

## LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

### *From the Pastor's Desk...*

Labor Day was established in 1894 as a National Holiday to honor American workers and their achievements. Many Americans today don't give much consideration to the meaning of Labor Day – which doesn't surprise us since many have such little regard for work in general.

As Christians we understand that the ability to work in a useful vocation is a good gift from God. Work was a part of His original plan for mankind. *"The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."* (Gen. 2:15) Even now, by means of our work, God provides our daily bread and so much more. Of course our work is not only to provide for our personal needs but also to help provide good things for our neighbors, and vice versa.

As we give thanks to God for the ability He gives us to work, we also understand that it is the Lord Himself who does the most and greatest work for us, beginning with His work of creation. All things exist because God worked to design and create the heavens and the earth and everything in it, visible and invisible. That is truly awesome and good!

We also understand that God continues to work for our good every day. Jesus said, *"My Father is*

*always at His work to this very day, and I too am working."* (John 5:17) God works to preserve His good creation, providing all we need for everyday life. God also works by ruling over all things for the good of His church. (Eph. 1:22)

God's most gracious work is seen in what He has done for our salvation in the person of Jesus Christ! This Gospel message of Christ's work of redemption is the *"power unto salvation for everyone who believes."* (Rom. 1:16) Our Lord ensures His saving grace will continue until His return. *"We must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."* (Jn. 9:4-5)

So much more could be said about the many ways our Lord continues to work for the good of His church and for all people. Let us receive His works with joy and thanksgiving! And let us live in His grace serving others with our labors of love. All to the praise of His glory!

In His service,

*Pastor Knuth*



### SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 12

All children age 3 through grade 8 are welcome to Sunday School beginning September 12. We will meet in the chapel at **9:15 a.m.** for a brief opening, and then divide into classrooms. High school students and parents are encouraged to attend our Adult Bible Class that meets downstairs at the same time.

We need substitute teachers. The teaching materials we use are easy to follow, we have a great group of helpful people, and our class sizes are small and unintimidating. Please contact Tomi Knuth in the office if you are willing to help. Ideally, we would like to have one substitute assigned for each class to make it easy to prepare when needed.

Special thanks to our Sunday School staff: Sarah Aellig, Ryan Bengsch, Karla Ceman, Kevin and Lisa Hahn, Jenna Westphal, and Tomi Knuth. Pastor Knuth and Vicar Benish will be leading the openings this year.

# AROUND PELLA

## From the Vicar's Desk...

Christians, we need to read more. Now, you could read the latest fiction novel, or Harry Potter, or the Lord of the Rings, or any other popular book or series. These and I'm sure many of the books you've read are great books, perhaps you read them often. However, as Christians—those who have Christ's name put on them in Baptism—we should be reading Scripture, God's Holy Word. For it is in the Word where God reveals Himself and He cannot be known in any other way, except through the Word (see Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV). Thus, (1) Scripture is read in Church and in the home so that we learn and grow in the knowledge of ourselves, our Lord, and how He saved us by His mercy.

Christians, we need to read more. You've seen the headlines. You've read the newspapers. You see the world and society in which we live. A world which has sought to attack the fiber and fabric of what it means to be human, of Christianity itself—Christ our Lord. Christians be in the Word, not to escape the world around you. Rather, (2) so that you can discern between the voices—the voice of your Shepherd and the voices of the world, the devil, and your own sinful nature. One says, "My grace is sufficient for you. I came to suffer on your behalf. I suffer with you even now. Hold on, like Jacob held on to Me as I wrestled with Him."

Another says, "No one should be in this much pain and suffering. If you want to be rid of it all, you can. You won't even feel a thing." Remember the voice of your Shepherd, your Suffering Savior! Lord, keep us steadfast in Your Word!

Reading the Word of God is indispensable. It is what we, Christians, do. We sit at the feet of our Lord and let Him teach us. Flannery O'Connor has this to say about the meaning of a story, "When you can state the theme of a story, when you can separate it from the story itself, then you can be sure the story is not a very good one. The meaning of a story has to be embodied in it, has to be made concrete in it. A story is a way to say something that can't be said any other way, and it takes every word in the story to say what the meaning is. You tell a story because a statement would be inadequate. When anybody asks what a story is about, the only proper thing is to tell him to read the story" ("Writing Short Stories," *Mystery and Manners*). Within the pages of Holy Scripture is where we find meaning: the meaning of Truth, the meaning of Life, the meaning of the Way that brings us into fellowship with God and one another. In other words, the Son of God, the God-Man, Jesus Christ. What are the Scriptures are about? Read them.

In Christ, Vicar Benish

### CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

There is still room on Pella's trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter, October 25-28. The trip includes roundtrip motor coach transportation from Pella, 3 nights lodging, breakfast at the hotel each morning and entrance to both the museum and ark. Registration closes September 24, or once we reach 40 travelers. The trip is conducted through The SonShine Travelers, a Christian ministry run by Rev. Bruce Meier and Dick Bartelt. Daily devotions and prayer are a part of the trip. For more information, call or stop by the church office.



Beginning September 8, all youth grades 7-12 meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Youth room downstairs. Everyone is welcome and Vicar Benish will be joining us. For youth in Grades 5-8, we plan to attend a "Servants of Christ" seminar at Concordia University Wisconsin (Mequon) on September 25. For more information on youth events or to get involved, contact Karla Ceman (920) 291-8600.

**IN HIS HANDS PRESCHOOL** will have their first day of classes on Tuesday, September 7 with eight students enrolled. We welcome Stephanie Kind as a teacher and look forward to a fun year with our 3-year olds!

# AROUND PELLA

## SELECT MISSION for September



LUTHERAN  
HERITAGE  
FOUNDATION

Imagine trying to understand Scripture in all its richness without the benefit of Luther's *Small Catechism*. Or trying to teach young children basic Bible stories without books like *A Child's Garden of Bible Stories*.

For Lutheran churches around the world, these situations are reality. They don't have the basic books, so vital to understanding the Lutheran faith, because no one has translated them into their languages.

In more than 80 countries and 100 languages, thousands of people have come to faith in Christ because they've been able to read books like *The Good News About Jesus* or Luther's *Small Catechism* in their own language. LHF has published the catechism in more than 90 languages with dozens more requested. In the past decade, LHF has published and distributed over 1,000 titles and 3 million Lutheran books to pastors, seminary students, missionaries and churches - all at no cost to them.

On **Sunday, September 12**, Rev. Bob Marshall will be here to share with us the work of the LHF. He will give the Sunday sermon as well as a presentation during the bible class hour between services. Please come to hear more about the good work being done by LHF.

**Orphan Grain Train** Donations of clean, wearable clothing, bedding, shoes, durable coats, medical devices, etc., can be placed on the table or floor of the OGT room (old Sr. Youth room off the gym). We are also in need of paper grocery bags to line the boxes for shipment. Thank you.

**New Home or Phone?** If you have changed your address or cell number or if your adult children have new college or home addresses, please forward that information to the church office. Thank you for helping us keep in touch with all of our members.

## September Birthdays

1	Bryan Pater	15	Mason Holz
2	Heidi Gerrits	15	Ann Keyser
3	Shirley Canniff	16	Florence Hanna
3	Breylen Ferney	17	Stephanie Fischer
3	Gavin Ferney	18	Dan Drewa
3	Darwin Wetzell	18	Suzanne Pluim
4	Michaela Kennedy	18	David Smit
4	Julie Trauernicht	19	Ryan Quiring
5	Sandra Flier	21	Charlotte Hagen
5	John Stephens	21	Sarah Kind
6	Nathan Trauernicht	21	Susan King
7	Tammy VandeZande	21	Cassandra Shadley
9	Kelli Bonack	21	Cameron Yunto
9	Jean Goodall	22	Edna Beske
9	Roger Randrup	26	Terry Canniff
10	Denise Bauer	26	Jeffrey Talley
10	Victoria Knuth	27	Lucas Jahnke
10	Susan VandeBerg	27	Donna Johnson
12	Marjorie Bentley	27	Joseph Nolan
12	Barbara Jahnke	28	Susan Berndt
12	Edwin Swan	28	Kim McDowell
12	Payton VanderGalien	29	Jayden Aellig
13	Talitha Benish	30	Ryan Rasmussen

## September Anniversaries

1	Warren and JoAnn Schmitz	3
7	Cory and Lori Peterson	30
13	Ryan and Megan Quiring	7
17	Jeff and Melissa Hayes	27
25	Matthew and Sarah Bunkoske	6
28	Merlin and Sandra Bowe	58
30	Chad and Jennifer Harmsen	14

## Newsletter Prayer List

Our monthly newsletter prayer list includes the names of those who have long-term illnesses or who are in the military. If you know of someone who should be included on this list, please call or email Tomi in the church office.

### Long-Term Prayer List:

Pastor Jim Herbolsheimer, Karla Schmidt (Julie Trauernicht's mother), Mark Bartow (friend of Cherie Witkowski)

### Our 'Together in Mission' Missionaries:

Cindy Zirbel Wrucke (Czech Republic)  
Rev. Michael & Irene Paul (Taiwan)

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### Bible Verse of the Month

*But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.*

Matthew 6:33

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# September 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>When we put <i>God</i> first, all other things fall into their <i>proper place.</i></p>			<p>9:00 AM Quilting <sup>1</sup></p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>2</sup></p>	<p>Church Office Closed <sup>3</sup></p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>5</sup></p>
<p>7:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>10:15 AM Adult Bible Study</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p><sup>5</sup></p>	 <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p><sup>6</sup></p>	<p>9:30 AM Prayer Group <sup>7</sup></p>	<p>9:00 AM Quilting <sup>8</sup></p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p>	<p>10:00 AM Bible Study <sup>9</sup></p> <p>2:00 PM Ladies Aid/LWML</p>	<p>Church Office Closed <sup>10</sup></p>	<p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study <sup>11</sup></p>
<p><sup>12</sup></p> <p><b>Lutheran Heritage Foundation</b> <b>Speaker Rev. Robert Marshall</b></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>9:15 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><sup>13</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Pella Life Group</p> <p>6:00 PM Youth Board</p> <p>7:00 PM Elders' Meeting</p>	<p><sup>14</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 PM Trustees Meeting</p>	<p><sup>15</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p><sup>16</sup></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><sup>17</sup></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p><sup>18</sup></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><sup>19</sup></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><sup>20</sup></p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	<p><sup>21</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p>	<p><sup>22</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Champions of Fond du Lac</p>	<p><sup>23</sup></p> <p>10:00 AM Bible Study</p> <p>NEWSLETTER MAILING</p>	<p><sup>24</sup></p> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p><sup>25</sup></p> <p>7:00 AM Men's Bible Study</p>
<p><sup>26</sup></p> <p>8:00 AM Divine Service</p> <p>9:15 AM Education Hour</p> <p>10:30 AM Divine Service w/ Holy Communion</p> <p>11:00 AM Radio Broadcast</p> <p>6:30 PM Confirmation Class</p>	<p><sup>27</sup></p>	<p><sup>28</sup></p> <p>9:30 AM Prayer Group</p> <p>6:30 PM SS Staff Mtg.</p>	<p><sup>29</sup></p> <p>9:00 AM Quilting</p> <p>6:00 PM Sr. &amp; Jr. Youth</p> <p>7:00 PM Divine Service</p>	<p><sup>30</sup></p>	<p>Pella Lutheran Church 315 S. Madison Street Waupun, WI 53963 Phone 920-324-3321</p>	

# September 2021 Serving Calendar

Date	Time	Organist / Pianist	Elder/Usher	Finance	Video Recording	Audio / Radio Recording
<b>Wednesday September 1</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday September 5</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Warren Schmitz	Marjie Peachey Diana Beder	Harvey Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday September 8</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Kevin Hahn			
<b>Sunday September 12</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Lora Huizenga	Ben Kuenzi	F. & S. McIver M. & S. Bowe	Val Loehrke	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday September 15</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Ben Kuenzi			
<b>Sunday September 19</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Christal Zills	Kevin Hahn	Gail VanLoo Cheryl Pater	D. VandeZande	Dan Holz
<b>Wednesday September 22</b>	7:00 PM	Candis Breitkruetz	Darwin Wetzel			
<b>Sunday September 26</b>	8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Candis Breitkruetz	Ben Kuenzi	Ben & Debbie Kuenzi	Steve Schmitz	G. Baumann / Warren Schmitz
<b>Wednesday September 29</b>	7:00 PM	Vanessa Knuth	Darwin Wetzel			

**Altar Circle Committee:** Bev Schultz, Val Loehrke

**Soul Accounting:** Marion Birkholz, Darlene Birkholz-Lueck

