

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

Today, July 17

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
- 12 p.m. Bible Study Club
- 7 p.m. Youth Group

Next Sunday, July 24

- 8:30 a.m. Worship service with Bonnie Iverson
- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
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Bible Study Club meets today at the home of Phyllis Disque (35522 155th Ave., Forest City) for a noon potluck picnic. Meat, refreshments and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

Pastor Steve and Jonie will be on vacation from Wednesday, July 20-26. If you are in need of a pastor during this time, please call Pastor Steve at 641-590-7894.

Open House honoring the retirement of Pastor Dan Christensen will be held Sunday, July 31 from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. Worship service is at 10:30 a.m. (The GPS address is 13431 Howard Avenue, Elma, Iowa. Map readers: On Hwy. 9 in Saratoga, turn on the only road heading south for 5-6 miles to Howard Ave.) Greetings may be sent to Pastor Dan at 8830 Hwy. 9, Lime Springs, IA 52155.

Vacation Bible School — VBS will be held for one evening only — Thursday, Aug. 4th, beginning with a meal at 5:30 p.m. Gather all your friends, ages 5-11, for a fun evening learning about "Becoming an Avenger," participating in games, and — capping off the program with an awards ceremony. There is no charge, but please pre-register by contacting Lanette Branstad at 641-590-2714.

Prayer List — Jonie Bang, Irene Eide, Donnie Jensen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Angela Haugen, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Roger Peterson, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil. All prayer requests can be submitted to www.westprairiechurch.com/prayer; leave a message on the church answering system @ 641-567-3733; or call Pastor Steve @ 641-590-7894.

Welcome to West Prairie Lutheran Church!

Lutheran Congregation in Mission for Christ (LCMC) Synod
40041 150th Ave., P.O. Box 9, Leland, IA 50453 **Steve Bang, pastor**
Please sign the attendance sheets located at the end of each pew. If you are a visitor, please include your mailing address, and we invite you to join us again!

8:30 a.m.—July 17, 2016

Worship Service for the 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness page 77

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Almighty King LBW #522

Kyrie page 78

Hymn of Praise page 81

Prayer of the Day

(All) O God, You see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to Your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

You may be seated.

First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-10

Birth of Isaac Promised

Now the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, while he was sitting at the tent door in the heat of the day. When he lifted up his eyes and looked, behold, three men were standing opposite him; and when he saw *them*, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth, and said, "My Lord, if now I have found favor in Your sight, please do not pass Your servant by. Please let a little water be brought and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree; and I will bring a piece of bread, that you may refresh yourselves; after that you may go on, since you have visited your servant." And they said, "So do, as you have said." So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Quickly, prepare three measures of fine flour, knead *it* and make bread cakes." Abraham also ran to the herd, and took a tender and choice calf and gave *it* to the servant, and he hurried to prepare it. He took curds and milk and the calf which he had prepared, and placed *it* before them; and he was standing by them under the tree as they ate.

Then they said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "There, in the tent." He said, "I will surely return to you at this time next year; and behold, Sarah your wife will have a son."

Psalm 27:7-14 (responsively) **A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God.**

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

C: The LORD is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread?

L: When evildoers came upon me to devour my flesh,

C: My adversaries and my enemies, they stumbled and fell.

L: Though a host encamp against me, my heart will not fear;

C: Though war arise against me, in spite of this I shall be confident.

L: One thing I have asked from the LORD, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,

C: To behold the beauty of the LORD and to meditate in His temple.

L: For in the day of trouble He will conceal me in His tabernacle;

C: In the secret place of His tent He will hide me; He will lift me up on a rock.

L: And now my head will be lifted up above my enemies around me, and I will offer in His tent sacrifices with shouts of joy;

C: I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the LORD.

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:21-29

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ’s afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord’s people. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Please stand

Alleluia page 83

Gospel Lesson: Luke 10:36-42

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord* page 83

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to what he said. But Martha was distracted by all the prep-

arations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, “Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!”

“Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

Response: *Praise to You, O Christ*..... page 83
You may be seated.

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

“Are You a Martha or a Mary?” Luke 10:38-42

Hymn: *I Surrender All*..... Grey Hymn Book #408
Please stand

Apostles’ Creed page 85
Sharing of the Peace.
You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory: *Create In Me a Clean Heart* page 96

Prayer

Congregation response: hear our prayer

The Lord’s Prayer page 97

Benediction: page 97

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *O, How I Love Jesus*.....Grey Hymn Book #634
Purple Note request by Jonie Bang

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Organist/Pianist: Sandy Damn

Lectionary: Julie Reimann

Usher: John Haugen

Acolyte: Paris Reimann

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4. Martha’s gotten so upset that she’s begun to treat _____ like a servant.
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6. Was Jesus implying that Martha’s work in kitchen was not a good thing? _____
7. Martha was not listening to Jesus... Why? “Martha was _____.”
8. Was Mary a lazy girl? _____, because if she were, Jesus would have rebuked her.
9. “Man’s anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires.” James 1:20. If you are _____ with someone, they’re not the problem... you are.
10. Mary has understood it is not about her. It’s about _____.
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