

November 4 & 5, 2017 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

To our friends, welcome again. To the first time visitor, we extend our sincere greeting. To those looking for a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Savior, membership in His church and citizenship in His eternal kingdom. **Sunday we follow the service “Morning Praise” on pg 45. Monday we follow the order of “Evening Prayer” on pg 54.**

We have large print service binders available - please ask an usher for one.

Today’s Hymns: #443, #446

Prayer of the Day: Lord keep your household, the Church, in continual godliness and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN**

Psalm 23 (page 72)

First Lesson: Philippians 4:4-13

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praise worthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. ⁴ “Then he sent some more servants and said, ‘Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.’

⁵ “But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. ⁶ The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city.

⁸ “Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. ⁹ So go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.’

¹⁰ So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, the bad as well as the good, and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹² He asked, ‘How did you get in here without wedding clothes, friend?’ The man was speechless.

¹³ “Then the king told the attendants, ‘Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

¹⁴ “For many are invited, but few are chosen.

Today’s Message: (based on Philippians 4:4-13)

“Enough Already! Rejoice in the Lord!”

Thank you to our Sunday organist, Jennifer Knutson and Monday pianist, Darci Matzke.

This week, God willing...

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - “Grace Defended”

Monday: Pastor Circuit Meeting @ Bethany 10:00am / Worship 6:30pm
MLHS Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings all day - 10% sales to MLHS

Tuesday: Catechism Class 5:30pm

Wed: Pastor preaches @ Bethany 8:00am & @ Harborview 10:30am
Bible Class 1:30 & 6:30pm - Lie #9 “God wants Christians to live without the pleasures of life”

Thursday: JLOG Parent Conferences 1:00 - 6:00pm
Early Childhood Board Meeting 5:30pm / Grace Circle Meeting 6:30pm

Saturday: “Surviving the Holidays” Grief Seminar 9-11am / MLHS Fed Meeting 9:00am

Sunday: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Class 9:20am & 6:30pm - “Confessed & Enduring”

Monday: “Grandparent’s Day” @ MLHS starts @ 9:00am / Worship 6:30pm

Part Time Position Available: We are expanding our part-time office staff! A position description for an “Office Assistant” is available on the counter in the church office.

From Staff Minister Bob: Jesus once said to a rich man, “Sell everything, give the money to the poor, then follow me.” Does God want us to live without the pleasures of life? Is taking a vow of poverty more holy than enjoying the money we earn? How rich is too rich? These and related questions will be explored at this Wednesday’s Bible studies -- **“Lie #9 - God wants Christians to live without the pleasures of life”** Please join us at 1:30 or 6:30 p.m.

Last Weekend’s Attendance: Sunday 8:00: #103, 10:45: #65, Monday #83, Total = #251

Can you help? Jesus' Lambs of Grace is having a Thanksgiving Bingo & Pie Party Nov 22. They need **Bingo prizes for the preschoolers & families** - specifically looking for dollar store or inexpensive items. Suggestions for children: small toys, coloring books, Play Doh, easy reader books, stickers, pencils. Suggestions for adults: candles, note cards, pens, hand lotion, knickknacks, kitchen utensils. No food items, please! Donations can be placed in the labeled box located on the floor by the Information Table by Monday, Nov 20th.



MLHS Information



MLHS Call Information - Two of our teachers have received divine calls. Pastor Daniel Cole (in the Religion department), has a call to Mt. Sinai Lutheran Church in Montrose, MI. Pastor Cole's wife, Tosha, currently serves us on a full-time basis. Mr. David Uhlhorn received a call to serve as the 'permanent' MLHS principal. He has been filling the vacancy in that position since last May. God bless both of these servants as they deliberate their calls!

Blood Drive at MLHS - Wed, Nov 8 from 9am - 2pm. This blood drive is being sponsored by the National Honor Society (NHS). There will be a mobile unit in the parking lot near the baseball field (east side of the school). Any questions please contact Jolene Pautz at jpautz@mlhslancers.org.

The 50th WELS Choral Festival is Nov 10-12 at the La Crosse Center. All are welcome to attend the **Pops Concert on Friday at 7pm & the Sacred Concert on Sunday at 2pm.** The sacred concert will feature songs from the past 5 decades as well as a new, commissioned premier by composer/director Dale Witte! Choral Festival alumni are asked to be a part of the concert by singing in the commissioned selection. For more information, including alumni registration, hotel information & more about the festival go to www.welsfinearts.org.

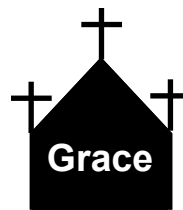
MLHS Grandparent's Day is Monday, Nov 13 starting at 9am. The day's agenda is available online at www.mlhslancers.org/gdayagenda. Grandparents will participate in chapel service, a game show, can attend classes with their grandchild as well as a delicious lunch. All Grandparents need to register online at www.mlhslancers.org/grandparentsday. **Would you be willing to help us make this day a success?** Go to www.mlhslancers.org/eventhelp to see how you can help, and sign up to help. Thanks!



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Wednesday, Nov 22nd: @ 6:30pm &
Thursday, Nov 23rd @ 9:30am



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I CAN DO
EVERYTHING
THROUGH HIM
WHO GIVES ME
STRENGTH

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

November 5 & 6, 2017

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS



www.griefshare.org/holidays

Grieving?

Know someone who is?

When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our *Surviving the Holidays* seminar helps participants prepare for the holidays and even discover hope for the future.



November 11th from 9:00 - 11:00am

at Grace Lutheran Church

No cost to attend.

Pre-registration is appreciated -

Call 920-682-7377 or email gracelutheran@tm.net

Hurricane Relief Update—Oct. 9, 2017 ***From WELS Christian Aid and Relief Chairman Rev. Bob Hein***

Thank you for your prayers, your concern, and your generous gifts on behalf of those affected by the recent hurricanes in Texas, Florida, and the Caribbean. Here is an update on relief efforts. Christian Aid and Relief personalizes our efforts by working through our congregations and missions in the affected area. We work through our pastors and congregational leaders to make assessments and distribute aid.

Puerto Rico: It has been difficult getting feedback from Puerto Rico because communications have been down. Our liaison to Puerto Rico, Pastor Tim Satorius, has been in contact with pastors of the Lutheran Church of Puerto Rico. One church there was completely destroyed. Pastor Satorius and a representative from Christian Aid and Relief are making a personal assessment visit to Puerto Rico October 19. This will help us determine our response. In the meantime, we did send an immediate gift of \$5000 through Direct Relief to assist those in need.

Texas: We have a project coordinator in place to make specific assessment of damage to one parsonage and church at Christ our Savior, Angleton, Tex., one school at Sierra Plantation Academy, and about 10 member homes in the Friendswood, Tex., area. We are in process of bringing in volunteers to assist with the recovery and rebuild efforts.

Florida: Pastors in the affected area continue to bring requests to us for immediate aid through our District President Chuck Westra. This includes generators and equipment, rental assistance while being displaced from home, and assistance with cost of repairs. We also are assisting Abiding Grace, Covington, GA, as their church suffered water damage from the storm. Volunteers from several Florida congregations have been assisting with cleanup efforts among their members and their community, making good use of the equipment we provide in our relief trailers. Those who have received assistance are most appreciative and wish to express their gratitude for a job well done. South Atlantic District President Chuck Westra writes, "We give great thanks for the generosity of God's people as they respond to the needs of their brothers and sisters. It has been encouraging for me and many others to see the generous assistance in this time of need."

Antigua and Barbuda: Assistance is being provided to families displaced from Barbuda, who are staying with members & friends of our WELS mission, St. John, Antigua. 29 families have received \$18,000 in immediate aid so far. Our liaison Pastor Tom Spiegelberg will be visiting Antigua this month to help us make further assessment of needs and opportunities.

If anyone would like to give a personal donation online, here is the direct link to the WELS Christian Aid Relief donation page:
<https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=394>