



Newsletter

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Worship God.

Follow Jesus.

Serve Others.

“Finally, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

Philippians 4:8

Dear Friends in Christ,

What is the solution for living victoriously? What is an antidote for the struggles of life? What is an answer to the troubles of the world? What can we do to arrest the depressing news that frequents our communication sources? The Bible has a resolution to all of the questions above...“Think about such things.”

What things do you ask? Certainly not the struggles of life, the troubles of the world or the depressing news that pervades our phones, TVs, radios and internet. No. The Bible suggests that we think about that which is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. Think positively and focus on that which is beautiful.

Sounds simple doesn't it? But to do the positive, we often need to reduce the negative. Choose carefully what you watch and to whom you listen. And how much and how often. And when. If you watch or read the news before going to bed, don't be surprised if you have trouble going to sleep.

Listen to music that calms the mind or lifts the spirit. Watch that which affirms life and offers hope. Walk or drive in places that are beautiful and fresh. Read literature that is educational, inspirational, entertaining or humorous. Read your Bible and pray.

And what is the result of these positive thoughts? The Bible again has the answer: “And the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil 4:9b)

Grace and peace and blessings,

Wade Panse, Pastor

ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

It is the tradition of our local church to observe All Saint's Sunday with a reading of the roll of the deceased. Persons who have preceded us in death since this time last year (November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022) will be honored and remembered as their name is read aloud, a bell will be rung and a candle lit during our service of worship.

If you have a close friend or family member you would like named and remembered on that Sunday, November 6, please email, phone or visit our church office to provide the name and relationship of the deceased.

CROP WALK, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Please help us "Eliminate Hunger, One Step at a Time" by walking and/or contributing to the Church World Service CROP Walk on Sunday, October 2. The walk will be held on the walking path of the Cassopolis COA at 2:00 p.m. Your contributions may be presented to the church anytime before that walk begins. The money raised through this important relief program is equally divided between local hunger relief agencies and world wide programs. Thank you for your generosity.

Our goal as a local congregation is \$300 this year.

And thank you to Vicki Beebe for being our CROP walk advocate this year.

A TOUCH OF HUMOR

Write your troubles in sand and your blessings in stone.

Thank You Notes Received

*Dear church family,
Thank you all so much for the card and money, it will be very helpful for the upcoming fall. I know we don't come to church often but I appreciate everything that has been done for me and my family over the years!*

Kennedy Ellen Westrate

*Dear Church Family,
Thanks to everyone for your prayers for healing and our return trip home. And a special "thank you" to those who provided dinner after we got home. It was wonderful to have dinners taken care of.*

Fondly,

Lauren and Don Woodhouse

BACKPACK THANK YOU

Many thanks to Barb Strlekar for her leadership and coordination of the student food backpacks filled and distributed during the month of September. She and many volunteers helped to purchase, prepare and deliver 43 backpacks each week. Many children at our local elementary school also say "thank you."

Our congregation will again be responsible for student backpacks in April 2023.

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM SCRIPTURE

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

Psalm 119:41

FALL BIBLE STUDY

Our Pastor is leading us in the study of Joseph from the book of Genesis during the month of October. Together we will consider Joseph as dreamer, brother, man and leader. You are invited to bring your Bible (and bring a friend) to join in the weekly study and discussion. Light refreshments will be served. So, please come join us Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30.

THANKSGIVING PROJECT

This year, our Thanksgiving project will include collecting items for the Domestic and Sexual Abuse Services. A list of the items needed by the shelter is included in our Sunday October 2 bulletin. We will collect the items in the plastic clothes basket in Wood Hall and they will be delivered the week of Thanksgiving. Any questions, please contact Vicki Beebe. Thank you for your generous support.



ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, THURSDAY OCTOBER 27

The annual church conference for our local church is scheduled for Thursday, October 27. Unfortunately, the conference will again be virtual rather than in person. Therefore, the persons asked to be in "attendance" are those members of the CLC and SPRC. The SPRC will meet with the District Superintendent at 7:00 p.m. and the Church Conference at 7:30 p.m.

There are written reports due to the District Office one week prior to the Church Conference and will be completed by the elected leaders of our congregation. They include financial, property and personnel reports.

If other lay members of our congregation are interested in being apart of this virtual meeting, you are of course welcome to attend. We will try to have some home gatherings for participation. Watch for details.

October Sermon Schedule

Oct. 2	World Communion Sunday	Memory	"The Sweetest Word"	Philemon 1-7
Oct. 9	18th Sunday after Pentecost	Memory	"The Most Bitter Word"	1 Timothy 1:12-17
Oct. 16	19th Sunday after Pentecost	Whisperer	"The Meanest Word"	1 Timothy 2:1-7
Oct. 23	20th Sunday after Pentecost	If	"The Weakest Word"	1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19
Oct. 30	Reformation Sunday	Forgiveness	"The Most Beautiful Word"	



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 <i>Danica Heath</i>
2 Worship 10 AM <i>Holy Communion</i>	3	4	5	6	7 <i>Betty Ackerman</i>	8
9 Worship 10 AM	10	11	12 <i>Jim Blue</i>	13	14	15
16 Worship 10 AM	17	18	19 <i>Dawn & Ed Atkinson</i>	20 <i>Wade Panse</i>	21	22 <i>St Paul Lutheran Food Pantry 11:30 - 1</i>
23 Worship 10 AM <i>Bob Nickel</i>	24 Barb Mesko	25	26	27	28	29 <i>Turner Westrate</i>
30	31 <i>Halloween</i>					

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