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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**TEACHER RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9/23/24/23**

**WELCOME** in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! We are happy to have you worship with us this morning. Visitors are invited to sign our guest book at the church entrance.

Sermon: "God's Unfathomable Forgiveness" Isaiah 55:6-9

Saturday, 6:30 p.m.

LSB 184-202 Hymns: 555, vv 1-6; 555, vv 7-10; 618; 716

St. Luke's, 8:30 a.m.

P. 5 Hymns: 377 vv 1-6; 377 vv 7-10; 380; 413

St. John's, 10:00 a.m.

LSB 184-193 Hymns: 555 vv 1-6; 555 vv 7-10; 565; 716

**MUSIC:** Trinity St. John's "Warrior Praise" (PreK-8) will sing a medley of "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" and "Jesus Loves Me" in this morning's service.

**ATTENDANCE:** (M) 87 (C) 20 Sunday School: 18 Adult Bible Classes: Sunday: 3 Weekday: 10

**REGULAR ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**ENVELOPE COLLECTION** at St. John's this evening/morning is for the Building Fund.

**CONGRATULATIONS & GOD'S BLESSINGS** to Jon & Amanda Stevenson (C) on the birth of a baby girl Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> in Indiana.

**WE COULD USE SOME HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL** this school year. If you or anyone you know would be willing to teach or to simply come and help with the preschool class, please call or text Jessica Spenner at 618-214-8295.

**COLLECTION FOR SAVERS DRIVE** is officially scheduled for August 1-October 1 in TSJ gym. Loading should take place Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Delivery will be 10 a.m. on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Soft goods (clothing, shoes, purses, bedding, etc.) should be in 13-gallon bags. Questions: Contact Janice Lange @618-314-0691.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Anyone willing to donate money, soda, etc., for the Fall Festival contact Bob Långrehr.

**A SIGN-UP SHEET** for volunteer workers is on the table in the hallway by the restrooms.

**ACOLYTE** for October is Trent Twenhafel.

**USHERS** for October are Charles Vogt, John Kroeger, Terry Lange, Corbin Willis and Dale Wessel.

**LWML/SID FALL RETREAT** "Peace for my Soul--now and forever!" September 30, 2023, at Mariner's Village Resort in Carlyle. Registration 9 a.m. In-gathering of personal size, personal care items for the Blessing Box in Pinckneyville and Matthew 25 in Carlyle. Registration fee \$15. See flyer on bulletin board.

- Cam Jowers (Dawn's nephew) final tests in Marine Boot Camp this week.
- farm safety

**PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK OF Sept 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Larry Brinkmann at Good Samaritan, Mt Vernon *home, still in need of prayers*

Gene Knolhoff at Fireside Nursing Home for Rehab

Bob Jack diagnosed with prostate cancer

Lisa, daughter of Kathy Redeker, awaiting cancer surgery in the state of Washington

Lorna Kottmeyer (C) at Mercy Rehabilitation Hospital South *home, still a long way to go after surgery*

Amanda Garrison—daughter-in-law of Rosalie Rice—has health issues

Danny Brinkmann home; has begun kidney dialysis

Tom Anderson—friend of the Hausler's—health issues

Wayne & Lola Wessel—in need of prayers

Sara Leinberger—friend of Judy Vogt—ongoing health problems

**THOSE RECEIVING TREATMENTS/OTHER SERIOUS AILMENTS;**

Stanley Renth started chemotherapy

Rosemary Miller—sister of Howard Weihe—starting new experimental drug

Duane Miller—brother-in-law of Howard Weihe—diagnosed with pancreatic cancer—holding his own

Amie Evans--sister-in-law of Jesse Krawiecki—diagnosed with cancer

Rev. G. Robert Heimgartner—retired in Texico, IL—chemotherapy

**MISSION PRAYERS:**

- LCMS World Missions
- Ministry to inactive members.
- Missionary Micah Wildauer & Family serving in Belize, our Sunday School
- Mission Project
- Centralia Correctional Center
- Adult Instruction Class

**We Remember:**

-St. Salvador, Venedy, and Olive Branch as they prepare to call a pastor again

**We Remember:**

The People of Ukraine

The people suffering from the earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, fires, etc.

**Congratulations & God's Blessings to:**

**Jon & Amanda Stevenson (C)** on the birth of a baby girl *Karina Rose*  
*born 11 weeks early, doing well*

**BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS** Connor Davis 9-24; Lukas Mueller 9-25;  
Peggy Rueter, Hayden Chwascinski, Hayden Davis, Andrew  
Chwascinski and Jordan Lawrence 9-28; Sandy Martin, Wesley & Wyatt  
Linder (C) 9-30

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Danny & Darleen Brinkmann and  
Joey & Alexis Barton 9-24

# "APOLOGETICS 101" WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 7, 2023

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Zion Lutheran Church  
Mascoutah

*Do you, or people you know, sometimes have questions about the Christian faith? Apologetics is the effort to provide answers to those questions, and to address the challenges people pose to Christianity. Zion, Mascoutah, will host an Apologetics Workshop on Saturday, October 7, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Topics to be addressed include:*

**"The Who, What, Where, Why, and When of Apologetics"**

**"The Word They Still Shall Let Remain:  
The Reliability of Scripture"**

**"Literature and Apologetics: A Bridge to Conversation"**

**"The Reality of the Resurrection:  
Nothing Else Really Matters"**

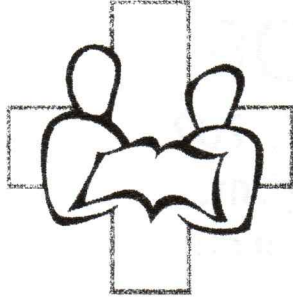
Speakers will be

- DCE Faith Spelbring of Zion, Belleville
- Rev. Joe Cox of Lutheran High School South, St. Louis
- Rev. Dr. Kirk Clayton, of Zion, Mascoutah

All three speakers are fellows of the International Academy of Apologetics, Evangelism, and Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. The registration fee is \$10 for the workshop to cover the cost of lunch, which will be provided. Mark your calendars now to attend this Apologetics Workshop at Zion Mascoutah on Saturday, October 7. To register, please contact Pastor Kirk Clayton at [Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org](mailto:Pastor@ZionMascoutah.org).

***“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,” Colossians 3:16.***

## **Adult Instruction Class**



*Have you or a loved one ever thought of taking the class that would enable you to become a member of St. John's or St. Luke's or Olive Branch? Here's your chance! We will be taking eight weeks on Sunday evenings to go over the main teachings of the Lutheran faith.*

*At the end of the course, those who agree with these teachings will be invited to join via adult Baptism (if never Baptized), or adult Confirmation (if never confirmed), or Adult profession of faith (if previously confirmed in a different Christian denomination).*

### *Details:*

- Meet Sunday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the St. John's Schoolhouse
- Free meal for class participants and their families provided at 5:00 p.m.
- Babysitting with Dawn Mueller provided for the children after the meal while the adults go to class with Pastor Mueller.
- We plan to meet the following Sundays:
  - September 24
  - October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
  - November 5, 12
- Members (such as spouses) invited to attend along with non-members
- Any church member who desires can take the class as a refresher.
- All materials provided at no charge.
- No strings attached; *no one has to join the church.*
- Call or text Pastor Mueller if you are interested (618-314-3972).

*If you would like to help in the preparation and serving of one of these meals, or with babysitting, please contact Pastor or Dawn Mueller.*

**CHRIST OUR ROCK LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL** is celebrating its 20th year and the **Sterling Evening Dinner & Auction** will take place on **Saturday, October 21, 2023**, with the theme, Start Up to Stand Out! Mark your calendar for this event and if you are willing to donate items, please contact Dan Kueper at (618) 226-3315.

**LIFE CHAIN:** Next Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, Washington County Right to Life is sponsoring the Right to Life Chain for one hour from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the intersection of Route 15 and Route 127 in Nashville. This is a reminder for all the cars that pass by that unborn babies are precious in God's sight. There are prayers and songs on the back of the posters that read "Jesus Loves Children," "Stop Abortion," "Adoption Not Abortion," etc. We will meet on the parking lot behind Lee's at 1:45 p.m. Please come.

**LAW & GOSPEL SERIES**... What does St. Paul mean when he writes about "rightly handling the word of truth?" Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, has an in-depth series with Pr. Will Weedon based on "The Proper Distinction Between Law & Gospel" by C.F.W. Walther. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at [issuesetc.org/lawandgospel](http://issuesetc.org/lawandgospel).

**THIS MORNING** we give special recognition to our TSJ staff. They are:

<i>Mrs. Deitt Schneider</i>	<i>Principal</i>
<i>Mrs. Diane Backs</i>	<i>Asst. Principal/Music</i>
<i>Mrs. Laurie Eubanks</i>	<i>Interim Asst. Principal</i>
<i>Rev. David Benning</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Religion</i>
<i>Rev. Tim Mueller</i>	<i>5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Religion</i>
<i>Mrs. Dawn Mueller</i>	<i>Pre-K &amp; 3rd Gr.</i>
<i>Ms. Stacy Vogt</i>	<i>PreK Teacher Aide</i>
<i>Mrs. Janice Lange</i>	<i>Kindergarten/Music</i>
<i>Miss Alexa Zacheis</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Gr.</i>
<i>Mrs. Katherine Lange</i>	<i>2nd Gr./Technology</i>
<i>Mrs. Karen Stein</i>	<i>3rd Gr. Morning</i>
<i>Mrs. Andrea Harre</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Gr./Technology</i>
<i>Mrs. Diane Backs</i>	<i>Music</i>
<i>Mrs. Tabatha Wesseln</i>	<i>5th/6th Gr.</i>
<i>Mrs. Justine Harre</i>	<i>7<sup>th</sup> Gr.</i>
<i>Mrs. Melanie Cooper</i>	<i>8th Gr, A.D.</i>
<i>Ms. Cheryl Zapp</i>	<i>Office Administrator</i>
<i>Mrs. Jean Kuhlengel</i>	<i>Librarian</i>
<i>Mrs. Sharon Kirgan</i>	<i>Cook</i>
<i>Mrs. Mary Kujawa</i>	<i>Janitor</i>
<i>Mr. Curtis Boehne</i>	<i>School Counselor</i>

**ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, BELLEVILLE,** is planning to present "The Messiah" by G. F. Handel for their concert on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. This will include the Christmas portions and the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah." Zion's music ministry invites anyone who would like to join them for this event to come and sing with them. The music from Handel's Messiah is more challenging, so they are beginning earlier with rehearsals. They will have "Messiah Wednesdays" on the first and third Wednesdays during October beginning at 7:00 p.m. During November and December rehearsals will be every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (except November 22<sup>nd</sup>) or after the advent services which would be around 7:30 p.m. All rehearsals will be in the church balcony. This is open to individuals 6<sup>th</sup> grade and older who enjoy singing! If interested, contact Dawn Tayon, Director of Music at Zion, at 314-239-8240.

**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (Eve)**

Saturday, September 23, 2023 + 6:30 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church, New Minden, Illinois

*Lutheran Service Book—Divine Service, Setting Three*

*THE LORD'S SUPPER IS CELEBRATED today at St. John's in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but also His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of St. John's and the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament here, **are asked first to speak with the Pastor.** (See Matthew 5:23ff; 10:32ff; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.)*

*For the proper accounting of souls, we ask all communicants to sign the Communion Register.*

**HYMN:** "Salvation unto Us Has Come" *LSB 555*

*We sing stanzas 1-6.*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION** *LSB 184-185*

**PSALM:** Psalm 27 *spoken responsively* *LSB 27*

**KYRIE** *LSB 186*

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 187-189*

**SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *(Sing:)* **And with thy spir - it.**

P: Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, since we cannot stand before You relying on anything we have done, help us trust in Your abiding grace and live according to Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(Sing:)* **A - men.**



**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

P: <sup>6</sup>“Seek the Lord while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion  
on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

*Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30*

P: <sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened  
to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has  
become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to  
all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most  
of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my  
imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word  
without fear....

I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and  
the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my  
deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I  
will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as  
always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or  
by death. <sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If  
I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet  
which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed  
between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ,  
for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more  
necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that  
I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress

and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup> so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup> engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

P: This is the word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**TRIPLE ALLELUIA** (*Sing:*)

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**HOLY GOSPEL**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C: (*Sing:*) **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

P: <sup>1</sup> [Jesus said,] "For the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup> and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' <sup>5</sup> So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup> They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup> And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup> And when

*Saturday Evening at St. John's, Page 3*

**This Week : Sept 24<sup>th</sup>-Oct 1st, 2023**

Today           8:00 a.m. The Lutheran Hour on KSIV 91.5 FM  
                  12:30 & 5:00 p.m. KFUE  
                  5:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class

Monday         6:30 p.m. GriefShare

Tuesday        10-3:00 p.m. Pastors' Conference at Hoffman  
                  6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday    6:00 p.m. Weekday Religion

Thursday      8:30 a.m. Pastor at CCC

Fri-Sat         Fall Festival

Saturday       9-1:00 p.m. Christ Our Song Lessons in FH  
                  9:00 a.m. LWML SID Fall Retreat at Carlyle  
                  NO Worship at NM

Sunday         8:30 a.m. Worship at St. Luke's  
                  9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
                  9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Class  
                  9:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study on WNSV 104.7  
                  10:00 a.m. LWML Sunday Worship at NM w/HC  
                  10:30 a.m. "Worship Anew" on DIRECT TV 377  
                  and Channel 18 on Cable TV  
                  5:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class