

News of Peace



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Christian Symbols



Wheat

Wheat is used to represent the bread (the body of Christ) in Holy Communion. "I am the bread of life" (John 6:48).

In the parable of the wheat and the weeds (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus uses wheat to represent believers, while weeds, or tares, represent unbelievers.

Cornucopia



Cornucopia, a Greek word meaning "horn of plenty," has origins in Greek mythology. But the cornucopia became a religious symbol and was even stamped on Jewish coins. Overflowing horns, now common as Thanksgiving centerpieces, came to symbolize abundance and blessings.

Thanksgiving in the United States

More than four hundred years ago, the Puritan settlers of Massachusetts had much to be thankful for. They had survived a severe first winter which had killed most of the first settlers of their colony. They were befriended by the neighboring Wampanoag tribe, who fed them, taught them how to hunt, fish and plant successfully in their new home and with whom they made a treaty to defend them against their enemies. The treaty was honored by both sides for a generation, which allowed the colony to establish itself, grow and thrive.

To thank God for these blessings, they invited their new friends to a feast. It was the first of many such feasts of thanksgiving, which Puritans would have after any great blessing. Other colonies in the United States would periodically celebrate days of thanksgiving, particularly at harvest time in October and November. The first nationwide day of thanksgiving was declared by George Washington on November 26, 1789 to thank God for establishing and blessing the new nation. The date of thanksgiving celebrations varied from state to state, when in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln fixed the national day of thanksgiving on the last Sunday of November. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt experimented with moving the date to the second last Thursday in November. In 1941, he signed legislation which fixed the date of Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday in November.

Today Thanksgiving is increasingly a family event, where families gather from across the country to eat a big dinner together, watch football games on TV and go shopping for Christmas gifts the Friday following, known as Black Friday, when many American businesses show



"We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks; your name is near. People tell of your wondrous deeds."

Psalm 75:1, NRSV



November

- 2 Debbie Mayes
- 8 Joe Stauch
- 9 Jim Janssen
- 10 Joe & Vicki Stauch
- 13 Linda Schaumburg
- 14 Cathie Mueller
- 20 Dale Montague
- 20 Tim & Cindy Kaminski
- 22 Lilyan Lewis



Turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night November 2 before going to bed.

Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 8 a.m. to noon. Phone number is 573-836-8141. Secretary Pudge McCloud

a profit for the first time. It is the unofficial day that the Christmas season begins in the United States.

Many Americans have completely lost track of the purpose of the day to thank God for his blessings. Christian churches, however, still conduct services of thanksgiving on Wednesday and Thursday. We remember the source of our blessings and ones most Americans do not remember — that our Lord Jesus took our sins upon himself, bore them to the cross where he suffered and died to pay their price, rose again to break the seal of the



grave forever and in Holy Baptism, made us his own. Now at the end of our days or the end of all days, he will return to bring us home to live with him forever. Then at his return, the Great Day of Thanksgiving will begin, when he brings an end to sin and death forever, casts Satan and his forces into hell forever, raise us from our graves, transform us to be like him and live with us forever. So, give thanks to the Lord, for he is good and his mercy endures forever and ever.

Rev. Robert E. Smith, Emeritus
Concordia Seminary
Fort Wayne, Indiana



Worship is a faith-building, faith-sustaining act. It's also a form of service to God. Remember to worship regularly during the summer, even when you're out of town.

- "Worship is like corrective lenses for our souls, bringing God clearer into view. That's important for all of us, especially when life goes off the rails."

—Louie Giglio



Join us on Saturday,
November 30, 9 a.m.
as we decorate the
church for Christmas!



Join us
for our
**Thanksgiving
Eve Service**
Wednesday
November 27
6 p.m.

Time for a Pop Quiz!

Tests don't end once you finish school. Churchgoers of all ages can regularly conduct these quick assessments:

- **The worship test:** Do I faithfully attend worship services and Bible studies?
- **The weather test:** Am I a "fair weather" Christian? Do conditions that wouldn't keep me from work keep me from church?
- **The work test:** Am I willing to put my talents to use for my church? Can the congregation count on me to help however possible, or am I too busy elsewhere?
- **The wallet test:** Do I regularly contribute or tithe? Am I giving my "first fruits" to God so the church can conduct his work?



"Thankfulness is a
soil in which pride
does not easily
grow."
Michael Ramsey

Free for the Taking



Peace has two resource racks located near the restrooms. The first rack provides "What about?" pamphlets. These pamphlets address a variety of doctrinal topics to help Christians grow in their understanding of these important questions.

Some of the topics we have available are

- The Bible
- Homosexuality
- Pastors
- Abortion

There are 27 pamphlets total. More pamphlets are listed on the LCMS website and are available for printing. These are excellent resources.

The second rack provides a variety of Lutheran brochures and devotionals.



Missouri District

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 27, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord of the Church!

One of the key tenets of Lutheran theology is that individual Christians are citizens of two kingdoms, the “right-hand kingdom” of the Church and the “left-hand kingdom” of the state. God works through both kingdoms, though in very different ways, to preserve and protect life (left-hand kingdom institutions and laws) and to bestow the gift of eternal life in Christ (right-hand kingdom means of grace). Christians are called to live and serve within *both* kingdoms. In the Table of Duties in the Small Catechism, Dr. Luther reminds Christians of their obligations to the state by quoting from the Scriptures (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:5-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-3; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14). Christians should not retreat from civic involvement. Instead, we should see that part of our calling from God as citizens is to engage in the processes of government and politics. We can fulfill this calling by educating ourselves on issues and participating in elections at the national, state, and local levels.

At the same time, we are mindful of Paul’s encouragement in 1 Timothy 2:1-3 to pray for all those in authority. We, as LCMS Christians, should be active in the “left-hand kingdom” of civil government, while producing the fruit of the Spirit as we do so (Galatians 5:22-23). We are not afraid to be involved, but we strive to avoid adding to the divisive rhetoric that is so common in our current political climate. An election year is a good time to remember this, and I want to take this opportunity to provide you with some resources as you exercise your calling as a citizen and encourage members of your congregation to do the same in the coming months.

I also want to address a particular piece of legislation that will be on the ballot at the upcoming election: Amendment 3, a proposed amendment to the State of Missouri’s constitution. The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and her congregations have consistently spoken out on issues related to the sanctity of life. I am reminded of the words from Proverbs 31:8-9 to “Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.” Over the years, our church body has adopted many official resolutions related to the topic of the sanctity of life. The LCMS holds that “The Bible clearly states that the child in a mother’s womb is a living human being (Jer. 1:5; Ps. 139:16; Is. 49:1, 5; Luke 1:41, 44)” and that “with one voice the LCMS in convention denounce any legislation or action that supports or funds abortions” (2010 Resolution 6-02A).

Please help fellow members of our Missouri District congregations to become aware of the ramifications of the potential adoption of Amendment 3. It would not just legalize abortion, but it would be an amendment to the Missouri constitution that essentially guarantees abortion under almost any circumstances with no meaningful caveats. The amendment would mandate abortion

access through all nine months of pregnancy, including the right to what are commonly called “late-term abortions.” It also would guarantee the “right” to an abortion — even among minors and without parental consent. Beyond this, the measure would repeal all relevant existing protections for women and children and prevent future ones from being put into place. It would also give public approval (and perhaps government funding) to abortions statewide for any reason at all.

Pastors and church leaders are strongly encouraged to educate members about Amendment 3 and how it relates to the clear, Scriptural position of the LCMS on the sanctity of life. The Missouri District will provide a bulletin insert that will help people to understand the ramifications of Amendment 3. Links to other resources regarding the LCMS position on the sanctity of life, the actual amendment language, and other related resources can be found at <https://mo.lcms.org/a-letter-from-president-hagan/>.

Finally, please pray for the upcoming elections from the local to the national level. Our hope is that members of Missouri District congregations, and all Missouri voters, will be informed and exercise their rights as citizens to “speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.” We also pray that the Church would be active in demonstrating Christ’s love and mercy to our neighbors in need, especially in caring for children and their mothers both before and after birth.

May God bless and guide your congregation and her leaders as you fulfill your vocations as citizens and speak up for life.

In Christ’s service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "R. Lee Hagan". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rev. Dr. R. Lee Hagan

President

Missouri District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Devotion for November



The Fool

The fool says
in his heart,
"There is no God."

Psalm 14:1



We often think that denying God is a recent invention. It isn't. Back in the 1800s, the most famous atheist was a fellow by the name of Robert G. Ingersoll. So strong was his doubting of the Lord's grace that he took his show on the road, making speeches in large towns and small.

One time, Ingersoll took out his watch and said, "I'll give God a chance to prove that He exists. I challenge Him to strike me dead within 15 minutes!"

Those who were there said: at first there was silence. It was so silent people in the back rows could hear that watch tick. The silence was soon replaced by

Some folks left the lecture hall; one woman fainted. At the end of the 15 minutes, Ingersoll proudly said, "I am still here. My proof is solid: there is no God!"

That's when a Christian lady stood up and said, "But sir, you haven't proven that there is no God. All you've done is proved that God isn't taking orders from atheists tonight." Knowing that he had been bested, Ingersoll never used that illustration again.

Did that story make you smile? It most certainly brings about that reaction from me. When I think upon the courage of that lady as she took her stand, I smile -- and I smile a second time when I realize that once again God allowed a David to bring down a Goliath.

Sadly, in every generation there are many Christians who believe that the world is smarter than they are, may even be "righter" than they. Well, some unbelievers may be smarter than some of us, but we have something they don't have: we have the Lord's story of salvation.

We have God's truth which speaks of His Son coming to

earth so He might pay the ransom price for our salvation. The fool may not like that story which tells of Jesus' wonderful sacrifice and our redemption.

Indeed, like Ingersoll, he may continue to believe there is no God; it is his right. But the day will come that he will find the Lord remains in the driver's seat.

To warn unbelievers that Jesus Christ can save them from a most unpleasant day -- that is the message which we are privileged to share. It is our joy to let a lost and sinful world know the Triune God remains in control.

Let Us Pray: Dear Lord, the world wishes to deny You and intimidate us. May we recognize that when all is said and done, You remain in control. For having sent Your Son to defeat sin, death and devil, for allowing Him to save me, I give thanks. Grant me the gift to share Jesus' story with those who don't know the Lord of love. In my Savior's Name. Amen



ANSWERING OBJECTIONS TO THE FAITH:

The Basics of Christian Apologetics

Questions & Suggested Answers



The story is told of a man who wanted to start a new religion. An acquaintance told him, “Jesus of Nazareth died and rose again to found His religion; you could do as least as much.” How does this story illustrate an important difference between Christianity and other religions?

Suggested Answer: Jesus paid the ultimate price in order to establish His religion and the Church, His Bride. He provided the best possible evidence of its truth by His resurrection from the dead. No other religion can claim anything like this.



How does knowing for certain that Jesus rose from the dead influence the way you see death?

Suggested Answer: We have seen how the lives of the disciples were changed when they saw the risen Jesus. Seeing Him risen from the dead caused them to have no fear of death. They knew that they would be raised from the dead just as Jesus had been raised. We have this same assurance of His resurrection and our own. One of the purposes of this column is to allow you, the reader, to see Jesus. You will not see Him in exactly the same way the apostles saw Him, but you can see Him in a very real sense nonetheless. The power of the Holy Spirit allows you to see Him in His Word and Sacraments.

from: The Reason I Believe by Allen Quist



EVERY ONE HIS WITNESS:

ASK: Basic Questions

Basic questions can help us learn about people by obtaining information about them. Asking questions can encourage a person to share more about something they have already spoken about.

But use caution. It’s easy to come across as an interrogator. As always, context is the key to asking good basic questions – as

is asking in a way that is inviting rather than threatening.

It also may clarify what someone has said to you. Asking a question is a good way to clear things up and to continue the conversation. Remember to avoid the “don’ts” of asking questions and to avoid trying to trap the speaker.

Basic questions usually focus

on who, what, where, when, how, sometimes why. Phrasing open-ended questions will help avoid coming across as though you’re giving a quiz because it encourages longer answers and may also end up answering questions that have not yet been asked. It may even prompt more questions.

Either way, they’re keeping the conversation going. Here are some examples of basic questions that may be useful in many witnessing conversations:

- You mentioned God earlier. Who is God?
- I noticed you spoke of Jesus in a positive way. What do you know about Jesus?
- When you said you are spiritual, what did you mean by that? What has been your church experience?
- What do you think about the Bible?



Asking basic questions will help obtain information, comprehend meaning, and keep the conversation going.

Next month: Asking Exploratory Questions

The LASSIE Approach To Witnessing (Listen, Ask, Seek, Share, Invite, Encourage) by Mark Wood director of LCMS Witness & Outreach Ministry





Minutes – October 2024

2024 Officers: Co-Presidents Cindy Niebur and Dawn Hedberg
Treasurer Susan Kral, Secretary Jayne Marie Trick

The meeting was called to order on October 14 and opened with a prayer by Co-President Cindy Niebur. The roll call word was anger. Eleven members answered the roll call with one regular guest attendee.

The Bible study was presented by Deb Mayes on Mary Magdalene. Deb showed us the finished Christmas quilt to be used for the silent auction during our Advent celebration.

Members recited the LWML Pledge.

Copies of the September meeting minutes, and treasurer's reports were provided. Susan reported that \$820.00 was collected from the lasagna fund raising meal. Fifty dollars was sent to Christ the King in Lake Ozark for Samaritan's Purse.

Presidents Reports:

The Fall Rally at Faith in Warsaw is October 29, and the focus for giving will be monetary and ingathering support to Heit's Point. A list was provided of items needed at the camp. Our society will provide muffins, sweetbreads and cheese for the breakfast.

Our society by-laws have been sent to the district and will be distributed to members in March.

The lasagna dinner fundraiser was a success. We discussed next year's event to choose a more ap-

propriate date and possibly more signs to advertise.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence this month.

Mites Reading: Read by Cathie Mueller was a short inspirational story titled "Open the Rose."

Collections: A collection was gathered for Mites, the general fund, and the rally. Collection has begun for membership and LWML Quarterly dues. We received notice that the dues will increase in 2025.

Committees:

- "Pop Tab" Committee, Susan Kral - No report
- "Best Choice Labels", Paula Emery - Paula reported that she has the 1,000 labels needed to send to Best Choice.
- "Kitchen Committee", Diane Borgmann - No report
- "Human Care", Cathie Mueller - Cathie requested we gather on Friday October 18 to finish the lap robe project for Windsor Estates.
- "Stamps", Dawn Hedberg - No report
- "Photography", Jan Loman - No report
- "Nominating Committee", Diane Borgman - Diane reported that nominations are as they stand. Voting for officers will take place during the November meeting.

We played the M & M game.

Old Business:

- On October 3 Co-Presidents Cindy and Dawn, along with Secretary Jayne Marie attended the LWML meetings at Faith in Warsaw to finalize events for the Fall Zone Rally.
- October 6 was LWML Sunday. We thank all members who helped in any way before, during, and after the service.
- We discussed if the church could possibly fund the Portals of Prayer in small and large print. Co-President Dawn will bring the subject up at the Oct. 20 voters meeting.
- For our local mission project, hats, mittens and scarves will be collected until Sunday October 27. Rhonda will use Thrivent funds to purchase more hats, mittens and scarves to help fill the donation box! Deb Mayes will deliver the box to the Hurricane Deck School.
- A special thanks to Paula Emery for cleaning the altar candles.
- Sedalia Zone positions are open, and we are asked to prayerfully think about volunteering. Positions available are: Christian Life, Gospel Outreach, Mission Servants, Structure, and Young Woman's Representative.

We discussed changes to our Bible Study for 2025. We will rotate the Bible study between a lesson in the LWML Quarterly, LWML's Mustard Seed devotions led by Jayne Marie, and Bible study led by Deb Mayes.

- There will be a tub in the Narthex for items to be donated to Heit's Point.
- The "Harvest Table" project will be set up the Sunday after we return from the Fall rally. We agreed to give the items to Community for Christ.
- Our society will provide the breakfast brunch for the Voter's Meeting on Sunday the 20.

New Business:

- We discussed creating visitor welcome bags!
- We were asked to share ideas for memorial gifts. Jan Loman will look into the cost of a smaller stained-glass picture that would hang in one of our sanctuary windows.
- A short discussion about the Advent Season and our participation in the events coming up in December. We will finalize these in the November business meeting. Deb Mayes brought samples of the cookie boxes we are going to fill and sell for the last Advent Service.

- A short discussion was held about the Christmas Party. The tentative date was set for Saturday, December the 14. Paula Emery suggested we bring a wrapped Christmas ornament for a gift exchange, and a salad for the luncheon.
- Co-President Dawn asked the group for suggestions to possible changes to our LWML monthly calendar booklet for 2025. We like the present format, and request more encouraging and uplifting words chosen for the roll call word.
- It was decided to send the lasagna dinner money to help with hurricane relief. Susan will contact Thrivent to inquire about the matching funds program they have for the hurricane relief.
- It was mentioned that the next national LWML convention will be held next year in Omaha, Nebraska. There will be a charter bus available for those who wish to utilize this transportation.

We ended our meeting with "The Lord's Prayer."

After the business meeting a small group worked on the lap robes for the Windsor Estates mission project.

Respectfully submitted,
Jayne Marie Trick, Secretary

Support Schedules

	Elder	Altar Guild
November	Jeff Emery	Diane Borgmann first two Sundays Dawn Hedberg last two Sundays
December	Larry Trick	Diane Borgmann first two Sundays Dawn Hedberg last two Sundays

Minister	Rev. Gary Brandt
Organists	Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab

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/Pudge McCloud
4th Sunday	Matt & Deb Mayes
5th Sunday	Pudge McCloud



Altar Flowers

You have the opportunity to sign up to provide flowers for any occasion you wish to celebrate. The sign up sheet is located on the credenza in the Narthex.

Upcoming Events in December

Each week the LWML will host a soup supper before our Advent service.

- **December 4:** white elephant sale
- **December 11:** homemade cookie sale
- **December 18:** a silent auction of a quilt made by Deb Mayes and a painting by Jayne Marie Trick. Opportunities to bid on the quilt and painting will start in November.

A huge thank you to Deb and Jayne Marie for providing these silent auction items.

The suppers will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Advent Services to follow at 6 p.m. Mark your calendar!!!



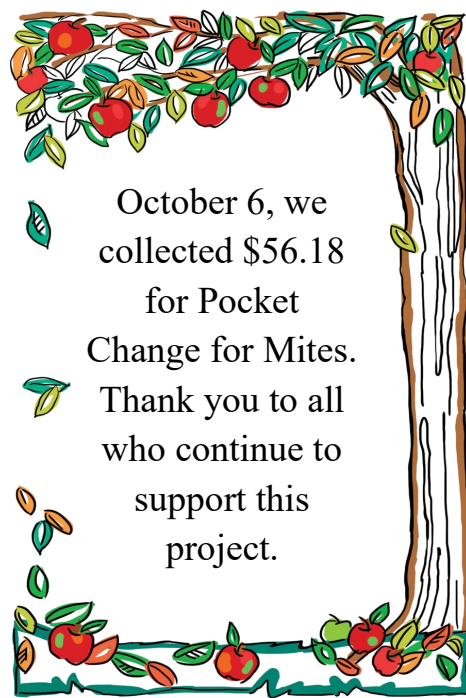
All ladies of Peace are invited to attend the annual LWML Christmas party on Saturday, December 14 in the dining hall of the church. We suggest those ladies who plan to attend please bring a wrapped Christmas ornament (\$5 to \$10 range) and your favorite salad for the luncheon. We will gather at 11:30 a.m.



Italian Dinner in Pictures

Thanks to all who helped in anyway with the Italian dinner. Thanks to Diane Borgmann and Susan Kral for providing photos from the dinner.





Bible Quiz

Fill in the blank:

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give _____ in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings

Answer: C (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV)



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month



After worship on October 20, Peggy Callahan provided us with information about breast cancer. Here is the following information:

- Globally breast cancer is the most common cancer in women.¹
- When breast cancer is detected early and is in the localized stage, the five year survival rate is 99%².

- The world health organization estimates that (all) new cancer cases will rise 77% by 2025.¹
- In the U.S. one out of eight women will develop breast cancer in their lifetime.²
- Breast cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in women under the age of 50 in the U.S.³
- In May of 2023, the U.S. Prevention Services Task Force announced it was revising its previous guidelines and is now recommending women with an average breast cancer risk receive mammograms beginning at the age of 40 instead of 50.²



1. World Health Organization, 2024
2. American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Facts and Figures, 2022-2023
3. The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 2024.



Stewardship

The Consequences of Shallow Thankfulness

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in

one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain. Once again, we find ourselves idola-
trously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action?

The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence

of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways unmindful of a broken brother's need ...

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful

(continued)

**Forgive us when our thanks
are shallow, O Lord!**



WORSHIP

SCHEDULES

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, Larry Trick
- **Council—2nd Tuesday of Each Month 6:30 pm**
 - ♦ **President:** Bob Hansen
 - ♦ **Vice President:** Brock Kliever
 - ♦ **Secretary:** Susan Kral
 - ♦ **Financial Secretary:** Brett Niebur
 - ♦ **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan
- **Stewardship:** Dawn Hedberg
- **Evangelism:** Russell Schulz
- **Education:** Open
- **Organists:** Rev. Gary Brandt, Diana Schwab
- **Trustees:** Chuck Kral, Rodney Schulz, Pat Callahan
- **LWML—2nd Monday from March—Nov. 9:30 am**
Co-President: Dawn Hedberg and Cindy Niebur
Altar Guild: Dawn Hedberg
Bible Studies As announced
- *Elected Offices*

stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord!
In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!
reprinted from the LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Council Meeting October 8

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

The following board members were present: **Pastor** Pastor Brandt, **Vice President** Brock Kliever, **Treasurer** Peg Callahan, **Financial Sec.** Brett Niebur, **Elder** Jeff Hedberg, **Secretary** Susan Kral, **Stewardship** Dawn Hedberg, **Trustee** Chuck Kral, **Evangelism** Russell Schulz, **Cemetery** Diane Borgmann, and **Church Members** Larry Trick and Rodney Schulz **Absent:** **President** Bob Hansen

The minutes from the September 10, 2024 meeting were approved as printed.

Financial Secretary: Brett Niebur submitted his report. He stated that September giving was down a bit from the previous month. He presented a balance sheet listing our assets. His report was accepted and approved

Treasurer: Peg's report included the following:

- All bills are paid, and paperwork is current.
- Our church CD was renewed on September 11. It was earning 4.25%. It was renewed for 11 months and compounds quarterly at 4.71%. Jeff Emery and Peg signed new documents.
- The council voted to move other low interest earning funds to higher yielding accounts.
- The report was accepted and approved.

Elders: Jeff had no report.

Trustees: Chuck reported the following:

- Mowing has been done by Pat Callahan and Jeff Emery.
- He would appreciate volunteers to take over weed eating.
- Pat and Peg Callahan changed light bulbs in the office, the entryway and the staircase leading to the downstairs.
- Tom's Heating and Air has ordered a compressor for one of the air-conditioning units.
- Chuck's report was accepted and approved.

Education: Vacant

Evangelism: Russell reported the following:

- The cost of sending 176 outreach cards in September was \$174.24.
- He submitted evangelism articles for our newsletter.
- He has posted articles on Facebook and placed an ad in the "Lake Sun." He will place ads for Advent and Christmas services.
- He will send payment to Laurie Park for our annual Christmas light display.
- Russell is stepping down from his position at the end of this year. However, he will continue to be responsible for our Facebook page and newsletter articles.

Russell's report was accepted and approved.

Stewardship: Dawn encourages everyone to read the monthly newsletters. Dawn's report was accepted and approved.

Member at Large: Vacant

Cemetery: Diane reported the following:

- Rodney Schulz purchased a timer for the watering system at the cemetery. He is able to run the system from his phone.

- Rodney will aerate the cemetery grounds after the next rain fall.

The report was accepted and approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- On September 22, we were blessed to receive Candi Tostenrud by transfer from Christ the King in Lake Ozark.
- He was unable to attend the September Circuit Pastors' Conference because he had a medical appointment.
- He is registered to attend the annual MO District Pastors' Conference. The conference begins on Sunday evening, October 20 and concludes at noon on Tuesday the 22nd.

Pastor's personal news:

- On September 23rd he began an unforgettable 10-day vacation in Italy.
- He and Linda attended her granddaughter's wedding on October 5 in Owensville, MO. They attended Zion Lutheran the following morning.
- He appreciates Peace members for granting him two Sundays off.
- He thanks Pastor Kris Morris for covering those Sundays.

His report was accepted and approved.

President's Reports:

Old Business:

- Jeff Hedberg met with Eagle Security on October 10 regarding the installation of a smoke alarm in the altar area.
- Peg spoke with the owner of the company that was contracted to clean the church carpets and pews. He is still recovering from an automobile accident. The cleaning is on hold.
- Requests for the singing of favorite hymns will be addressed.

New Business:

- Dawn Hedberg and Paula Emery will present options for donations to missions at the October 20 Voters Meeting.
- Dawn presented the nominations for council offices to be voted on at the Voters Meeting.
- Peg requested that church members point out any areas that need attention.
- There was a discussion regarding the LWML fundraiser. It was determined that LWML members should donate the funds where they decide the need is greatest.
- Dawn placed a basket in the narthex for members to place items needed at Heit's Point Camp.
- Peg is going to present information on breast cancer following a Sunday service.

- The council encourages members to take advantage of the provided hand sanitizers as the COVID virus is once again active.

Both business reports were accepted and approved.

Brock adjourned the meeting at 7:35.

Pastor Brandt led the closing with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kral Secretary

Voters Meeting October 10, 2024

President Bob Hansen called the meeting to order at 10:40 A.M. Twenty-nine members and two guests were present. Pastor Brandt opened with prayer. The minutes of the July 21, 2024 Voters Meeting were approved as printed.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter.

Financial Secretary's Report: The reports are printed in the newsletter.

Auxiliary Organization Reports:

LWML: Dawn Hedberg reported that the LWML members voted to return the payment of "Portals of Prayer" to the congregation.

Our LWML would happily welcome new members. The group has plans for outings, projects, and a fund raiser to assist with paying for needed upkeep for our church.

Susan Kral reported that \$820.00 was raised at the lasagna dinner. LWML members decided with the approval of the council, to send the money to a Thrivent fund that will match dollar for dollar and provide assistance to flood victims in our southern states.

Both reports were accepted and approved.

Thrivent: A volunteer is needed to fill the position of Thrivent representative.

Cemetery: Cemetery reports are printed in the monthly newsletters.

Pastor's Reports: In addition to what is reported in the monthly newsletters, Pastor Brandt reported the following:

- Pastor Kris Morris will fill in for him on November 17 while he preaches at First Lutheran Church in Ada, OK. The church is celebrating its 75th anniversary. He served that church from 1995 -2018.

- His granddaughter Sara is expecting a baby girl on November 3rd. Please keep her in your prayers.
- He thanks Peace Lutheran members for being a kind and caring congregation.

His report was accepted and approved.

Elders Report: The elders' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Trustees: The trustees' reports are published in the monthly newsletters.

Evangelism: Russell stated that he will happily assist anyone who is willing to take over his position.

President's Report: The president's reports are published in our monthly newsletters.

Old Business: Dawn Hedberg and Paula Emery suggested three organization to receive our donations.

1. The Missouri Synod,
2. Medical Missions for Christ, and
3. Lutheran Hurricane Relief. Voters approved those choices.

She was asked to learn if Thrivent matching funds would be available for the hurricane relief.

Her report was accepted and approved.

New Business: The following officer positions were filled:

- **President:** Brock Kliever, two year term
- **Vice President:** Noah Estes, fill the vacancy for one year
- **Secretary:** Susan Kral, two year term and
- **Treasurer:** Peggy Callahan, two year term.
- **Elder:** Jeff Emery was elected to a three year term
- **Board of Trustees:** Kyle Wright was elected to a three year term
- **Director of Evangelism:** Cindy Kaminski agreed to accept the position of Director of Evangelism finishing Russell's term.

The elders will address the issue of our temperamental sound system.

Our guest Mava Zilka presented information about "Heroes Outreach" which is an organization that reaches out to younger veterans who are underserved.

The meeting was adjourned.

Closing: Pastor Brandt closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kral, Secretary



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Daylight Saving Times Ends Elders Mtg Mites Collection	4	5 	6	7	8	9
10 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	11 LWML Mtg 9:00 a.m. Roll call word Joy 	12 Council Mtg. 6:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17 Worship 9 am Pastor Morris Bible Study 10:30 a.m.	18 Newsletter Deadline 9 a.m.	19	20	21	22	23
24 Worship 9 am Bible Study 10:30 p.m.	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:00 p.m.	28 	29	30 Decorating the church for Christmas @ 9 a.m.



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