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2020

Jesus died & rose to save:

PLEASE  
PLACE  
STAMP  
HERE

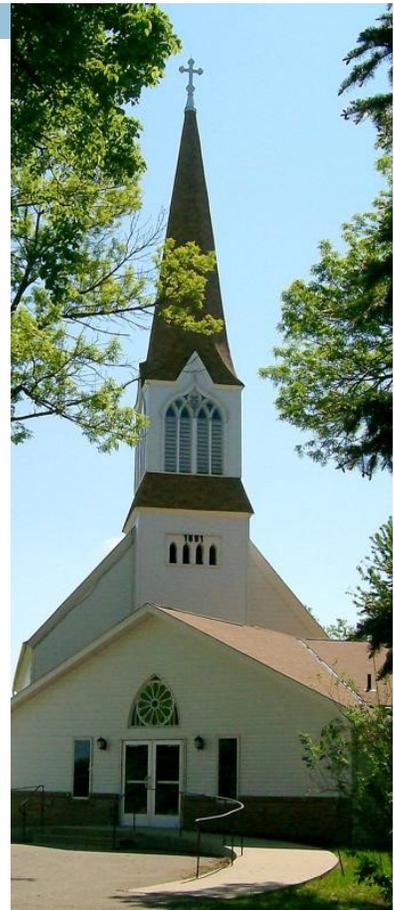
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Now that fall is here, the temperatures are getting cooler, and Sunday School is up and running, more and more people may be moving into the sanctuary for church. With that in mind, I want to share with you our policy for indoor worship. Let me first say that my foremost desire is for everyone to feel welcome, safe, and comfortable. As you know, due to the governor’s mandate, masks are to be worn inside public places; which includes houses of worship. So please wear a mask inside church. When COVID-19 began to spread we said we’d obey government (4th commandment and as long as it didn’t conflict with obeying God) and that we wanted to protect our neighbor. All of that is still in effect today. Also, I know that wearing a mask can be a burden for some and not everyone can wear one (for various reasons). What does that mean if you are one of those who can’t wear a mask? You are welcome too. Please keep social distancing in mind, especially if you’re talking to one another. Also, as a reminder, pews are blocked off every other row to help us keep our distance. Finally, due to the time it takes for communion and in order to keep aerosol particles and droplets from spreading, singing may be limited.

So that’s our policy going forward. You are still welcome to use the fellowship hall and outside for worship too. This will ensure everyone has an option to worship in a way that makes them feel comfortable and safe. As always, if you have any concerns you’re welcome to speak with myself or with an elder.

In Christ,

Pastor J. Christian Strickland



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*Laugh a lot. A good sense of humor can cure many of life's ills.*





The St. John Lutheran Ladies Aid is open to any female of the church. We are a mission-focused group that has a lot of fun learning about God and being together and we are looking for new members. Please consider coming to a meeting. If you are interested in coming to a meeting, but Thursday afternoon does not work for you please contact Ardy Johnson or Bunne Johnston.

Our October meeting is Thursday, October 1st at 1:30pm; Ali Holien is serving.

**Focus Mission:** Crew/ankle socks, Tide Pods and non-perishable foods for the collection at the **Great MN South Mission Get-Together**. Place donations in the shopping cart in entryway of church before Friday, October 9th. Thank you as always for your contributions to these missions and for so many more.

**Tell Everyone What He Has Done  
Isaiah 12:5 "Sing Praises to the Lord..."**

**The Great MN South Mission Get-Together is  
Saturday, October 10, 2020 at Mayer Lutheran High  
School.**

**Church Announcements**



**What:** Pulled Pork Drive Thru Dinner  
**When:** Sunday Oct. 4, 2020; 11:00am - 1:00pm  
**Where:** Atwater Community Parking Lot  
**Cost:** Free Will Offering (Funds to Sunday School Basement Project).  
**Menu:** Dan Zaeska's pulled pork on a big bun, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, and a cookie  
 Kids meal (hot dog w/bun) will also be available with beans, coleslaw, chips & a cookie.



**Music:** Gerry and Wayne Kessler will be playing "old time" music  
**Questions:** Call Del Mahn (974-8434) or Dan Zaeska with any questions.

Thank you to all who have donated your time and talents to make this event a success on October 4th. God Bless! Del Mahn

**LOOKING FOR MORE PHOTOS**



- Your 150th Anniversary Committee is looking for photographs of your days at St. John church or St. John Lutheran school to display commemorating our church throughout the next year. These can be scanned and will be returned to you. Please label or note who is in the pictures. Photographs can be placed in Del Mahn or Bunne Johnston's mailboxes. Please advise to whom the photos should be returned.
- Gifts of money are accepted to be used for the event next year, **August 15, 2021. SAVE THE DATE!**

# October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Ladies Aid 1:30pm	2	3
4 9am SS/BC 10am Worship  Pulled Pork Dinner Atwater Community Center 11am—1pm  <i>18th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	5	6	7   7pm Confirma- tion & Youth Group	8	9	10
11 9am SS/BC 10am Worship w/ Holy Communion  <i>19th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	12	13	14   7pm Confirma- tion & Youth Group 8pm Church Council Meeting	15	16	17
18 9am SS/BC 10am Worship  <i>20th Sunday after Pentecost</i>	19   8pm Quarterly Voter's Meeting	20	21   7pm Confirma- tion & Youth Group	22	23	24
25 9am SS/BC 10am Worship w/ Holy Communion  <i>21st Sunday after Pentecost</i>	26	27	28   7pm Confirma- tion & Youth Group	29	30  	31 Halloween

# October 2020

*May They Be  
Kept in Their  
Faith*



## Birthdays

3	Scott Schultz
4	Braelyn Santjer
8	Herman Witte Shannon Elton
12	Sandie Behm
15	Stan Lilleberg Joan Gatzmeyer
17	Jessica Unger
20	Ryan Busskohl
22	Donna Hedtke Kari Schultz Karla Schultz Randy Jones
24	Bryan Weigelt Tricia Lilleberg Arlo Gilbertson Harvey Gilbertson
25	Carrie Boniek Alexia Ellson
26	Delton Voigt
30	Gerald Gratz

## Baptismal Anniversaries

4	Dillon Gratz
2	Kristi Lilleberg-Barber
7	Sandie Behm Briana Zaeska
8	Damian Zaeska
9	Lawrence Zaeska
11	Wyatt Renne
12	Clifford Hedtke
17	Alyssa McCune
20	Bunne Lu Johnston
22	Herman Witte
23	Kyler Pickle
24	Ryan Busskohl
26	Kari Schultz Karla Schultz Joan Gatzmeyer

## WHY BEING A CHRISTIAN IS LIKE BEING A PUMPKIN...

God picked you from the patch,  
brings you in and washes all the  
dirt off. He then cuts off the top     4  
and     9  
scoops out all the yucky stuff.     14  
He removes the seeds of     23  
doubt, hatred, greed, etc.,  
then He carves you a new smiling  
face  
and puts His light inside  
for all the world to see.  
~Author Unknown

## Anniversaries

4	Bruce & Teresa Carlson
9	Erik & Jeanna Lilleberg
14	Tyler & Desarae Larson
23	Mitchell & Sheila Pickle

# Nuggets for Life....



## Grandma And The Cake

A little boy is telling his Grandma how “everything” is going wrong: school, family problems, severe health problems, etc.

Meanwhile, Grandma is baking a cake. She asks her grandson if he would like a snack, which, of course, he does. “Here, have some cooking oil.”

“Yuck,” says the boy.

“How about a couple raw eggs?”

“Gross, Grandma!”

“Would you like some flour then? Or maybe baking soda?”

“Grandma, those are all yucky!”

To which Grandma replies, “Yes, all those things seem bad all by themselves. But when they are put together in the right way, they make a wonderfully delicious cake!

“God works the same way. Many times we wonder why He would let us go through such bad and difficult times. But God knows that when He puts these things all in His order, they always work for good! We just have to trust Him and, eventually, they will all make something wonderful!”

## October Fun Facts

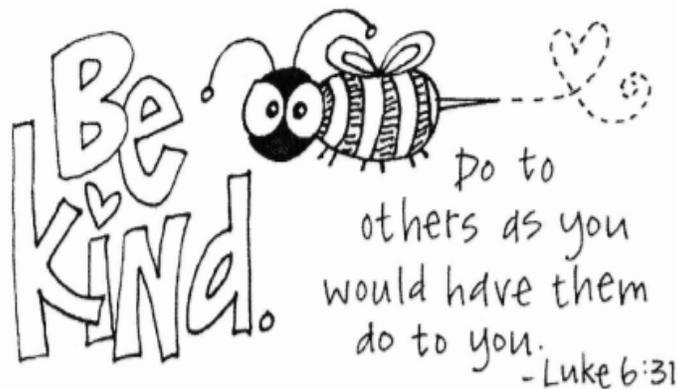
1. Did you know that this beloved Halloween treat has it’s very own day that should be celebrated every year? **Candy Corn Day** will fall on Sunday, October 30 this year, so that means eat as much as you can to celebrate.
2. The largest **squash** on record to-date belonged to **Joel Jarvis** from Port Elgin, Ontario. His prize-winning gourd weighed 1,486.6 pounds.
3. Although this is a popular game that kids and adults play at Halloween, it actually started as a **British courting ritual**. Every male was assigned an apple and then the young eligible ladies would bob for them, hoping to grab the apple of their beloved.
4. When **leaves change color** in the fall, they are actually becoming their true color. In the summer, the chlorophyll (which is how the leaves receive nourishment from the sun) takes over and causes them to turn green and hide their color.



5. **Black and orange** are typically associated with Halloween. Orange represents strength and endurance, whereas black is the symbol of darkness and reminds us that Halloween was once a festival about life and death. Don’t forget Oct.31st is also the day that Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the famous red door of the All Saints Church, Wittenburg, Germany in 1517.



“Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Mark 12: 29-31



Our neighbors in the LCMS Southern District were hit hard during the last two hurricanes in 2020. Rev. Randy Blankschaen, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Pensacola, FL was interviewed by the LCMS Reporter:

“We’re the Body of Christ,” he continued. “He’s still our head. He didn’t forsake us in the midst of the storm. He was right there with us, and He’ll be with us in these days and weeks ahead. And we’re going to be able to be Christ to one another, whether we need a shoulder to cry on, or a generator, or a dehumidifier, or some other assistance. We’re going to do what we do. We’ll clean up the mess, and we’ll sing our hymns and praise God.”



To support Immanuel Lutheran and so many other affected churches and church members, please consider helping the LCMS Disaster Response team(s). Visit them online at [lcms.org/give/disaster](https://lcms.org/give/disaster) or send money:

- Via text (send keyword LCMSDISASTERS or LCMSHURRICANES to 41444).
- By phone at 888-930-4438, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central time.

By check (make payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and write either “for disaster response” or “hurricane relief” on the memo line.)

