

September 24 & 25, 2017 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to worship! 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. Parents, there is a "sitting room" with visual and sound of the service along the south wall. **We follow the Service of the Word, starting on page 38.**

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

Today's Hymns: #230, #304, #446, #490

Prayer of the Day: Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Today we continue a celebration of the core beliefs of the Lutheran Reformation.



We sum the truth of our salvation up with the words;

By Grace Alone

By Faith Alone

Through Scripture Alone



Our Sunday Bible classes between services and at 6:30pm tonight will study further the truth that we are saved through faith alone.

First Lesson: Habakkuk 2:1-4

¹ I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint.

² Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³ For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it peaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay.

⁴ "See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness.

Psalm 51a (page 86)

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-5

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.'

¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Sermon Theme: (based on Romans 5:1-5)

"Faith Brings Sure Hope"

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

Thank you also to our guest preacher, Pastor Beck Goldbeck. Pastor Pankow is out of town and will return on Tuesday, Sep 26th. If you have a pastoral emergency, you can contact Pastor Melso at Bethany Office (684-9620) or his home (684-4327).

This week - God willing.....

TODAY: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - Reformation Theme - "By Faith Alone"
Junior Lancer Youth Choir rehearsal at MLHS (in the band room) 6:30pm

Monday: Worship 6:30pm

Tuesday: Catechism Class 5:30pm

Wed: Pastor preaches at Harborview 10:30am / Staff Meeting 11:30am
Bible Classes 1:30 & 6:30pm - "Lie #3 - God is more tolerant than he used to be"

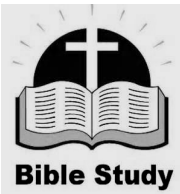
Thu: Early Childhood Board Meeting 5:30pm
"Seekers" Young Adult Bible Study @ Jen's Java 7:00pm

Sunday: Worship 8:00 & 10:45am / Sunday School & Teen Bible Class 9:20am
Adult Bible Classes at 9:20am & 6:30pm - Reformation Theme - "By Christ Alone"

Monday: Worship 6:30pm

Last Weekend's Attendance: Sunday: 8:00 - #81, 10:45 - #74, Monday - 75, Total - #230

This week Wednesday's Bible Class Topic: Is there a difference between the God of the Old Testament and the God of the New Testament? Was God angrier before Jesus came to earth, than he is today? Is he now more tolerant of sin than in Bible times? This topic will be discussed at this week's Wednesday Bible classes, held at 1:30 and 6:30pm. Please come join us and be a part of this discussion.



Upcoming Bible Classes Themes:

(Sundays 9:20am & 6:30pm and Wednesdays 1:30 & 6:30pm)

- TODAY: Reformation Theme - "By Grace Alone"
- Wed, 9/27: Lie #3 About God - "God is more tolerant than he used to be"
- Sunday, 10/1: Reformation Theme - "By Faith Alone"

Repeat Performance Update from Judy LaGrow: Thanks to all of our customers and volunteers, Repeat Performance is celebrating our 13th successful year of business. **We will have an Anniversary 50% Off store wide sale on Sat, Oct 7 from 9-5.** Sadly, it is getting harder to fill our store hours with cashiers. We have recently lost several cashiers due to various reasons. Can you find time for a 4 hour shift once a week or even once a month? It is not hard...and our customers love us! The cash register is just like an adding machine. It even tells you how much change to give back! If you would like to know more about the duties of a cashier, please feel free to come in and shadow a cashier while helping bag items for the customers. Thank you!

Upcoming Events in October:

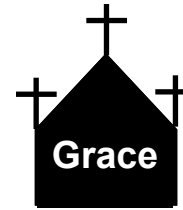
LWMS Shoreline Circuit Fall Rally: Saturday, Oct 14 from 9:00am - Noon at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Kewaunee. All ages (including men!) are welcome to attend this Rally. See the display in the fellowship hall for more information.

Grace "Fall Fest" - Saturday, Oct 21 from 9:30 - 11:00am - more details to come!

MLHS Fall Showcase & Concert- Sunday, October 22nd: This annual event is one that you will not want to miss. Come to MLHS at **2:00pm** and partake in some pie, torte, ice cream and our popular silent auction. Then at **4:00pm** sit back and enjoy the **MLHS Fall Concert** featuring the Lancer Singers, MLHS Concert Choir, Cantate Choir, Freshman Choir, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band. We hope to see you there!

Our Fall Clean-up Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 28, starting at 8:00am. Clean-up will include regular outside tasks like raking leaves, trimming trees/shrubs and washing windows, along with some light inside cleaning. You are asked to dress accordingly and if possible bring along a rake, work gloves, etc. **If you can give a few hours of your time to help, please contact Scott Stubbe, Properties Elder at 973-8915.**

Reformation 500 Worship Service - Saturday, October 28th @ 2:00pm: The WELS Northern Wisconsin District will be holding a district-wide worship service at the Fox Cities Performing Arts Center (PAC) on October 28, 2017 to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The service will begin at 2:00pm. Immediately following the service there will be food and fellowship time at the PAC. Let Pastor know if you are interested in going. Tickets are very limited. Please note that there will not be an area Reformation Service this year at MLHS.



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Hurricane Harvey & Hurricane Irma Update – Sep 19, 2017 from the office of our WELS Christian Aid and Relief

Pastors and leaders from Florida and Texas are continuing to meet and evaluate the needs of their members and communities following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Florida pastors and South Atlantic District President Chuck Westra met with a representative from WELS Christian Aid and Relief Mon., Sept. 18, to assess the needs and discuss opportunities.

Local volunteers have deployed the Christian Aid and Relief trailers, outfitted with tools and supplies for relief work, to the Jacksonville, Fla., area to help with cleanup efforts. A group of Christian Aid and Relief volunteers will be arriving in Florida on Fri., Sept. 22, and staying for a week to tackle cleanup projects in Merritt Island and West Melbourne, two of the harder hit areas.

So far, reports of damage to WELS churches and members' homes have been minimal from Irma. Minor roof damage and downed trees account for the majority of the reports. Local groups have come together to clean up the most urgent areas, including members from the churches in the Divine Savior school association getting together to help clean up trees and debris around the school.

"It was pretty exciting that as we're starting this new association with one another we see a firsthand account of brothers and sisters in Christ joining together to do a bigger, better job than we could've done ourselves," says Rev. John Boggs, Hope, West Palm Beach, Fla.

Rev. David Rosenbaum, Redeemer, Merritt Island, Fla., said that while he and his members were spared major damage, there are several homes in the surrounding community that were destroyed by winds and tornadoes.

In Texas, a representative from WELS Christian Aid and Relief met with Houston-area pastors and lay leaders and South Central District President Rev. Don Patterson on Sept. 6 to assess the situation in that area. The district has established a local committee to continue to assess needs and coordinate relief opportunities.

Patterson reports that many congregations have already been working to help members and friends clean up damage to their properties and homes caused by the flooding. Rev. Matthew Brown from Abiding Word, Houston, Tex., says that more than 40 Abiding Word members mobilized as soon as flood waters receded to help the five member families whose homes were badly damaged in the flood. Other members went door to door in their neighborhoods to see if people needed help. "It was Christians serving and trusting that God provides those opportunities to give the reason for the hope that we have," Brown says.

Several different groups from the area also traveled to Christ our Savior, Angleton, Tex., the last few weekends to help clean out and strip down the parsonage, which was flooded with eight inches of water that didn't recede for a week.

Along with the relief trailers with tools and supplies, Christian Aid and Relief has provided more than \$65,000 to help address immediate needs of the congregations and members affected by the hurricane and the flooding in Texas. Some of this funding is being used to help congregations and schools reach high deductibles for their insurance as well to provide gift cards for supplies to members and prospects as cleanup efforts continue.

Local district leaders and Builders For Christ are also discussing the possibility of working together on rebuilding homes damaged by the hurricane.

Boggs says, "Hurricane Irma has come and gone, and its affects are being felt everywhere. There are still parts of our state that are without power. There's a lot of devastation and issues that need to be resolved. But, we stand amazed at how the Lord spared our people, how the Lord spared our buildings, how destruction was very minimal to our WELS churches, and how our brothers and sisters in Christ have rallied around each other and their common faith to support one another and help wherever possible."

Christian Aid and Relief Chairman Rev. Bob Hein thanks WELS members for their outpouring of prayers and support, saying it's encouraging for people who have been affected by these storms to know they have brothers and sisters in faith thinking of them.

Learn more at wels.net/hurricaneupdates.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?



Collection here at Grace: This is the final weekend for you to make a donation to the WELS Christian Aid here at church. Your donations (cash or checks payable to "WELS") can be dropped in the basket in the back of church. All donations collected will be sent in to the WELS this week. Online donations can still be made on their website at wels.net.

Thrivent Match (up to \$3,000,000): Thrivent members can still make their personal online donation at Thrivent.com to qualify for this match. This must be done online (checking or credit card) through their website. WELS Christian Relief is one of the organizations listed here for you to choose to make your donation to. If you need assistance making an online donation, please see Ann Hornes in the office.

MLHS Hurricane Relief Effort: "Let's Flood them with Fruits of Faith and Love." MLHS is collecting monetary donations through Oct 2nd. Please visit www.mlhslancers.org/hurricane and learn more about how we can help out hurricane victims.

Thank you!