

The Good News

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September 25, 2022
16th Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 A.M. Worship Service



Minister: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith

Scripture: Matthew 26:26-30

Lay Reader: Joan Dailey

Ushers: Syneva Heupel, Betsy Rogstad

Sunday School: Janet Koostra

Nursery: Erin Borland

Tellers: Carol Shipley, Nancy Zadick

Children begin in Worship

In-person worship will be offered in the church sanctuary at 9:30 A.M. We will continue to register folks upon entry. Facemasks are strongly recommended. The service will be live-streamed onto Facebook and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day. **Coffee Fellowship will be held after the service in Fellowship Hall.**

The TV broadcast service will be on NBC at 9:30 A.M.

Bible Study Registration

Rev. Lynne is offering an eight-session course on the *Gospel According to Luke* on Tuesdays and Wednesdays beginning on October 18th. The Tuesday session will be held in the evening, exact time TBD on preference of participants. The Wednesday session will be held at noon. Although registration is not required, it helps us know how to plan. Please contact the church office or sign up at church to let us know which session you'll be attending.

Blessing of the Animals, October 9th at 3:00 P.M.

Our Saviors Lutheran, 1326 1st Avenue N.

In the outside courtyard accessed from 1st Avenue N.



Fishing for Volunteers

Our turn to work at the FISH Food Pantry is **October 3rd-7th from 9:00-11:00 A.M.** If you feel comfortable volunteering and distributing food to families in need, please call Carol Davidson at 836-1862 (my land line isn't working!). And wearing a mask is fine, too....I probably will be wearing one at the window. Thank you so much if you can help!- Carol Davidson

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



† Please keep **Tom and Jan Robitaille** in your prayers. Tom's brother, Rick, passed away on August 20th in Wyoming. Jan's sister, Lynn has a number of medical concerns and is undergoing tests.

Adopt-a-Project

The Joint Facilities Committee invites you into the adventure of Adopt-a-Project 2022. This is your opportunity to roll up your sleeves and do your part in keeping our facility clean, safe, and attractive. Here's how it works:

- Beginning October 1st, Adopt-a-Project will be set up in the Narthex. You won't be able to miss it. It's a HUGE photo of the church building and will have a variety of Project Cards attached to it.
- Find the project that you'd like to do.
- Take the project card, write your name on the stub, tear off the stub and leave it in the nearby basket.
- Take the main part of the project card with you as a reminder.
- Then... Get to work and **complete your project by November 30th**.
- All projects not completed through Adopt-a-project will need to be completed by the Joint Facilities Committee.
- Once completed, return your project card to the church office.

additional projects may be added. Please check Adopt-a-Project sign board for updates

- **Windows:**

- Fellowship Hall Windows (inside & out)
- Office Windows (inside & out)
- Interior Office Windows
- Sunday School Room #1, 3, 5 & 7 Windows (inside & out)
- Sunday School Room #2, 4 & 6 Windows (inside & out)
- Clean blinds in main office
- Parlor, nursery, west entrance & choir room windows (inside & out)
- Clean interior and exterior plexiglass on Electronic Message Center (will need ladder, cleaner that will handle hard water and ability to remove hardware, take down plexiglass, clean and reinstall)

- **Exterior Projects:**

- Clean debris out of columbarium and front court area
- Clean leaves and debris out of west entrance area
- Kill weeds in cracks in sidewalk, around building perimeter and parking lot

- **Interior Projects:**

- Wash tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall – UCC Fellowship Board will do this
- Go through extra chairs, set aside the broken ones, wash the others
- Dust out chairs in sanctuary, make sure each chair has a pen or pencil
- Clean main level kitchen
- Vacuum furniture in the parlor
- Clean vent ducts in downstairs restrooms
- Clean inside heat registers in downstairs restrooms

Other pointers:

You can choose more than one project. (The more the merrier!)

You can do your project(s) with your friends. (Again, the more the merrier!)

Know that your work is greatly appreciated!

Living into our Mission: Visitation

One of the things that our church members and friends often lift up is the importance of being connected to a faith community. Life-long friends are often made through church as we work together and serve God in education, outreach, fellowship and mission. One of the most significant ministries we can offer to our fellow church members and companions in Christ is that of visitation, especially with those who are no longer able to engage in the ministries of the church in ways they have in the past.

Our Church Growth and Vitality Board is bringing our Visitation Team back to life and are seeking volunteers who can help keep the church connected with our membership. We're looking for people who can visit in person or by phone as well as send cards and other meaningful ways to stay connected. **No experience is necessary and basic training will be provided Sunday, October 9th following worship.**

If you would like to receive visits or know someone who would, please share this information with us. Revitalizing this ministry is an important way to keep all of our members connected and remind them of the love of their church.



Christian Education News

Sunday School

This week, children will begin in worship. After a time with Rev. Lynne, children will go to Sunday School for one more day of introductory information. Sunday School offering will be received. **Regular Sunday School class begins October 2nd.**

Nursery

For the next two weeks, our nursery attendant Whitney is on vacation. The nursery will be staffed by volunteers. If you would like to help either Sunday, contact Janet Koostra, 727-8443. **Whitney will be back in the nursery on October 9th.**

Registration Paperwork Due

Registration paperwork for children in the nursery and Sunday School is due September 25th. Beginning October 2nd, children will not be allowed to participate in Sunday School or nursery care until registration forms are completed and turned into Janet Koostra. Forms are available in the church narthex or through email by contacting Janet at janetkoostra@gmail.com. Many thanks to families who have turned in their information!

Teacher Meeting September 25th

Interested in teaching Sunday School? Already volunteered to help? Want to be a Sunday School helper? **Please join Christian Education Coordinator Janet Koostra in the parlor at 10:45 A.M. on Sunday September 25th!** Grab some treats from the Fellowship Hall first, then head to the parlor to discuss scheduling, curriculum and other related activities. Please contact Janet (727-8443 or janetkoostra@gmail.com) with any questions. We are a little short on teachers! **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!** Please prayerfully consider participating in our children's ministry.



Mark your calendars for a spooky good time on Sunday, October 30th for an **INTERGENERATIONAL Halloween party** following worship. **The party will take place in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30 A.M. -12:00 noon.** Paint a pumpkin! Decorate Halloween-themed sugar cookies! Eat corn dogs and scary spider cookies! Play games! Win prizes! Collect candy! Children and adults are encouraged to wear costumes (no weapons please). There is sure to be lots of fun for everyone!

**Holly will be ON VACATION and OUT OF THE OFFICE
September 26th-October 4th.**

Phone messages and emails will be answered upon her return.

Rev. Lynne may be contacted for administrative emergencies.

The next newsletter will be mailed on October 6th.

Coming Up

Sunday, September 25

9:30 A.M. In-person worship, Nursery, Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 A.M. Sunday School Teacher meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, September 27

10:00 A.M. Mitten Makers, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 28

6:00 P.M. Youth Group
6:00 P.M. Handbells, Choir Room
7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Sunday, October 2- Taize Service

9:30 A.M. In-person worship, Holy Communion, Nursery, Sunday School
Minister: Rev. Lynne Spencer-Smith
Scripture: Psalm 71, Luke 17: 11-19
Lay Reader: Liz Lee
Ushers: Dave Neagle, June Rovero
Sunday School: ibd
Nursery: Sue Turton
Tellers: Liz Lee, Sue Skees
Children begin in Sunday School

9:30 A.M. TV Broadcast on NBC
10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 A.M. Worship Board, Parlor

Monday, October 3

1:00 P.M. Christian Service Board, (note address change for this meeting)
Harold and Carmen Poulsen Legacy Housing, 3004 15th Avenue South
It's on the GF Clinic Campus. Instead of pulling into the Clinic go just a little past that turn in and you will be at Legacy Housing

Wednesday, October 5

10:00 A.M. Bridge, Sunday School wing
6:00 P.M. Youth Group
6:00 P.M. Handbells, Choir Room
7:15 P.M. Chancel Choir, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 6

5:30 P.M. Church Growth & Vitality Board, zoom

Friday, October 7

11:00 A.M. Fellowship Board, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 9

9:30 A.M. In-person worship, Nursery, Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Coffee Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
10:45 A.M. Visitation Team meeting, Parlor

Monday, October 10

12:00 P.M. Joint Facilities Committee, parlor
6:00 P.M. Christian Education Board, Fellowship Hall
6:00 P.M. Business Affairs Board, zoom