

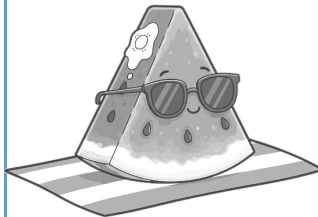
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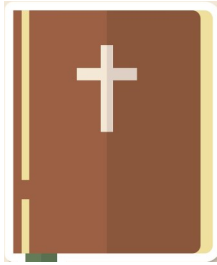
Elder: Mike Bockelman

Altar Guild: Jamie Moothart, Mandie Allen

Stewardship: Sharilyn Buryanek



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NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

America 250- Living as Christian Citizens

We will discuss America's founding fathers and their understanding of the Christian faith. How the U.S. Constitution forms our life as Christian citizens, and what we can do to remain faithful to Christ and citizens as we move into the future.

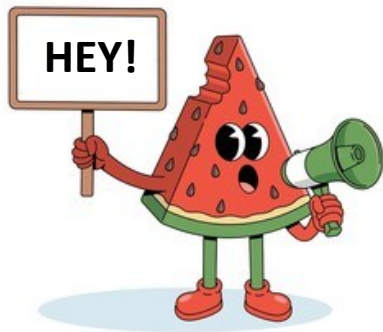


ELDERS meet at 8:30 am on Sunday, August 23rd.

LWML will meet on
Monday, August 17 at 7 PM.
Our August mission is
Mission Central in Mapleton, IA.



Announcements



There will be no Saturday worship on August 15, no Bible Class and no communion on Sunday, August 16th, and the elders normal meeting day is changed for August to the 23rd.

Pastor Paul Warnier will be here to lead us in worship on the 16th.



It's a PICNIC at the Parsonage!

Sunday, August 23rd at 5 pm. Serving up hot dogs and snacks **and** a presentation about the Lowe's vacation to Germany and Italy. Come and enjoy some fellowship and find out all about their trip!



Announcement

The Church office will be closed August 10-16. Pastor Lowe, Corinne and kids will be serving at Camp Okoboji. Lycia will be out of the office that week on a family vacation, also. During this time, if you are in need of Pastoral Care, please contact an elder (Dave Zierke, Mike Bockelman, Derek Allen, Ryan Noble, Jon Burt, or Justin DeBruin) or Pastor Tom Batchelder in Orange City at Faith Lutheran at (712) 737-2112.

The church office opens again on Monday, August 17.

VBS is a wrap!
It was a fun week!



Robert James VerMulm,
infant son of RJ VerMulm and
Rylee Winder was baptized
here at Trinity on July 11,
2026. Welcome to the family
of God, Robert James!



PRAYER CHAIN



God has called us to pray and promised to hear. Need a prayer? Please call Jean Toft at 551-6990 and she will pass your prayer requests to those who will pray. There is always room for more to join this prayer group. Give Jean a call.

**GOD CALLS US TO TELL ALL
PEOPLE THAT HE IS THE WAY,
THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE.**

"Go therefore and make disciples of
all nations, baptizing them in the
name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit..." (Matthew
28:19).



Hamburger Stand!

MANY Volunteers Needed!

It's that time of year! Please consider helping in this project which aides the youth programs at church. The sign up sheet is in the narthex.

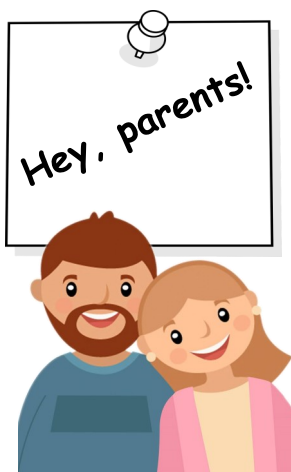
Thank you!



Attention! Catechism Parents!

There will be an organizational meeting to kick off the catechism year on Sunday, August 30th after worship. Letters will be mailed out to parents with more information before the meeting.

Please plan to attend.



**FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS,
WE SERVE OTHERS, PUTTING THEIR
NEEDS BEFORE OUR OWN.**

"...even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many"
(Matthew 20:28).

**SERVE GOD BY
SERVING OTHERS**

Glorifying God

To the church in Corinth the Apostle Paul wrote, *"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31). Everything we do is to be to God's glory. Even ordinary daily tasks like eating or resting should be done to honor, reflect, and bring praise to God. God tells us through Paul that our primary purpose in life is to glorify God in and through whatever we do. We were born by God's purpose and for His purpose. We are alive because God wanted to create us. In Colossians 1:16, we read, *"...all things were created...through Him and for Him."* It is only in God that we find our identity and purpose. It is in God's Word that we discover our purpose in life. God is glorified when we, through faith, seek to know and to live out His purposes for us. Through the work of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to live lives that glorify God and point people to Christ.

In Scripture, God called people to fulfill different purposes. Adam was to tend the garden. Noah was to build the ark. Abraham was to become a great nation through whom all the nations of the world would be blessed. Joseph helped his people survive a great famine. Joshua led the conquest into the Promised Land. David was the greatest king of Israel. Solomon was to build the temple. Paul was to become a missionary. God called each of these people, and they responded faithfully and obediently. Through faith, we also can respond to God's leading so we can fulfill the purpose that God has given each of us. God has a purpose for each of us. When we spend time reading and meditating on God's Word, in prayer, and receiving His body and blood in worship, God will guide us into the work and purpose that He prepares for us.

Through faith, we understand that God is both our source of life and our purpose for living. Our purpose is to give God glory, honor, and service. In his book *Beyond Blessed*, Rev. Robert Morris wrote, "Deep genuine happiness and fulfillment stem from living our true purpose, not experiencing worldly, carnal pleasure. If you're fulfilling the purpose for which God created you, you can have nothing and be deliriously happy and content. Conversely you have everything the world says you should desire, and if you're not living out your God-given purpose, you'll be utterly miserable." When we carry out God's purposes for our lives, we will find true joy and fulfillment.

May God help us all glorify Him in all that we say and do.



From Pastor's Desk...

The theme for this year's VBS was Jesus comes to seek and save the lost from Luke 19:18. Ever been lost? Really lost? There are a few times in life we may not know where we are, but thanks to GPS and an old-fashioned map, we might be able to find our way out. But there are times, usually after some event of life we may feel lost, but, hopefully, we recover. The worst kind of lost would be one where we didn't know we were lost and didn't care.

Jesus comes to seek and save the lost. Our world is largely lost and doesn't know it and doesn't care. Often it takes something major to stop that trajectory, but not always. Sometimes there is a faithful coming a long side someone who is lost and gently steering them in the right direction. We do that when we train our kids to ride bikes, play sports, or learn to read. We come along side them and gently teach them the right direction to go.

Jesus comes to seek and save us- through means- Word and Sacrament, and He uses us to bring the means of the Word to our neighbor. It may be that moment, but it may be that gentle, faithful coming along side.

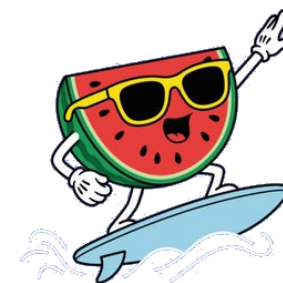
Here's some suggestions of how you can come along side your neighbor.

- Say hi and smile- no joke- people don't know why people smile.
- Bring them food, flowers, or offers to help randomly- don't make it weird.
- Invite them to come with you to something fun- golf, cards, sports, etc.- normal stuff you do.
- Say, "I forgive you" when a wrong is done- forgiveness only comes from God!
- Offer to help them when they have a need you know how to do- fix a tire, walk the dog, pick them up something when you go out.
- Invite them to bible study (kids- Sunday School/Catechism)- it's probably less stressful than a worship service- sit by them.
- Just be a friend- share their joys and sorrows- give a reason for the hope you have in your joys and sorrows
- Place worship as your highest priority- not out of pride- but "because I need what Jesus gives." People need to see worship matters- then live like it makes a difference.
- Pray for them- place their names before God and ask for opportunities to share Jesus.

Remember- it's coming alongside people and meeting them where they are. Jesus came just for them, even as He came to seek and save you.

Happy August Birthdays!

- 2 Mary Klaus, Calen Strong
- 7 Rich Kratochvil
- 8 Terra Spangler
- 11 Shannon Baas, Gary Salberg
- 12 Cathy Peck, Morgan Boon
- 14 Emrie Van Ballegooyen
- 19 Lesley Mora, Hudson Noble
- 20 Michalle Hedden
- 21 David Weinmann
- 22 Kristi Kingma
- 23 Duane Aldrich
- 24 Dakota Allen, LaCreasha Gray
- 25 Hazel Clarey, Dee Peterson
- 28 Brian Bultman, Joshua Curiel
- 30 Tamara Steen
- 31 Jessica Coffelt, Bud Hass



Happy August Anniversaries!

- 7 Mike & Sonya Kruid 16 yrs
- 10 Jeff & Steph Petersen 35 yrs
- 14 Monte & Pam Harvey 45 yrs
- 18 Pete and Kristi Kingma 25 yrs
- 19 Rodney & Jan Matz 63 yrs
- 20 Brett & Samantha Anderson 15 yrs
- 20 Larry & Joann Bauder 57 yrs
- 20 John & Lynn Eilts 43 yrs
- 20 David & Erika Weinmann 10 yrs
- 23 Justin & Tracy DeBruin 7 yrs
- 23 Calvin & Anna Pulfrey 23 yrs
- 23 Nick & Ashley Strong

*Happy
Anniversary!*



What is Baptism?

Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.

Which is that word of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew:

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matt. 28:1)

What benefits does Baptism give?

It works forgiveness of sins, rescues from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe this, as the words and promises of God declare.

Which are these words and promises of God?

Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Mark: "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." (Mark 16:16)

How can water do such great things?

Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5-8)

What does such baptizing with water indicate?

It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written?

St. Paul writes in Romans chapter six: "We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Rom. 6:4)

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You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you. Psalm 128:2



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