

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

What is the mission of the Church? There are a number of correct answers as the matter is stated differently in various Scripture verses. But they all have to do with the same thing. I would summarize it as a continuance of Christ's redemptive work that after His ascension into heaven He entrusted to his disciples.

Among the many passages that describe this I will share with you three. The first is probably the one most used. It is Matthew 28:19-20 which reads, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching

them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The second is from Luke 24:46-47. It reads, "and [He] said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.'"

And the third verse I will share with you is from Acts 1:8, which says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the

earth."

There are a lot of ways to say it, but every congregation has this one and the same mission. What starts to be distinctive of each congregation is how they go about serving in the community in keeping with the message and mission that we all have. And this will depend on the gifts and talents of the congregation and the particular needs of the community in which they are serving. I speak of lesser needs, for they differ. But all people have the same great need, and that is to know the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to trust in the forgiveness of sins that He freely offers.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, 11/11

9am Winkel at St. Matthew's in Warrens

Wednesday, 11/12

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Thursday, 11/13

6pm Church Council

Friday, 11/14

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Sunday, 11/16 23rd Sunday after Pent.

8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship
10:45am Bible Study

Tuesday, 11/18

5:30pm Ladies Night Out

Wednesday, 11/19

6:30pm Christian Teaching Study

Friday, 11/21

7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What do Lutherans believe is given in Holy Communion?

"We believe, teach, and confess that in the Holy Supper the body and blood of Christ are truly and essentially present and are truly distributed and received with the bread and wine. We believe, teach,

and confess that the words of the testament of Christ are to be understood in no other way than in their literal sense, and not as though the bread symbolized the absent body and the wine the absent blood of Christ, but that because of the sacramental union they are truly the body and blood of Christ" (*Formula of Concord*,

Epitome, Art. VII.)

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 10 that the bread is "a participation in the Lord's body." If the Lord's body were not truly present, the bread would perhaps be a participation in his spirit. But Paul says it is a participation in his body!



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

We will continue our tradition of holding a **Thanksgiving Service** the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, 7pm, on November 25. Pie to be served afterwards.

The **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** has been sparking some interest and been gradually growing in numbers. We are looking at **Important Teachings of the Christian Faith**, and Pastor Tim invites suggestions for topics and questions that participants might have for up-

coming classes. It is never too late to join one of our Bible Studies. Come try the Wednesday offering, 6:30pm at the church.

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!

We currently do not have any-

one signed up for cleaning the church the week of November 16. The Magnusons are signed up for the week of December 21.

The November **Designated Benevolence** is for the **Lutherans for Life**.

There are a lot of ways to minister to peoples' physical and emotional needs, but words are needed to minister to their spiritual needs. In other words, the Gospel message must be shared with them so that they can learn and take hold of salvation.

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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

Nov 5 Chase Repaal
Nov 28..... Heather Roll
Nov 30..... Cyndi Molstad
Dec 1 Brad Benrud
Dec 9 Cole Warner

Anniversaries

Wry Observations

A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

A diplomat is someone who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you will look forward to the trip.

Hospitality: making your guests feel at home, even if you wish they were.

When tempted to fight fire with fire, remember that the Fire Department usually uses water.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Why do Americans choose from just two people for President and 50 for Miss America?

Why does someone believe you when you say there are four billion stars but check when you say the paint is wet?

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/16 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Jarrod Roll

Crucifer: Jed Roll

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Jarrod R/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Leslie Duesenberg

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/23 Christ the King Sunday

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Jessica Schoonover

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Bev Kuehn

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

11/25 Thanksgiving Service

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: not needed

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: pie donations

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

11/30 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Nikki Hanson

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Dan M/Tom R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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