

The Monthly Herald

September 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

What is the one Holy, Christian, and apostolic Church? There are many ways it is described in Scripture. It is the very “Body of Christ,” with Christ Himself as the head. (1 Cor. 12) It is a “Temple made of Living Stones.” (1 Pet. 2). It is the “household of God” (1 Tim. 3) which is the family of believers in Christ. And this body, this temple, this household is built upon the very Word of God through the prophets and apostles with Jesus as the chief cornerstone. (Eph. 2)

Yet, it is also a hospital for sinners, for the sin-sick, brokenhearted people Christ came to save. Now, I have to admit you won’t find “hospital for sinners” anywhere in the Bible. However, you will find these words come out of the mouth of Jesus: **“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.” (Mat. 9:12)** Yes, indeed, the church is a hospital for sinners and brokenhearted people. It is *not* the fellowship of the practically perfect people of God! It *is* the fellowship of believers in Jesus Christ who live by His grace, repent of their sins, and seek to walk with Jesus *and* one another day by day.

The prophet Isaiah described Jesus and our Lord Jesus actually quoted this prophecy in a synagogue in Israel: **“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me... He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted ... to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion- to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair” (Isa. 61:1-3).**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ not only saves us from our sins, but puts on us a “crown of beauty” and fills our souls with the “oil of gladness” of knowing our God loves us so much. He turns our despair into praise as we receive His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. We are His hands and feet as well, so we can seek to bind up the brokenhearted and to comfort those who face difficulty and sadness in life . . . because we are the living stones of Christ’s holy temple!

We do this as we “make disciples” by lovingly and urgently proclaiming Jesus Christ as Lord. This is our mission! ***The mission of Christ takes place through “Sharing life and Sharing Jesus.”*** On September 12, in our gymnasium, we will be sharing some life together at the “Celebration of New and Old.” It will also provide opportunities to share Jesus! I hope you will be there.

In Christ’s Love,

Pastor Bender



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September Worship

September 4 at 5:00pm

Sunday September 5 at 9:00am

Saturday September 11, 18 & 25 at 5:00pm

Sunday September 12, 19 & 26 at 8:00 & 10:30am

Bible Studies □ □

Men's Bible Breakfast – The Letter to the Colossians

“You are my strength when I am weak, You are the treasure that I seek, You are my all in all.” So a contemporary praise song sings of Jesus Christ as our strength, our treasure, indeed, our “All in All.” Jesus Christ is, in reality, our “everything.” He is the One who gave us life, the One who loves and forgives us, the One who went to the cross and rose on the third day for our eternal salvation.

Therefore, the theme for our church and school this year is “In All Things.” Jesus is to be preeminent, have first place, in all things. This theme is based on Colossians 1:15-20. This Fall we will begin the study of Paul's letter to the church in Colossae. Come and join your brothers in Christ for a study of this important epistle. We gather on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month. We meet shortly before 7am, we eat breakfast, we pray, and we study God's Word. The 79th street doors are open; All men are invited. Bring a friend!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: Romans

We are in the midst of the study of Paul's letter to the Romans. We ended in the spring of the year at Romans, chapter 8. I will be preparing a summary of Romans, chapters 1-7, to help get people up to speed for those who missed the first sessions in the spring as well as those who attended to get a refresher. The only offensive weapon we have in spiritual battles is the “Sword of the Spirit,” which is the Word of God. We need to know it well! Come to grow in faith! Come to grow in God's grace! Be strengthened for the battle and the daily struggles in life. Be filled with the Spirit and have hope for the future. Make the commitment and come!

We meet at 9:15a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall. Class resumes on Sunday, September 12. The following is the schedule for September:

September 12: Review of Chapters 1-7, continue on in Chapter 8

September 19: Romans, Chapter 8/9

September 26: Romans, Chapter 9

Hope to see you in class!

Thursday Morning Bible Class: Nurturing Your Faith – Called

You have been called by God into faith and fellowship through Christ Jesus. There are so many aspects of what it means to be “Called” by God. Using many parts of the Book of Ephesians, we will begin the Bible Study year seeking to nurture our faith that we may grow in confidence in who we are as the people of God. The Spirit will work on us each class, even as Luther wrote: “The Holy Spirit calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth.”

This class meets in the fellowship hall on Thursdays at 10:00am. *Class resumes on Thursday, September 9.*



**CELEBRATION OF NEW AND OLD
SEPTEMBER 12, 2021
12:00PM**



You are invited to meet our new church & school families, celebrate with those who have milestone birthdays, and rejoice with our recently baptized!

Enjoy a free lunch and short program in the St. Paul's Gym.

Lunch: Hearty beef stroganoff, ambrosia salad, glazed carrots, old fashioned applesauce, spice cake and white apple punch (kids option available)

RSVP needed by September 8th

Sign up in the church narthex, ECC desk or call the church office 414-541-6250



Visit to the Holy Land of our Lord Jesus

In the year of our Lord, 2023, Pastor & Jo Bender hope to make the trip to the Holy Land. It would bless our hearts if some of our brothers and sisters in Christ would like to join us in this endeavor. If you are interested in joining us, please send me an email at harold@splcwa.org or give me a call at church, 541-6250. We plan to have a preliminary meeting sometime in Summer or early Fall to begin plans.

May God grant us to make this journey and bless our hearts to see the actual places on God's earth where Holy History took place.

Ladies Guild

Our next meeting will be held on September 27th at 6:30pm. It will be a potluck. Come and hear about the June Convention in Kentucky.

The next LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Rally will be a luncheon on October 3rd at 9:30am. It will be held at Lamb of God Lutheran Church N19 W25050 Bluemound Rd. Pewaukee, WI 53072 The ingathering will be school supplies that will be collected for the children in Nigeria. Crayons and markers will not be accepted as they would melt in Nigeria. A flyer is available in the hallways.

Widows Lunch

All widows in the congregation are invited to lunch at Outback Steakhouse on Layton Avenue on Wednesday September 8th at 11:00am.

Quilter's Patch

The ladies have been keeping busy with quilt making. There are currently 96 finished quilts in the closet, which is getting very full. This represents quilts made since November 2019. We are planning to display the quilts in church the weekend of October 2nd/3rd. On October 4th, we will pack them up for sending to Lutheran World Relief.

August 9th we were blessed with a donation of some beautiful fabric from Debra Dorsey. A friend of hers is a member of St. Paul's. She mentioned our quilting group when Debra was looking for someplace to donate fabric. Debra and I had a wonderful visit when I picked up the donation.

The quilting dates for September, October and November are:

- September 20th
- October 4th and 18th
- November 1st and 15th
- There is no quilting in December for the holidays.

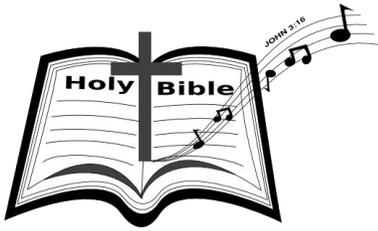


If you have any questions regarding the quilting group, please contact Dawn Ziolecki at 414-841-6097 or via email at dzwolf2012@gmail.com



The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
the plans of His heart to all generations.
Psalm 33:11

Music Notes



“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.”—
Martin Luther

The Bible is full of verses to praise our LORD, pray to our LORD, sing to the LORD, pour out our challenges and difficulties to our LORD. The Word gives us music for our souls. Our hymnal and songbooks add to our hearts and minds ways to memorize God’s rich words to us. We can listen to music as we travel or work that strengthens our faith using the Word of God. Spend time using God’s Word and music to build up your faith!



The TIME IS NOW!

Come and JOIN US:

***Praise Team** - Our group leads worship during Sept - May on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 10:30 AM and June-August - selected Wednesdays at 5:00 PM

PRACTICE: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 7 PM in the church balcony

We NEED: YOU!

***Evening Bell Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 6:10 PM -Sept - May. We play for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you are able to count, tap your toes, we can help you learn how to ring a bell at the right time in the music. Come out and give it a try. **We start THURSDAY September 9th!**

***St. Paul’s Evening Choir** - Our group meets on Thursday evenings 7:30 PM Sept - May. We sing for worship services throughout the months we practice. If you enjoy praising the Lord through song, come out and give our group a try. **We start THURSDAY September 9th - come and join us!**

***Instrumentalists** - Do you play an instrument? Would you like to play a song sometime for worship? Add your instrument to a hymn or song? Accompany a choir piece? Contact Michelle and let her know if you can help serve the Lord in this way.

***Soloists**- Do you like to sing and praise the LORD? Contact Michelle and help lead hymns in worship, sing a song on your own to edify the congregation. Share your gifts and talents and serve the LORD with gladness.

Contact: michelle@splcwa.org or (text) 414-552-4938 or call: 414-541-6250 ext 3013

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Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

In the middle of May, Taiwan was hit with an explosion of COVID cases, which caused this country to close down and isolate in order to mitigate the spread of the disease. Our fellow LCMS missionary, Dr. Martin Dicke, had just arrived in Taiwan to present on music in the church to our partners here. One of his goals was to teach how children and music can be used in the congregation. Our children benefited from some great music instruction; learning various music terms along with how to play handbells and ways to use percussion in worship. Dr. Dicke then used what and how the children learned as an example in his presentations.

Through your partnership, you have blessed not only our partner church, but our children as well; giving them opportunities to serve and to be rooted even more firmly in the gifts God gives through music.

Your partners in mission,

Rev. Charles Feunf & family

Sharing God's Bounty

Sharing God's Love

As God's people, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to follow Jesus' command to "Love [our] neighbor as [ourselves]" (Matthew 22:39). We can share God's love because he has first loved us (1 John 4:19). God is the source of love that we give to others. When we love others, God's love is made complete (1 John 4:17). Love is the distinguishing mark of God's followers.

It is both a privilege and a responsibility to share the love that God has given to us with others. In Romans 12:13 Paul wrote, "Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality." To the Galatians Paul wrote, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers" (Galatians 6:10).

The following two contrasting stories in Scripture help us see how love can make such a huge difference in our relationship with and our attitude toward people:

In the story of Cain and Abel, we see Cain's total disregard for his brother Abel. After Cain had killed Abel, the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper" (Genesis 4:9). Cain was a man without faith and love. God's love did not dwell in Cain, and it showed in his actions. Cain also showed his lack of love for God by giving an inferior gift.

In the Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), God's Word gives us an example of how we are to share our love with others. Traveling on the road to Jericho, the Good Samaritan found a man who had been beaten and robbed. The Good Samaritan stopped and attended to the injured person. After he had bandaged his wounds, he took him to an inn where he paid for his room and care. The Samaritan sacrificed money, time, and possessions and risked his own health and safety for this wounded stranger. By putting no limits on how far he was willing to go to help this man, the Samaritan demonstrated the love we should have for others.

As God's people filled with his love, we will be compelled to do acts of love for others. "For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again" (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). Motivated by Christ's love and empowered by his Spirit, we will be eager to share God's love with others as we perform acts of service.

God has given us many gifts and calls us to use those gifts to build up his kingdom. Our faith identifies us as stewards and gives us a relationship with God. Many of these gifts are given for our needs; others are given for the needs of others. Stewardship is a ministry by which we nurture and share our gifts.

september

Out of all 12 months of the year, September is spelled with the most letters. It contains nine letters, and it happens to be the ninth month of the year. No other months have the same amount of letters as their number in the calendar year.



*Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.
Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.
~ Psalm 143:8*

God's Steadfast Love – Wherever He Leads

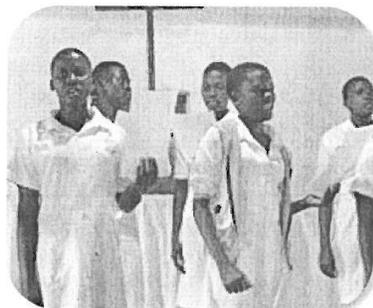
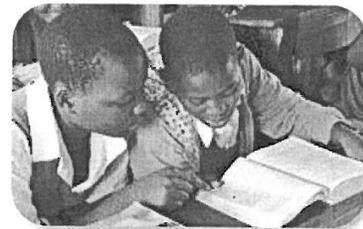
STAYING CONNECTED

I thank God for you! Just as I have prayed for you as we have partnered in ministry, you will remain in my prayers as we continue to serve the Lord wherever He may lead. May God mightily reveal His steadfast love as we put our trust in Him!

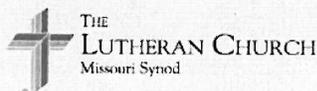


For the past four years, I have had the joy of sharing with you the countless ways God has shown His steadfast love in my own life and in the lives of those among whom He has called me to serve in Uganda. Through your partnership in the Gospel, we have had the opportunity to share the message of God's love and salvation with students in the villages of Bufuula and Nakabango and to support the Lutheran Church of Uganda in their continued efforts to raise the next generation in the faith.

God is now making known to me a new way in which He would have me go. As you are aware, I have been in America for the past several months to receive health care. After wide consultation and much prayerful consideration, the Lord has led me to ask for a peaceful release from my call to serve as a missionary in Uganda. Thank you for your continued prayers as I now transition back to life and ministry in the States where God has graciously provided an opportunity for me to continue sharing His gospel message of salvation with children. I have received and accepted a call to teach fifth grade at Trinity Lutheran Church and School in Davenport, Iowa, beginning this fall.



I am so grateful for the ways God has shown His steadfast love through you as you have prayed for me and encouraged me over the past four years. Please continue in your earnest prayers for the Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ.



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Sharing the Treasure

*But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.
~ 2 Corinthians 4:7*

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The Lord to bring more people in Uganda and around the world to saving faith in Christ
- The health and safety of all in Uganda as they are experiencing a marked increase in COVID cases and are under another lockdown
- My transition to life and service in America
- Continued restoration of health for me
- Pastors, teachers, and missionaries who continue to share the gospel throughout the world

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- God's steadfast love and direction
- The opportunity to serve alongside the Lutheran Church of Uganda in their ministry to children
- A new call to share the gospel with children in America
- The many congregations, schools, and individuals who pray for, encourage, and support me

YOU ARE IN MY PRAYERS.

- I regularly pray for the individuals and congregations who support me by name. Please share any specific prayers I can bring before the Lord for you.

What a joy and privilege it is to be entrusted with the gospel and Christ's commission to share it with others. I am humbled that the Lord chooses to use broken clay vessels such as you and me to carry that treasure to others.



I thank God for the opportunity to have served alongside servants of the Lord in the Lutheran Church of Uganda who have a heart for nurturing children in the faith. Over the last few months, I have been able to continue meeting with some of the chaplains virtually to help them develop plans for ministry in the schools for the upcoming academic year. I am encouraged to hear the desire of these pastors, as well as that of other missionaries, to continue in the work we have started to help reach the children with the gospel in meaningful ways.



Please keep the pastors, teachers, and missionaries serving in Uganda in your prayers as they continue to share the treasure of the gospel with God's children in the congregations and schools of the Lutheran Church of Uganda.



*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
-2 Corinthians 13:14*

*Humbly in the Lord's service
-Rachel Meyer*



September 2021

Monthly Planner

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="color: red; margin: 0;">LABOR DAY</h1>			1	2 6:00 PM Finance 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation	3	4 5:00 PM Worship
5 9:00 AM Worship	6 <i>Labor Day</i>	7 6:00 PM Board of Christian Education 7:00 PM Board of Evangelism @ Sanchez home	8 11:00 AM Widows Lunch	9 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:10 PM Bell Choir 6:30 PM Public School Confirmation 7:30 PM Choir	10	11 7:00 AM Mens Bible Breakfast 5:00 PM Worship
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Youth News ☐☐



Gearing Up for the National Youth Gathering!!

We held a parent and youth meeting on August 22 to provide initial information about the gathering being held next summer. If you missed the meeting and plan to attend, please contact Pastor Bender (church: 414-541-6250; cell: 217-779-7985). We are hoping for 16-18 or more youth and about five or six adult leaders. Basic information:

Theme: “In All Things” based on Colossians 1:15-20

Where: Houston, TX

Registration Cost: \$395

Dates including travel days and fun day: July 7-13

Fundraisers: “Kelly’s Envelopes”; PB’s Bowl-a-thon; Auction, Advent/Lent dinners

We hope and pray for great congregational support, youth and adult leaders growing in faith and life, and Jesus becoming ever more first “in all things” in our lives. Once we have “gathering family groups” formed, we will have some special meetings to bond, grow, and serve together.

Discipleship and Fellowship Gatherings at Pastor Bender’s Home

One Sunday evening each month, all high school youth are invited to the Bender’s for dinner, discipleship, and fellowship. The first three dates chosen are: **September 19, October 17th, and November 21**. The theme for the first gathering will be “Relating to Fellow Youth with Jesus in Mind.” We will have a meal of Mexican food and drink followed by study of God’s word and good fellowship together. Call Pastor Bender for more information (church: 414-541-6250; cell: 217-779-7985)

School

The new school year has begun,
How bless we have our school
Where the children recite the
Pledge of Allegiance each morn
Taught the true history of our
Country
Taught all races are God's children,
Our brothers and sister of Christ.
Taught to respect all authority, as
God commanded.
But most of all -----
Growing in their faith as they hear
And study God's Holy Word.

Elaine Lemke



ATTENTION: Retired Pastors, Wives & Widows

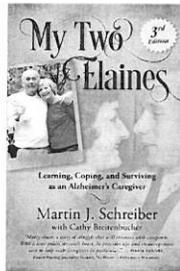
SAVE THE DATE!

OCT. 5, 2021

When we will be



"Gathering Together... again!"



Bethlehem Luth. Church in Sun Prairie, WI
300 Broadway Dr., 53590

From 9:30 AM Registration to 4:00 PM –
Lunch included

Former Governor,

Martin Schreiber,

**Author of the book, *My Two Elaines,*
is our featured presenter!**

Come and gather with your fellow Retirees as we enjoy our fellowship! More information will be coming in August, but we can assure you that this gathering will be very easy on the budget and refreshing to the soul!

➔ **So mark your calendar NOW!** ←

*We will give you some options of hotels nearby
if you care to come to town early and/or stay late!*

*If you have any questions for now,
please call Rev. Wayne Schroeder at 414-839-9445*

Open House at Steeple View Senior Community

September 26th from Noon – 2:00pm

October 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00pm

Will this coming fall and winter be the last time you'll rake leaves, shovel snow, or clean your furnace filters? Is home maintenance becoming too much of a burden for you or your family? Why not take advantage of today's hot real estate market and make your easy transition to Steeple View? You will experience independent, active living at its best and the caring lifestyle of a senior (over 55) Christian community.

Steeple View offers a variety of apartment home sizes, floor plans and amenities. See for yourself at our Open House or if you'd prefer a personal tour call 414-525-5500 or email info@steepleview.org.