

... ANNOUNCEMENTS ...

**Today, Sept. 18**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

11 a.m. worship service at Sion Lutheran, Lake Mills, with Fall Festival noon lunch followed by sale of baked goods and produce, and other activities.

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Wednesday, Sept. 21**

3 p.m. **No** Confirmation Class this week

7 p.m. Midweek Adult Bible Study; study will be from I Am a Church

Member, books available for \$5 each if you do not have one.

**Next Sunday, Sept. 25**

9:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages

10:15-10:45 a.m. Fellowship

11 a.m. Worship service with Holy Communion

6 p.m. Adult Bible Study Club meets at church

7 p.m. Youth Group

**Baby Shower** for Britta Ehlers and Cody Reimann at 1 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 24th, West Prairie Fellowship Hall.

**Church Cleaning:** Wow members will be doing a thorough cleaning of the church, fellowship hall and basement rooms on Wednesday, Oct. 12. For anyone who cannot be there on that day, you can volunteer at any time or day you choose. A list will be on the library table of items that need attention which you can sign off on. Many hands make light work — we'd like the cleaning to be finished on Oct. 12. Thanks to all for your help.

**Prayer List** — Jonie Bang, Candy Johnson, Donnie Jensen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Angie 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](http://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.—September 18, 2016**

**Worship Service for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Prelude**

**Pastoral Greeting**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness** ..... page 77

**Opening Hymn: *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty***..... LBW #250

**Kyrie** ..... page 78

**Hymn of Praise** ..... page 81

**Prayer of the Day**

**(All) Lord God, You call us to work in Your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of Your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by Your wisdom; through Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**First Lesson:** Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat.

The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done.

**Psalm 113** (responsively)

L: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, you His servants;

**C: praise the name of the LORD.**

L: Let the name of the Lord be praised,

**C: both now and forevermore.**

L: From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,

**C: the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

L: The LORD is exalted over all the nations,

**C: His glory above the heavens.**

L: Who is like the Lord our God,

**C: the One who sits enthroned on high,**

L: who stoops down to look

**C: on the heavens and the earth?**

L: He raises the poor from the dust

**C: and lifts the needy from the ash heap;**

L: He seats them with princes,

**C: with the princes of His people.**

L: He settles the childless woman in her home

**C: as a happy mother of children.**

**A: Praise the LORD.**

**Second Lesson:** I Timothy 2:1-15

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

*Please stand*

**Alleluia** .....page 83

**Gospel Lesson:** Luke 16:1-15

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

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear

about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

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

*You may be seated.*

**The Sermon:** Pastor Steve Bang

“Can God Trust Me?” Luke 16:1-13

**Hymn:** *As Saints of Old* .....LBW #404

*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:** *Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me* ..... LBW #333

**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Steve Bang

**Organist/Pianist:** Janet Vinson

**Lectionary:** Janet Haugen

**Usher:** John Haugen

**Acolyte:** Paris Reimann

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8. Thirdly, the last thing we note is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the foolish manager.
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