



# The Parish Beacon

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October 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is upon us and our theme of “Thy Will be Done” is ringing in our ears. We look forward to another month of His will for our church as we move forward with a busy schedule, starting with LWML Sunday and finishing with the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

As Martin Luther lived the Reformation, “Thy Will be Done” was a phrase that echoed in his ears. He fervently prayed those words multiple times every day in the Lord’s Prayer. Luther understood that God’s will is done even without our prayer, but Luther also understood that we need to pray for His will to be done among us also. Luther rightfully believed that prayer was one of the means God gave us to fulfill His will. Therefore, we must pray to God to give us the strength and the power for God’s will to be done among us also.

Our theme verse for this year also echoes those same ideas. Hebrews 13:20-21 says, “Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”

In those verses, notice the lead-up and the conclusion to “Thy will be done.” In the lead-up, the focus is not on our own works, mental preparation, meditation, or spirituality. Instead, the focus is about what God is doing and has done to “equip you with everything good” so that “you may do His will.”

After pointing out God’s works, the writer of Hebrews doesn’t just leave us hanging. Instead, he concludes by clarifying how God’s will is done among us also. We aren’t on our own, instead we “do His will... through Jesus Christ.” In other words, thanks to Jesus, by the power of Jesus, and through Jesus, we do God’s will.

Jesus lives a life that is the perfect submission and fulfillment of God’s will. God’s will is for you to have life and salvation. Jesus gives you the power to do “that which is pleasing in His sight.” Jesus is the center of God’s will. Jesus is the center of “Thy Will be Done.” And just as Luther pointed out 500 years ago, it is still all about Jesus.

Let us then always pray to Jesus, so that God’s will is done among us also.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Vicar Scheele



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## OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

1	<b>LWML Sunday</b>	18	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Midweek Classes 6:45 pm/Adult 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm
2	Youth Committee 6:00pm Education Committee 7:00pm Mission Committee 7:00pm	19	Women's Beth More Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Directors 7:00pm
3	Women's Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30am Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm Human Care 6:30pm Assimilation 7:00pm	20-21	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Retreat
4	Bible Study 11:00am Lunch Bunch 12:00pm Midweek Meal 6:00pm Midweek Classes 6:45 pm/Adult 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Praise Band Rehearsal 8:00pm	20	Basics of the Faith 7:00pm
5	Women's Beth More Bible Study 7:00pm Board of Elders 7:00pm	21	Basics of the Faith 8:30am
7	LWM Fall Zone Rally 9:00am	22	Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am Trunk or Treat 4:00pm
7-8	Directory Photos After All Services	24	Stephen Ministry Open House 7:00 pm LLL Meeting 7:30pm
8	Flu Clinic 9:00am Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am Mission Lunch 12:00pm/Auction 1:00pm	25	Midweek Classes 6:45 pm/Adult 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm
9	Outreach Committee 6:30pm LWML General Meeting/LWR Packing 7:00pm	26	Theology 101 7:00pm
11	Midweek Classes 6:45 pm/Adult 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 6:45 pm Properties Committee 7:00pm	28	Men's Bible Study 8:00am
12	Stephen Ministry Peers-Marcia/Skip 6:30pm	29	<b>Reformation Sunday—500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary-Wear Red</b> Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am 500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Lunch Noon Youth Worship Rehearsal 2:00pm
14	Men's Bible Study 8:00am	31	Women's Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30am
15	Christmas Program Auditions Sunday School 9:15am/Adult Bible Class 9:30am Travelogue 12:00pm		
16	Fall on the Farm—High School 3:00pm Tim Bickel Speaks—Everyone welcome!! 7:00pm		
17	Women's Beth Moore Bible Study 9:30am		

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Saturday 5:30pm      Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am  
Communion on October 1, 14, 15, 28, 29**

**Comfort-Tiers meet Thursdays at 9:00am**  
*Need more tiers anytime between 9:00 am to noon  
No expertise or materials required-Coffee provided*

**Choir rehearsal Wednesdays at 6:45pm**

**Praise Team Practice schedule varies—**  
**Contact Myrl Holida [myrl-holida@uiowa.edu](mailto:myrl-holida@uiowa.edu) or Louise Klopp [choirdirector@ourredeemer.org](mailto:choirdirector@ourredeemer.org)**

Watch *Reflections* for information on:



**LWML Sunday**  
**October 1**



*Stephen Ministry*  
Informational Meeting  
**Tuesday, October 24**  
**7:00 pm**



CELEBRATE  
on October 28/29  
Wear RED



Our Redeemer Library  
Sunday, October 8  
9:00 am - 12:00 pm



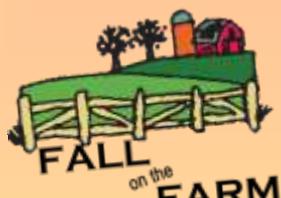
October 22 at 4:00 pm  
Parking Lot  
Optional Dinner 5:00 pm  
Fellowship Hall



Basics of the Faith  
October 20, 7-9pm  
October 21  
8:30am-2:30pm



Chicken pot pie  
Tossed salad  
Bread  
Dessert  
Drinks



FALL  
on the  
FARM  
High School  
October 15  
3:00 - 8:00pm



October 15  
After 10:30Am service  
Fellowship Hall



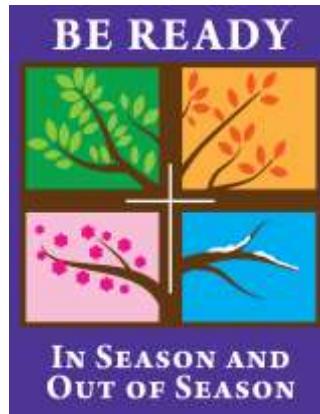
**We're going to Walt Disney World, July 2018**  
Join the Hartwig family at Disney for several days of fun.  
If interested, talk to Pastor Hartwig. More details in the Fall.



October 7 & 8  
After all services in the Library

Funds in Place of Flowers

Ladies, are you wondering why you didn't get a flower as you left worship this weekend? At the September LWML meeting, members voted to give a gift to hurricane relief this year in place of the traditional flowers we give to each woman of the congregation on LWML Weekend. We pray that these funds will bring hope and healing to our sisters in the south as they rebuild their lives after the devastating hurricanes they've experienced this fall. Anyone who would like to add to the gift is welcome to do so via a freewill door offering. Thank you for all you do for our church! We appreciate and honor you with this gift!



# Katie's PANTRY

Established 1525

SAVE THE DATE, October 29<sup>th</sup>, to join us for our celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. After the late service, we'll be celebrating with a German meal based on Katie Luther's pantry. Among other things, the meal will feature bratwurst, German potato salad, spaetzle, and beer. Sign up for the meal begins on October 8. More details coming soon!!



October 22

## Attention: Children's Christmas Program

Rehearsals will begin October 8<sup>th</sup> for Our Redeemer's Children's Christmas program, "The Power of the King." Children ages 4 years through 8th grade are encouraged to participate! We will rehearse during regular Sunday School Music time (9:15 am for younger children, 10:00 am for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>).



Auditions for speaking roles and vocal solos will be Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, during the Sunday School hour.

Join us as we tell the story of the deejays of KING radio station who discover that the gift of Jesus is what truly matters for all people!

Contact Allison Haack for details.  
[alliehaack@gmail.com](mailto:alliehaack@gmail.com) or (319)400-1312 (call or text)

The Children's Ministry Committee is looking for 1-2 volunteers to organize this year's trunk or treat! Please contact Marnie Schrader @ 319-530-1563 or [mvschrader@icloud.com](mailto:mvschrader@icloud.com) to get more information.

God is able to do  
Immeasurably  
MORE  
than we can imagine ...

according to the power that works within us:

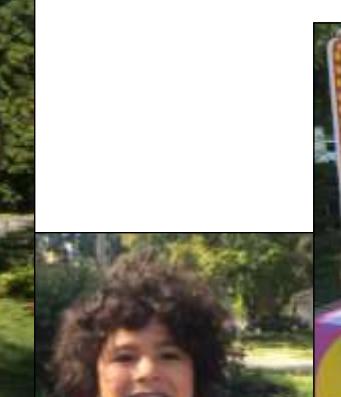
**129 Pledges for  
\$626,897.52**

**Cash in hand  
\$258,535.15**

**Children's Choir postponed**

*until January*

# FAITH FEST



Saturday, August 26



Pictures by Kara Hartwig

# Board of Directors Meeting - September

## TREASURER'S REPORT

- August income \$38,610
- Expenses of \$51,987, deficit of \$-13,377
- Year to date income \$434,374 with expenses of \$437,193 for a net deficit \$-2,819
- Total Immeasurably More income \$249,868

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Health Ministries - Flu Shot Clinic 10/8

#### Human Care

- Prime Time Dinner 11/5 (75+ to be recognized)
- Angel Tree put up weekend before Thanksgiving
- Mitten & Scarf tree

#### Assimilation

- Travel Tales 10/15
- Orientation visit & materials for all new members

#### Outreach

- Homecoming Parade Party 9/19
- Faith Fest name to change to Fun Faith Fest
- Popcorn machine from SEJH is available for use (borrowed for Faith Fest and not needed soon)

#### Missions

- Info on hurricanes in *Reflections* (donations, potential trip discussed)
- Mission Auction 10/8 to benefit Panama mission trip in March 2018

## STAFF REPORTS

### Pastor Hartwig

- Rally Day had good attendance, confirmation meeting after lunch
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade fall confirmation retreat September 15/16
- Attended Vicarage Supervisors Conference in St. Louis
- Doctoral advisor lined up

### Denise Holida

- Small group adult midweek started with 15 people - studying Part 2 of Martin Luther
- Women's Beth Moore started September 19 & 21

### Vicar Scheele

- Held services at Lowden, IA 9/10
- Confirmation materials compiled/printed
- Attending various small groups
- Dividing nursing home, shut in, and inactive visits
- Bylaws reviewed, making changes requested by District. Copies to Board to review before next meeting

### Kaja Mueller

- Preschool full
- Assistants Sara Cross (TTh) & Sheena White (MWF) working out well
- Bathrooms complete, carpet laid
- Working on substitutes - new regulations require substitutes have 25 hours training

### Kara Hartwig

- Confirmation numbers
  - ⇒ 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 8
  - ⇒ 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 14
  - ⇒ 8<sup>th</sup> grade - 9
- Instead of No Class on youth calendar and confirmation syllabi, worship times are listed to encourage family attendance
- REMIND group text messaging app used to communicate with students & parents
- Looking for Thrivent members to help with events and projects

### VISION 2020 UPDATE

- Preschool completed
- Room 208/210 nearly finished
- Final walk-through for narthex and turned over for construction pricing
- Contractor meeting to discuss mechanical, heating, and air conditioning
- Continued worship in the sanctuary expected during construction in the narthex
- Carol White here 9/24 to discuss investing
- The interest on loan can be lowered by having enough members invest

# Voters' Meeting - September 17

## ELDERS REPORT

- Staff evaluations performed in May
- Working on wording for facility use document

## CHURCH PROPERTY REPORT

- Henry Diggelmann thanked volunteers for their work around the church properties (mowing, repairs, etc.)

## STAFF REPORTS

### Pastor Hartwig

- Academic year has started, including confirmation
- New adult Bible study - Unlocking the Mysteries of Genesis
- Attended Vicarage Supervisors Conference in St. Louis
- November 11/12 Brian Young to present creation design Bible study hour and dinosaur presentation for those who stay for lunch

### Denise Holida

- Small group adult midweek started September 13
- Women's Beth Moore started September 19 & 21
- Mission Committee Auction October 8, benefits Panama mission trip in March 2018

### Kara Hartwig

- Confirmation kick-off September 13
- Peach Fundraiser went well
- Will be a Pie Sale in November

### Marnie Schrader

- Sunday School started with Rally Day September 10
- Wednesday format starts all Kids Club gathered together for worship, music, and a quick lesson, then splits to separate age groups. Ends back in the large group

## VISION 2020 UPDATE

- Same as Board of Directors



KUDOS

**Our Redeemer's**  
Board of Directors recognizes

## PRESCHOOL & PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

Who came to clear out preschool in preparation for new flooring, those returning the items before school started, and those who helped get the preschool playground ready for school. Many hands make light work.

*Thank you all!*



Wednesday  
September 13



FIRST MIDWEEK MEAL  
High School  
Meal Crew



Submitted by Marcia Hulse

# Stephen Ministry

We care, Christ cures.

## The Blessings of Serving as a Stephen Minister

**Stephen Ministry** is a distinctively Christian caring ministry in which clergy and laypeople work together to provide quality one-to-one care to meet the needs of people experiencing a wide range of life circumstance or crises.

**Stephen Ministers** are laypeople from all walks of life who have been trained through the Stephen Series in the theology of caring and in specific caring skills to help others who are hurting—but they quickly discovered that God blesses them in amazing ways.

The Scriptures describe their service well: “Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoner, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering” (Hebrews 13:3)

### What Stephen Ministers Do?

Stephen Ministers provide quality one-to-one ministry as trained, caring church members reaching out to others in time of need. They engage in a caregiving relationship that focuses on the unique needs of one person and that lasts as long as needs exist. They use both words and deeds to express Christ’s care for others—listening, comforting and encouraging, calling on the training they have received and employing the tools of faith. Stephen Ministers maintain confidentiality in their caring relationships with God’s people. This is our congregation’s one-to-one caregiving ministry.

If you or someone you know wants to do more as a Christian caregiver, consider Stephen Ministry. We are recruiting for our 2018 training class. Please consider taking the training. If you have questions about Stephen Ministry, either plan to attend an informational session on **Tuesday, October 24 at 7 pm** in the Fellowship Hall or contact Pastor Hartwig or any of our Stephen Leaders.

### STEPHEN LEADERS

Rev. Brent Hartwig	338-5626
Bill Benson	517-881-9848
Marcia Hulse	351-7059
Kathy Schweer	466-3084
Kevin Sellers	631-8924

## RALLY DAY - HIGH SCHOOL





# Parade Party

September 19<sup>th</sup>



Photos by  
Kevin Sellers  
&  
Kara Hartwig



All information obtained from:

<https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/about/signs-symptoms.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/about/prevention/index.html>

## NEWS—Anita Nicholson

### WHOOPING COUGH

Pertussis (whooping cough) can cause serious illness in babies, children, teens, and adults. Symptoms of pertussis usually develop within 5 to 10 days after you are exposed. Sometimes pertussis symptoms do not develop for as long as 3 weeks.



#### Early Symptoms

The disease usually starts with cold-like symptoms and maybe a mild cough or fever. In babies, the cough can be minimal or not even there. Babies may have a symptom known as “apnea.” Apnea is a pause in the child’s breathing pattern. Pertussis is most dangerous for babies. About half of babies younger than 1 year who get the disease need care in the hospital.

#### Early symptoms can last for 1 to 2 weeks and usually include:

- Runny nose
- Low-grade fever (generally minimal throughout the course of the disease)
- Mild, occasional cough

Apnea – a pause in breathing (in babies). Babies commonly do not cough.

Pertussis in its early stages appears to be nothing more than the common cold. Therefore, healthcare professionals often do not suspect or diagnose it until the more severe symptoms appear.

#### Later-stage Symptoms

After 1 to 2 weeks and as the disease progresses, the traditional symptoms of pertussis may appear and include:

- Many fits of rapid coughs followed by a high-pitched “whoop” sound
- Vomiting (throwing up) during or after coughing fits
- Exhaustion (very tired) after coughing fits

Pertussis can cause violent and rapid coughing, over and over, until the air is gone from your lungs. When there is no more air in the lungs, you are forced to inhale with a loud “whooping” sound. This extreme coughing can cause you to throw up and be very tired. Although you are often exhausted after a coughing fit, you usually appear fairly well in-between. Coughing fits generally become more common and bad as the illness continues, and can occur more often at night. The coughing fits can go on for up to 10 weeks or more.

The “whoop” is often not there if you have milder (less serious) disease. The infection is generally milder in teens and adults, especially those who have gotten the pertussis vaccine.

#### Symptoms in those who have gotten the pertussis vaccine:

- In most cases, the cough won’t last as many days
- Coughing fits, whooping, and vomiting after coughing fits occur less often

The percentage of children with apnea (long pause in breathing), cyanosis (blue/purplish skin coloration due to lack of oxygen) and vomiting is less.

#### Recovery

Recovery from pertussis can happen slowly. The cough becomes milder and less common. However, coughing fits can return with other respiratory infections for many months after the pertussis infection started.

## **Prevention**

The best way to prevent pertussis (whooping cough) among babies, children, teens, and adults is to get vaccinated. Also, keep babies and other people at high risk for pertussis complications away from infected people.

In the United States, the recommended pertussis vaccine for babies and children is called DTaP. This is a combination vaccine that helps protect against three diseases: diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

Vaccine protection for these three diseases fades with time. Before 2005, the only booster (called Td) available contained protection against tetanus and diphtheria. This vaccine was recommended for teens and adults every 10 years. Today there is a booster (called Tdap) for preteens, teens, and adults that contains protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Being up-to-date with pertussis vaccines is especially important for families with and caregivers of new babies.

Like many respiratory illnesses, pertussis spreads by coughing and sneezing while in close contact with others, who then breathe in the bacteria. CDC recommends practicing good hygiene to prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses. To practice good hygiene you should:

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve or elbow, not your hands, if you don't have a tissue.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

Use an alcohol-based hand rub if soap and water are not available.

## **Antibiotics**

If you or a member of your household has been diagnosed with pertussis, your doctor or local health department may recommend preventive antibiotics (medications that can help prevent diseases caused by bacteria) to other members of the household to help prevent the spread of disease. Additionally, they may recommend preventive antibiotics to some other people outside the household who have been exposed to a person with pertussis, including

- People at risk for serious disease
- People who have routine contact with someone that is considered at high risk of serious disease

Babies younger than 1 year old are most at risk for serious complications from pertussis. Pregnant women are not at increased risk for serious disease. However, experts consider those in their third trimester to be at increased risk since they could in turn expose their newborn to pertussis. You should discuss whether or not you need preventative antibiotics with your doctor. This is especially important if there is a baby or pregnant woman in your household. It is also important if you plan to have contact with a baby or pregnant woman.



MISSION	SEPTEMBER
Iowa District East	\$4,166.67
UIHC Chaplain Endowment Fund	416.66
Consultation of Religious	625.00
Concordia Seminary	500.00
Food for the Poor	250.00
Lutheran Hour	625.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,583.33</b>

# SERVING THE LORD IN PANAMA



## NEWS FROM THE GAUTHIER FAMILY



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Greetings in Jesus! August,

September, October, November, and December have turned out to be quite celebratory for the Lutheran Church in Panamá.

At the end of August, the congregation *Dios Es Grande* in Loma Cova, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ministry. The occasion began with a Divine Service to which all members of the Lutheran Church of Panamá were invited and concluded with a traditional meal of arroz con pollo (rice with chicken). Children also shared their talents in song and dance.



Holy Communion at Emanuel

In the middle of September, the congregation of *Emanuel* in Sorá celebrated its 15th anniversary of ministry. All members of the various Lutheran churches were invited to the Divine Service. A big lunch of *Sancocho con carne* followed with various presentations of songs and dances by the children of the congregation. Participants also got to watch a video highlighting the previous 15 years, enjoyed cake, and had a light supper before heading home.

On the final Sunday of October, all of the congregations are invited to a Reformation Divine Service and a meal at *Del Redentor* in Balboa. This celebration of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation will mark the third straight month where the entire Lutheran Church is invited to worship, commune and share a meal together in the newly renovated and decorated fellowship hall in Balboa.

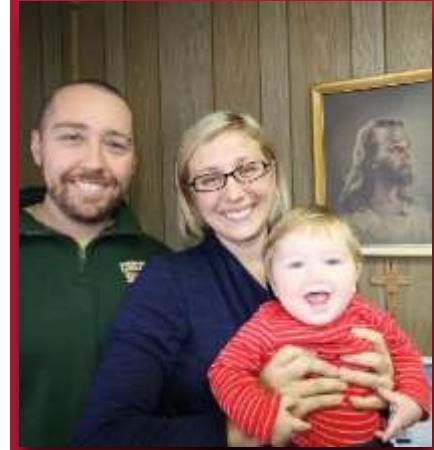
In November, members from partner congregations and organizations in the US will join the Panamanian Lutheran Church for their fall FORO meeting.

Finally, on December 16 all the congregations are invited to the Christmas concert at *Dios Es Grande*, a tradition that rotates among the congregation each Christmas.

These types of celebratory events are very important as congregations in Panamá are small and can often feel isolated. More than that though, it is a blessing to be able to gather together with brothers and sisters in Christ around His altar to receive His gifts of grace and forgiveness. New Lutherans can stand alongside of Lutherans from previous generations and see how the Lord preserves His Church through difficult times. These events are a testimony to the Lord's faithfulness to His Church and an encouragement to the churches to continue preaching the Word and administering the Sacraments as the Lord instructed. Please continue to pray for the Lutheran Church of Panamá that it remain faithful in its confession and compassionate in its witness.



The Sunday School Class singing at Emanuel in Sorá



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The new seminary in the Dominican Republic that begins classes in September.
- Miguel who was recently confirmed, that he remains steadfast in faith.

### GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our vehicle's windshield has finally been repaired.
- Safe travel to and from the Dominican Republic as well as a restful time with missionaries from around Latin America & the Caribbean.
- The hard work of Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Rapid City, SD) on their recent visit to Panamá.



# TRIVIA CHALLENGE CHAMPS



September 24<sup>th</sup> team and their families win with the tie-breaker answer.  
Congratulations!

## Membership Changes and Official Acts

<u>Transfer Out</u>	
Harold Kruse	9-6-2017
<u>Transfer In</u>	
Rev. Larry & Margarite (Marge or Margie) Lemke	8-10-2017
<u>Death</u>	
Daniel Odem (non-member) - funeral 8-26-2017	8-22-2017
Norma Paetz (non-member)	9-22-2017



# The First Sin

Director/Teacher, Kaja Mueller  
Preschool Phone: 319-338-3949

Assistants, Sara Cross & Sheena White  
[www.ourredeemerpreschoolc.org](http://www.ourredeemerpreschoolc.org) [preschool@ourredeemer.org](mailto:preschool@ourredeemer.org)

Number 1 ONE Sign Language P, W, Red Name Spelling  
M.W.F = 18 children T.TH = 14 children

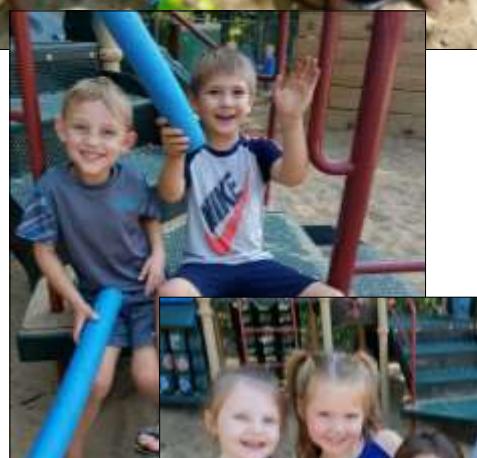
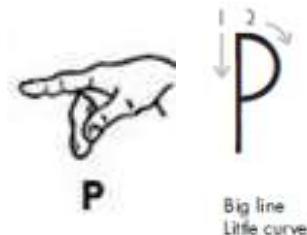
Thank you to all who ordered books through Scholastic. Remember, you help our class earn FREE books and supplies with every order. Thank you for supporting your child's reading both at home and in the classroom!

Class Online Code: MQWNQ



**EVERY CHILD IS RECEIVING  
A FREE BOOK THIS WEEK  
FROM SCHOLASTIC.**

## Sight Words: GOD, UP, DOWN



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Things are going well here in St. Louis. We recently adopted another dog. We got a ten-week old puppy from the humane society and named her Katie in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation. Theo has enjoyed having a playmate and grown to appreciate her company. The new academic year has started and classes are going well. I was able to worship with Pastor Hartwig when he was here for the Vicarage Supervisor's meeting and catch up about things happening at Our Redeemer. The first portion of the school year ends Mid-October. In the next few weeks I will be busy getting papers and projects done for classes. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, I will be preaching at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Sunset Hills. It will be nice to get back into the pulpit for the first time since leaving Iowa City.



I look forward to the MO' Cowbell Marathon taking place in St. Charles, MO. I have a few classmates I am running with and it looks like the number of classmates running will continue to grow this year.

Cassie and I will be travelling up to Wisconsin to celebrate with my cousin as she gets married. We look forward to seeing extended family and enjoy a short break away from the school work. After the short trip for the wedding, we will celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, singing in the choir at the church that we attend, as well as attending large service on the Seminary campus on October 31.

I hope and pray your fall is going well. It looks like the Hawkeyes are off to a good start this season. Blessings as you celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation.

In Christ,  
Andrew Wolfgram



Last summer Sunday School - August 27

for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades

# SERVING WITH JOY

Molly Christensen in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

## The Work of Our Hands

Last week Psalm 90:17 “*May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us-yes, establish the work of our hands.*” was my prayer as we were preparing for our first MMT in Togo. The U.S. team was in route and preparations were in full swing. The only problem was that we received word from Togo that we had not been granted government approval to conduct the medical clinics. We continued with our plans to travel with the team to Togo in hopes that we could find other ways to serve. We continued to pray each day that the Lord would establish the work of our hands for us and send us to the people who needed his love. On Tuesday, we were able to provide consultations and health education for the seminary students and families in Dapaong. This will greatly help me when I move to Togo in a few months and start working with the students. On Wednesday, the team was able to provide care for the local pastors and families. We were so glad to learn that starting Thursday we would be allowed to hold the clinics!



Here I am doing triage in the crowd with a local nurse in Togo.

## Providing Loving Care

From Thursday through Saturday the team was able to host the medical clinics in a rural village. After the word spread about our free clinic the people showed up in great numbers. We found the sickest people and treated them first. Each patient also had the chance to pray with a local pastor in their own language after receiving their medications. About 60% of the patients tested positive for malaria and were able to receive treatment. We thank the Lord for providing just the right time and place for us to share his love with those who were hurting.



## Prayer Requests

- ◆ Thanksgiving for a successful MMT in Togo last week.
- ◆ For permission for the November MMT to be granted early.
- ◆ For safe travel to France for language school.
- ◆ For a helpful and patient host family and abundant learning in France.

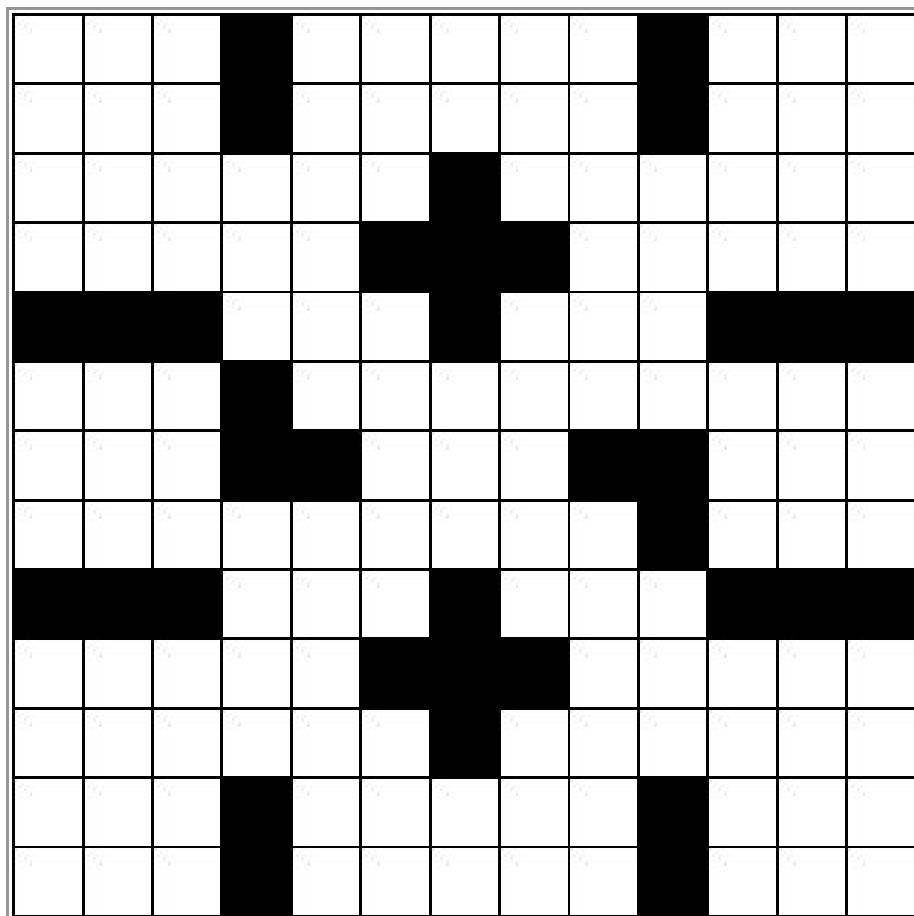


Pictured to the right are my fellow nurse missionaries, Sarah and Stephanie. It was great to have the opportunity to serve together.



# BIBLEWORDGAMES

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**Fill-Ins**, also known as **Fill-It-Ins** or **Word Fills**, are a variation of the common crossword puzzle in which words, rather than clues, are given. Solving a Fill-In typically amounts to searching for words of a certain length with letters in specific places. If a starter word is given in the grid, it is often useful to use it as the beginning search point. Raw "trial and error" is best used when there are only two or three words that can potentially fit at a given location; temporarily assume one of the words, and see if an impossible letter combination results. If so, that word is not the one that should go in the grid at that location. Smaller words may be easier to fit in the grid, but longer words give more clues to connecting words.

## 2 letters.

GO      GOB      TOW

IS      ITO     

## 5 letters.

CORAL      RATHER

SIMEON     

## 3 letters.

AIR      KEY      BEDS

ALL      LIE      EASE

AMI      LOG      HOLE

ARE      MEN      INAT

ASI      NEW      ITIN

ATE      ORI      JOHN

BED      OWE      MEON

CAN      PEN      NIGH

DOG      RAM      ONLY

EAT      ROB      OWED

GAD      ROD      SING

GEM      SET      WEAK

MINDS     

NOSES     

ONTOP     

ORISA     

RAGED     

SMOTE     

WEIGH     

## 6 letters.

ASAMAD     

NOARAB     

ONAPOT     

OTHERS     



# Youth

6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

October

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

DATE	EVENT	TIME
4	Midweek Meal <i>Entire Congregation invited Midweek Meal Crew: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families</i>	6:00 pm
15	Coffee & Treats <i>Hosted by 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Families</i>	8:45 am
15	<b>FALL ON THE FARM</b> <i>High School Youth</i>	3—7 pm
20-21	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat <i>At church</i>	
20-21	Basics of the Faith <i>Confirmation Parents</i>	Fri-7pm Sat-8:30am
25	Youth Worship rehearsals <i>High School Youth</i>	6:45 pm
29	500 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation Celebration <i>Special Sunday School Hour &amp; Lunch following late service for entire congregation</i>	WEAR RED
29	Youth Worship rehearsals <i>High School Youth</i>	2:00 pm



**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Fall Confirmation Retreat**

Fri, Oct 20<sup>th</sup>—Sat, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>

*Overnight retreat at Our Redeemer*

Prayer Requests

*Please pray for:*

- ⇒ High school seniors as they make plans about what to do after graduation
  - ⇒ All of the youth of Our Redeemer to make God-pleasing choices in their lives
  - ⇒ The Sunday School, Midweek, Confirmation and High School teachers and small group leaders as they share God's Word with the Youth each week
  - ⇒ Youth Worship rehearsals which begin at the end of October and may Thy Will Be Done.
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**"What do you want to be when you grow up?"**

As a high school student, you've probably been asked this question more times than you can count. Some of you may have an answer and some may not. Did you know The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has a variety of career choices for both men and women?



Pastor  
Teacher  
Deaconess  
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Director of Family Life Ministry  
Director of Christian Outreach  
Director of Parish Music  
Parish Nurse  
Missionary

*For more information, talk to Pastor or visit <https://www.lcms.org/careers-in-church-work>*

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### **DEADLINES**

**Reflections** (printed weekly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) each Wednesday by 5:00 pm

**Beacon Newsletter & Church Activities Calendar** (printed monthly): Information must be submitted (written, typed, emailed or faxed) by noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

### **TELEVISION ~ RADIO**

**Our Redeemer Worship Service on Public Access TV Channel 18** every Wednesday at 4:00 pm.

**The Lutheran Hour Television Ministries talk show “On Main Street” is shown on Public Access Television Channel 18** on Thursdays at 1:30 pm and Sundays at 10:00 pm.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries on Radio—WMT 600 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 6:30 am, and **KXEL 1540 AM Radio** on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am. For more information on Lutheran Hour Ministries go to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND SCREENING**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church has been in ministry with children and youth for almost 55 years. Our insurance carrier, Church Mutual, strongly encourages us to promote the safest and most secure environment possible by screening all employees and volunteers, both new and existing, especially those who interact with children. Performing background checks will provide safeguards and peace of mind to our staff, volunteers, parents, youth and children. Additional details will be forthcoming as we put this screening process in motion.



## Running for ‘Dear Life’

For Vicar Andrew Wolfgram

Hebrews 12:12,13—“Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.”

In this marathon called life,  
We run as fast as we possibly can,  
But yet fall back at times  
To help our fellow man.

We begin with baby steps  
Tipping over and toddling along  
**With the Lord’s and parents’ hands to help us**  
Making our legs and bodies strong.

When we find our trot can quicken,  
We look towards the goals ahead:  
Graduation, marriage, an occupation,  
**Children and a way to ‘earn’ our daily bread.**

We race along in this marathon of life,  
Facing adversaries with the help of the Lord,  
And asking others to join with us in this needed race;  
Aiming for eternal life—that greatest award!

~Carol Schuldт

