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*NEWSLETTER*

*September 2018*

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# *ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH*

## *NEWSLETTER*

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September 2018

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the month of September, I am reminded of Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy's words to the Thessalonians: **"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 1:2-3)** On the one hand, I personally give thanks to God for all of you - for the opportunity to offer works of faith for the Lord's church at St. John through the ministry of Word and Sacrament and for the humbling privilege of sharing with you the "labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." Teegen, Hannah, Abigail, and I are truly privileged to rejoice with you in the Lord's gifts to His gathered faithful here at Bingen.

On the other hand, I am also reminded of the apostle's words because of the Labor Day holiday that begins the month of September. Labor, in itself, is a good thing. And there are at least two kinds of labor. There is the labor of working for our daily bread and all that daily bread includes: food, drink, clothing, home, land, animals, and satellite TV. There is also the labor of love that is the product of faith in Christ Jesus.

The first kind of labor is work that we must do - **"If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat" (2 Thess. 3:10b)**. Of course, we hope and pray that we will find joy in our daily vocations - knowing that we are instruments of the Lord Himself to provide for the needs of the world. Still, because of our sin, we also continue to experience the result of Adam's Fall: **"Cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you...By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen. 3:17b-19)**.

Thanks be to God there is also a second kind of labor - the labor of love and work of faith. Now, this kind of labor cannot always or easily be distinguished from the first kind, for often it consists of the very same actions and activities. What makes this labor different is why it is done and by whom. As the redeemed people of God, bought at the price of Jesus' holy precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, we are freed from the Law that compels, condemns and punishes. Instead, we labor in love and perform the works of faith because we get to and want to, not because we "have to" (the attitude of adolescence).

**"I am the Vine,"** Jesus says, **"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...You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you" (John 15:5, 16)**. And in Ephesians: **"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10)**.

My prayer for all of you in the month of September is that you would see the opportunities to serve one another, your community, and your church not as something you must do, but as something you get to do - not as a work of obligation, but as a work of faith - not as a labor of the Law, but as a labor of love. There are certainly plenty of opportunities: your personal vocations of father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife or worker; your shared vocations of citizen, Hoosier (though some of us Indiana residents may prefer the label "Boilermaker"), and member of St. John Lutheran Church; and your eternally significant calling of baptized child of God.

With that in mind, I look forward to seeing you at the St. John Mission Festival (first at church and then in the Grove), to receiving with you God's own works of faith in His Divine Service to us each and every Sunday, and to learning more and more about the Lord's labor of love during Sunday School and Bible Class - always giving thanks for our life together here at Bingen and rejoicing in the steadfastness of hope we have in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ, *Pastor Brock*

# Christian Education at St. John

Sunday School and Bible Classes Begin - Sunday, September 9

+ Mission Festival II +  
+ Installation of Sunday School Teachers at 8 a.m. Divine Service +  
+ Balloon Release +  
+ Refreshments in Parish Hall +  
+ Sunday School Opening in Parish Hall +  
+ Festival in Grove at 12noon +

*All ages and all classes meet in the Parish Hall, every Sunday, for the Sunday School Opening.*

*Children will not be admitted into the school until after the opening in the Parish Hall, so please bring your children to the Parish Hall.*

*In addition to several biblical and churchly reasons, this is for the children's safety and security.*

## ***What is Christian Education?***

Christian Education, in short, is Jesus. **Jesus is the focus**, "for in him we live and move and have our being." (Acts 17:28) **Jesus is the content**, for we confess with Paul, "I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." (1 Corinthians 2:2) Indeed, the revelation of **Jesus is the source**, as it is given to us today only through Holy Scripture, "and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:15-17) Christian Education imparts knowledge of this Jesus who lived, died, and rose for us and for our salvation, and in so doing, Christian Education teaches us about ourselves, our world, and our relationship with God and one another.

## ***Why Christian Education?***

In Holy Baptism, the Lord claimed you as His own child and gave to you new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Your heavenly Father, the Creator of this world, His beloved Son, the Savior of this world, and the Holy Spirit, the Comforting Sanctifier of this world, lovingly commands you as His own child to be diligent in your study of the Word, both personally and as a congregation: "This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:8-9) So, *why Christian Education?* First, because the Lord commands it, out of His great love for you.

What is more, the Lord has also graciously revealed to us *why He commands* Christian Education: First, "to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus...equipped for every good work" (2 Timothy 3:15, 17). Second, that Christians may "encourage one another with these words...and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 4:18; 5:11). Third, that you may always be "prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15). Jesus, our Good Shepherd, clearly proclaims the purpose of God ever since the Fall: "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) The goal of Christian Education, the reason *why* God commands it, is thusly summarized: "That you may have life and have it abundantly," or, as Luther puts it in his Small Catechism: "that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness." (Explanation to Second Article of the Creed)

## ***How is Christian Education offered at Bingen?***

King Solomon wrote in Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." Mindful of this wisdom from the Lord, Bingen's Christian Education program (described below) for the 2018-2019 Church Year will be available to God's children of all ages during the Sunday School hour between worship services.

**Sunday School** for early childhood through 6<sup>th</sup> grade will be blessed to use CPH's *Growing in Christ* curriculum. Please make every effort to bring your child to this important Sunday School time, following it up with an enjoyable discussion at home about their class and what they are learning, and thus fulfilling the words of our Lord in Deuteronomy 6:5-7, 20f.: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And 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...When your son asks you in time to come, 'What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?' then you shall say to your son..."

**Junior High and Adult Bible Class** will continue to work through the revised explanation to Luther's *Small Catechism*. The explanation to the catechism was revised to coincide with the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. For several reasons, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders (and their parents!) are encouraged to attend this Bible Class in the Parish Hall. The other option for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders is to attend the Public School Confirmation Class with Pastor Maronde. Working through the new explanation has been a very interesting study, and we pray that it will invite good conversation and helpfully cover the truths of Scripture profitable for salvation and enlightening for daily life, "that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God" (Colossians 1:9-10).

**Public/Home School Confirmation Class** will be taught by Pastor Maronde during the Bible Class and Sunday School hour. Wyneken students in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade may choose between the Adult Bible Class and Public/Home School Confirmation Class.

And finally...

***Ask the Pastor!***

Have you ever had a question you wanted to ask about the Christian faith or Lutheran practice? Have you ever said, "I should ask the pastor," but for one reason or another you never have? Well now you can! "Ask the Pastor" continues this fall with our regular bible class schedule. Here's how it works: You can find a box in the Parish Hall labeled "Ask the Pastor." You may write down any question(s) you have about Scripture, Christian doctrine, Lutheran theology and practice, etc., and place your questions in the box. I will check this box regularly, and, as questions are submitted, I will be able to review the topic and prepare a brief study to respond to and discuss the question during the start of a future bible class. These "Ask the Pastor" studies will be offered on the first Sunday of every month.

## **Mission Fest II - 2018**

September 9, 2018

- Mission Preacher and Presenter – Rev. Christopher Maronde
- Balloon Release following the 8 a.m. Divine Service
- Refreshments in Parish Hall between Services
- Special Presentation about the Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society

*September 9 Plate Offerings and Mission II Labeled Offerings designated to  
"Worship for Shut-Ins"*

### **Mission Festival in the Grove**

*12noon*

+ Games for all ages + Inflatable Slide & Inflatable Obstacle Course +

Calf Roast, potatoes, drinks, and some seating provided

*If able, please bring a lawn chair, table service, and side dish and/or dessert*

# About the Special Presentation for Mission Fest II

## *Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society*

### **WHO WE ARE**

In the spring of 2008, a group of students from Concordia Theological Seminary-Fort Wayne were given the opportunity to travel to Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria (Tshwane), South Africa. While visiting, they saw firsthand the immense impact that the education at LTS had on Lutheran church bodies throughout the entire continent of Africa. Students were brought to LTS from several African countries, educated in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions, and sent home in order to be ordained as pastors in their own communities. Upon seeing the importance of LTS for the future of the confession of the Lutheran Church in Africa, these students formed the Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society.

The current role of the Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society is to support and promote confessional Lutheran theological education of future pastors and deaconesses at LTS. We act as advocates for the education offered at LTS and raise financial aid to support the needs of both residential students and visiting professors. The financial needs associated with bringing students to LTS often exceeds what the students and seminary are capable of providing. The Saint Philip Lutheran Mission Society seeks to bridge that gap so that well-qualified men and women may receive a well-rounded education to serve the Lord of the Church as pastors and deaconesses.

### **LUTHERAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

Lutheran Theological seminary has trained more than a hundred pastors over the past decades for service in the Lutheran Church in Southern Africa (LCSA). In this time, it has moved from Madola to Salem (Mpumalanga) and then to Enhlanhleni (KwaZulu/Natal) before locating to Arcadia, a suburb of the national capital, Pretoria (Tshwane), at the end of 2000. Since then, it has consciously also enrolled students from other African nations to address the growing need for well-trained pastors throughout the continent. The Lutheran Theological Seminary seeks to provide confessional Lutheran education and serves to train Christ's followers as pastors, teachers, evangelists, missionaries, and deaconesses for faithful service in the Lutheran Church of Africa.



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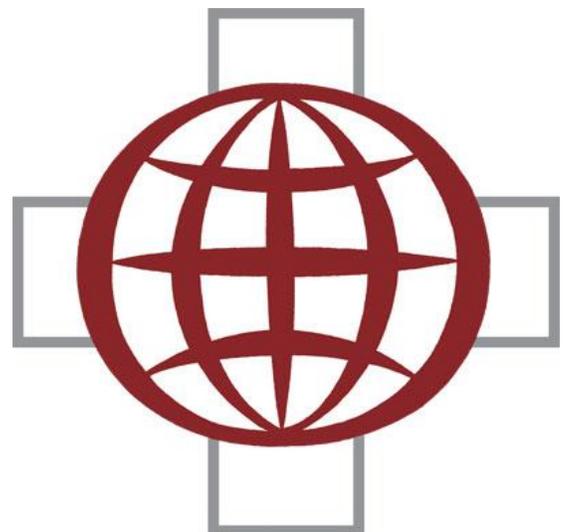
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# September Youth Events

## Middle School Youth – Confirmation Retreat

All 7th and 8th grade students are strongly encouraged to participate in this year's Confirmation Retreat at Concordia Theological Seminary from September 28-30. We will leave from the Bingen parking lot at 5:30pm on Friday, September 28 and return Sunday, September 30 in time for the Golf Outing. Varsity boys with a soccer game Friday may join us Friday after the game or Saturday morning. Varsity girls volleyball will be provided with transportation to and from their game(s) Saturday from the retreat. Registration packets were sent home with the students and should be returned to Pastor Brock, Pastor Dahling, or Wyneken as soon as possible. They were due Wednesday, August 29. The subsidized cost is \$50 per student (actual cost is \$110). Chaperones are free as always. Please speak with your pastor if the \$50 cost will prevent your student from participating. Scholarships are available.

## High School Youth Activities

### **September 2 – Labor Day Weekend – No Youth Gathering**

### **September 9, 12noon-3 p.m. – Festival in Grove**

Come and enjoy free food and fun at St. John's Mission Festival in the grove across from Wyneken. Inflatable slide, inflatable obstacle course, corn hole, volleyball, and more will be available. If you have a favorite outdoor game that travels, bring it!

### **September 16, 4-6 p.m. – Slip-n-Slide Kickball!!**

Back by popular demand, join us for an epic game of slip-n-slide kickball behind Wyneken. Because of dropping temperatures and setting suns this time of year, please note the time of 4-6 p.m.

### **September 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Youth Gathering at Parsonage by Bingen**

We will gather for food and fellowship at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage right next to St. John, Bingen. If the weather behaves itself, we will have a fire and do amazing things with it – like make pizzas with pie irons, and honey-filled biscuits with sticks and stuff, and combine roasted marshmallows with chocolate candies on graham crackers (I think there's a name for those, but seriously, have you ever tried them with Reese Cups? – flavor explosion). For any non-youth reading this and slowly shaking your head in disapproval, we promise to try not to burn the church down. No promises about the parsonage. ☺

### **September 30, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Volunteer Service and Games**

Join your fellow Wyneken alumni for an hour or so of service before having fun times in the Wyneken gymnasium.



# Youth in August



# 175th Anniversary of St. John Lutheran Church

+ *One Lord, One Faith, One Future* +

For almost 175 years, our gracious God has created, preserved and grown His holy little flock at St. John Bingen through His ministry of Word and Sacraments. In thanksgiving for this, the congregation has designated a 175th Anniversary Mission Offering with the goal of raising \$175,000 by December 26, 2020 to support the church's mission and mercy work in Tanzania, Africa. Just as St. John was founded through the missionary efforts of Rev. Wyneken, so do we desire to show forth our faith and gratitude by offering \$1,000 in mission funding for every year the Lord has strengthened and sustained His church at Bingen ( $\$1,000 \times 175 \text{ years} = \$175,000$ ). These funds will be used in the following areas: 1) the albino orphan refuge on the campus of the Mwadui Lutheran Boarding School; 2) the Lutheran seminary in Shinyanga; and 3) scholarships for international students to study at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary committee continues its work preparing for a year of celebration and thanksgiving in 2020. Please take a moment to see the “bricks” that are “building” the model of St. John Lutheran Church in the south hallway of the Parish Hall. These “bricks” are inscribed with a special thanksgiving for a blessing the Lord has granted to one of our families, members, or friends through the ministry of St. John, Bingen. If you would like to “purchase” a “brick,” you may pick up a mission offering sheet in the entry of the church. An explanation of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mission Offering is included in the first 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary newsletter, which is also available in the entry of the church. All of the collections at special services and events throughout the anniversary year in 2020 will support this mission offering.

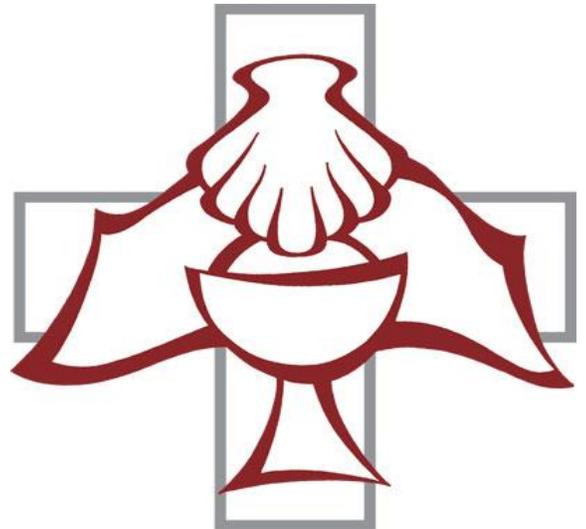
The 175<sup>th</sup> Committee has also set up an historic display in the Parish Hall. If you have any historic, Bingen-related items of interest (such as pictures, documents, or artifacts) that you would like to loan for the display, please contact committee chairman Lynn Selking or archivist Linda Abdon. All items will be kept in a locked display case and returned when the display is changed. Please be sure to give Lynn or Linda your contact information along with a description of the item you are loaning, so we may be sure to return it to you.

Historic notes:

*Sept. 10, 1876 Teacher Kieling is asked to serve as recording secretary of congregational meetings. (The pastor served thusly in the past)*

*July 1, 1877 Plans for the new church were revealed.*

*July 1, 1877 School is to be closed during the next three weeks because of harvest season.*



## *Christian Stewardship*

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to attending church at home after vacations and weekends away and hopefully visiting churches in those areas. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

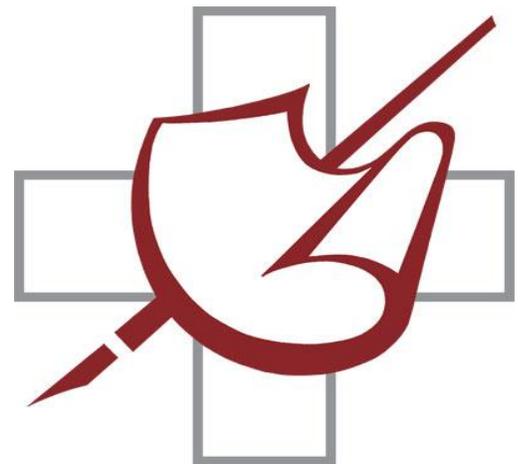
This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

***MISSION FEST II*** – September 9<sup>th</sup> – Offerings to Worship for Shut-in's. Also Mission fest in the grove – everyone invited. Come and enjoy a good meal (calf roast again), fun activities and fellowship for all ages. See you there!



## LADIES AID



Inviting any interested quilters, we would love to have company working on some comforters and quilts. Visit us on Wednesdays (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) in the Parish Hall.

## CANCER PADS



Next sewing date: **TUESDAY**, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. – Please join us if you can! Thank-you for the donations of sheets and helping people who greatly appreciate it! Sheet donations are always welcomed. You may drop off sheets in the Parish Hall - Guild Storage Room anytime.

## LADIES GUILD

Date: September 18, 2018

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Parish Hall

Roll Call: Childhood Past Time

Program: Speaker from Great Kid's Make Great Communities

Serving: Shirley Mailand and Evie DeBolt

**A Mystery Day Tour** – St. John Ladies Guild Activities Committee has planned a mystery, history, and more tour for Tuesday, October 16, 2018. A charter bus will take you on tour by traveling back to the early 1800's where you will watch a short film, get to go exploring, and touring a historical site. Then eat lunch on your own at another historical site. Travel on a historical road. See items you may never have thought of seeing. Each will have a warming experience. All this for \$40 per person. The bus will leave at 8 a.m. and should arrive back by 7 p.m. Please RSVP by September 18<sup>th</sup> to Evelyn Aumann (260-724-4431) or Cindy Berning (260-750-1822). This tour is for anyone in the community.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

*Next Meeting* – September 18, 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

## LLL/LWML Upcoming Dates

**Sunday, September 30, 2018** SRD Workshop 3:00 p.m. @ St. Paul-Preble Sewing Cancer Pads. Please bring your favorite thimble, needle, and scissors. Preble ladies will be serving a light evening meal.

\*Please continue to save your Mites for Missions which are collected on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month.

\*A box for collecting cancelled stamps for Missions is on shelf across from Family Resource Room.

**Sunday, October 7, 2018** LLL/LWML Fall Rally @ St Peter-Fuelling Time - 3:00 p.m.  
Program: Life of Friedrich Conrad Dietrich Wyneken A light evening meal will be served.

## Handbell Announcement

We are looking for a few more ringers. You are invited to come join us Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the church balcony. Enjoy a time of praising the Lord in song! Regular rehearsals will take place Monday evenings. Interested but unable to make this rehearsal time? Please contact Andy Gavrun 547-0002 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org)



## Choir Announcement

Do you have the gift of singing or love to sing? Join us Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm for the first choir rehearsal of the year. We will rehearse in the church balcony. This is a wonderful way to praise our Lord! If you have more questions, please feel free to contact Jessica Gavrun 547-0002 or [jgavrun@wyneken.org](mailto:jgavrun@wyneken.org)

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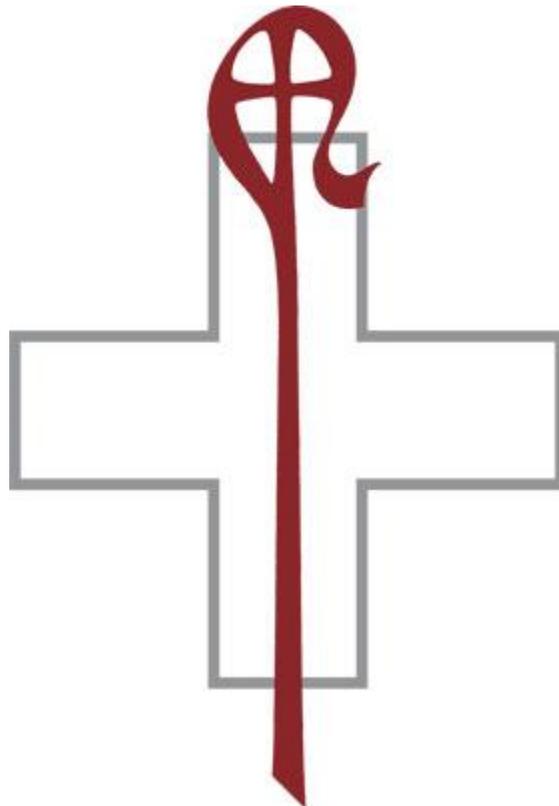
*On September 9, 2018 at 3:00 p.m.*

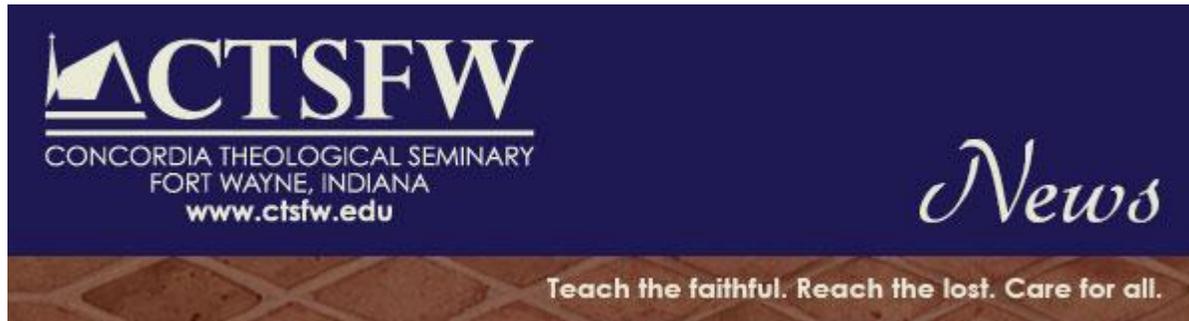
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*2313 Hanna Street, Fort Wayne, IN 46803*

*A reception will follow the installation.*

*You are to **RSVP:** [church@zionfw.org](mailto:church@zionfw.org) by Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.*





**FORT WAYNE, Ind. (CTSFW)**—Check out the upcoming events offered by Concordia Theological Seminary (CTSFW), 6600 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, Indiana. For additional information concerning all events please go to [www.ctsfw.edu](http://www.ctsfw.edu) or phone 260-452-2100. *Please note that all times for campus events are Eastern Time.*

### **MUSIC & WORSHIP SERVICES**

All events take place in Kramer Chapel and are open to the public. We will also livestream these events at [www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel](http://www.ctsfw.edu/daily-chapel) and [www.facebook.com/ctsfw](http://www.facebook.com/ctsfw) unless otherwise indicated.

**Chapel Schedule** – Academic Year (September through May, when classes are in session.)

- 7:40 a.m.: Matins
- 10:00 a.m.: Daily Chapel (live streamed when classes are in session.)
- 6:00 p.m.: Vespers/Evening Prayer (Monday through Thursday)
- 9:30 p.m.: Compline (Sunday)

The Lord's Supper is celebrated each Wednesday when classes are in session and also on other days when a Feast or Festival occurs. Individual Confession and Absolution is available at scheduled times in the Chapel undercroft.

**September 4, 10:00 a.m.** Opening Service of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Academic Year

**November 4, 4:30 p.m.** Organ Recital (no livestream)

**November 4, 7:30 p.m.** Choral Vespers with Bach Cantata 137

**November 5, 5:00 p.m.** Choral Evening Prayer

**November 5, 7:30 p.m.** Hymn Festival

**December 8, 4:00 p.m.** Advent Candlelight Evening Prayer

**January 13, 4:00 p.m.** Epiphany Evening Prayer

**January 16, 5:00 p.m.** Symposia Choral Vespers

**January 17, 5:00 p.m.** Symposia Vespers and Organ Recital (no livestream)

### **SEMINARY GUILD MEETINGS**

Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month in the academic year (save for January). Meetings typically begin with a report on the work and ongoing projects of the Guild, and conclude with a presentation. Times and locations are:

**September 11, 1:00 p.m.** in Luther Hall (Getting to Know You Tea)

**October 9, 9:00 a.m.** in the Student Commons (Donation Day)

**November 13, 1:00 p.m.** in Luther Hall

**December 11, 1:00 p.m.** in Kramer Chapel (Christmas with the Kantorei)

To learn more, go to [www.ctsfw.edu/SemGuild](http://www.ctsfw.edu/SemGuild). The Guild can also be reached at [SemGuild@ctsfw.edu](mailto:SemGuild@ctsfw.edu) and 260-485-0209.

## CONFERENCES

### **Christ Academy Confirmation Retreat**

**September 28–30**

Led by an ordained pastor, this weekend retreat is open to students currently receiving confirmation instruction from his or her pastor.

**Cost:** \$110 per person, includes on-campus housing and meals

**Register** by email at [ChristAcademy@ctsfw.edu](mailto:ChristAcademy@ctsfw.edu)

### **Prayerfully Consider Campus Visit**

**October 17–20**

This is an opportunity for second-career and college students to explore and learn more about the Office of Holy Ministry and diaconal service.

**Cost:** Free; on-campus housing and meals provided

**Register:** [www.ctsfw.edu/PCV](http://www.ctsfw.edu/PCV)

### **Christ Academy College**

**October 25–28**

For college students interested in learning more about the vocation of pastor or deaconess, this is an opportunity for participants to attend classes, meet faculty and students, worship in Kramer Chapel, and learn about the scripturally-rich theological education offered at CTSFW.

**Cost:** Free; on-campus housing and meals provided

**Register:** [www.ctsfw.edu/CA](http://www.ctsfw.edu/CA)

### **Luther Hostel: Suffering and the Theology of the Cross**

**October 31–November 2**

With an emphasis on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Heidelberg Disputation, during this conference we will first acknowledge our suffering and then seek to understand it through the theology of the cross. With the knowledge that Christ never abandons us, we can see the joy that we have in the midst of suffering.

**Cost:** \$200

**Register:** [www.ctsfw.edu/LutherHostel](http://www.ctsfw.edu/LutherHostel)

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## **Note: Children 8<sup>th</sup> Grade and under**

For those who had your baptismal birthday during the summer months or here in September, we will be recognizing your baptismal birthday during the Sunday School hour (9:15 a.m.) on **September 16th** in the Parish Hall. Please plan to join us!

### **September Baptismal Birthdays**

Matthew Abdon  
Hayden Amstein  
Braden Anderson  
Carissa Anderson  
Evelyn Aumann  
Lukas Bakle  
Dale Boenker  
Machelle Bradbury  
Teegen Brock  
Drake Bryan  
Finnley Bryan  
Keith Bultemeier  
Audra Butler  
Janae Butler  
Hayden DeBolt  
Kyle Emehiser  
Lea Ann Fifer  
Daniel Fuhrmann  
Eric Fuhrmann  
Luke Fuhrmann  
Vickie Gallmeyer  
Ariana Gebhart  
Kelly Gilreath  
Sandra Gilreath  
Kelly Goble  
Kelsey Grillot

Jorae Hall  
Isabel Hammond  
Natalie Hammond  
Daryn Harmeyer  
Casey Holt  
Jeffery Holtzclaw III  
Jesse Howard  
Shirley Jacobs  
Rick Johnson  
Sean Johnson  
Harold Kleine  
Sue Kummer  
Denise Kunkel  
Elijah Laurent  
Ryne Lehrman  
Chloe Livensparger  
Cynthia Macke  
Hailey Macke  
Jill McBride  
Robert Melcher  
Katelyn Money  
Brooklyn Muldoon  
Camille Oetting  
Douglas Oetting  
Leah Oetting  
Raelee Oetting

Alexander Rogers  
Amaya Rogers  
Ellyanna Rogers  
Nolan Rogers  
Ryan Scherer  
Kori Scheumann  
Michael Scheumann  
Mick Scheumann  
Sue Schieferstein  
James Schlemmer  
Adalynn Schreiber  
Brantley Schreiber  
Aaron Schwartz  
Jonathan Schwartz  
Phoenix Schwartz  
Aaron Selking  
Clayton Selking  
Jonathan Snyder  
Benjamin Sprague  
Grant Sprague  
Ryan Sprague  
Brian Strahm  
Jonathan Zwick  
Laurel Zwick

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

9/1	Kevin & Tracy Brown	9/23	Tony & Kelly Harris
9/3	Ed & Bonnie Bultemeyer	9/24	Jason & Brittany Bultemeyer
9/3	Todd & JoAnn McBride	9/24	Matthew & Marissa Feipel
9/5	Dale & Judith Scherer	9/24	Brian & Stephanie Hartman
9/9	Kenton & Linda Kleine	9/25	Billie & Lorine Counterman
9/13	Jerod & Aimee Rogers	9/25	Paul & Diana Fuelling
9/18	Royce & Machelle Bradbury	9/25	Don & Virginia Gallmeyer
9/18	Randal & Darlene Lepper	9/27	Tate & Logan Boenker
9/20	Harold & Marceil Kleine	9/28	Matt & Hyun Ju Bixler
9/22	Brian & Emily Lautzenheiser	9/28	Jim & Nancy Hall
9/22	Jay & Jo Witte	9/28	Richard & Donna Scheumann

We celebrate with those who have their Baptismal Birthday or Wedding Anniversary this month. If we have left you out, please know it was not intentional, but that our membership records do not reflect your special dates. We invite you to forward your dates to us so that we may recognize you and yours in the future. As the office continually reviews our membership household information, we will make requests of this type of info so that we don't leave you out in the coming year. Please feel free to e-mail [churchoffice@stjohnbingen.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnbingen.com) or contact the church office (639-6178) with your dates. Thank You!



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# **September 2018**

### **September 2, 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 119:129-136; Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20; Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

“Stand Against the Devils” - Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-20 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

As believers, we are daily engaged in spiritual warfare against Satan and his fellow demons. The good news is that we can stand firm against these fierce and powerful enemies. The Apostle Paul tells us how and why.

### **September 9, 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 146; Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

“Perfect Healing” - Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

When someone is ill, we pray for healing. The Good News that comes from God is that He *may* grant physical healing, but He *always* grants us perfect healing through Jesus.

### **September 16, 2018 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 116:1-9; Epistle: James 3:1-12; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29

“Help My Unbelief” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:24 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

We as Christians believe in Jesus. This belief involves both knowledge and trust. Rightly, we turn to God in the face of trouble; however, at times our faith is eroded, attacked or challenged by the cares, problems, and philosophies of this world. We pray with the man in our text, "I believe, help my unbelief." Through His Word and Sacrament, our Lord indeed sends us the Spirit, so our faith is strengthened, and we rest and hope in the Savior.

### **September 23, 2018 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Psalm 54; Epistle: James 3:13-4:10; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

“Let God Be God!” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:30-37 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

“Why doesn’t God do \_\_\_\_\_?” “Why would God allow \_\_\_\_\_ to happen?” Seeking a “new-and-improved-god” is an activity as old as time. Look and listen to Jesus to discover the true God . . . and true greatness! Let God be God!

### **September 30, 2018 – Pentecost**

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-18; Gospel: Mark 9:38-50

“Belonging to Christ” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-50 – Rev. James Elsner

Complain! Complain! Complain! Does that describe someone in your life? Does it describe YOU? Those who belong to Christ, though, have a different sense of faith and life. What's that look like?

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Comcast 10 & FiOS 12

**4:00 pm:** Comcast Cable Channel 55 & FiOS 12

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