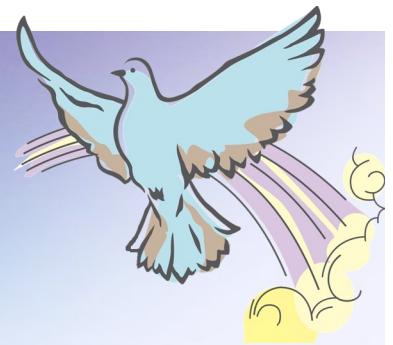


News of Peace



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Christian Symbols

Circle
The circle is a symbol for God, as well as for eternity, due to its lack of a beginning or an end. It also reminds us of how the church year (not unlike the secular calendar) flows from season to season and moves smoothly from Christ the King Sunday (the culmination of the liturgical calendar) to the First Sunday of Advent (a new beginning). Indeed, the One who rules all is the same One whose first and final comings we anticipate anew during Advent.

Dolphin

Because dolphins often swim alongside ships, they've been used to symbolize Christ's presence, guiding people through earthly life and into eternal life. Dolphins have been depicted as the fish that swallowed Jonah, though they're actually mammals. Because Jesus compared his three days inside the tomb to Jonah's three days inside the fish, dolphins also came to symbolize resurrection.



A Brief Summary of the 68th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod July 29-August 3, 2023 at Milwaukee, Wis.



I was privileged to be elected as one of five Missouri District Advisory Delegates (meaning that I could speak at the microphone on issues but not vote) to our International Convention which is held every three years. If you have attended a church convention, you know that they can be boring at times, but are also necessary for the order and governance of our church body. Two voting delegates, one pastor and one layperson, are elected from every Circuit. I rode to Milwaukee and roomed with our Sedalia Circuit Pastoral Delegate, Jerry Smith, from Appleton City. The headcount on Monday morning was 1,495 men and women comprised of: 1,023 Voting Delegates; 160 Advisory Delegates; 162 Advisory Representatives; and 150 Guests.

The Convention began on Saturday afternoon, the 29th, with Delegate Orientation, followed by the opening banquet, and the day ended with the opening Divine Worship Service where the Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was the Preacher. He had been re-elected to his fifth term as Synodical President the month before. On Sunday, as also on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, we had three worship services, with the Convention concluding on Thursday the third at Noon. Each of the six Vice-presidents preached at daily worship services. Each of these six incumbents were re-elected during the Sunday afternoon elections. There were elections held throughout the week for numerous offices and positions. I won't bore you with these nor with the details of the Committee Reports and Resolutions. The Floor Committees assignments dealt with: National Witness, International Witness, Mercy, Life Together, Theology and

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Church Relations, Pastoral Ministry and Seminaries, University Education, Finance, Structure and Administration, Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute Resolution, Church and Culture, and Committee 12 was for Schools, Family, Young Adults, and Youth. (Now you can see why the Convention lasts so long)!

The theme for the convention was “We Preach Christ Crucified,” drawn from First Corinthians 1:18-25. The sermons and worship services were very inspirational, and with 1500 people singing with joyful voices, the hymns and music were so uplifting.

For most everyone in attendance, one of the highlights was the introduction of the Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine, Rev. Serge Machewski. He presented a helmet to President Harrison. The unique thing about this military helmet was that it was originally given to Rev. Machewski by Rev. Harrison. The helmet was now taped together because Rev. Machewski had worn it when he was bombed and it saved his life.



The Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, LCMS president, holds up a helmet presented to him by the Rev. Serge Machewski, bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine. The LCMS purchased the helmet that saved Machewski's life. LCMS Communications/Frank P. Kohn

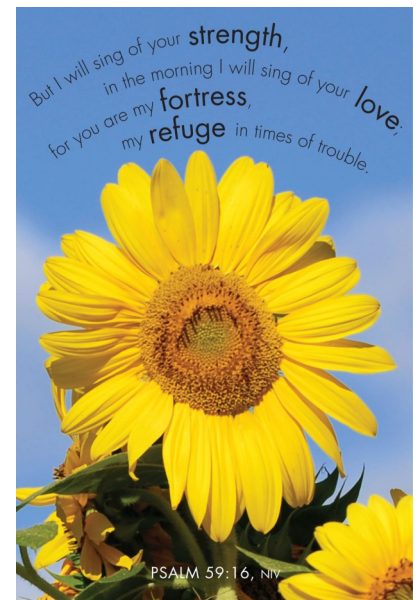
Another memorable occasion was the recognition of the Rev. Dr. Daniel Gard, who retired as a Rear Admiral from the Navy as a Chaplain. I had taken three classes from him when I began my seminary work and he was a professor at Concordia Seminary.

The other nice thing about the Convention was getting to visit with old friends. One couple called my name as I was walking by them. They were members of my Manistee, Michigan congregation (before I was in the ministry). We got to visit twice. I also visited one evening with



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- 2 Mike & Jan Loman
- 3 Robert Hansen
- 6 Fred & Wanda Johnston
- 16 Jan Loman
- 20 Bob & Diane Borgmann
- 24 Vicki Lamb
- 27 Rodney Schulz



Phone Number

Do to unfortunate circumstances we had to change the church's phone number. The **new number** is **573-836-8141**.

Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon.



The Rev. Dr. Daniel L. Gard, retired rear admiral for the Navy and former president of Concordia University Chicago River Forest, IL., is recognized during the 68th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod on Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at the Baird Center in downtown Milwaukee, LCMS Communications/Erik M. Lunsford

Hospitalized?

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, have experienced a death in the family, are home bound, or scheduled to go to the hospital, please call Pastor Brandt (580-421-8108). Please keep in mind that privacy laws also limit the information hospitals can share with us. Both Pastor Anderegg (573-528-4597) and Pastor Brandt are available for any emergency, or any issue you and your loved ones might be having. Remember, our two pastors are here to serve you.



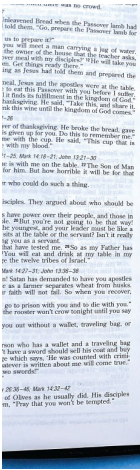
Our Elders: Jeff Hedberg (573-819-4446), Jeff Emery (816-745-0229) and Earl Hartenstein (573-691-7117) will also assist in getting one of the pastors to follow up on any issue, not just hospitalization for you, a loved one or a death in the family.

friends from a congregation in Plant City, FL. On Monday, a dear friend of mine from the Seminary in 1990-92, came down from Appleton, WI. We toured the Harley-Davidson Museum, had lunch there, and then drove over to beautiful Lake Michigan—which I could see from my bedroom window for five years in Manistee. Obviously there were many Oklahoma and Missouri friends there too.

While I ended up bringing home COVID, thanks in part to my roommate receiving it before me, I am grateful to the Lord for allowing me to be a part of such a wonderful and faithful Church Body. Churches throughout the world are allowing the Devil to rule them instead of preaching the Law of our sin and the Gospel of forgiveness through faith in the crucified and risen, Jesus Christ, who brings the sure and certain hope and promise of eternal life to all. If you ever have the opportunity to attend either a District or an International Convention, please do so. It is a faith-filled experience centered on our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns eternally, no matter what happens here on earth. To God be the Glory! Amen!

Pastor Gary Brandt





Athanasian Creed Conclusion Works and Faith, Sheep and Goats

This information is taken from the “Friends Who Like The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod Facebook Page

Encore Post: The legacy of Saint Athanasius is one of standing firm in the face of opposition to the word of God. Throughout his 45 years as Bishop including 17 years in exile, he stood unwaveringly against the errors surrounding him. The **Arian** heresy, denying the divinity of Jesus, and all of the derived and adjacent heresies are still with us. But, we have a firm confession from the Word of God to fall back on in defense of the faith. That is the continuing gift given to us by Athanasius and those of his theological tradition. *“I and the Father are one.”* (John 10:25-30)

Alexandria in Egypt, the bishopric of Athanasius, is no longer a center of Christianity. Augustine of Hippo who owes much to Athanasius, and is a father for us in the western church, presided over a region of North Africa that is no longer a center of Christianity. It’s wise for us to remember but the centers of Christianity Today may not be the centers of Christianity tomorrow.

The concluding remarks of the Athanasian Creed are one that can give us pause. While reinforcing the bodily resurrection, there seems to be an assertion of works righteousness in the creed.

“He will come to judge the living and the dead. At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire.”

We should always hear these words of judgement within the context of Jesus work of Salvation for us. The accounting of our deeds is

not done according to human reason. Just as Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. So, by faith we receive eternal salvation. Let’s consider the sheep and the goats.

The Gospel according to Saint Matthew, chapter 25: *“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats ... Then the righteous [sheep] will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ... Then [the unrighteous goats] also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’”*

Neither the sheep nor the goats can make any sense out of this

accounting. Those who are righteous by faith are ever more aware of their sin and their need for salvation day-by-day. Those who condemn themselves by their sin and persistent unbelief are ever self-justifying and judging themselves to be “good” by their own standard apart from faith. And, Saint Paul gives us this useful nugget.

The epistle to the Ephesians, chapter 2: *”But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 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.”*

The good works are credited to us, sheep. These works themselves are produced by faith, which is a from God, alien to our nature. And, those works are prepared for us beforehand. The works we set out to do may not even be among them. Dear Christians, live in the Word and in the Christian faith. The Spirit produces faith and good works from the Gospel of salvation in Christ Jesus.

Dear Baptized, let us celebrate the faith credited to us as righteousness!
Thanks be to God!
Rev. Jason M. Kaspar

Devotion for September



(Jesus said) “And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’; Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Luke 15:9-10

Norma Welker had already said her earthly goodbyes to her husband. Then, when she was gardening, she lost her wedding ring. She had taken the ring off while she was arranging some cut flowers from her garden. Then, having been interrupted by a phone call, she forgot to put it back on. Only after her trash had been hauled away did she realize the ring’s absence. She searched the compost pile, but there was no ring to be found. Welker tried



to console herself by saying, “It’s just a ring.” But she knew better, and you do too. Eight years passed since Norma lost her ring. This past spring she gave up gardening and had

grass planted where her flower and vegetable seeds had once been sown. After that she settled down and waited for the family gathering, which would mark her 80th birthday. It was a wonderful day, filled with friends and family and memories and the occasional gift. Perhaps the best present of all came from her grandson, Nick. He presented her with a small package ... a package that held her long-lost wedding ring. Nick had found the ring when he was tilling his Grandma’s garden, getting it ready to be sodded. As Scripture (almost) says, “Grandma called her friends and neighbors together and said, ‘Rejoice with me for the ring that I had lost has been found.’” Grandma Welker’s celebration gives each of us an insight into what it’s like in heaven when a sinner repents. So sinners might have salvation is why Jesus came into this world. It is why the Holy Spirit works in our hearts. It is why your church and all its ministries exist. The


question is does your church rejoice like the angels in heaven any time a soul is washed in baptism, every time a child is confirmed, every time a new member is brought in? If not, it’s time. It’s time to rejoice like the angels in heaven for the lost, who, by God’s grace, have been found.



The Prayer: Dear Lord, when a sinner is brought to faith and saved, it is a big deal. So that sinners might be saved is why Your Son sacrificed Himself. May I, and the rest of my church, appreciate, applaud, and welcome every new soul who is brought into our family of faith. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Going to School With Jesus

In *Faith Takes a Name*, Dwight E. Stevenson writes that if we consider ourselves to be disciples of Jesus, then we must remain “learners under the instruction of Christ.” He notes, “Quite literally, a disciple is a pupil, scholar, student or learner. In [Jesus’] world a teacher with his band of disciples was to that culture what schools and universities are to our society. To be a disciple of Jesus is to go to school with him.”



Celebrating 125 years
1898-2023

Immanuel Lutheran Lincoln, MO

The saints of Immanuel Lutheran Church near Lincoln, Missouri wish to extend to the members of Peace a warm invitation to gather with them on Sunday, October 15 at 3 p.m. to give thanks for and celebrate the many blessings that our Lord has faithfully given to His flock at Immanuel for the past 125 years. Chief among these blessings has been the inexpressible gift of His Word and Sacraments, by which this congregation has been gathered, fed and sustained these many years.

Support Schedules

	Elder	Altar Guild
September	Earl Hartenstein	Diane Borgmann
October	Jeff Hedberg	Janet Bartels
November	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann
December	Earl Hartenstein	Dawn Hedberg & Diane Borgmann

Organists

Diana Schwab and Pastor Gary Brandt

Ushers

1st Sunday	Robert & Penny Hansen, Paul Bartels
2nd Sunday	Earl Hartenstein, Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Diane Borgmann, Rodney Schulz
4th Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg, Russell Schulz
5th Sunday	Robert Hansen, Earl Hartenstein, Jeff Hedberg

Counters

1st Sunday	Jeff & Dawn Hedberg
2nd Sunday	Jeff & Paula Emery
3rd Sunday	Brett & Cindy Niebur
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	Pudge McCloud

THANK
YOU

Say Cheese!



Sunday, August 20 was the beginning of taking updated pictures for the church directory.

Every Sunday, after worship, Diane Borgmann and Cindy Niebur will be available at the rear of the sanctuary to take pictures.

We hope to have new pictures of everyone!

Six Fundamental Principles of Natural Law Continued

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Because natural law is observable, it is subject to scientific evaluation and description.

We can recognize that natural law has been scientifically verified and has been repeated by various members of the scientific community.

Research has focused on how people of different ages and cultures make moral decisions. Studies on moral conflicts and dilemmas have garnered interest not only if something is right or wrong, but rather on how they defended their position.

One of the most important observations has been that people from all cultures appeal to the same moral standards in defense of their answers. That is, moral values are essentially the same in all cultures throughout the world.

Remember the words of Romans 2:15 Paul says they “show that the work of the law is written on their hearts.” This means that morality is universal and absolute. Additionally, it has been noted that as people grow and mature, they pass through different stages or levels of moral development:

1. avoiding pain,
2. meeting one’s needs,
3. conformity to “what will people think?”,
4. following the rules (legalism),
5. social contracts, and
6. universal moral standards.

Stage 6 is important here as it is summarized by the golden rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” And it also includes justice and equality before the law.

Jesus describes the highest stage (6) of morality in Matthew 22:35-40 when the lawyer asks Him, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” and He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like it: You shall love your neighbor and yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Jesus’ antagonists were judging Him based on stage four morality – legalism (or following the rules) – no work allowed on the Sabbath. Jesus was following stage six, the law of love, by showing that helping someone in need is a higher moral value than following a superficial interpretation of Mosaic Law.

As for justice and equality, which is the basis for laws adopted by governments, one wishes that the leaders of our time understood these truths as well.

Next Month: Principle 6: *Natural law is attesting to by our conscience.*

Suggestions Needed



At the July Voters’ Meeting it was suggested to utilize the electronic church sign for Christian messages.

We would like to have the members provide messages by placing them in the suggestion box located on the table by the church office. The messages need to be short and to the point so they are readable as people drive by.

If you have any questions, please contact Paula Emery.

Thank you for your continued support of the Pocket Change for Mites. We collected a total of \$14.27 for July and \$25.93 for August. Our next Mites collection will be Sunday, Sept. 3. Bring your mites anytime during the month and place them in the LWML box in the back of the church.



July 10 Minutes

Seven members answered roll call using a Bible verse with the word giving.

Pastor Anderegg led us in a Bible study on the book of Esther.

The May/June treasurer's report was reviewed and approved.

President's Report: Sara stated the Ice Cream Social went well. We had about 16 ladies in attendance. We did an "ice cream trivia," made words from the letters in "Ice Cream" and sang some silly songs like "On Top of My Sundae" to the tune of "On Top of Spaghetti."

Correspondence: none

Mites Reading: Cathie provided the mites reading.

Envelopes were passed around for mites, rally and general fund offering.

Committees:

- No report was given about pop tabs.
- No reports given about Best Choice Labels or Human Care
- Kitchen: Diane told us about a mixture to try on drinking glasses to remove the film that often happens from dishwasher washing.

Old Business:

- We discussed the upcoming July 19 Celebration Cruise. It leaves at 12:30 and we are to be on the boat at noon. Everyone is planning to eat following the boat ride.
- Our August activity is scheduled for August 14 immediately following the meeting and Bible study. We will have a salad lunch and play Bunco. (The game was chosen by the ladies that day that were in attendance.) It was decided to follow a schedule for that day (August 14) of meeting at 9 a. m. for the meeting, 9:30 or 10 a.m. for the Bible Study, 11:30 a.m., we eat lunch and begin Bunco at 12:15 p.m.
- Our September activity that includes the snowbirds in our congregation and new members to the LWML is scheduled for Sept 27. Sara had an outline of stops and asked for feedback.
- There didn't seem to be a consensus on the October Heit's Point getaway. We will revisit this at a later time.

New Business: Cindy and Dawn brought up having a more in depth Bible Study on Queen Esther. It was decided that we needed more time to study the Book of Esther then 30 minutes, once a month, before our LWML meeting. We discussed moving up the start time to 9 a.m., have a one hour meeting and then a longer Bible study after the meeting with whom ever would like to stay. There was discussion, but not a definite decision was made, about having the Bible study from 10 to 12 noon on the same day as the meeting and bringing a sack lunch to eat at 11:30 a.m. during the Bible study.

Join us for a trip through the Mennonite Community, Versailles, on Wed., September 27 leaving the church at 9:30 a.m.

We will tour in Versailles: Rustic Homestead, Bramble Patch Health Food, and Country Road Surplus. In Barnett, Cedar Valley Chimes, LL Brookside Furniture, Dutch Country Store and lunch there, Benny's Hardware, and Pleasant Valley Quilts. Optional time and energy permitting: Cedar Creek Stables Park and Western Store, Martin's Goods and Gifts, Country Lane Cabinets all in Versailles.

Mark Your Calendar!



The LWML fall rally will be held at Trinity Lutheran, Cole Camp on Tuesday, October 24. Registration and hospitality will begin at 8:30 a.m. with the meeting starting at 9:15 a.m.

The theme for the morning will be "The Art of Christian Hospitality, Past and Present" presented by Deaconess Pamela Neilson from St. Louis.

August 14 LWML Minutes

Seven members answered roll call using a Bible verse with the word “grace.”

Minutes from the July 10, 2023 meeting were approved.

Treasurer’s report from July 2023 was reviewed and accepted. Susan also reported that she had not been making payments for “Portals of Prayer” and she would check with Peggy about continuing to purchase this periodical for the congregation.

President’s report: Sara reported that the Celebration Cruise was enjoyed by all.

No correspondence this month

Cathie shared a beautiful story illustrating our relationship to God as our Father and we are his children in lieu of a Mites Reading.

Collections were taken for mites, rally and general fund offering.

No Committee reports were offered.

Old Business:

- Sara stated that she wanted to discuss and vote on a change in the Bible study we do as part of our meetings. Pastor will continue to lead a one-hour Bible study on meeting dates, and on the 3rd Tuesday meet more informally to discuss and take turns providing a snack.
- A possible agenda for our trip to the Mennonite area was presented. Sara will put a signup sheet in the Narthex for those interested in attending.

New Business:

- Sara will contact Debbie to see about getting started making

- Christmas Story booklets from old Christmas cards.
- Sara suggested we do a gathering for Ronald McDonald House, or food items for seminary students. Assisting seminary students had the most interest and Sara will investigate that.
- Fall Rally is October 24, 2023, Sara will find out what the gathering will be and let members know so summer members can be a part of this effort.
- At our September meeting we will discuss attending the “Esther” production in Branson at the Sight and Sound Theater, possibly in October.

It was noted that nomination for LWML officers will be in at the October meeting and elections will take place in November.

Butter Pecan Cake Brownies

Bottom Layer:

- 1 (18 ounce) box butter pecan cake mix
- 1/2 cup melted butter (1 stick)
- 1 large egg

Topping:

- 1 (1 lb.) box confectioners sugar (3 1/2 cups)
- 1/2 cup melted butter (1 stick)
- 2 large eggs
- 1 (8 ounce) package cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup pecans

Directions:

Preheat oven to 300 degrees Mix first three ingredients and press into a 9 x 13 inch pan. Mix confectioners sugar, melted butter, eggs and cream cheese together, pour on bottom layer. Sprinkle with pecan chips. Bake for 75 minutes or until cake tests done. Cut into bars when cool.



Who, Me? Yes, You!

The Bible is filled with people who don't feel up to the challenge of serving God, speaking for God or leading his people. But God always knows what he's doing. Pastor Haviland Houston issues this challenge: "When you are hesitant to act, or feel a failure of nerve coming on, when courage lags, or even if laziness and the 'I don't care' blues get you down, may the words of Mordecai to Esther burn in your hearts and minds: 'And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?'" (See Esther 4:14.)

Max Lucado offers a similar reminder in *You Were Made for This Moment*. "God always has his person," he writes, also citing the book of Esther. "When we feel as though everything is falling apart, God is working in our midst, causing everything to fall into place. He is the King of quiet providence, and he invites you and me to partner with him in his work."

Lucado continues: "[God] has a Joseph for every famine and a David for every Goliath. When his people need rescuing, God calls a Rahab into service. When a baby Moses needs a mama, God prompts an Egyptian princess to have compassion. He always has his person. He had someone in the story of Esther. And in your story he has you."

From ChurchArtPro



Every One His Witness

We All Need the Church

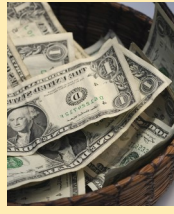
The Church is the steward of Word and Sacrament—the Means of Grace. *"The Holy Spirit causes our sanctification by the following: the communion of saints, or the Christian Church, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. That means He leads us first into His holy congregation and places us in the bosom of the Church. Through the Church He preaches to us and brings us to Christ."* (Large Catechism, Part II, Article III, paragraph 37)

The Christian life is a life of community, not a "Jesus and me" experience. Over and over, the Bible speaks of believers as a collective. Terms like priesthood, body, building (of living stones), and city picture us as joined together in Christ.

Many instances of the word you that people think are references to themselves as individuals are actually the plural form of you in the Bible's original languages. It's clear from God's Word that we are meant to be in fellowship with other believers. Hebrews 10:24-25 sums it up well: **"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day is drawing near."**

We need the Church, and "meeting together" is so important for us because Christ had made the Church His Bride and entrusted her with His gifts. The Church is where He has promised to meet us in Word and Sacrament to bring forgiveness, life, and salvation.

This is what's behind Cyprian's statement that "He can no longer have God for his Father, who has not the Church for his mother." by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry



Stewardship

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:



What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC 1)

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.

– reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

WORSHIP



SCHEDULES

August 8, 2023 Council Minutes

Vice President Brock Kliewer called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Pastor Anderegg opened with prayer.

The following board members were present: **Pastors** Pastor Anderegg, **Vice President** Brock Kliewer, **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Sec.** Susan Kral, **Board of Elders** Jeff Hedberg, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg

Absent: **Pastor** Gary Brandt, **Pres.** Bob Hansen, **Education** Sara Anderegg, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Member at Large** Paula Emery, and **Trustees** Chuck Kral

The minutes from the July 11, 2023 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett submitted his report. He stated that last month's offerings were \$12,000 behind this time last year. This month has shown improvement. The offerings are \$9600.00 behind last year's. Pudge has volunteered to count offerings once a month. We could use more volunteers to count. His report was accepted and approved.

Treasurer: Peg reported the following:

- Our staff appreciates the new refrigerator for the office.
- The Chamber of Commerce membership has been renewed.
- The 2022 audit of treasurer records was completed by Paul Bartels, Jeff Emery, and Peg.
- Tax documents and mileage have still not been received from Mic Carlson.
- The second computer has been moved to the quiet room in the sanctuary for convenience.
- Mission flyers have been given to Dawn Hedberg for consideration.
- Peg will add worship times to the church voicemail. Pastor Anderegg receives text messages from our voicemail.
- Sheryl Bald has been removed from the alarm contact system. LaVern (Pudge) McCloud has been put on the system.
- Peg will order flowers for the October 29 confirmation of Lilyan and Tristan.

Her report was accepted and approved.

Sunday Worship* 9:00 am
Bible Class/Sun. School 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening Services:

- Ash Wednesday 6:00 pm
- During Lent 6:00 pm
- During Advent 6:00 pm

Holy Week

- Maundy Thursday* 6:00 pm
- Good Friday Service 6:00 pm
- Easter Sunday* 9:00 am

Thanksgiving Eve

Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve

Evening Service 6:00 pm

**Holy Communion*

The Lord's Servants at Peace

- **Elders—Monday before Council Meeting** 9:30 am
Chairman: Jeff Hedberg, Jeff Emery, Earl Hartenstein
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month** 6:30 pm
 - ◆ **President:** Bob Hansen
 - ◆ **Vice President:** Brock Kliewer
 - ◆ **Secretary:** Susan Kral
 - ◆ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
 - ◆ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz
- **Education:** Sara Anderegg
- **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab
- **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov.** 9:30 am
President: Sara Anderegg
Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg
Bible Studies As announced
- *Elected Offices*

Elders: Jeff reported the following:

- The elders met on August 7.
- It was decided that Lutheran Study Bibles will be given to all new confirmands.
- Anonymous donors have offered to purchase a new communion chalice.
- The council will formalize plans for dealing with emergencies.
- There was a discussion regarding the purchase of postcards to be sent to visitors. One side would have a photo of our church. The back side would have a message thanking them for visiting. We can purchase 200 for \$80.99.

Jeff's report was accepted and approved.

Trustees: Chuck submitted a written report.

- Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery have performed mowing chores.
- There are many branches lying on our property. Chuck will set a cleanup date asking for volunteers to help with cleaning our property sometime in September.

The report was accepted and approved.

Education: There was no report.

Evangelism: Russell submitted a written report:

- 123 outreach cards were sent in July. The cost was \$109.47.
- At the request of Jeff Emery, he posted a picture of a motorcycle in front of our church with a caption saying, "Motorcyclists are welcome at Peace Lutheran Church." There were many positive responses.
- He submitted newsletter articles.
- He submitted evangelism bills.
- The church received information regarding its participation in the annual Hillbilly Fair parade in Laurie. Susan Kral has applications if anyone is interested.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: There was no report.

Member at Large: There was no report.

Cemetery: Diane had no report.

Pastors' Reports:

Pastor Anderegg reported the following:

- Confirmation classes for Lilyan and Tristan continue.
- He is helping the committee that is producing new directories. The new binders will be white. Members may contribute to the cost of the binders.

- The McClean production of "Genesis" is available on YouTube. He recommends that members watch it.

Pastor Brandt reported the following by email.

He enjoyed attending the LCMS Convention in Milwaukee. He has not enjoyed having Covid. His Covid test taken on Friday, August 4 was negative. He hopes that no one else has been infected. He sends blessings to all.

Both Pastors reports were accepted and approved.

President's Reports:

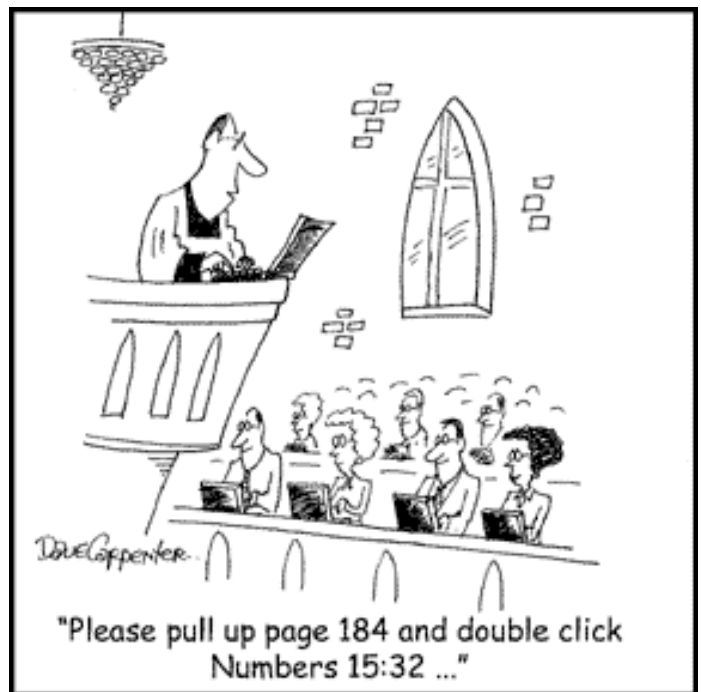
Continuing Business: There was none.

New Business: There was none.

Jeff Hedberg moved to adjourn at 7:20!

Pastor Anderegg closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral Secretary



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Mites Collection	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m. National Grand- parents Day	11 Elders Mtg 9:30 a.m. LWML Mtg. 9:30 a.m. Roll call work Patriot Day	12 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Pr. Anderegg Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	18 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23 First Day of Autumn
24 Worship 9 am Pr. Brandt Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	25	26	27 Peace ladies tour the Mennonite Community	28	29	30



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