

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

A WORD FROM PT

In promoting Bible Study and Bible reading in our congregation, this week I want to share with you what I have in mind for our Wednesday evening, hour long study, beginning at 6:30pm. The startup date will be September 10.

I am entitling the Wednesday offering "Important Christian Teachings". It is hoped that we can touch on the teachings that all baptized believers would benefit from, and that are important to learn, believe, and to be able to share with others.

The guide and framework for what these teachings are include the Augsburg Confession and Luther's Small Catechism. The first four articles of our principal

Confession, for example, are 1) the Nature of God; 2) Original Sin; 3) the Son of God; and 4) Justification by Faith. Eighteen more articles follow in the Augsburg Confession for our consideration. So, I intend to start with the First Article: The Nature of God. But I am likely to break this down by first considering how we come to know God. This will lead to a discussion of the Bible and how are we to understand it, because aside from some limited 'natural revelation' of God, the Scriptures are the primary source of learning about God.

The above is an example of how I anticipate starting to proceed. Although I have an overall framework in mind,

I don't know the pace the class will take. It will depend on the participants and the questions you bring. But the concentration will be on the basics, and not the esoteric. I'm imagining that this would be a good setting to invite family and friends that you have that might be open to enquiry. I will have prepared materials, but as the study progresses, I will be receptive to prepare materials that tailor to the needs of the group.

This study will be entirely different from the study on 2 Corinthians that I will be leading with the Men's Breakfast, and with the Sunday Bible Study. Please give it your prayerful consideration to join one or more of these studies.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 9/5

7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's
10am Worship at the Care Center

Sunday, 9/7 13th Sunday a Pentecost

7am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Bible Study

Tuesday, 9/9

9am Winkel at St. John's Quincy

Wednesday 9/10

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Thursday, 9/11

6pm Church Council Meeting

Friday, 9/12

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
5pm Dr. Lessing at UWL

Saturday, 9/13

9am Dr. Lessing at Faith Lutheran Ch

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Does the receiving of money offerings play a significant role in the worship service? Yes, more than you might think! Cash is one of the strongest symbols in modern culture. When we offer our money on the altar it should represent our time and effort —

our very selves. In early Christian worship gifts-in-kind were handled during the weekly assemblage. In our post-industrial societies, we now exchange in paper or metal symbols. The offering of our selves upon the altar is in response to God's love proclaimed in

the Good News and in anticipation of how God offers back that which is entrusted to him. During the moment of offering we also offer bread and wine upon the altar, and in return these gifts are offered back to us as the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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THIS AND THAT...

Look for the startup of **Choir Practice** and the **Adult Bible Study** to start up on Sunday, September 7.

Plans are underway for a **Bible Study** on Wednesdays, starting September 10 at 6:30. important teachings (doctrines) of the Christian Faith that all of us should know will be the focus.

The September **Church Council Meeting** will be

on Thursday, September 11 at 6pm.

The Friday Morning **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** is meeting at the McDonald's Restaurant off of County OT at 7am.

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

The Molstads will clean the church the week of Septem-

ber 21. The Rolls are signed up for the week of October 19.

The September **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Alliance Women's Clinic**.

A good Study Bible, one with helpful notes at the bottom of each page, is of great assistance when trying to read and understand Scripture. And The Lutheran Study Bible published by Concordia Press is reliable, and one of the best ones on the market.

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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

Aug 29..... Jeremy Schoonover
Sept 2 Paula Betlach
Sept 2 Karri Bjornstad
Sept 6 Bev Kuehn
Sept 6 Anne Warner
Sept 9 Lee Fehr
Sept 15..... Butch Fisher
Sept 24..... Noel Peterson

Anniversaries

Aug 28..... B & A Fisher
Sept 8 J & D Uy
Sept 18..... J & H Roll

Ole & Lena Jokes..

Lena called the airlines information desk and inquired, "How long does it take to fly from Minneapolis to Fargo?" "Just a minute," said the busy clerk. "Vell, said Lena, "if it has to go dat fast, I tink I'll just take da bus."

The judge had just awarded a divorce to Lena, who had charged non-support. He said to Ole, "I have decided to give your wife \$400 a month for support." "Vell, dat's fine, Judge," said Ole. "And vunce in a while I'll try to chip in a few bucks myself."

Ole wore both his winter jackets when he painted his

house last July. The directions on the can said, "put on two coats".

Lars: "Ole, stant in front of my car and tell me if da turn signals are vorking." Ole: "Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes, No."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

9/7 13th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Nikki Hanson

Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Stella Roll

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Jeremy S/Tim B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: the Rolls

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

9/14 14th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Connie Meunier

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Paula Betlach

Counters: Dan M/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Paula Betlach

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

9/21 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Connie M/Tom R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Cole Waner

9/28 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Karri Bjornstad

Crucifer: Benjamin Roll

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Jarrod R/David B

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

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