

September 16, 2020

Dear Friends,

Things always look a little better when the Packers are doing well! Granted, it's early in the season, but "undefeated" has a nice ring to it.

**Sanctuary Windows:** The last two windows will be installed in the sanctuary on Friday, September 27. Thanks be to God! Good progress is also being made on the two remaining windows. Where we install them has not yet been decided, but in all probability they will be backlit.

**Midweek Devotions:** After reviewing how many people are watching the midweek devotions online, I have decided to suspend writing/recording them for now. I've enjoyed preparing them and am deeply grateful to Aaron Oestreich and Kristin Wrolstad and Dee Kuhlman for their professional assistance with these. It's been a joy for me to work with them! I would like to complete the series on the sanctuary windows by doing a devotion on each of the remaining windows.

**Ron Wille** will be teaching a new Bible Study on Monday's at 4:30pm. Written by Lutheran Hour Ministries, this study is entitled, "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." Ever wondered if there was *just a bit more* to some of those lessons you learned in Sunday School. Others have as well. Join us as we take a look behind the scenes and uncover "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." This study will take place in the sanctuary on Monday's at 4:30, beginning Sept. 28. No sign up is required. Classes will be kept to 45 minutes or less.

**Pastor Thompson** will be leading a Bible Study at Church on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month beginning October 6, 2020 at 7pm. The study is based on the devotional booklet "Christ and Calamity (Grace & Gratitude in the Darkest Valley)." Calamities come in many different sizes and God addresses them all in his Word and by his Spirit. When calamity strikes, you can count on God—not because you feel close to him but because he remains close to you. Rev. Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, the author of the devotional book says, "We're living through a global calamity, but we all live through our own small calamities" and he reminds us, "In times of turmoil seek The Prince of Peace." We will read this little book together as we stop along the way to reflect on and share our Lord's comforting and sustaining words with one another. The Bible Study is limited to 30 individuals, and about 20 have already signed up. To sign up, please call the church office. The books cost \$10 a piece.

**Budget:** Especially during tumultuous times, it's important to have a healthy church ready to respond to the needs at hand. We learned at the Board of Directors meeting Monday that we are starting to fall behind on our offerings. It's still early in the fiscal year, but income is falling short of expenses. Thankfully, we did receive a federal PPP-SBA loan, so we are not in immediate danger of being unable to pay bills. Still, the trend is unsettling. Thanks to all of you who have been so generous and deliberate in bringing to God your offerings! Remember, if you give via a credit card, the church pays 3% of that gift in fees to the credit card company. That 3% is adding up! Another option is to set up automatic giving by giving Ron Bartels a call. More folks are finding this to be a very convenient way to go. In any event, thank you for your generosity!

**Memory Verse:** This week's memory verse is from 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, "For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures."



Pastor Groth

## In other news:



**Thank you for all who supported our youth group fundraiser** working at Glenn's Brat Haus recently. Through your generous support, we raised over \$1,300. Our youth will be choosing a couple of local charities and sharing a small portion with them. The kids ran the entire show inside the Brat Haus doing a great job of working together. Thank you for the adult volunteers who did the cooking. Our youth group resumed meeting on Sunday afternoons from 4–5:30 pm outside. (Eleven youth were here last Sunday!) All Junior High School

Youth are welcome and encouraged to come. We will meet down below on the church grounds. We have a devotion, discuss our faith, and enjoy playing assorted yard games.

**Shared Community Mission Group** will be starting to hand out Weekend Food-to-Go-and-Grow bag of food on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Good Shepherd will be responsible for cans of vegetables each week: beans, peas, corn and instant potatoes. There will be a blue bin under the coat rack inside the front door as well as a sign-in sheet. The week that Good Shepherd is hosting (TBD) we may need people to deliver bags for families that cannot do the drive-through at Christ United Methodist Church on Hall Street. We will be packing bags on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:30 pm and pickup will be between 4:30 and 5:30 pm.

**LWML Service Project–Mary's Room:** Please drop off items on October 3 between 9-10 AM, at the church where people will be available to take your donations or call Jan Schadt (920-285-8599) for needed appointment if unable to be there during drop off. Needed items: Bathtubs, Baby Wipes, Baby Shampoo, Baby Wash, Diaper Rash Cream, Bottles & Bottle Brushes, Diapers (especially sizes 4 and 5). To find out about LWML 2020-2021 Mission Grants view the online video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnCEImxvxnM#action=share>. Thank you.

**Family Treasure Hunt:** Come join us for zoom family night Monday, September 28. Click on this link at 6:30 PM to participate in a family treasure hunt. Michelle Gerlach, Family Life  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86017852111?pwd=SXhCZGZ4a1poY1UzaWpqc2lRV3RXZz09>

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**ANNUAL TURKEY DINNER FUNDRAISER:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, 210 Lincoln Avenue in Reesville will be serving their annual turkey dinner on Sunday, October 4, 2020, from 11:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Out of an abundance of caution due to on-going COVID-19 concerns, this year's dinner will be CARRY-OUT ONLY. Each carry-out will contain bountiful portions of roast turkey, homemade mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, vegetable, cranberries, dinner rolls and coleslaw. Also included will be your choice of either pumpkin, apple or cherry pie. Each carry out will cost \$11.00. Pre-orders are strongly encouraged and may be ordered by calling the church at 920-927-5734.

**Bread & Roses Cooks needed:** As of September 3, 2020, we have temporarily suspended serving meals. We are currently looking for two experienced cooks that can take over our meal preparation. Meals are cooked every Thursday, serving 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Duties include planning meals, purchasing needed food and supplies, cooking 140 to 180 meals, clean up and maintaining kitchen area and equipment. Time commitment is about 10 hours a week. If you are interested in this position, please contact Gary at 262-271-3047.

# SCAVENGER HUNT



Zoom family scavenger hunt  
Monday, September 28 at 6:30  
PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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