

News & Notes

October 8, 2017

A New Sunday Adult Bible Study

...starts TODAY. "Reformation: Grace, Faith, Scripture" will explore 12 important biblical topics or teachings that were important for Luther and are still important for us in the 21st Century. This morning's topic is "Grace – The Beginning: Baptism."

Fall LWMS Rally – Oct 14th

The Paperland Circuit's fall rally is planned for this Saturday, October 14th at St. Paul, Algoma. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the opening devotion is at 9:00. The rally concludes around 12:30 pm, with lunch and fellowship to follow. Contact Lou Beard for info – 920.532.4980.

Mark Your Calendars

10/21 – Trunk or Treat & activities
11/11 – church movie night: I'm not Ashamed
12/03 – St. John silent auction

FVLHS 8th Grade Welcome Night

8th graders and their parents are invited to attend this year's event on October 30th, from 5:00-7:30 pm. Dinner is provided for students and parents. While students enjoy games, competitions, and socializing, parents can attend info sessions on topics like STEM Academy, the Wisconsin Parental Choice program, tuition assistance, cocurricular opportunities, and more. Register in advance at fvlhs.org.

Thank You!

...to all the donors and volunteers who helped at the recent Red Cross Blood Drive. We were able to reach the goal of 26 units. Congratulations! The next blood drive here at St. John will be in early January.

Apple Valley Food Pantry

This month's donations are due by NEXT SUNDAY. Needed: stuffing; evaporated milk; chunky soups; pancake mix & syrup; canned meats (tuna, chicken); canned pasta; canned fruit; rice; boxed & canned potatoes; all crackers; cereal.

Reminder: any Christmas donations are needed by the November collection date.

FVL Theatre Presents

Vintage Hitchcock: A Live Radio Play. Oct 19th (7pm), 21st (4pm), and 22nd (2pm). General admission tickets available online at fvlhs.org or at the door (adults \$5, seniors \$4, 12 and under \$3, 5k-8th FVL Passport holders FREE).

Upcoming GriefShare Session

A new series of meetings will begin at St. Matthew, Appleton on October 21st. Meetings are on Saturdays, from 9:00-11:00 am. The GriefShare program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focus on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The 13 sessions combine a video clip followed by support group discussion. Take a copy of the color brochure pinned to the bulletin board.

Seeking Interested Individuals

Many volunteer opportunities are available for members to put their talents to use. We're especially looking to fill these positions:

Outreach / Evangelism Coordinator – organize ways of reaching out into the community

Stewardship Coordinator – help members identify talents and put them to use

Member Care Coordinator – help arrange rides and/or meals for ill or homebound members



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Welcome!

We extend a very warm and friendly welcome to all who've joined us for worship today. We pray that the God of grace, who sent his Son to save you and who proved his love for you by raising him from the dead, will fill your heart with joy in knowing that your salvation has been made sure through Jesus. May God bless your worship!

If you're a guest with us this morning, please sign the Friendship Register in your row, checking any applicable boxes. If you need assistance of any kind, don't hesitate to ask one of the ushers. If you'd like to learn more about St. John congregation or the Bible's teachings, please speak with Pastor Mike Gehl. And if you don't already have a church-home, feel free to return and worship with us again at your earliest convenience.

Our restrooms are located downstairs (through the entryway). Activity bags to help keep children occupied are on a hanger in the entryway. We love having your children sit with you during the service, but if you feel that your infant or toddler is getting a little too fussy, you may briefly step out of the sanctuary until they're ready to come back in.

Today's order of service is displayed on the screen and printed out in the worship folder (with music notes) for your convenience. Hymns are found in the red book in front of you.

St. John also operates an all-day preschool and a full-day kindergarten through eighth grade Lutheran Elementary School. We're a member of the Fox Valley Lutheran High School federation. If you are interested in hearing more about these opportunities for Christian education, please speak with Pastor Gehl or Principal Tim Raddatz.

At Your Service Today:

| | <u>7:45</u> | <u>10:15</u> |
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| Greeters: | Karen Geiger Judy Wicker Courtney Schisel Heather Schisel | Jean Brandt Marna Johns Lynn Zirbel |
| Ushers: | Mike Geiger Roy Schisel Perry Schisel Reece Schisel Troy Schisel | Gary Brandt Jack Zirbel Andy Vickman Terry Schaeuble Loree Baumgartener |
| PowerPoint: | Amy Vande Hey | Carol Just |
| Altar Guild: | Lou B, Mary F, & Aura Lee G | |

Last Week's Stewardship of the Means of Grace and the Means for His Work

Worship: 146; LS: 110

ABC: 23

| | <u>Sept 17</u> | <u>YTD</u> | <u>YTD Goal</u> |
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| Church Offerings | \$10,264.50 | \$100,052.31 | \$117,082.28 |

The Week+ Ahead as We Live in God's Grace

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| Today (8th) | 7:45 am | Worship |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School (Exodus: The Plagues) Adult Bible Class (Grace – The Beginning: Baptism) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship |
| | 1:30 pm | FVL Bands / Choirs Fall Concert (at FVLHS) |
| Mon (9th) | 7:30 pm | Church Council Meeting |
| Tue (10th) | 11:30 am | Senior Luncheon |
| | 6:30 pm | Endowment Committee Meeting |
| Wed (11th) | 3:30 pm | 6 th -8 th Grade Catechism Class |
| | 7:30 pm | Choir Practice |
| Thu (12th) | 7:00 pm | Handbells Practice (at Trinity, Kaukauna) |
| Sat (14th) | 9:00 am | LWMS Rally (at St. Paul's, Algoma; 8:00 am registration) |
| | 2:00 pm | Joe Mayefski / Karen Church Wedding Service |
| Sun (15th) | 7:45 am | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| | 9:00 am | Sunday School (Exodus: The Passover) Adult Bible Class (Grace – God's Undeserved Gift: Justification by Grace) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship w/ Holy Communion |
| Mon (16th) | 7:30 pm | Quarterly Voters Meeting |
| 19th, 21st, 22nd | | FVL Fall Play: Vintage Hitchcock (at FVLHS) |
| Sat (21st) | 3:00 pm | Trunk or Treat / Activities (church property; until 6:00 pm) |
| Sat (28th) | 2:00 pm | Reformation 500 Service (at Appleton P.A.C.) – SOLD OUT |
| Sun (29th) | | Mission Festival: WELS Ministry to the Hmong / Potluck |
| Mon (30th) | 5:00 pm | 8 th Grade Welcome Night (at FVLHS; until 7:30 pm) |
| Fri (Nov 10th) | 8:00 am | Veterans Day Breakfast (at FVLHS) |
| Sat (Nov 11th) | 6:30 pm | Church Movie Night – "I'm Not Ashamed" (here at St. John) |
| Sun (Nov 19th) | 6:00 pm | FVL Schools / FVL Band Concert (at FVLHS) |

Mission and Purpose

St. John Lutheran Church exists as part of the Holy Christian Church on earth. We engage in the continuing development of disciples of Jesus Christ by **GATHERING** for worship, education, and fellowship in order to **GROW** in faith and knowledge of our Lord and Savior. By God's **GRACE** we **GO** to proclaim Christ and his Word with our lips and lives. We realize that it's only through the **GOSPEL** in Word and Sacraments that one can be equipped for discipleship and bringing **GLORY** to God.

Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and [✠] give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn“Our Fathers’ God in Years Gone Long” (CW 535)

Divine Service I

This order of service is identical to “The Common Service,” with alternate settings for the canticles.

Opening Hymn.....“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs” (CW 227)

Greeting

In the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession of Sins

Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, Have Mercy.....(Kyrie)

C Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us. A - men.

Absolution

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son [✠] and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory to God..... (Gloria in Excelsis)

C Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.

Create in Me

C Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Thank-Offering

Prayer of the Church

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Gospel Lesson Luke 6:38 (EHV)

Today's Gospel reading is recorded in the 6th chapter of the Gospel according to St. Luke, the 38th verse.



C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be poured into your lap. In fact, the measure with which you measure will be measured back to you.

...this is the Gospel of our Lord.



C Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day..... "Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly" (CW 484)

Sermon 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

Joyful Generosity Is Gospel Driven!

1. A heart that responds to the generosity of God.

2. A heart that prioritizes the kingdom of God.



Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Word

First Lesson 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 (CSB)

¹ Then King David said to all the assembly, “My son Solomon—God has chosen him alone—is young and inexperienced. The task is great because the building will not be built for a human but for the LORD God. ² So to the best of my ability I’ve made provision for the house of my God: gold for the gold articles, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron, and wood for the wood, as well as onyx, stones for mounting, antimony, stones of various colors, all kinds of precious stones, and a great quantity of marble. ³ Moreover, because of my delight in the house of my God, I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the house of my God over and above all that I’ve provided for the holy house: ⁴ 100 tons of gold (gold of Ophir) and 250 tons of refined silver for overlaying the walls of the buildings, ⁵ the gold for the gold work and the silver for the silver, for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now who will volunteer to consecrate himself to the LORD today?” ⁶ Then the leaders of the households, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. ⁷ For the service of God’s house they gave 185 tons of gold and 10,000 gold coins, 375 tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 4,000 tons of iron. ⁸ Whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the LORD’s house under the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ Then the people rejoiced because of their leaders’ willingness to give, for they had given to the LORD wholeheartedly. King David also rejoiced greatly. ¹⁰ Then David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly. David said, May you be blessed, LORD God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity. ¹¹ Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to you. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. ¹² Riches and honor come from you, and you are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ Now therefore, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. ¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your own hand. ¹⁵ For we are aliens and temporary residents in your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶ LORD our God, all this wealth that we’ve provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand; everything belongs to you. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and that you are pleased with what is right. I have willingly given all these things with an upright heart, and now I have seen your people who are present here giving joyfully and willingly to you. ¹⁸ LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep this desire forever in the thoughts of the hearts of your people, and confirm their hearts toward you. ¹⁹ Give my son Solomon an undivided heart to keep and to carry out all your commands, your decrees, and your statutes, and to build the building for which I have made provision. ²⁰ Then David said to the whole assembly, “Blessed be the LORD your God.” So the whole assembly praised the LORD God of their ancestors. They knelt low and paid homage to the LORD and the king.

Psalm of the Day Psalm 100



Shout for joy to the LORD, • all the earth.*
Worship the LORD with • gladness;
come before him with • joyful songs.*
Know that the • LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and • we are his;*
we are his people, the sheep of his • pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his • courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and • praise his name.
For the LORD is good and his love endures for- • ever;*
his faithfulness continues through all gener- • ations.

**Glory be to the Father and • to the Son * and to the Holy • Spirit,
as it was in the be- • ginning, * is now, and will be forever. • Amen.**

Refrain

Second Lesson 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (EHV)

⁶ This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. The one who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷ Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work.