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THE MESSENGER

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Thanksgiving Worship Service

Looking ahead, we'll be entering a special time of year that will provide us with edifying, uplifting, and memorable worship opportunities in God's house. Make plans now to join us for the special services that are coming!

We'll offer a Thanksgiving worship service on Thanksgiving Eve (Wednesday) at 6:30 pm. We'll gather to give thanks to our gracious Lord for his many gifts to us. (Note: No meal will be served before this service)



Advent Worship Plans



Once again, we'll offer midweek Advent services on Wednesdays when the season of Advent begins late in November. Our evening schedule will be:

- 5:30 pm Supper (provided by our SIS group)
- 6:30 pm Advent worship

Dates for our Wednesday services are: November 29, December 6, and December 13.

These evening suppers and services are a special time for family and friends, as we prepare our hearts to be ready for our Lord's coming. Plan to join us to meditate on our Savior's first advent and to prepare our hearts for his second coming!

"Mornings with Mommy" Update

On October 25, toddlers and mommies gathered for a Fall and Pumpkin Fest. We had about 18 toddlers in attendance, and a good time was had by all. We now have a crew that comes in at 11:15 am to clean up and set the room back up for Catechism and Bible classes later in the day. Thank you for your help!

In November, dates for Mornings with Mommy will be the 8th (Music and instruments) and the 22nd (Apples, corn, and gourds). If you know of moms with toddlers, invite them to come for the fun!





Dear brothers and sisters at St. Peter,

Is there any such things as a sure bet?

If you like sports, how about that NCAA basketball bracket you filled out earlier this year? A perfect score?

How about your skill in predicting the stock market? The price of gas? Where the fires will strike in the state?

If you've been around the block a few times, you know there is no such thing as a sure bet in this world. Even if your team is up 2 runs in the bottom of the eighth? Even if that car dealer said it wouldn't need a repair for years? Even if you're proposing to the girl you think loves you? Nope. No sure bet.

The closest thing might be what Benjamin Franklin identified long ago as the only two sure things: Death and taxes.

But wait. Coming out of the celebration of Reformation 500, I'd like you to know about a sure bet that you can always count on, and in fact, one that you can cling to throughout life and as you face death. The truths of Reformation 500 will continue; they will never change.

What won't change?

- *“Christ alone”*
- *“By grace alone”*
- *“By faith alone”*
- *“By Scripture alone”*

As Romans 8 says, *“I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

The truths that we have learned this month in our Reformation 500 service series will be true forever. God has promised. God has acted. God has fulfilled his plan of salvation.

Current Bible Classes:

Sundays

“A Return to Grace: Discussions on the new Luther Movie”

soon to be followed by...

“What Every Person Should Know about the Augsburg Confession”



Wednesdays

“Memorable Accounts of Jesus”



Why is this so important? In this world, people look for satisfaction and salvation in all kinds of places. Trinkets, pleasures, work, relationships, status, and more. None of it will provide lasting pleasure or a place in heaven one day. The things of this earth, many of which are not inherently wicked, will simply not provide eternal peace and comfort.

But what God has done will. The truths of Reformation 500 will. These are truths not simply to pull out in the fall of the year when we celebrate Reformation, but to keep and ponder in the heart all throughout our lives. They will comfort and sustain us. And God, who is faithful, will keep us in this faith until he takes us home to be with him forever.

For this, we say, *“To God alone be glory!”*

Blessings,

Pastor Schewe



October Voters' Meeting Update (10/22/17)

- Pastor Schewe will be attending the Fall Pastor-Teacher Conference in San Diego from November 1-3. This is a district wide conference that will begin with a Reformation 500 festival service.
- 2018 Church Budget was presented to the voters. New line items were added for "Mornings with Mommy" and "Christian Education." Some items that were increased were: Synod Mission Offering, Pastor's Salary, Pension Costs, and the Christian Assistance Fund.
- On November 19th there will be a special Voters' Meeting to approve the budget
- Offering from the Advent & Lent mid-week services will go to tuition support for Emily & Rachel Schewe as they are studying to become called workers. Justin Shrum was the previous recipient of the offering to pay his tuition costs, but has since graduated from the seminary.
- Two events in December are currently being planned: Advent by Candlelight (Dec 2) and Christmas for Kids (Dec 9).
- Trustee: New lawn teams and cleaning team lists have been created and were put in all mailboxes of those who have signed up in the past or recently volunteered. Paint colors have been chosen for Luther Hall.
- Next council meeting is scheduled for November 12th. Council President, Don Sweetman, would like the congregation to know that they are invited to offer suggestions for issues that the council might address at future meetings.

SPRY (St. Peter Recycled Youth)

SPRY recently met in Luther Hall for their monthly dinner. The dinner was hosted by Bruno and Inge Stutz and 22 people attended. The next dinner will be November 18th in Luther Hall, hosted by Norm & Donna Vander Poel and David and Rosa Ferrer.



SPRY is also planning a night out on December 3rd to go to Roger Rocka's dinner theater in downtown Fresno. The show is "Breaking up is Hard to Do" featuring the songs of Neil Sedaka.



Please see Inge Stutz for more details.

Those Who Serve—November

Ushers

Travis Hambleton & Andrew Schulz

Flowers

5- Don & Patti Sweetman

12—Marilyn Hood

19—Travis & Catherine Hambleton

26—Norm & Donna Vander Poel

Altar Guild

Inge Stutz & Helen Hansen

Coffee & Dessert Hosts

5- Teresa Barber

12—Mary Sanchez

19—Patti Sweetman

26—Donna VanderPoel

Lawn Mowing Teams

4—Leo Schulz & Jonathan Farley

11—Curtis Garner & Barry Burghardt

18—Stutz/M.Farley/Dickson

25—Schewe Family

Church Cleaning

4—Vicki Schewe

11—Mike & Leslie Fitzgerald

18—John & Teresa Barber

25—Kelly Curry

Luther Hall Cleaning

4—Vicki Schewe

11—Mary Sanchez

18—John & Teresa Barber

25—Bob & Mary Dickson

November Birthdays

November 4—Janet Zeisser

November 5—James Ergo

November 14—Travis Armstrong

November 17—Travis Hambleton

November 22—Judy Richart-Carter

November 25—Atalia Taub

November 27—Norman Vander Poel

Lutheran Women Missionary Society (LWMS)- Kids c.a.r.e.

New Project: Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal

Kids c.a.r.e. really is just that, *kids helping kids*. Since 2005, children have been supporting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) kids c.a.r.e. (care about reaching everyone with the gospel) program. Children learn about a mission, pray for the mission, and bring their offerings to meet its needs. Through kids c.a.r.e. children learn that they, too, have an important role in sharing the good news about Jesus. Previous kids c.a.r.e. projects have been in Mexico, Russia, Malawi, and many home missions. Offerings to kids c.a.r.e. from now until May 25, 2018, will support the new world mission project Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal.



Nepal is the poorest country of Asia, where more than half of the children are malnourished. There is also deep poverty of the soul and great opposition to Christ's followers. This project will feed both bodies and souls and develop workshops for teachers to better instruct children in the truths of God's Word.

Offerings received for kids c.a.r.e. between June 2017 and May 2018 will provide Christian literature for the Sunday school, food for snacks, teaching supplies such as white boards and crayons, and workshops for the Nepalese teachers.

Special Voters' Meeting

A special Church Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 19th after Family Bible Hour. The only agenda item will be the approval of the 2018 church budget. Please see Don Sweetman if you have any questions.



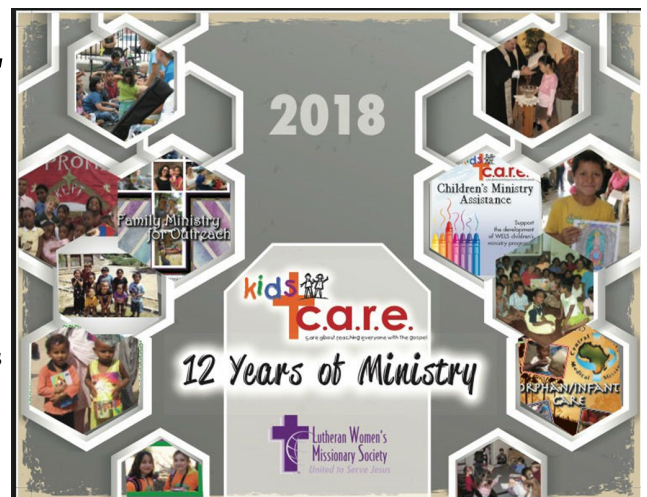
Women's Retreat—January

Apostles Lutheran Church in San Jose is hosting a WELS Womens Retreat on January 19-21. It will be held at the Mt. Hermon Conference Center in the Santa Cruz Mountains. The theme is "Growing with Your Sisters in Christ". If any women are interested in going the cost is approximately \$250, with a deposit of \$100 by Nov. 4. If you are interested please see June Lewis or Mary Sanchez




LWMS C.A.R.E. Prayer Calendar

We are starting a new children's offering program run by LWMS. The c.a.r.e. program will be raising funds for mission work in Nepal. LWMS has a 2018 Prayer Calendar available to review "Twelve Years of kids c.a.r.e." From soccer camps to Caribbean playground equipment, from Vietnamese children in Boise, Idaho, to Russian children in the area of Siberia—God has put the kids c.a.r.e. offerings to work. If you are interested in purchasing a 2018 calendar for \$10 plus shipping, please see Patti Sweetman or call the LWMS office at (414) 321-6212.



November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 Bible Study	2 Fall Pastor / Teacher Conference (San Diego, CA)	3	4
5 9:00 Worship (comm.) 10:15 Family Bible Hour 11:30 Young Adult Lunch	6 7:00 Bible Basics Course	7	8 10:00 Mornings with Mommy 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	9 7:00 Board of Elders	10 Hmong meetings—Pastor training	11
12 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hour 11:35 Church Council	13 7:00 Bible Basics Course	14	15 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Bible Study	16	17	18 1-day Luther seminar—Gloria Dei, Belmont 5:30 pm SPRY
19 9:00 Worship (comm.) 10:15 Family Bible Hour 11:35 Special Voters' Mtg (2018 budget)	20 7:00 Bible Basics Course	21	22 10:00 Mornings with Mommy 4:00 Catechism 6:30 Thanksgiving worship	23  Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26 9:00 Worship 10:15 Family Bible Hour	27 7:00 Bible Basics Course	28	29 4:00 Catechism 5:30 Supper by SIS 6:30 Advent worship	30	1	2 7:00 pm "Advent by Candlelight" for ladies

Church Sign Plans

This summer we contacted a sign company to help update our signage throughout the church property. The company had many ideas that they shared including adding signs to the Luther Hall classrooms, the parking lot entry, and outside of each building entrance. These smaller signs fit in our current budget and will be ordered soon. Another idea they presented was to add large metal letters to the north side of Luther Hall. This idea was included in the property wish list.

We are hoping to start a discussion on replacing the main sign at the corner of Temperance and Gettysburg. A committee will be formed in 2018 to plan that larger sign project.



Life of Luther Seminar—Saturday, November 18th

WELS Congregational Assistant Program is presenting a “Life of Luther” seminar at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Belmont. Professor Brian Hennig (History & Theology at MLC) will be presenting the life, times, writings, and impact of the great Reformer, Martin Luther. Emphasis given to how his teachings differed from those of the Roman Catholics. You will find this day of fellowship and study rewarding and strengthening for your own faith.

The seminar will take place on Saturday, November 18th from 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person (paid at seminar.) Registration deadline is November 9th. Advance registration is greatly appreciated, as it assists the congregation in preparing for the event. To pre-register, contact Pastor Tim Shrimpton (650) 593-3361 or pastor@gdluth.org



Ladies, Save the Date—Advent by Candlelight!

On Saturday, December 2, this year’s “Advent by Candlelight” will be held in the evening.

This ladies evening will provide a chance for fellowship, candles, desserts, and readings & carols to prepare our hearts for the Advent and Christmas season.

This is also a great night to invite a friend to. Plan to join us!



If you would like to include information in a future newsletter, please contact Catherine Hambleton at secretary@stpeterclovis.org