating sentences with subject nouns, verbs, adverbs, and now adjectives! In Geography, we are learning about the continents and oceans, and in science, the focus has been on plant parts and seeds.

Thank you for all of your continued support and prayers,
Mrs. Walters and 16 First Graders

Third and fourth grade have been studying the elements of a story and text structures during the first weeks of school. Now, both grades are applying these reading strategies as they have begun their first novel studies of the year. Third grade is reading *The Borrowers* by Mary Norton. Fourth grade is reading *Because of Winn Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo. Working hard to reach their spelling goals for phonogram recognition and handwriting, the 3-4 class earned a pajama day on September 17!

In history, we are talking about Canada and the early explorers that first adventured to northern North America. Geography and history also have our focus on adding new facts for the US presidents, US states and capitols, and Nebraska history.

The second, third and fourth grade classes are learning how to read music and can clap out rhythms via music notation. They have been learning about the different counts of notes and rests to count out measure of music. Now, we are focusing on reading notes for the treble clef scale. The students have enjoyed singing some favorite hymns accompanied by the ukulele.

Mrs. Morrison led a study on underground railroad quilts and each student chose a symbolic block to study further and add to our bulletin board. Miss Kathy is back again this year with her sewing machines and we are working on creating a Quilt of Valor.

In September, we received postcards from several states, including Alaska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Arizona, as well as from dear old Nebraska. We would love to welcome you to follow our project on Facebook: Miss Dye's 3rd and 4th Grade Class Postcard Project. You can see what we are receiving in class and can find information about how to participate as well.

-Miss Dye