

September 2017 Messenger Newsletter



PASTOR'S LETTER

FACING TOUGH DECISIONS

As it is, two of my 3 kids are actively involved in the Call Committee's of their churches. One of my girls called me recently to ask for some advice. She told me of the many, many hours her call committee had put in to narrow a slate of possible future pastors for her church. After much debate, the committee listed their top 3 choices for the congregation to pray about and vote on. A call was sent to the top choice. He felt led to decline the call. Weeks later, a second pastor was called to serve them. He felt led to decline the call.

What my daughter asked me was, "Do we go ahead and call the third option, (who was first in some member's eyes), or do we start over?" She also asked, "At what point are we elevating our 'wisdom' over the wisdom of the Holy Spirit?" "How should we proceed?"

I pointed her to Acts 1:21-26 where we hear about the disciples feeling the need to fill the void left by the departed Judas. Peter says the replacement disciple, 1. Had to have been with us the whole time the Lord was with us, and, 2. He had to have been an eyewitness of the Lord's resurrection.

Then they prayed, asking God to direct the outcome, they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias.

So, in answer to my daughter, I pointed out that in making decisions, use the experience/wisdom that God has

given you. Set the criteria to narrow down the options, but finally ask God to direct things in line with His will.

I believe that rough formula applies to so many of our everyday decisions. In the course of your life God has given you experiences and a measure of wisdom. Use it. But always ask the Lord to guide the outcome. Always defer to His greater wisdom and insight. But you may ask, what do you do when the choice isn't obvious? I once asked a seminary professor that question and he said to me, "If you have honestly prayed and asked for His will be done, choose one direction, and even if you were wrong, God will make it work out because you asked for His guidance." I think he gave me good advice, so I pass it along to you.

At the end of September we will be embarking on a journey together to better discover our story as we look and see what God's Story is about—how do they mesh? Will you do your best to faithfully travel with us as we work through the Scriptures? Pray about it. Ask for His will to be done in your life.

We have some great days ahead!

In His Service,

Pastor Mark

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SUBMITTED BY Janie Rhody

Conflict-

it's all around us. Kids squabble all the time. They have a sense of fairness that they frequently feel has been violated. The sinful nature says loud and clear, "retaliate". Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God" (Matt. 5:9). How do we teach our children to be peacemakers?

1. Tell your kids, in the moment of "it's not fair", that we all sin, that's why Jesus died on the cross. Jesus accepted the cross regardless of the injustice of it.
2. Forgiveness is a choice not a feeling. Kids need to ask for and give forgiveness regardless of hurt feelings or feeling sinned against. With forgiveness we relinquish the right to retaliate. Kids need constant reminders that God calls us to forgiveness and reconciliation. That was Jesus' job and He calls us to it.
3. Forgiveness means forgetting. Once an action is forgiven it cannot be brought back up to beat each other over the head with.
4. When conflict arises remind the kids, "Who is going to be the peacemakers?"
5. Be an example of a peacemaker. Kids follow the behaviors they see around themselves.

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CONFIRMATION
Will begin Wednesday,
September 27th.

Watch for upcoming weekly
emails.



JOYFUL FAITH CIRCLE

SUBMITTED BY Janie Rhody

AALC conference will be Sept. 22nd and 23rd. Joyful faith will provide coffee and coffee cake for Sat. morning and help serve catered lunch. Volunteers needed for both "breakfast" and lunch service. The Men's club will grill out for Friday night meal.

In Bible study we finished Rehab with the reminder that God takes us from death to life and from despair to hope thru Jesus. God uses very unusual circumstances to reach out and witness to the unsaved.

NEXT MONTH:
All women are invited and encouraged
to attend
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH AT 9:30AM

DATES TO REMEMBER:
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th:
Regular Sunday School Session Begins

KICK CLASSES
BEGIN
SEPTEMBER 27th

Wednesday Evenings
5:30pm - 6:30pm
3-11 years old



MEN'S CLUB

CORNER

The Men's Club welcomes ALL men to our monthly breakfast and events. Breakfast meetings are informal gatherings during which we share some food and often some form of service to our church community or an informative lecture on a topic of interest (e.g. fish habitat, etc.).

our mission:

To support Christ Lutheran Church and School and its members through service and faith based activities while enjoying the camaraderie of friendship. To build our faith and knowledge of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit along with creating fellowship with our families and each other by serving and spreading the Word of God to our community.

FUTURE EVENTS CALENDAR:

Saturday, October 7th	8:00 am	Breakfast Meeting
Saturday, November 4th	8:00 am	Breakfast Meeting

Let brotherly love continue. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels. Remember the prisoners as if chained with them - those who are mistreated - since you yourselves are in the body also.

- Hebrews 13:1-3

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Colossians 2:1-8:
Personal realization of Christ's work on the Christian's behalf.

NEXT BIBLE STUDY:
Monday, September 18th, 6:30 pm Colossians 2:9ff: More about what the *fully divine* Christ has done for us (e.g. made alive, made complete).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER SERVICE:

Is God calling you to use the gifts He has given you for His purposes?

We have a continuing need for volunteers for home visitations, for ushers and involvement with board of Deacons. Or perhaps there is something else you'd like to help with. God gifts the Church through its members – even you!

SERVICE REQUEST:

If you are in need of a service to be performed, please contact us via the church office. We are happy to serve your need!



NEEDED SUPPLIES



8 & 12 oz styrofoam cups
6 inch styrofoam plates
Hot chocolate mix packets

Coffee
Sunday fellowship treats
(sign up in fellowship)



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY
THROUGH *THE STORY*!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story!

Our journey begins September 24, 2017

during the 9:30 am service

Resources for children, teens and adults
coordinating the same themes to encourage
family discussions.

More information to follow in the coming weeks!



The Story is for every member of the family!

Watch for *The Story* books and Study Guides to be available in the Narthaz for a suggested donation of \$5.00

INSTALLATION SUNDAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

9:30am Worship Service

Please join Pastor Homp in praying over our church and school leaders as we begin a new school year.

THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and talents installing our new acoustic ceiling and LED lights in the fellowship hall in August. You are appreciated!



**Join us for
Missions Festival**
Sunday, September 17, 2017

We are looking for donations of produce, craft items or baked good.

There will be a potluck following the worship service, please bring a dish to pass.

CLC STAFF CHANGES

We would like to thank Kari Ledebuhr for her service and dedication while working in the church office these past couple years. She has been a wonderful secretary that has used her gifts and talents for the good of our church and school.

As Kari exits the office, Stephanie Thompson will be taking over her responsibilities in the office. We have no doubt Stephanie will be a fantastic addition to the staff as well. We look forward to having her serve our congregation and the school.

Also working for our church is Christi Krantz. We are excited to have her on board to focus on Youth Ministry.

Welcome to Christi and we look forward to seeing her creativity and heart for the Lord as she leads our youth ministry.

We would like to thank Judy Taylor for volunteering her time and skills to the church as treasurer. We appreciate you!



Tony Kvapil	2	Connie Winger	15
Barb Lynch	3	Holly Weiland	15
Gwen Leifheit	3	VeeAnn Solum	19
MacKenzie Volrath	3	Dane Weiland	19
Brian & Sally Sommerfeld	4	Kansas Smith	19
Don & Jan Langteau	5	Richard & Colleen Bergevin	21
Daniel & Janie Rhody	5	Carol Olson	22
Eunice Shilts	6	Robert Buss	24
Bailey Bodine	6	Beverly Huwe	25
Wes & Cathy VanNurden	7	Virginia Snyder	25
Mya Thompson	7	Alan Volrath	26
Raleigh Nayes	8	Cory Cesafsky	26
Carolyn Volrath	9	James Dedrickson	27
Michael Pitsch	9	Misty Freed	27
Jennifer Bedford	9	Joe & Lorelee Hills	28
Tim & Kelly Walters	10	David Likar	28
Bethel Tice	10	Darin Boos	30
Betty Bergstrom	11		

USEFUL information and dates

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Prayer
CHAIN

If you find a need for prayer in your life or in the life of a friend, you are invited to put our Prayer Chain to use. Please call Marcie Greenwood at: 715-289-4504

KICK
TEACHERS

Enjoy kids? Want a chance to try out your spiritual gifts? Kids in Christ's Kingdom (KICK) is looking for volunteers to help grow the program. We need teachers for all age groups. We are working towards having each volunteer teach one Wednesday a month. Consider volunteering your time towards advancing God's Kingdom. Please contact Christi Krantz at (715) 723-8273 ext 114 or Cari Alexander at (715) 829-9431.

memorial

A memorial has been given in honor of Bob and Ellen Wing's 50th Wedding Anniversary from Bill and Marcie Greenwood.

CHURCH
WEBSITE

christlutheranchippewafalls.com

Check it out! Access this newsletter, most recent Sunday sermon, worship times, church facebook page and much more.

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24 8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS INSTALLATION SUNDAY SERVICE DEACONS & ELDERS MEETING 10:30AM Fellowship 6:30PM Adult Volleyball	25 9:00AM Peacemakers 5:30PM Bible Study	26	27 4:30PM Confirmation 5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old) 6:30PM Worship	28	29 8:30AM Willing Workers	30