

The

Good News

of West Prairie Lutheran Church

September 2023

Church Service, 9:00 am

- 3 Communion, Service 8:30 am
- 10 No Communion, Rally Day / Picnic
- 17 No Communion
- 24 Communion

Fellowship Following Service, 10:30 am

Adult Sunday School, 10:45 am every Sunday

Children's Sunday School starting Sept. 10th at 10:30 am

Church and Community Events

Naomi Circle: Wed., Sept. 6th at 7 pm,

Colette Reimann hosting at church.

Mothers and Daughters of the Bible Speak:

Dinah, The Daughter of Israel, pgs. 165-183

WOW Quilt Group: Wed., Sept. 13th, 9 am at church.

Lunch following: TBD.

Church Council Meeting: Wed., Sept. 13th at 7pm.

Our Savior Lutheran Church 125th Anniversary

Service 10 AM, free will catered dinner following

VFW Post 6161, Leland: Pancake Breakfast:

Sun. Sept. 17th, 7am – 1pm cost \$5

Bible Study Club Meeting: Wed., Sept. 20th at 6 pm at

Lanette Branstad's home.

Sion Fall Dinner and Talent Show: Sun., Sept. 24th at 3 pm

For additional community event dates, see bulletin board.



Message from Pastor Scalisi

Resentment

I have spoken about resentment several times over the past four years because it is a powerful emotion that destroys lives, and relationships. A recent article I read by Kalmoe and Mason, Jan 2019, they state that because of the political divisiveness in this country, resentment is on the rise. We as Christian must not conform to this negativity.

The word can be defined as, “A feeling of displeasure and indignation, from a sense of being injured or offended.” When this emotion of bitterness is not checked it leads to anger, envy, rage, hatred, and revenge. The Bible gives us the solution. We can first look to the Beatitudes, “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth” Matt 5:5. When we redefine and look at our situation from how Jesus wants us to, we disarm the negativity that Satan wants us to have and project onto others. The Beatitudes can help us reframe the wrongs of this sinful world and change the way we react.

From 1 Peter 2:23 using Jesus as an example “When he was reviled, he reviled not again.” Such meekness is displayed not when the waters are smooth but when interpersonal storms rise.

But the most influential instruction regarding resentments is in Mathew 18. “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. 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.’ 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. “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. “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. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.” Matt. 18:15-20

Jesus wants us to talk to each other and resolve the issues at hand and use love and forgiveness as our guide to reject divisiveness, negativity, and resentments.

If at first, you don't succeed try again.

Blessings.

Prayer List

Pr. Steve Bang
Phyllis Disque
Irene Eide
Joyce Greer

Brittany Hawke
Ryan Mullins
(in the military)
Nicholas Oppman

Allen Peterson
Jean Peterson
Roger Peterson
Jacob Reupke



Happy Birthday

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| 1 Rachael Swanson | 12 Irene Eide |
| 3 Jill Holland | 16 Pastor Tony |
| 7 Janell Carson | 21 Steve Reimann |
| 10 Destin Bradley | 25 Jordan Branstad |

Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 Terry and Lisa Durby
- 4 Bryon and Denise Holst
- 6 David and Claire Branstad
- 8 Bob and Cindy Sarver
- 29 Steve and Colette Reimann



Baptismal Anniversaries



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| ? Denise Holst | 20 Halle Jo Johnson |
| 10 Lori Jacobs | 21 Ty Durby |
| 12 Bjorn Juveland | 22 LeAnn Peterson |
| 13 Cody Reimann | 23 Whitli Bromeland |

Treasurer Position

We are seeking someone to fill the treasurer's position **beginning Oct. 1st**. If you are interested, please speak with Julie.

The congregation would like to **thank Carol Carson** for his numerous years of taking care of this responsibility.

He **and his wife, Janell**, have done a tremendous job.

Service Time Change

Begins Sunday, September 10th

Service will be at 9:00 am

Sunday School will be at 10:30 am



Sunday School Rally Day

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Join us for activities following service.

Sunday school class ages 4 & older.

Music for all ages.



Church Wide Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 10th

Serving maidrites!

Please bring a side dish to share.

Thank You



to all the people who are contributing their time and talents for Sunday School instruction and Bible Study meetings. Teaching and studying the Word of God helps us to grow in faith and become better people.

Communion



All Baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord's Table of Grace.

Those not yet communing, of any age, may for any reason, come to the Table for a *verbal blessing*. You can indicate your desire for a blessing by *crossing your arms across your chest*.

Anyone who has any *dietary restrictions* of either the bread or the wine, may commune with either element and be confident of receiving the fullness of God's Grace.

The Lutheran Church in accordance with the Bible, believes, teaches, and confesses in the **REAL PRESENCE** of the Lord's Body and Blood "in, with, and under" the bread and the wine. The bread and the wine are given and shed for the forgiveness of sin and salvation of the believer.

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