

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 30, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

In Wisconsin we are in the midst of voting. We are doing so in a contentious climate with elevated levels of polarity. The rhetoric is overheated. "This is the most consequential election of your life." "The survival of the republic is at stake." And on and on it goes.

To the best of my ability, I wish to provide some pastoral encouragement. I do hope you vote. It is our civic privilege and duty. As Lutheran Christians we do not eschew our participation in the civil realm, even though we clearly hold our most important citizenship to be in heaven from which we await a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some passion, argumenta-

tion, and persuasion are fine; but only in humility, with love, and in deep respect to those we address. This will be indicated by your willingness to listen to and respect the views of others. When enmity and rancor begin to occur, it is time to put the lid on it and move on.

We do well to remember the doctrine of Original Sin. Among us fallible, fallen, humans, there are no perfect candidates, parties, or positions. The Psalmist intones, "Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation." We all have feet of clay.

Guard against your disappointments turning into

despair. We are believers in a Sovereign God, after all. He works providentially. He accomplishes His purposes despite whatever advice we have to offer. And we are told in Scripture that for those who love God all things work together for good.

Finally, taking our mandate from God's Word, we are to pray for "kings and all who are in high positions." Our elected officials need all our prayers, whether they are the candidate of our choice or not. We all need prayer! It is possible for a person of good character to go bad, and for one with bad character to change for the better. Do not cease praying!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 10/30

6:30pm Every One His Witness Study

Friday, 11/1

7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's
10am Service at Care Center

Sunday, 11/3 All Saints' Sunday

8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Adult Bible Study
3pm Choral Celebration of All Saints' Day at Shepherd of the Hills

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What good purpose is there in signing oneself (making the sign of the cross with the hand over one's head and breast)?

This gesture's main purpose is to remind us of our baptism where the sign of the

cross was first made on our foreheads. The cross is a powerful symbol which reminds us of the depths of God's love for us – He loved us so much that He sent His Son to die for us. In Holy Baptism we have been joined to Christ. Every time we sign ourselves we

declare that we belong to Christ and that we desire to live for Him. We give visible expression that we serve the One, True God who has revealed Himself to us in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Making Disciples for Life

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

THIS AND THAT...

The **Every One His Witness** class is at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will continue to meet on Fridays at 7am at the McDonald's restaurant off of County OT.

Sunday, November 3, we will celebrate **All Saints' Day** (which is actually November 1), and for a special treat there will be an afternoon **"A Choral Celebration of All**

Saint's Day" at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at 3pm. This will include our choir along with other LCMS choirs in the area.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry!

Coming soon! At the end of the Liturgical Year we have a special **Thanksgiving Service** with Holy Communion on Tuesday, November 26, at 7pm Pie and ice cream will

be served after the service.

Pr Tim and Leslie are signed up to clean the church the week of November 17. And the Bjornstads are signed up for the week of December 22.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Onalaska Food Basket**.

Christ rules over the only truly just government...

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

Oct 26 Naomi Rislow
Nov 5 Chase Repaal
Nov 28 Heather Roll
Nov 30 Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Bad Dad Jokes

How do you cook an alligator? *With a Croc-pot.*

What did the earthquake say when it was done? *Sorry, my fault.*

Why did the computer go to bed? *It needed to crash.*

What do you give the dentist of the year? *A little plaque.*

How can you tell when a comic passes gas? *Something*

smells funny.

What kind of bug can tell time? *A clock-roach.*

What do pigs use to clean up? *Hogwash.*

What's a pirate's favorite letter? *You'd think it's the "R" but it's really the "C".*

Humpty Dumpty had a great fall. *Summer wasn't too bad either.*

When is a door not a door?

When it's ajar.

Did you hear about the bossy man at the bar? *He ordered everyone around.*

Did you hear about the broken guitar for sale? *It come with no strings attached.*

I decided to take a bath, but decided to leave it where it is.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/3 All Saints Sunday

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow

Reader: Jarrod Roll

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Stella Roll

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Jarrod R/David B

Comm Asst: Cole Warner

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

11/10 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Brad Benrud

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Cole W/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Heide Fehr

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/17 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/24 Last Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Craig Bartos

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Dan M/Tim B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Cole Wanner

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