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CHAPEL NEWS

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LOOKING AHEAD *BY PASTOR WIETING*

… the one who also ascended far above the heavens … gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers….
(Ephesians 4:10-11)

At our fall congregational meeting (Oct. 9) there was discussion of my planned retirement (in April of 2018 or shortly before). For those unable to attend that meeting, a brief outline of what was discussed is provided here.

With April of 2018 being 18 months away, this discussion may seem early. However, in less than three months, a decision is needed on whether to request another vicar, and that is related to my retiring. I have therefore requested that Vicar Jennings be the last vicar I supervise (his vicarage ends in June of 2017). Beyond that the tentative plan would be for Luther Memorial to call their new pastor in coordination with our district and a circuit representative – issuing a call sometime in the fall of 2017 with hope for a new pastor to come in early 2018.

With congregational, university, and international work, an overlap of 2-3 months between his coming and my retirement to aid the transition is also suggested. Our District President, Rev. John Wille, is aware of and has indicated support for the general plan. This includes the thought that we would continue work with the university campuses in partnership with the district. We are presently and would continue to receive a partnership grant under this plan.

In the months after Vicar Jennings leaves, on-campus work (UWM & MSOE) would require more attention from me and the student coordinator. Other adjustments would be needed to lighten my load, such as Dr. Lane and Dr. German leading our Sunday morning studies in those months. They have expressed readiness to do so. There will be other details to consider and work through. These thoughts were discussed as a foundational outline for proceeding and a budget for 2017 was passed accordingly.

Times of change easily cause questions and concerns – but the Lord of the Church clearly reveals His gifts and His work for the shepherd/teachers He

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SERVING US

Kenneth W. Wieting, *Pastor*

Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*

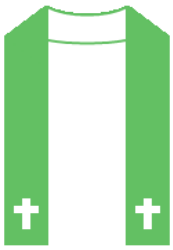
Jonathan Jennings, *Vicar*

Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*

Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*

Bessie Fick, *ISM Coordinator*

Piera Siegmann & Rachel May, *USC Coordinators*



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sends and the churches He serves through them. It is His mission. It is His ministry. Health and energy permitting, according to God's will, I look forward to these days and months of our life together yet as pastor and hearers. Our loving Father continue to bless us in receiving the forgiving and life-giving service of the risen Christ and inviting others from this and other lands to receive and rejoice with us. For He with the Father and the Holy Spirit is one God, now and forever. Amen.

Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot.

Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word.
(*LSB*, 586, sts. 1 & 6)

FALL PASTORS CONFERENCE *BY PASTOR WIETING*

Vicar Jennings and I attended the fall conference in Sheboygan (Oct 10-12). The main focus was apologetics (defending the faith) in an increasingly jaded and hostile culture. Dr. Anthony Horvath (author, instructor, apologist, founder of Athanatos Christian Ministries) was the main speaker on this topic.

He spoke of Darwinism as a toxic element – at work for decades – cementing attitudes that science somehow falsifies the truth claims of Christianity. Educational and media venues work to entrench naturalism in unsuspecting minds as if it is settled truth. This false foundation – considered elite – views Christians as simple and ignorant (crazies) for not accepting this belief system or worldview.

Using sound and studied reasoning to help others see the difference between science and scientism can be helpful in undressing pre-conceived and wrongly held beliefs. But such reasoning cannot give saving faith. Only the Gospel of the crucified and risen Christ awakens faith in the Father's love – calling hearts from the darkness of unbelief to the Light of the world.

The registration, lodging, and meal costs at fall and spring South Wisconsin District Pastors Conferences are part of the congregational support you provide for your pastor and vicar. Thank you for this and the many other provisions needed in an ongoing way.

MISSIONARY ASKINS IN HONG KONG

Last January at our annual meeting, the congregation voted to support Rev. Roy Askins as missionary in the LCMS Asian field in Hong Kong. Your gifts are invited in this month of November with the goal of forwarding a thousand-dollar congregational gift for his work in December. You may use a designated offering envelope from your packet or just write "Missionary Askins" **and your envelope number** on a plain envelope. The need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ is always the greatest need for all people and this is one opportunity to help further its proclamation through the work of our former vicar and his family.

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy.

PROTECTING TROOPS' RELIGIOUS FREEDOM *BY PASTOR WIETING*

In light of the cultural decay systemically hastened by recent Supreme Court rulings, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod clearly spoke in convention this summer of standing together to support free exercise of religion and the right of conscience for our LCMS members (and those of other faith groups). The following is a summary paragraph of one such effort – as detailed more fully in the October 2016 LCMS *Reporter*.

In light of the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD's) recently mandated LGBT Pride Month and its new policies for transgender service members … the LCMS has sent a request to the Secretary of Defense to seek specific protections for chaplains, service members, medical personnel and other DoD affiliated employees. The synod's request, signed by LCMS President Matthew Harrison and other synod pastors serving in Ministry to the Armed Forces, asks for specific codified guidance as service members face increasing restrictions on living out their faith in their military vocations. The request is basically to ask that safeguards be put in place to protect the rights of those who wish to abstain from any event, practice or activity that will force them to compromise their deeply held religious belief on homosexuality or gender orientation.

LMC'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL NOVEMBER 20

On Sunday, Nov. 20, we will have our annual Thanksgiving meal. All members, university students, and internationals are welcome to attend.

The church will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and cranberry sauce. The internationals will make pies. If you are able to attend, please complete the enclosed insert, indicating if you can bring a warm side dish or a salad. We will also need a few more desserts. Please indicate the number of people who will be attending. This will help ensure we have enough food for all. The past few years we have served approximately 150 people. You can return the insert to an usher, the church office, or to Judy Hessel.

Given the size of the meal, we also need help with prep and setup (Saturday morning, Nov. 19), serving, and cleanup.

If you are able to help, or have any questions, contact Judy Hessel

CENTENNIAL SNIPPETS FROM MRS. BEHLING'S BOOK *BY SUE REBHOLZ*

1940: The Ladies Aid of LMC celebrated occasions with poems, songs, and plays all written and performed by members. This one is taken from their 25th Anniversary Program.

To the tune of "Smile"

There are some who are fond of acting;
Some in Bunco find delight,
Some are so keen to be enlightened
That they dote on lectures erudite.
But there's one taste that we have in common,
There's one plan the men find hard to beat,
Let's make up our minds to give a dinner
For everyone likes to eat.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC *BY BESSIE FICK, ISM COORDINATOR*

And whoever welcomes a little child like this in My name welcomes me. Matthew 18:5

International Student Ministry is a ministry of friendship and hospitality that we might have an opportunity to invite others to hear God's Word. The ministry is mainly among international visiting scholars and their families. The visiting scholars spend a year on research at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and then return to their teaching positions in their home country. Each year we say goodbye to the wonderful friends we have made, and God sends others and we have the adventure of seeing new faces and building new friendships.

Food is a wonderful way to break down barriers and to forge these friendships. The meals provide us with opportunities to get to know each other, and they help the internationals to develop support groups among other internationals who are going through the same experiences. It is wonderful to have the help of so many of God's people in welcoming our international friends. We are always seeking others to help in this service of friendship to those coming to Milwaukee from other countries.

These past two months we have been celebrating different activities that remind us of God's invitation for families to bring their children to receive God's Word. We celebrated with three young mothers with two baby showers. These young mothers have been attending our Bible reading classes on Sunday morning and their children have been active in our Children's Program activities.

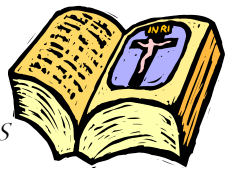
Through the friendships developed we have had the opportunity to invite our international friends to hear God's Word. With great joy we celebrated this month with two families who have brought their children to the waters of Baptism. The warm welcome that they received for themselves and their families made them curious to learn more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Menu Meal, Nov. 20, at 11:45 a.m. following Sunday morning Bible Study. Please bring a dish to share.

Miguel, James & Alan are baptized Oct. 16.

Oct. 6 Baby shower for Ling and baby Leo.



THE CATECHISM'S STRUCTURE, PART 2 *BY VICAR JONATHAN JENNINGS*

Faith for Luther was not defined in terms of intellectual knowledge, but specifically as that which receives God's gifts. Luther had integrated this definition of faith throughout the Ten Commandments, Creed, and Lord's Prayer, and would continue to do so with Baptism, Confession, Lord's Supper, and the Table of Duties. While faith would be brought out in these final four parts, the real focus for Luther was dealing with those who had divorced faith from its object, the promises of God. The final four parts are vital for the theology of the entire Catechism, since it deals with the Lutheran understanding of both Word and faith.

Baptism is placed at the beginning of this section since it is foundational for the Christian's entire life, from birth to grave. In these baptismal waters the Christian has been given new life in Christ, and it is precisely this object that faith clings to. While the water looks rather ordinary, it includes God's command and His Word. The command expresses God's will that all nations be baptized, while the Word expresses God's promise of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

Luther then places the discussion of Confession between Baptism and the Lord's Supper, since examination of one's sins has ties to both. As a continuation of Baptism, Confession continues the pattern of dying and rising, which first began at Baptism. It is faith that lays hold of the words, "By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins."

Continuing with the Lord's Supper, it provides the forgiving and life-giving food for the daily life of the Christian. It is here that Christ comes to us as host, giving us His very body and very blood. His body and His blood help sustain the Christian's faith during earthly struggle while at the same time bearing witness to the banquet that awaits us when Christ returns again.

The final section of Luther's Catechism is the Table of Duties. It is here that faith is exercised within the wider human community, beginning in the household. Here, Luther provides a section on prayers to help frame the daily life of the Christian and a section on order for living life in the various callings and relationships in life. The Table of Duties brings the individual full circle back to the Ten Commandments, since that is where one sees how to love God and love one's neighbor.

To this day the structure of Luther's Small Catechism remains one of the most distinctive features. Luther's ordering was new and distinctive. This arrangement reflects a theological framework that went to the heart of defining the Gospel and Christianity.

DR. SCHULZ PRESENTS AT MSOE *BY VICAR JONATHAN JENNINGS*

Dr. Schulz, Professor of Philosophy at Concordia University Wisconsin, spoke at Milwaukee School of Engineering on Tuesday, October 11. This event was attended by several area students as well as individuals from Luther Memorial Chapel.

His presentation, entitled "Pre-Persons and Other Bioethical Problems Due to Technological Thinking," began with an excerpt from Philip K. Dick's short story "Pre-Persons." This short story illustrated how the logic behind abortion on demand can lead to the termination of older children at their mother's will. Dr. Schulz explained that the unborn child is a human being and, without interference from the outside world, will grow up and exhibit characteristics of a rational/self-reflecting human being.

Scripture testifies to God's gift of life beginning in the womb, and our defense of that life by word and deed flows also from the gracious wonder that Christ took on human flesh and blood, and was born of a virgin in order to redeem man from his sin.

Summary of October 9 Congregational Meeting

For those who were unable to attend the Congregational Meeting on October 9, the following is a summary of the key points covered and discussed. Copies of the complete minutes are available for those who want them.

Judy Hessel, Congregation Secretary

The **Elders** recommended that we do not request a vicar after Vicar Jennings leaves. With Pastor's upcoming retirement tentatively in 18 months, we will be going through a transitional phase.

A call committee will come together after Vicar leaves in June 2017, to begin the process of calling a new pastor. It is our hope that a new pastor will start in the beginning of 2018.

Pastor reported on the current Sunday morning Adult/University/Youth study "Go and Be Reconciled," which makes use of the chief parts of the Catechism, and invited all to come and study. He thanked the congregation for allowing him to speak at the mission conference in Germany and the trustees for their fine work in setting up a new area with audio/visual equipment for the Catechism class. He reported that 13 are currently receiving instruction – four of whom are confirmed and communing already and three of whom are from other lands. He noted that all synod congregations have recently received a booklet entitled "Protecting Your Ministry" – a resource of the LCMS in cooperation with The Alliance Defending Freedom for Faith and Justice. The resource gives templates to help write clear and legally correct wording of church documents in view of increasing hostility and increasing government intrusion. The majority of his report touched on retirement discussion, and he has summarized that in the first article of this issue.

While it is very possible that we will request a new vicar sometime in the future, the new pastor will have a lot going on with a new congregation, USC, and ISM. The increased presence and work of the University Student Coordinator would be of help in this time of transition.

The **Treasurer** reported that we have $88,000 in cash in the bank, up from $65,000 last year at this time. $18,000 of that was contributed to the Centennial Capital Improvement Fund (this includes contributions and the match).

The budget was presented by the **Trustees** and approved. Although it appears we have a shortfall of $15,000, this does not include the $18,000 in the Capital Improvement Fund.

The Board Education reported that 45 children attended VBS and 20 are in Sunday School. Both programs include international children. The youth attended two Higher Things conferences.

The **Vicar** reported on the many upcoming activities for USC and spoke about his increased effort at UWM and MSOE, including on-campus Bible study at both schools. He is working with two coordinators, Rachel May and Piera Siegmann.

The **President** presented the nominees for officers and board members:

President - John Burfiend (returning)
Assistant Treasurer - Andrew Brondos
Elders - Mark Paterson, John Galvin, Don Toll (returning); Aaron Viets (new)
Trustees - Paul Hessel, Louie Sagert
Board of Ed - Jennifer Grasse

We still need one more nominee.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Alex Ignatowski	Nov.
Lisa Grossman	Nov.
Cheryl Toll	Nov.
Allison Clark	Nov. 4
Piera Siegmann	Nov. 6
John Boldt	Nov. 7
Raymond Hernandez	Nov. 9
Paunthip Grossman	Nov. 11
Jonathan Hagedorn	Nov. 12
Michael Kohut	Nov. 12
Pastor Wieting	Nov. 12
Kongsy Grossman	Nov. 14
Karen Hagedorn	Nov. 14
Kathleen Knutsen	Nov. 14
Laura Brauer	Nov. 16
Allison Pelsis	Nov. 20
Dexture Iusi II	Nov. 22
Margaret Latendresse	Nov. 25
Rev. Jason Lane	Nov. 25
Bobby Schuette	Nov. 29
Keziah Wieting	Nov. 29

BAPTIZED

Katherine Mae Burfeind, *daughter of John & Jennifer*
August 28, 2016

Jie Sun & Chen Sun

October 16, 2016

Huanyu Zhang

October 16, 2016

MATCHING FUNDS CONTINUE TO GROW IN 2016:

$10,965.59 received to date

will equal **$21,931.18** *after matching*

Centennial Capital Improvement Fund as of Oct. 19, 2016

ALTAR GUILD FOR NOVEMBER

Another church year is coming to an end. On Sunday, Nov. 6, we observe All Saints' Day, using white paraments to remind us of the saints' robes, which have been washed white in the blood of the Lamb. Nov. 13 and 20 are the last green Sundays of the year. On Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, white will adorn the altar. We begin Advent, indicated by violet paraments, on the last Sunday of the month, Nov. 27.

The Sunday Gospel lessons this month are:

Nov. 6	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 13	Matthew 24:15-28
Nov. 20	Matthew 25:1-13
Nov. 27	Matthew 21:1-11

You may choose red or white poinsettias to beautify the chancel during Christmastide. Prices will be announced in Sunday bulletins.

Envelopes for ordering Christmas flowers will be found on the narthex bookshelf and on the tables by the elevators. Please turn in your envelopes to the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 12. Please make your donation for flowers as a separate check from your offering check.

You may pick up your flowers immediately after the Christmas Day service if you wish.

Volunteers to help deliver unclaimed flowers to shut-in members are very welcome. Please call Judy Hessel if you would like to help.

DORCAS MISSION GROUP

Dorcas will meet just once this month, on Thursday, Nov. 10, from 12:30 to 3 p.m.

In November you will find tags on the Giving Tree for Health Kit items. Please take some tags, and bring the items you purchase back to the tree. Thank you!

We will visit shut-ins to deliver Christmas cookies and gifts in December. If you are willing to help by visiting some of our shut-ins, please call Marie

Daily Scripture Readings for November 2016

WEEK ONE

Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day)
Deut 34:1–12
Matt 21:1–22
Nov. 2 Jer 1:1–19
Matt 21:23–46
Neh 10:1—13:31
Nov. 3 Jer 3:6—4:2
Matt 22:1–22
Nov. 4 Jer 5:1–19
Matt 22:23–46
Nov. 5 Jer 7:1–29
Matt 23:1–12

WEEK TWO

Nov. 6 Jer 8:18—9:12
Matt 23:13–39
Nov. 7 Jer 11:1–23
Matt 24:1–28
Jer 12:1—19:15
Nov. 8 Jer 20:1–18
Matt 24:29–51
Nov. 9 Jer 22:1–23
Matt 25:1–13
Nov. 10 Jer 23:1–20
Matt 25:14–30
Nov. 11 Jer 23:21–40
Matt 25:31–46
Nov. 12 Jer 25:1–18
Matt 26:1–19

WEEK THREE

Nov. 13 Jer 26:1–19
Matt 26:20–35
Rev 13:1–18
Nov. 14 Jer 29:1–19
Matt 26:36–56
Rev 14:1–20
Nov. 15 Jer 30:1–24
Matt 26:57–75
Rev 15:1–8
Nov. 16 Jer 31:1–17, 23–34
Matt 27:1–10
Rev 16:1–21
Nov. 17 Jer 33:1–22
Matt 27:11–32
Jer 34:1—36:32;
45:1—51:64
Nov. 18 Jer 37:1–21
Matt 27:33–56
Rev 17:1–18
Nov. 19 Jer 38:1–28
Matt 27:57–66
Jer 39:1—44:30

WEEK FOUR

Nov. 20 Dan 1:1–21
Matt 28:1–20
Nov. 21 Dan 2:1–23
Rev 18:1–24
Nov. 22 Dan 2:24–49
Rev 19:1–21
Nov. 23 Dan 3:1–30
Rev 20:1–15
Nov. 24 Dan 4:1–37
Rev 21:1–8
Nov. 25 Dan 5:1–30
Rev 21:9–27
Dan 7:1—8:27
Nov. 26 Dan 6:1–28
Rev 22:1–21
Dan 9:1–27

WEEK FIVE

Season of Advent Begins
Nov. 27 Is 1:1–28
1 Pet 1:1–12
Nov. 28 Is 2:1–22
1 Pet 1:13–25
Isaiah 3:1—4:6
Nov. 29 Is 5:1–25
1 Pet 2:1–12
Amos 1:1—9:15
Nov. 30 (St Andrew)
Is 6:1—7:9
1 Pet 2:13–25

Luther Memorial's Officers & Staff in 2016

President:	John Burfeind
Treasurer:	Louis Sagert
Assistant Treasurer:	Ben Latendresse
Secretary:	Judy Hessel
Chair of Elders:	Mark Paterson
Vice Chair of Elders:	Don Toll
Secretary of Elders:	Luther Himsel
Chair of Trustees:	Aaron Siegmann
Chair, Bd. of Christian Ed.:	Deirdre Christiansen
Sun. Schl. Superintendent:	Judy Swanson
Chair of Dorcas Guild:	Marie Zimmerman
Chair of Altar Guild:	Judy Hessel

Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

Carl Swanson – Riverwest/East Side

Ben Wieting – Near North

Peter Gurneau – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

Luther Himsel – West/Far West

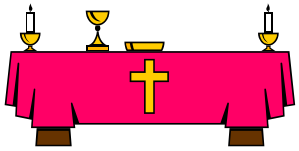
The members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

The members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

The members of the **Board of Elders** work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER 2016

USHERS
Tom Rebholz, *Head Usher*
Temish Christiansen
Jim Genthe
Paul Hessel
John Kretsch
Carl Schramm
Aaron Siegmann
Prince Solomon
Rachel Swanson
John Swanson
Aaron Viets



ALTAR GUILD
Kathy Clark
Lisa Grossman
Connie Cortright

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER
November 6 John Galvin

November 13 Don Toll

November 20 Carl Swanson

November 27 Joe Bratz

COFFEE HOUR SERVERS
November 6 Grossmans

November 13 *Neeeded*

November 20 Rebholz/Sylke
Thanksgiving Meal

November 27 *Undetermined*

HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK
November 6 Ps. 149
LSB **677** *For All the Saints*

November 13 Ps. 14
LSB **658** *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

November 20 Ps. 149
LSB **516** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

November 27 Ps. 24
LSB **332** *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

1.
Who trusts in God
A strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love
To Christ above,
No fear that heart oppresses.
In You alone,
Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes,
Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.

2.
Though Satan's wrath
Beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While You are near,
We shall not fear;
Your strength will never fail us.
Your rod and staff
Will keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death
Nor hell beneath
Our lives from You will sever.

3.
In all the strife
Of mortal life
Our feet will stand securely;
Temptation's hour
Will lose its pow'r,
For You will guard us surely.
O God, renew
With heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand
At Your right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

(*LSB* 714)