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Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

Call Process

The Call Committee has been formed and voted in at the congregational meeting on October 20th. Congratulations, another big step has been achieved in the work towards calling a new pastor. This committee will be meeting with Pastor Jennifer Arnold, Assistant to the Bishop of the Greater Milwaukee Synod (GMS), to prepare for the process of interviewing candidates. It will likely take a few weeks to get organized, which includes coming up with interview questions, reviewing the MET report, and then doing a practice interview with a neighboring pastor to get the “bugs” out of the process. The Bishop and staff will provide at least three names of candidates to consider. All of them will be interviewed by the committee. As they are led by the Holy Spirit they will either identify one candidate to move forward with another interview or if none seems like a good fit, they will dismiss all of them and begin again. Talk with me, Carol White, or Roland Broberg, the chair of the Call Committee if you would like more details about this process. Most of all, please continue in prayer for the congregation, Call Committee, and candidates who will prayerfully consider this call.

November Life

There are many things I enjoy about November. The outside air tends to be crisp and the smell of leaves brings back memories of raking with my Dad in our big yard. Raking seemed much more fun when I was a kid. Go figure. November is also an important time in the church. All Saint's Sunday is a time to remember the saints who have died in the past year and to celebrate those who have been baptized. I'll be doing a bible study during the adult forum on November 3rd using the focus of our Stewardship Campaign “A Wealth of Generosity” from 2 Corinthians 7:16 – 8:7. On November 17th we have our Commitment Sunday to make our pledge of support to God's mission through Christ the King. We are blessed to have former Interim Pastor Gary Johnson as our special guest preacher for the day. A brunch will follow our celebration worship. November 10th will include a special presentation and lunch in honor of Veteran's Day. Roland Broberg will be sharing highlights from his visit to France and Normandy to mark the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

Christ the King Sunday comes at the end of the month, November 24th. We are very pleased to have the leadership of Rick and Bunny Kunstmann once more to direct our annual community Thanksgiving meal on Wednesday November 27th. Your help will be needed to make this event as successful as it has been in the past.

Thank you for your continued welcome and support during this transition period. You have made me feel very much at home.

In Christ,
Pastor Jim Holmberg

A message from Bishop Erickson

Dear friends in Christ;

This year, on October 31, we will mark the 20th anniversary of the signing of the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification. Since the original signing between the Roman Catholic Church and the Lutheran World Federation, the statement has been joined by the Anglican, Methodist, and Reformed traditions. (Additional information can be found at: <https://www.lutheranworld.org/jddj>.) This Thursday, I will participate in an ecumenical prayer service at the offices of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 12:00 noon to commemorate this occasion and to sign a joint letter, the text of which is printed below. I invite your prayers and encourage all of us to find ways to build bridges of understanding and reconciliation as partners in God's mission.

As local leaders of the traditions that have signed on to the Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification (JDDJ), we acknowledge with joy the progress made in the 20 years since it was first signed on October 31, 1999. We call upon our congregations to recognize the 20th anniversary of this declaration, finding ways to acknowledge and celebrate this commitment in their local contexts, building bridges of understanding and collaboration and giving witness to the truth that what unites us is stronger than that which divides us.

In a broken, divided and contentious world, we are drawn by a common urgency to present the message of God's liberating grace and hope for this world. We are convinced of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to transform us and the world and we are committed to witness more effectively together to the salvation given to us in Christ (Romans 1:16). We believe that the Holy Spirit has brought us together following our agreement on the doctrine of justification, expressed in the JDDJ which states that: "Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ's saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works" (para.15). This Trinitarian approach is important for us in understanding justification and sanctification fully.

Our communions are witnesses that through JDDJ we are overcoming centuries-old controversies. There are now five world communions that adhere jointly to the JDDJ. And we rejoice in the fresh and new ways in which our five communions can with vigor, trust and confidence work in realizing a deeper communion towards the full visible unity of the Church and to make manifest the growth in communion which we have already experienced.

Our churches face similar challenges in communicating the meaning of justification to today's society in ways in which meet the experiences and needs of the world. We are gripped with the imperative of proclaiming the good news of salvation, through compassion and working for justice.

We will work to make more visible our common witness, in worship and service, on our journey together towards visible unity, walking together, praying together and working together, striving to bear witness to the uniting power of God's love made known in Jesus Christ.

Thanks,
Paul

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Upcoming Events

- Nov 3-10 Family Promise Week
- Nov 10 Veterans Day Recognition
- Nov 11 Monday Maven's Craft Night
- Nov 12 Book Club
- Nov 17 Stewardship Sunday
Guest Pastor Gary Johnson
- Nov 17 AGC Parents Night Out
Fund raiser
- Nov 19 Women's Bible Study
- Nov 27 Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov 28 Thanksgiving Day
- Dec 1 Preparing for Advent &
Gingerbread House Event
- Dec 9 Women's Christmas Gathering
- Dec 15 Sunday School Christmas
Program
- Dec 22 Lessons and Carols Christmas
Concert
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services
3:00 pm & 8:00 pm



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Ongoing Meetings

- Mon Boy Scouts
- Mon Al-anon Meeting (Room 105)
- Tue Women's Bible Study
- Tue Serenity Inn Dinners Monthly
- Wed Sanctaury Choir
- Wed Bell Choir
- Wed Discipleship Training
- Thur Lake Country Quilters
- Thur Garden Advisory Committee
(Monthly)
- Fri Men's Bible Study
Perkins at 6:00 a.m.
- Sat Bible Study (BBB)
Boys Breakfast Bible Study
(1st and 3rd Saturdays at
CTK with breakfast)

