

LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

From the Pastor's Desk...

Concerning Christian Giving

*We give thee but thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be,
For all we have is thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from thee.*

The words of this familiar hymn are a good place to begin a discussion about Christian giving.

1. Everything we have comes from the Lord!

When we bring an offering to the Lord, we are simply giving back to Him what is properly His. He has placed these things in our care and management but He owns it all. The psalmist states it pretty plainly as follows: *"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."* (Psalm 24:1)

2. We bring offerings out of thanksgiving for all of God's good gifts to us. The Scriptures repeatedly emphasize that the primary response of believers towards God is thankfulness.

"What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?.. I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD." (Ps. 116:12, 17)

3. With joyful willingness we bring forth our offerings to God. *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

(2 Cor. 9:7)

4. Our offering should be in proportion to the way the Lord has blessed us.

"...each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up." (1 Cor. 16:2) Our offering should be based on what God has given us personally, not on what others have or what they give. In other words, as long as we are receiving gifts from the Lord we should also be giving back to Him.

5. Our giving should be sacrificial. Remember the story of the Widow's Mite? The Lord commended that woman saying: *"Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."* (Mk. 12:43-44)

Now to be sure, the Lord did not command that all of us give away everything we have, especially if we are providing for the welfare of others, but we should always be willing to give sacrificially and not just settling for the least we can do without. And we must always live knowing these things we have are not ours but the Lord's. He may choose to take things away and that is His choosing. As Job understood: *"Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."* (Job 1:21)

Also, the Lord warns us not to love wealth or to trust in it; and that applies to all of us. One way we can avoid trusting in wealth is by cheerfully and generously giving to the Lord and to those in need. For when we help others in need the Lord tells us we are actually serving Him. (Mt. 25:34-40) The hymn we quoted earlier states it well:

*And we believe thy word,
Tho dim our faith may be;
Whate'er we do for thine, O Lord,
We do it unto thee.*

6. Finally, and most importantly, we give to the Lord because of what He has freely given us: Life and Salvation in Jesus Christ!

"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich." (2 Cor. 8:9)

AROUND PELLA

Attention

“Meals on Wheels” volunteers!



Agnesian Healthcare is now requiring all people involved in “Meals on Wheels” to be hospital volunteers. It involves filling out an application and a brief meeting with Agnesian staff. I will be calling each person to check if you still will continue as a

“Meals on Wheels” volunteer. Orientation meeting will be set up in the future. Any questions, contact me at 920-398-2233. - Sharon Long

LWML Sunday, October 6



LWML Sunday, October 6, celebrates the power of a daily walk with Jesus to transform lives and multiply disciples. The theme is based on Jesus’ words in Luke 17:6. “If you have faith like a mustard seed, you could say to the mulberry tree, be separated and planted in the sea and it would obey you.”

Pella Ladies Aid/LWML invites all women of Pella to our next meeting on October 10 at 2:00 p.m. We welcome new members. We meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from September–June. It is a Lutheran Women’s Missionary League and is very active in Missions of LCMS. Come and find out what we are all about.



Newsletter Prayer List

If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please contact Lora at 324-3321, ext. 101. Thank you.

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Amy VandeZande

Our ‘Together in Mission’ Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Eurasia)

Rev. Michael & Karen Schempf (Uganda)

Rev. Michael Paul (Taiwan)



Zone 6 LWML Fall Rally

The LWML Fall Rally will be held at Zion Lutheran Church in Burnett on October 12. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Program starts at 9. Ingathering for the Rally are school supplies and skeins of yarn. Speaker will be Cindy Wrucke who serves the Lord through the LCMS as director of communications for the Eurasia region of the Czech Republic. All women are welcome to attend. Lunch will be served after the event.

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The Windsbach Boys Choir, a travelling choir consisting of 50 singers, ages 12-19, who live and board together with another 70 singing students at their school in Windsbach Germany, will be giving a concert on Thursday, October 24th, at 7:00 p.m., at Trinity Lutheran Church; 824 Wisconsin Ave., Sheboygan, WI. For more information: trinitysheboygan.org or 920-458-8246. Freewill offering will be received.



Monday, October 28, 2019

7:00 PM

Agenda: Budget; Election of Officers & Boards

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Thanksgiving Day Dinner at Pella Lutheran Church



It is getting to be that time of the year to start planning for the 30th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner which will be held at Pella on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th at noon.

More details will follow in the next newsletter and future Sunday bulletins.

If you wish to make a monetary donation, please use the October 27th 'Thanksgiving Dinner' envelope.

Thank you!

Church Secretary Position



The Board of Elders is now accepting applications for the position of part-time Church Secretary. Please submit resume to Warren Schmitz by email to warrenpaul@charter.net or by dropping them off at the

church office by October 10th. If you have questions, please call or text Warren at 920-210-4817.

Pella Youth are sponsoring a "Trunk or Treat"

on Saturday, October 26th from 4:00–6:00 p.m. on Madison Street by Dodge Park. (Due to road construction in front of our parking lot) Join the fun by dressing up, maybe even decorating your trunk, and handing out treats to "trick or treaters".



The youth are planning a "Rake 'n Run" on Sunday, November 3rd. If you need help with your yard fall clean-up, please call Karla Ceman at 920-291-8600 or Lora at the church office; 324-3321x101.

Want to learn more about Orphan Grain Train? The Annual Meeting will be held on October 5th at 9 a.m. in Westfield. Please call Karla Ceman (920-291-8600) if interested in going.

October Birthdays

2 Reagan Holz	9 Margaret Drewa	21 Matthew Bunkoske
2 Rachel Martinez	9 Olivia Shadley	21 Fred McIver
2 Conner Nummerdor	10 Addison Derksen	21 Kim Parsons
3 Jada Turner	11 Janice Chase	22 James Braatz
4 Robert Pater	14 Georgia Desjarlais	22 Jacob Gerrits
5 Jerrod VanLoo	14 Corton VandeZande	22 Timothy Young
6 Riley Donovan	15 Marnie Zamzow	22 Courtney Zills
6 Mason Jahn	16 Karla Ceman	23 Casey Bunkoske
6 Jerica Landaal	17 Tyler Brabant	23 Kyle Hiner
6 Kelly Lang	17 Valentae Martinez	24 Sharon Friese
7 Eileen Westhuis	17 Khyra Ordonez	24 Dean Hopp
8 Joyce Cerjance	17 Tyler Vanderbush	24 Leroy VandeSlunt
8 Charmaine Holz	18 Dennis Parsons	25 Zoe VandeZande
8 Charles Lund	19 Rick Schaub	28 Matthew Jahnke
9 James Quade	19 Jake Teachout	28 Carson Kind
		30 Linda Zuhlke

October Anniversaries

2 Dan & Margaret Drewa	15
2 Dennis & Bernice Schultz	54
2 Clete & Charlene Zills	26
3 Al & Mary Jo Kearley	21
9 Peter & Kay Hansen	48
10 Jeffrey & Danielle Rasmussen	38
10 Eugene & Elaine Woock	60
11 Steve & Denise Wiersma	16
12 Jeffrey & Jenifer Derksen	12
14 Justin & Kathryn Madigan	6
15 Thomas & Kathy Hendricks	36
15 Charles & Jean Lund	14
18 Michael & Stefanie Vanderbush	11
27 Dean & Amy Hopp	18
28 Rich & Amanda Corning	11

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October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 AM Prayer Group	2 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group	3 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	4	5 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
LWML Sunday 6 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	7 6:00 PM Youth Board	8 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM Trustees' Meeting	9 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. Youth Group	10 10:00 AM Bible Study 2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath 7:00 PM Elders' Meeting	11	12 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study
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20 9:00 AM Divine Service 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	21 7:00 PM Church Council	22 9:30 AM Prayer Group	23 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00-8:00 PM Champions of Fond du Lac 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group 7:00 PM Sr. Youth Group	24 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath NEWSLETTER MAILING	25 6:00 PM Card Night	26 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study 4:00—6:00 p.m. Youth Trunk or Treat (Madison St. by Dodge Park)
REFORMATION 27 9:00 AM Divine Service/ Holy Communion 10:15 AM Education Hour 6:30 PM Confirmation Class	28 7:00 PM Congregational Meeting	29 9:30 AM Prayer Group 6:30 PM SS Staff Meeting	30 9:00 AM Quilting 6:00 PM Jr. Youth Group	31 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM 1st Place 4 Heath	Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321	

October 2019 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist	Elders/ Altar Assistant	Finance	V/PA-Radio	Greeters	Acolytes	Ushers
10-6	9:00 AM	Ca. Zills	K. Hahn	D. Beder	H. Schmitz, E. Swan ®	C. Oppermann		N. Buss L. Gedamke
10-13	9:00 AM	Ch. Zills	N. Trauernicht C. Lund	M. Bowe S. Bowe	V. Loehrke W. Schmitz ®	M. & P. Hopp	K. Westphal	H. Flier M. Hopp
10-20	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	W. Schmitz	M. Peachey	D. VandeZande G. Baumann ®	H. & C. Schmitz	E. Wachter	G. Baumann R. Baumann
10-27	9:00 AM	L. Huizenga	D. Wetzel C. Lund	B. Kuenzi D. Kuenzi	S. Schmitz C. Landaal ®	J. & J. Quade	M. Holz	H. Westhuis M. Nolan

Altar Circle Committee: Beverly Schultz, Donna Talley, Sandy Armga, Lora Huizenga
Soul Accounting: Milford & Pat Hopp

