

September 2023

Mt. Calvary Messenger
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Aug 30 <i>Preschool begins classes</i>	Aug 31 <i>Preschool begins classes</i>	1	2
3 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service	4 Labor Day <i>Office closed</i>	5 10am Bible Study	6 10am-12pm Crafters 6pm Confirmation Informational Meeting	7 1pm LWML	8	9
10 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service 11:30am Elders Meeting	11 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	12 10am Bible Study 5:30pm Council	13 4pm-5pm Midweek 6pm-7:15pm Confirmation	14	15	16
17 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service	18 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	19 10am Bible Study	20 NO Midweek NO Confirmation	21	22 <i>Right to Life ornament orders due!</i>	23
24 8:45am Bible Class/SS 10am Worship Service 11:30am Board of Ed mtg	25 <i>Pastor's day off</i>	26 10am Bible Study 3pm Hats of Love	27 4pm-5pm Midweek 6pm-7:15pm Confirmation	28	29	30

Happy Birthday

2- Lois England
4- Fern Harding
8- Dee Lipe
10-Sarah Stewart
11 - Ava Sebben
12- Leah Koch
13- Jonathan Whittle
14- Gabi Cansino
17- Katelyn Engel
17- Evelyn Van Winkle
20- Greg Donley
20- Anita Reinertsen
20- Daenerys Wells
28- Kayla Bird
29- Janalee Gutierrez
29- Derek Koch

Happy Anniversary

2- Pastor & Melanie Sommerer
15- Raoul & Anita Reinertsen
19- Derek & Leah Koch
21- Mitch & Lindsay Jacobs
29- Theresa & Gerald Clark

Attendance for the month of August

<u>Date</u>	<u>Worship</u>	<u>Communion</u>
8/6	81	61
8/13	79	62
8/20	89	72
8/27		

Baptism Birthdays

9-4 Micah Sommerer
9-9 Charles III Carlson
9-9 Jana Carlson
9-9- Mason Carlson
9-16 Tony Robertson
9-28 Ava Kersh
9-28 Emmie Kersh
9-28 Isabel Kersh
9-28 Jacie Kersh
9-28 Jason Kersh
9-28 Sherry Kersh
9-28 Daenerys Wells
9-30 Fern Harding
9-30 Leah Koch

In Our Prayers

Health concerns:

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett
Theresa Clark	Fern Harding
Anita Reinertsen	Janalee Gutierrez
Mitch Jacobs	Bob Donley
Guy Hood	Dean Westergreen
Louis Linnenburger	Nelly Clark

Nancy, Rose's sister
Eva Jean, Ruth's sister
Sandy, Debbie, Stephan: health concerns & travel
(family of Randy and Tony)
Justin, Dean & Darla's son
Tom, Brittany's dad, cancer diagnosis
Eileen, Kadin Stokes' grandmother, progressive cancer
Jen Baughman, upcoming treatments

Others:

Students returning to classes
Galesburg Christian returning to school
Our preschool preparing for the new school year
Rescue Mission move into new building
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission
Pastor Omolo and Hope for the Destitute
Our Armed Forces: Sgt Kaleb Karssen

Whoever believes and
is baptized will be
saved. Mark 16:16a

Preschool News

Congratulations to Kayla and Cassandra on their A's in their summer classes! Great job!

We are excited to be starting our '23-'24 school year! Classrooms are looking great, and the teachers and Leah have spent many hours getting ready for our little ones. Orientation meetings were held August 21 & 22 and school begins August 30th.

Please keep our staff and preschool families in your prayers!

"I am in the vine, you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

The Lutheran Schools theme for this school year is Connected. John 15:1-11. Jesus says, "I am the vine."

Children connect. They connect win play with building blocks, puzzles and games. They connect socially with classmates, family and friends. They connect through technology in the classroom and in many other contexts.

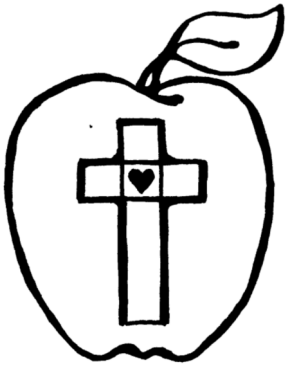
The most important connection for any child (of any age) is with Christ. The Good News of Christ connecting Himself to us in our Baptism and through His Word.

Lutheran schools connect. Lutheran schools connect children in a variety of curricular subjects and experiences. Lutheran schools connect with families, emphasizing that Lutheran education is always a partnership with the home. Lutheran schools connect with the local Lutheran congregation, emphasizing that the Lutheran school is an integral part of the mission and ministry of the congregation. Lutheran schools connect children to Lutheran worship and the Divine Service through chapel, where children will hear the Gospel in the liturgy of the church. Lutheran schools connect with the communities in which they are located. Lutheran schools connect students and staff to the Great Commission.

In all things, Lutheran schools connect to Christ. This connection to Christ goes well beyond the weekly chapel time. The connection to Christ goes with each child from chapel time and the classroom into the home and neighborhood.

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you." John 15:7

Jesus, we thank you for being the Vine and connecting us to you. We pray that You bless our connections to You and Your Word in our chapel time, classroom devotions, Sunday worship and in our family devotions. Amen.



OCTOBERFEST/BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC

Mark your calendars and join Evangelism and our preschool families for a back to school celebration on Sunday, October 15th from 3-7pm. Meal will be served at 5pm.

Brats, hot dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, drinks will be provided. We are asking the congregation to bring a dish/dessert (or 2!) to share.

Thank you for helping us welcome our preschoolers and their families to our church and come enjoy an afternoon of fun and games!



LCMS Stewardship Ministry– September 2023

Stewardship in the First Commandment

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word “enchiridion” is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for “handbook.” The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments. The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I) We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him.

This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment:

This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

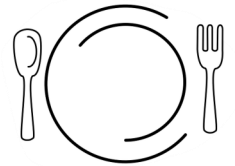
These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

Galesburg Rescue Mission & Women's Shelter:

Annual Hog Roast Benefit

Saturday, September 9, 2023 4pm-7pm

Rain or shine! At new location– Former Nielson School (547 N. Farnham St)



\$10 per meal for all ages!

Roasted Pulled Pork, baked beans, potato salad, applesauce, dessert & drink

**For drive-up/curb-side/carry-out: enter the circle drive on west side

** For dining-in: park in north, south or east lots; enter the ground-level double doors on south or west sides.



Board of Education will meet on Sunday, September 24th
after church for a short meeting.

Knox County Right to Life

7x7x7 Prayer 7:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7 words: Lord, please, stop abortion in this country.

Sept meeting: Sept. 12th at First Church of God (1080 Harrison St.) at 7pm.

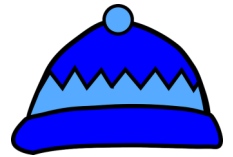
Right to Life Essay Contest runs in September. Watch the bulletin board for more information. Plus watch for details to come on 40 Days of Life, Festival of Life and Life Chain!

*Right to Life is once again selling **Christmas ornaments!** Orders are being taken now through September 22nd! You can have up to 12 names (6 on each side) with Merry Christmas or a family name on the bottom plus the year. They are \$15 each. Talk to Diane Teske to order!



Hats of Love

Will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 26th at 3:00 p.m.
Contact Rose with any questions. Donations of yarn or money towards yarn is always greatly appreciated!



LWML

Will meet on Thursday Sept. 7th at 1:00pm. Roll call will be reciting the LWML Pledge. JoAnn will have the topic and Kay will be the hostess.

Bring you mighty mites!

Please contact Rose at 371-1293 if you have any questions.



College addresses needed!

If you have a child heading off to college this year– please let the office know their school address (and email if possible)!

We would love to send them encouragement and church newsletters through out the year, and LWML will be sending college care packages in October!



Confirmation Class (grades 6-8) and Midweek Class (Grades 2-5, for those who read well)

Information Confirmation meeting on Wednesday, Sept 6th at 6pm.

Classes will begin on Wednesday evenings starting Sept. 13th!

Midweek class will meet from 4-5pm and

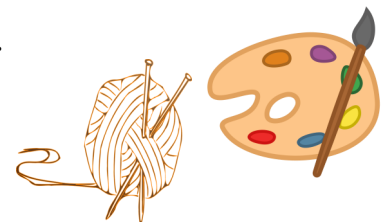
Confirmation class will meet 6-7:15pm.

(No class on Wednesday, Sept. 20th due to Pastor being out of town).



Crafters will meet on Wednesday, September 6th from 10am-12pm.

If you need help on a project or just want some fellowship while you work– you are welcome to join them!



One of the Confessions of our Lutheran Church is called The Treatise on the Power and the Primacy of the Pope. It remains an important work, as it reveals the Reformers' answer to the insistence that followers of Luther's teaching must be obedient to the Pope of Rome, not by way of a gesture of subservience, but that in the Roman Catholic view Peter has been given this position of universal authority by Christ. And to remain Church, the pope must be recognized. This claim, they based on Matthew 16:13-20, verses we have just read in our Sunday readings. To that end. I have copied below the Reformers' response penned by Philip Melancthon and subsequently adopted as a Confession of the Lutheran Church... I quote it only in part here. The part that follows what is quoted below is an historical refutation of the claims that the Pope is the head of the Church. They also are good to read, and I commend them to your attention. I'll only include their Biblical refutation. **The Treatise on the Power and the Primacy of the Pope:**

The Roman Pontiff (the Pope) claims for himself that by divine right he is [supreme] above all bishops and pastors.

Secondly, the pope adds also that by divine right he has both swords, that is, the authority also of bestowing kingdoms enthroning and deposing kings, regulating secular dominions etc.

And thirdly, he says that to believe this is necessary for salvation. And for these reasons the Roman bishop calls himself the vicar of Christ on earth.

These three articles we hold to be false, godless, tyrannical, and pernicious to the Church.

Now, in order that our proof may be understood, we shall first define what they call being above all by divine right. For they mean that he is universal [that the Pope is the general bishop over the entire Christian Church], or, as they say, ecumenical bishop, i.e., from whom all bishops and pastors throughout the entire world ought to seek ordination and confirmation, who is to have the right of electing, ordaining, confirming, deposing all bishops and pastors.

Besides this, [the pope] arrogates to himself the authority to make all kinds of laws concerning acts of worship, concerning changing the Sacraments and concerning doctrine; and wishes his articles, his decrees, his laws to be considered equal to the divine laws [to other articles of the Christian Creed and the Holy Scriptures], i.e.(that is) he holds that by the papal laws the consciences of men are so bound that those who neglect them, even without public offense, sin mortally that they cannot be omitted without sin. For he wishes to found this power upon divine right and the Holy Scriptures; yea, he wishes to have it preferred to the Holy Scriptures and God's commands.

And what he adds is still more horrible, namely, that it is necessary to believe all these things in order to be saved.

In the first place, therefore, let us show from the [holy] Gospel that the Roman bishop is not by divine right above other bishops and pastors.

I. Luke 22:25. Christ expressly prohibits lordship among the apostles [that no apostle should have any supremacy over the rest]. For this was the very question, namely, that when Christ spoke of His passion, they were disputing who should be at the head, and as it were the vicar of the absent Christ. There Christ reproves this error of the apostles and teaches that there shall not be lordship or superiority among them, but that the apostles should be sent forth as equals to the common ministry of the Gospel. Accordingly, He says: *The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and they that exercise authority upon them are called benefactors, but ye shall not be so; but he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. The antithesis here shows is disapproved.*

II. Matt. 18:2. The same is taught by the parable when Christ in the same dispute concerning the kingdom places a little child in the midst, signifying that among ministers there is not to be sovereignty, just as a child neither takes nor seeks sovereignty for himself.

III. John 20:21. Christ sends forth His disciples on an equality, without any distinction [so that no one of them was to have more or less power than any other], when He says: *As My Father hath sent Me, even so send I you. [These words are clear and plain:] He says that He sends them individually in the same manner as He Himself was sent; hence He grants to no one a prerogative or lordship above the rest.*

IV. Gal. 2:7f St. Paul manifestly affirms that he was neither ordained nor confirmed [and endorsed] by Peter, nor does he acknowledge Peter to be one from whom confirmation should be sought. And he expressly contends concerning this point that his call does not depend upon the authority of Peter. But he ought to have acknowledged Peter as a superior if Peter was superior by divine right [if Peter, indeed, had received such supremacy from Christ]. Paul accordingly says that he had at once preached the Gospel [freely for a long time] without consulting Peter. Also: *Of those who seemed to be somewhat (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me; God accepteth no man's person). And: They who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me. Since Paul, then, clearly testifies that he did not even wish to seek for the confirmation of Peter [for permission to preach] even when he had come to him, he teaches that the authority of the ministry depends upon the Word of God, and that Peter was not superior to the other apostles, and that it was not from this one individual Peter that ordination or confirmation was to be sought [that the office of the ministry proceeds from the general call of the apostles, and that it is not necessary for all to have the call or confirmation of this one person, Peter, alone].*

V. In 1 Cor. 3:6, Paul makes ministers equal, and teaches that the Church is above the ministers. Hence superiority or lordship over the Church or the rest of the ministers is not ascribed to Peter [in preference to other apostles]. For he says thus: *All things are yours, whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, i.e., let neither the other ministers nor Peter assume for themselves lordship or superiority over the Church; let them not burden the Church with traditions; let not the authority of any avail more than the Word [of God]; let not the authority of Cephas be opposed to the authority of the other apostles, as they reasoned at that time: "Cephas, who is an apostle of higher rank, observes this; therefore, both Paul and the rest ought to observe this." Paul removes this pretext from Peter, and denies [Not so, says Paul, and makes Peter doff his little hat, namely, the claim] that his authority is to be preferred to the rest or to the Church.*

Our Confessional heritage is a rich fountain of truth. Maybe this can help you better understand the passage of Matthew 16: "You are Peter and on this Rock I will build My Church." 1Cor.3 says, "There is no other foundation than that which has been laid, even Jesus Christ."

To Him alone be the glory now and forever! Pastor Steve Sommerer

Upcoming at CILCA (cilca.org)

- Sunday, Sept. 3rd : Annual Chicken Dinner & Auction: Delicious fried chicken, great auction items, and a whole weekend of fun & games!
- Saturday, Sept 16th: Act Like Men Shooting Retreat. Take aim with target shooting and enjoy some talking time about responsibility, strength and discipline. A Bible Study will focus on what it means to be a man in an increasingly confused society.

