



Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2022

Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Luke 15:10

Dear Friends in Christ,

Jesus teaches wisely and persistently. As recorded in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus teaches a trilogy of parables about the kingdom of God, and of finding that which has been lost. The parables of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost son are powerful lessons teaching the joy of the redeemed and the rejoicing in heaven for the repentant sinner.

We who have confessed our sin and received the forgiveness of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, know the joy of which Jesus speaks. “I once was lost, but now am found. Was blind, but now I see.” Hallelujah! The forgiveness of God grants us a new sense of belonging, a profound sense of seeing, and a deep sense of loving which was absent while we were yet living in sin and disobedience to God. Redemption gives us the freedom to live for Christ, and not for ourselves only.

And while we have experienced the joy of the Lord through our personal salvation, we sometimes forget there is rejoicing in heaven also. The Scripture is clear through the teaching of Jesus that the messengers and servants of God in heaven, the angels of God, are rejoicing with the addition of every repentant sinner into the kingdom of God. Cheering, music, dancing and joy with every new believer in Christ. “O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!”

A hymn by Charles Gabriel, and recently renewed and recorded by Chris Tomlin, puts to music the joy of our salvation, both here and in heaven:

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see,
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me.

How marvelous! How wonderful! And my song shall ever be: How marvelous! How wonderful!
Is my Savior's love for me!

Blessings, Wade Panse, Pastor

HARDING'S REWARDS

We have received another check from HARDING'S REWARDS. The check for \$58.94 is the result of eleven church shoppers using the rewards program. If you are not using the program, the church office can help you sign up.



The annual CROP Hunger Walk will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2:00 PM at the COA walking track. Our goal this year is \$300. Please sign up to walk if you are able, or you can choose to donate. There is a sign up sheet and giving envelope in Wood Hall. See Vicki Beebe for more information.

Throughout the year we take up special offerings, or "Noisy Offerings" which are designated for specific causes in our local community. Since summer began, we have collected funds for Special Olympics, Domestic Assault Shelter and our Scholarship Fund. This month our donations will go to funding Helping Hands of Cass County. This organization provides assistance for the needs of local people including food, clothing, utility payments, personal care items, and other support. Thank you for your continued generosity!

June: Special Olympics \$96

July: Domestic Assault Shelter \$130

August: Scholarship Fund \$124

SMILE FOR SEPTEMBER

"In a society that has you counting money, pounds, calories, and steps, be a rebel and count your blessings instead." (Lisa Heckman)



SPECIAL REMINDER:

We want to remind our members of the \$500 Cassopolis United Methodist Church Scholarship available to your children or close relatives. Simply pickup an application in the church office. Cassopolis United Methodist Church Scholarship available to your children or close relatives. Simply pickup an application in the church office.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION IN SEPTEMBER

Our Pastor will be leading a Membership Orientation Class for persons not yet members, and for members who are wanting a refresher course. Meeting in the Prayer Room of the Church on Wednesdays September 7, 14 and 21 at 11:00 a.m., the orientation will include discussion of basic Christian beliefs, distinctive United Methodist beliefs, and responsible church membership. The class will be informal and informative and you are invited.

Please contact the church office or Pastor Panse for more information or if you have questions. New members will be received into the church on Sunday, September 25.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SCRIPTURE

"May your unfailing love come to me, O Lord, your salvation according to your promise."

Psalm 119:41

September Sermon Schedule

Sept 4	13th Sunday after Pentecost	Faith	"What Others Hear"	Philemon 1-7
Sept 11	14th Sunday after Pentecost	Mercy	"A Trustworthy Saying"	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Sert 18	15th Sunday after Pentecost	Salvation	"God's Desire"	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Sept 25	16th Sunday after Pentecost	Hope	"A Word to the Wealthy"	1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19



The Newton House at 20689 Marcellus Highway will be open to the public the first Sunday of the month 1-4 PM thru October. This is a great opportunity for families in Cass County to learn more about local history.



SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 JR Kennedy Leslie Paul	2 <i>Sheila Baker</i>	3
4 Worship 10 AM <i>Holy Communion Teresa Dahlgren Erin Westrate Sarah Wright-Boyer</i>	5	6	7	8 <i>Barb Strlekar</i>	9	10
11 Worship 10 AM <i>Susan Matz</i>	12 <i>Aiden Dahlgren</i>	13	14	15	16	17
18 Worship 10 AM	19	20	21	22 <i>Vicki Beebe</i>	23	24 <i>St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1 Mary Wright</i>
25 Worship 10 AM	26	27	28 <i>Ty Caruso</i>			

If your special date does not appear on this calendar, please let the office know.