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The Messenger

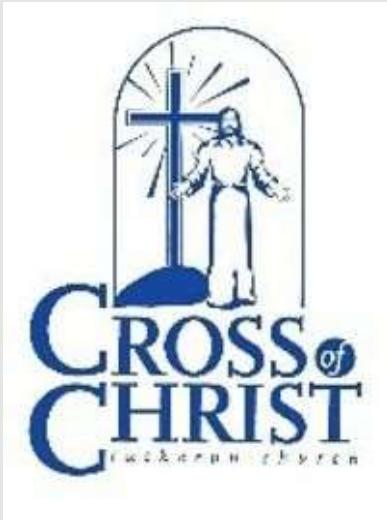
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Wed. 4:00 pm: at The Gardens

Wed. 6:30 pm: at White Cliffs

Worship at White Cliffs every

Fourth Sunday: 1:30 pm

Communion

First and third Sundays and
Wednesdays of each month.

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday: 1:00 pm & 2:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

Message from the Pastor

GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT

Sam had it all figured out. To surprise his wife for their 20th anniversary, he planned a special trip to the Grand Canyon.

Four days of hiking, horse-back riding, fishing, and camping. No phones, no kids, no hectic activity. He picked up his wife and talked her into taking a nap while he drove to their 'getaway'. He told her to be ready for a big surprise.



Amy woke up when they arrived, took one look around—and started crying (and not the good kind). Amy had her heart set on a cruise (which she had strongly hinted at in the previous weeks). She wanted pampering, relaxing and being served. She went to sleep with dreams of gourmet dinners, ocean strolls and massages from a 200 lb. Swedish masseuse named Helga. She woke up to chuck-wagon beans, dusty trails and a 300 lb. mule named Gus. Sam had it all figured out alright—except what was most important! Sam planned the perfect vacation for him, but he never considered what Amy might want.



How similar that is in so many ways to our relationship with God. We think we've got it all figured out, but often we haven't really noticed, appreciated or sought the things God wants for us and from us. Take our world for example.

We understand how our world functions. We corral diseases and transplant hearts. We master the oceans and send probes to space. We map DNA and code nuclei. We study systems and learn how they work. We've got it all figured out.

Then God says, "**Who then is like Me? Let him declare it. I am the Lord and there is no other. I form the light and create the darkness. I will strengthen you so that men may know there is none beside Me.**"
Is. 45:5-7 We disappoint the Lord when we see only what

we want to see and not what He has in mind for us. He wants us to marvel at His creation and praise Him with thankful hearts for all He has done for us. Instead, we pat ourselves on the back and credit our discoveries to ourselves. No wonder there is no wonder.

We have discovered so much that we forget the One who set nature in its place in the first place. And, this loss of mystery had led to the loss of majesty. The more we know, the less we believe. Strange, don't you think? Knowledge of the workings shouldn't negate wonder of the Creator. Knowledge should stir wonder. Who has more reason to worship than the astronomer who has seen the stars? Than the surgeon who has held a beating heart? Than the molecular biologist who has seen the chromosome? Than the proud parents of a newborn? The more we know, the more we should be amazed!

Ironically, the more we know, the less we worship. We are more impressed with our discovery of the light bulb than with the One who made light. Rather than worship the Creator, we worship the creation. This was true already in St. Paul's day when he wrote (by God's direction) "**For although they knew God [from conscience and creation], they neither glorified Him as God, nor gave thanks to Him... They exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped created things rather than the Creator.**" Rom. 1:21, 25

I invite you to gather with us any—preferably every—Sunday to worship the Creator. Certainly, you can marvel at the Lord's sunrise from your porch, but you can hear God's own Word at church. Instead of admiring God's handiwork, you can receive his personal assurance at Communion. You can hear Pastor proclaim the wonderful words '**Friend, your sins are forgiven you**'. Jesus solved the mystery of sin—He paid our penalty. For us.



Share the wonder with us! Do it this week. Experience the majesty of God close up. God's got it all figured out!

**Every weakness you have is an opportunity
for God to show
His strength in your life.**

*My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in
weakness.*

2 Corinthians 12:9

Something to Think About

When I was in high school, a friend of mine was driving a number of his classmates along a country road to a school-sponsored event. At one point, he reached over to the radio to change the station. As he reached over, he accidentally turned the steering wheel so quickly and sharply that the car swerved off the road, rolled over three times, and landed upside down in the bottom of a ditch. Remarkably, everyone was okay. My friend didn't break any laws by trying to change the radio station. It's a good thing to listen to the radio—except when it gets in the way of safe driving.

There are plenty of good things on which we might focus our attention—our families and friends, our jobs, our hobbies. God brings abundant joy into our lives through



a wide variety of means, and it's good to focus on them—except when we give more attention to them than we do to Jesus.

When Jesus calls individuals to “Follow me,” he isn't suggesting that he is one of many good things in this world to which we might pay attention. He is expecting to be our highest priority. Why?

Because only Jesus keeps us safe for eternity. Because our family, friends, jobs, and hobbies are all gifts from him. Because, when we realize how inattentive we have been to his Word and will, Jesus always treats us with grace. Because, when we look at the cross of Jesus, we see that his greatest priority will always be to love us.

Pastor Mark Reid

BIBLE CAMP was blessed with 94 campers and 31 staff. We all had a great time and grew in our faith. A new camper wrote this on his evaluation: ‘This was the best 7 days of my life’. Thank you Lord!



A NEW SERMON SERIES BEGAN ON JUNE 30. We'll look at people from the Old Testament who listened to what God had to say to them—and did as He directed. The title of the series is Walk the Walk; Talk the Talk—with God. Each of these people had their flaws (sins) but each turned to the Lord in faith and followed Him. We will learn much from them.

8/4: Joshua	8/18: Samson	9/1: Esther
8/11: Jacob	8/25: Jonah	9/8: Rahab

BIBLE BASICS CLASS is on Wednesdays at 2:30. Pastor helps you to understand and appreciate the Bible in a way that you have not experienced before. This Class is designed to get you into a closer relationship with Jesus, and to be familiar and comfortable with the Bible and its teachings. Tell Pastor if you are interested.

– HUMOR –

White Hair

One day, a little girl is sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly notices that her mother has several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast to her brunette hair. She looks at her mother and inquisitively asks: “Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?”

Her mother replied: “Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white.”

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then asked: “Mumma, how come all of grandma’s hairs are white?”

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WHY DON'T YOU STOP WONDERING WHAT'S
WRONG WITH THE WORLD AND READ THE
MANUAL

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The Preacher and His Horse

A circuit-riding preacher trained his horse to go when he said, “Praise the Lord,” and to stop when he said, “Amen.” The preacher mounted the horse, said “Praise the Lord,” and went for a ride in the nearby mountains.

When he wanted to stop for lunch by a mountain stream, he said, “Amen.”

He took off again, saying “Praise the Lord.”

The horse started heading toward the edge of a cliff on a narrow mountain trail. The preacher got excited and said, “Whoa!” Then he remembered and said, “Amen,” and the horse stopped just short of the edge.

The preacher was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said, “Praise the Lord!”





**AUGUST
FELLOWSHIP
MEALS SCHEDULE**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>HOST(S)</u>
4 th	ITALIAN	Gene & Shari Bishop
11 th	SLOPPY JOES	Danna & Marybeth Woods
18 th	BREAKFAST	Mark & Rhonda Hutchins
25 th	INTERNATIONAL	Christine & Peggy

We are always in need of the following items for our Sunday morning meals:

- Lg. & small dinner plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert plates (heavyweight paper)
- Dessert/Soup bowls (heavyweight paper)
- Forks, knives & spoons (heavyweight/plastic)
- Coffee (regular & decaf)
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Rolls of paper towels

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Providing a dish to share at the Sunday meal or kitchen supplies & food items are greatly appreciated.



**AUGUST USHERS**

Michael Coffin  
Gene Bishop  
Mark McCoy  
Tim Woods

Dog Days of Summer



**JULY**

| <u>Worship Attendance</u> | <u>Fellowship Meal Attendance</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 7 & 10                    | 4 & 7                             |
| 14 & 17                   | 14                                |
| 21 & 24                   | 21                                |
| 28 & 31                   | 28                                |
| 94                        | 74                                |
| 94                        | 34                                |
| 76                        | 22                                |
| 85                        | 26                                |



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Gel Brotsch      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Brandon Moore    |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Kerk Nessa       |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Syd Huxtable     |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Amy Maczuga      |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Carmen Militello |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Bette Bobzien    |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Leena Meza       |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | Tammera Palmer   |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | Pamela Hottel    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | David Jenkins    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Judy Leicht      |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> | Shawn Nelson     |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Leo Galvan       |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> | Peggy Ramey      |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> | Tim Woods        |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | Rolland Hanks    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Christine Hanson |



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Tim & Linda Mangelsdorf |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Jeff & Pamela Hottel    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | Tim & Danna Woods       |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | Allen & Jackie Carlson  |



The Ladies Circle's first meeting of the new 2019 - 2020 year!

When: Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am  
Where: Education Building  
Theme: The Virtues of a Proverbs 31 Woman  
(Grace Filled, Purposeful Living)

***Note: Our monthly meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month at 9:30 am in the Education Bldg. from Sept. through May.***

The Ladies Circle is a "Missions" driven organization.  
Our goal is to aid in the WELS supported missions throughout the world.

## **FUTURE ACTIVITY**

**BOOK FAIR** starting on Sunday, 9/15 through Sunday, 9/29.  
We will be ordering the material from Northwestern Publishing House.



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| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Mon | Tue                                   | Wed                                     | Thu                 | Fri | Sat |
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|  <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">           First Aid training coming soon.<br/>           Details to follow.         </div> |     |                                       |                                         | 1                   | 2   | 3   |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |                                       |                                         | 1:30 pm Bible Class |     |     |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 5   | 6                                     | 7                                       | 8                   | 9   | 10  |
| 9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |     | 8:00 am Work Day                      | 1:00 pm Bible Class                     | 1:30 pm Bible Class |     |     |
| 10:00 am Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     | 11:00 am Bible Class                  | 2:30 pm Bible Class                     |                     |     |     |
| 11:15 am Fellowship Meal                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |     |                                       | 4:00 pm Worship Service at the Gardens  |                     |     |     |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |     | 6:00 pm ELDERS MTG                    | 6:30 pm Worship Service at White Cliffs |                     |     |     |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12  | 13                                    | 14                                      | 15                  | 16  | 17  |
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| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 19  | 20                                    | 21                                      | 22                  | 23  | 24  |
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| 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 26  | 27                                    | 28                                      | 29                  | 30  | 31  |
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