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CHAPEL NEWS

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Fall Mission Society Gathering *by Pastor Wieting*

Our fall mission gift this year will be gathered on Oct. 2 and 3 and Oct. 8 and 9. It will be designated for mission work right here in the United States. There are areas of our country and age groups of our population where proclamation of the saving Gospel of Jesus is increasingly rare. Even as our synod seeks to answer the calls for missionaries in Asia and Africa and Europe, there are also now increasing efforts to bring Christ's mission to bear in our own land. Even in outwardly hostile and seemingly unfavorable circumstances where no congregation is present to sustain community presence or outreach, there are opportunities for the truth to be spoken and heard. Please consider your own contribution to the energetic and exciting work now begun in the Toledo, Ohio, area by missionary Peter Burfeind.

From his booth at our summer picnic, Rev. Peter Burfeind explains his call by the LCMS to serve as a national (domestic) missionary in Toledo, Ohio.

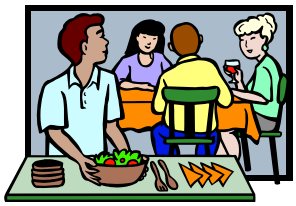
Peter's brother is our current congregational president, John Burfeind. A Prayercard that describes Peter's work is enclosed.

True and lasting help in this troubled world is found in the Son of God, whose kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). Amid the political corruption and empty promises of our time, God give us thankful hearts – good courage – genuine interest – prayerful support – and generous assistance for the ones sent to bring the one thing needful to those both near and far.

Serving Us

- Kenneth W. Wieting, *Pastor*
- Jonathan Jennings, *Vicar*
- Kathryn Hill, *Church Secretary*
- Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*
- Bessie Fick, *ISM Coordinator*
- Sarah Reynolds & Rachel May, *USC Coordinators*

SEE PAGE 9 FOR A LIST OF ALL STAFF, THEIR PHONE NUMBERS & EMAIL ADDRESSES.



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SUMMER THOUGHTS *BY PASTOR WIETING*

This summer in Milwaukee included the convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Four weeks prior to the convention two voting delegates from each LCMS congregation re-elected

Rev. Matthew Harrison as synod president by use of secure computer voting technology. President Harrison identified three areas of focus for our churches in the coming years.

1. *Everyone His Witness* – a specific emphasis encouraging all Christians in their vocations to speak and act for Christ and His saving Gospel.
2. Standing faithfully in the face of increasing cultural challenges to our members and our schools and our churches in confessing God's Word, and recognizing that it is a blessing to suffer for Christ.
3. Standing as a beacon amid the dramatic shifts in world Lutheranism – welcoming work and life together with millions who are seeking faithful scriptural preaching and teaching.

Even as international missions are once again a priority in the LCMS, so also a greater focus on national missons is underway. These missionaries are sent not to the ends of the earth, but to places nearby, places familiar. Our fall mission society gifts will be gathered for one such effort in Ohio as described on page 1.

In this vein it was also interesting to read in our synod's *REPORTER* (July 2016, p. 5) about Rev. Micah Glenn. He is the synod's first missionary to Ferguson, Missouri, the site of violent clashes between law enforcement and protesters following the shooting death of Michael Brown in 2014. Missionary Glenn grew up in Ferguson, and his parents still live there. His work will center at Lutheran Hope Center, which is under construction and expected to be open at year's end. He will work in partnership with five local LCMS congregations in leading Bible studies, tutoring and mentoring programs, parenting classes, etc. He will serve as pastor at Grace Lutheran Chapel in Bellfontaine Neighbors (the church I was a member at while teaching at Lutheran High School North). In our land the religion of secular naturalism is ascending and systemic hostility to Christianity is increasing. These sent ones remind us that Christ's mission is the one essential need – also in the USA.

This summer included some days in mid-July in South Dakota to assist with the auction sale of my mother's belongings. She is now in her own apartment in assisted living and is doing well. This summer also included some days in mid-August teaching in Wittenberg, Germany. Pictures are on page 3.

GO & BE RECONCILED: WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

Our first fall Sunday morning study provides opportunity to review the fundamentals of the Christian faith while learning how these truths provide direction for daily life – especially in reconciliation. There are six lessons, one for each of the chief parts of Christian doctrine as confessed in the Small Catechism. It is a wonderful time for parents to attend with confirmed children, helping to spur the very good use Dr. Luther intended in writing the Catechism. The study's aim is to help the treasures learned and confessed from the Catechism be applied to the Christian's conscience and to the relationships of life. It will begin on Sunday, Sept. 11.

SOVITZKYS VISIT LMC IN JULY; WIETINGS ABROAD IN AUGUST

Left: Pastor Wieting presented on the Treasures of Weekly Communion to the Eurasia Mission conference at the Luther Hotel in Wittenberg, Germany. Missionaries from Berlin, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Wittenberg, Mongolia, Kyrgistan, Russia, Siberia, and several areas of the Czech Republic attended. Barbara assisted with the crafts and care for 20+ children in their VBS each morning.

Below: Two views of Rick Sovitzky presenting on LCMS Eurasian Missions work when his family visited LMC on July 10, 2016.

Second column, middle picture: Barbara Wieting by the statue of Katie Luther on the grounds of the Luther Home in the Black Cloister, where Katie's gardening provided much of the support for the Luther family. **Second column, bottom picture:** Rick Sovitzky with seven of his children in front of the Castle Church door where Luther posted his 95 theses. Donavan was ill that day and Sarah was the photographer.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH *BY BESSIE FICK, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COORDINATOR*

And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message. Colossians 4:3

Opportunities to Grow in the Word

International Student Ministry is a ministry of friendship and hospitality that we might have an opportunity to invite others to hear God's Word. One of the opportunities offered to internationals to study is the In-Depth Bible Seminar. We were able to send three to the training this year. Michael shares his experience with us:

My name is Michael Sun. I am a visiting scholar from Taiwan. I was very fortunate to have a one-week In-Depth Bible Seminar in Missouri. It will remain one of my precious life-long experiences because of the dedicated teachers and the good friends I made from different countries.

The well designed courses helped us to grow in faith and were taught by two excellent pastors. Lee Meyer and Paul Hoemann are knowledgeable and passionate speakers. Pastor Meyer taught an overview of the Bible. This course provides a detailed historical background of God's salvation. All the attendees received a basic understanding of the whole Bible within a week. Pastor Meyer is also very gifted in music. Before the class, he led us in singing hymns while he played his guitar. It was terrific to see the different nationalities worshiping our Creator together. Pastor Hoemann shared principles of the Lutheran teachings, such as Baptism, Lord's Supper, etc. Pastor Hoemann is a gentle and kind shepherd and gave us very clear answers to our questions. He also taught us the importance of Christian fellowship. We were so blessed to have these two respected elders share God's truth with us.

Another important part of this seminar was the fellowship encouraged by two dedicated sisters—Tricia Geske and Sharon Riordan. Without them, the program would not have been so successful. Tricia, with a caring heart and a beautiful smile, was always encouraging us. We had many delightful talks about our faith. Sharon has a beautiful personality. She took care all the trivial things that made us comfortable, and encouraged our growth in Christ. Because of their enthusiasm, we had a great time and enjoyed fellowship despite our different nationalities.

The retreat center is a very beautiful and peaceful place to appreciate God's creation. I woke up early in the mornings to walk around the pond and listen to the Bible readings from my tablet. When I saw God's beautiful creation, I was very grateful for what He has done in my life.

I am very appreciative of Luther Memorial Chapel for providing me with this great opportunity. Through the grace and love of Christ, I met many internationals who are growing in faith. I give special thanks for Bessie Fick and Pastor Wieting for informing me of this opportunity and for teaching me God's Word on a frequent basis; and for the prayers and assistance for internationals from all the faithful at LMC. May God bless you all.

Coming Events

Welcome Meal for Internationals, Thursday, Sept. 1, at 5:30 p.m.

International Meal, Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m.

We invite all to attend. They are potluck meals.

ON THE NEXT PAGE ARE PICTURES FROM ISM SUMMER ACTIVITIES & LMC's VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Summer Fun for ISM & VBS

ISM families enjoy a lakeside picnic.

Bessie Fick teaches ISM adults during VBS week, Aug. 1-5.

Taking a break in LMC's parking lot.

ISM families visit Wisconsin State Fair.

VBS students learn the faith by singing.

VBS students enjoy time outdoors with recreation leaders.

VBS: 50 attended; 36 international children & parents took part. Many thanks to 20 helpful volunteers.

ALTAR GUILD MEETS SATURDAY, SEPT. 17, AT 9:30 A.M.

During the four Sundays of September, we continue to celebrate the Trinity Season with green paraments, symbolizing abiding life, rest, and the dominant color in nature.

Our annual Altar Guild Meeting is Saturday, Sept. 17, at 9:30 a.m. in the lower multi-purpose room. All current members are asked to attend, as well as any women of LMC who are interested in learning more about the Altar Guild. Confirmed university student women are also welcome!

During the meeting, we will sign up for the months and days that we are able to serve. Schedules are flexible, and new people will be trained by experienced members.

We set up for the Lord's Supper on Saturday mornings, clear after the Sunday Divine Service, and set for Monday night, then clear after the Monday service. We also cover any other services during the year when the Lord's Supper is served.

If you are unable to attend our meeting, please let Judy Hessel know which months you may be able to serve (we typically sign up for three months over the course of the year, from October through September). Also let her know if you prefer to serve on Saturdays, Sundays, and/or Monday nights.

If you are interested in joining Altar Guild, but unable to attend the meeting, you can contact Judy and she will answer your questions.

Hope to see you on Sept. 17. Altar Guild presents a wonderful opportunity to serve the church and become acquainted with others.

Gospel lessons for September are:

Sept. 4 Matthew 6:24-34

Sept. 11 Luke 7:11-17

Sept. 18 Luke 14:1-11

Sept. 25 Matthew 22:34-46

INTERNATIONAL MEAL SEPT. 22

On Thursday, Sept. 22, at 5:30 p.m., there will be an International Meal in the parish hall. All members, university students, and internationals are welcome to attend.

We will provide an international main dish along with an American salad and side dish. Others are asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. We also need volunteers to help with cleanup. If you are able to assist, please contact Judy Hessel

This meal is a wonderful opportunity to welcome internationals who are new to Milwaukee and enjoy fellowship with others from LMC as well as university students. We hope you are able to attend—this meal has always been a great time (and the food is very good, too).

A NOTE FROM YOUR COUNTERS

When using a Designated Offering envelope from your offering envelope box, it would be most helpful if you would indicate on the envelope or on the check where you want us to channel your offering (such as a particular mission fund, the Centennial Capital Improvement Fund, Food Barrel, etc.). If nothing is indicated, it will go into the general fund. It would be wrong for the counters to guess where you would like the money to go, as it may not be where you intended.

Thanks for your attention to this.

UNDERSTANDING THE CATECHISM, PART 2 *BY VICAR JENNINGS*

It may surprise you to know it wasn't until the 16th century that the term *catechism* became associated with the instructional book we are familiar with today. Prior to this the Church used a variety of forms to teach the faith: sermons, liturgies, confessional manuals, prayer books, wooden tablets, and instructional books. However, no matter what form was used, the Ten Commandments, Creed, and the Lord's Prayer were central to catechesis. These three components were considered the core for the Christian life.

The Creed and Lord's Prayer played important roles in the pre-baptismal instruction of catechumens in the 3rd and 4th centuries. Within the context of the baptismal vow, the Creed and Lord's Prayer served as the texts that expressed the new spiritual life for the individual. The Creed provided a summary of the heart of Scripture. The Lord's Prayer showed an individual how to pray and helped provide access to participation in the liturgical service of the Church.

The Creed and Lord's Prayer continued to play important catechetical roles in the Middle Ages, but with several significant differences. The Creed not only continued to define the spiritual identity of a Christian, but also it acquired the role of defining the political identity of a Christian citizen. The Lord's Prayer would be preached in sermons and seen as a weapon for spiritual warfare and a symbol of orthodoxy.

While the Creed and Lord's Prayer were central for catechesis, the Ten Commandments were not centrally used in the same way. The Ten Commandments for the Early Church may have underlain their teaching on Christian morality. However, they did not function as the primary text for most theologians, preachers, and catechists. In the early Middle Ages there were mixed feelings toward using the Ten Commandments due to hostility between the Church and Synagogue. Christians saw themselves as recipients of a new covenant that was sealed with the sacrifice of Jesus' death.

Pope Gregory the Great (d. 604) regarded the Ten Commandments as inferior to the principles of the Gospel. He created a moral teaching organized into seven virtues (love, hope, faith, prudence, temperance, courage, and justice) and seven vices or "deadly sins" (pride, envy, wrath, avarice, gluttony, sloth, and lechery) for Christians seeking a life of perfection. It wasn't until the 12th century that the use of the Ten Commandments would start making headway in instructional use against the use of the seven sins. Eventually, by the 13th century, synodical decrees mandated the instruction of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments were held in higher regard since they were scriptural, whereas the seven sins were not, having been derived by Greek philosophy.

The fact that Luther's Catechism included the Ten Commandments, Creed, and Lord's Prayer would ultimately not have been a new thing, since it was what the Church used for instruction since the time of Christ. However, what was new is not only how Luther's Small Catechism was structured, but the addition of the last three Chief Parts (The Sacrament of Holy Baptism, Confession and Absolution, and the Sacrament of the Altar) and the Table of Duties. We will be looking at these things next time.

Daily Scripture Readings for September 2016

WEEK ONE

Sept. 1 1 Kng 18:1–19
Eph 1:1–23

Sept. 2 1 Kng 18:20–40
Eph 2:1–22

Sept. 3 1 Kng 19:1–21
Eph 3:1–21
1 Kng 20:1—22:53

WEEK TWO

Sept. 4 2 Kng 2:1–18
Eph 4:1–24

Sept. 5 2 Kng 2:19–25; 4:1–7
Eph 4:25—5:14

Sept. 6 2 Kng 4:8–22, 32–37
Eph 5:15–33

Sept. 7 2 Kng 4:38—5:8
Eph 6:1–24

Sept. 8 2 Kng 5:9–27
Phil 1:1–20

Sept. 9 2 Kng 6:1–23
Phil 1:21—2:11
2 Kng 6:24—8:29

Sept. 10 2 Kng 9:1–13; 10:18–29
Phil 2:12–30
2 Kng 13:1—18:8

WEEK THREE

Sept. 11 2 Chr 29:1–24
Phil 3:1–21

Sept. 12 2 Chr 31:1–21
Phil 4:1–23

Sept. 13 2 Chr 32:1–22
Col 1:1–23
Hosea 1:1—14:9

Sept. 14 (Holy Cross Day)
2 Chr 33:1–25
Col 1:24—2:7
Jonah 1:1—4:11

Sept. 15 2 Chr 34:1–33
Col 2:8–23
Nahum 1:1—3:19

Sept. 16 2 Chr 35:1–7, 16–25
Col 3:1–25
Zeph 1:1—3:20

Sept. 17 2 Chr 36:1–23
Col 4:1–18
Philemon 1–25

WEEK FOUR

Sept. 18 Neh 1:1—2:10
1 Tim 1:1–20
Haggai 1:1—2:23

Sept. 19 Neh 2:11–20; 4:1–6
1 Tim 2:1–15

Sept. 20 Neh 4:7–23
1 Tim 3:1–16

Sept. 21 (St Matthew)
Neh 5:1–16; 6:1–16
1 Tim 4:1–16

Sept. 22 Neh 7:1–4; 8:1–18
1 Tim 5:1–16
Ezra 1:1—10:19

Sept. 23 Neh 9:1–21
1 Tim 5:17—6:2

Sept. 24 Neh 9:22–38
1 Tim 6:3–21
Neh 10:1—13:31

WEEK FIVE

Sept. 25 Mal 1:1–14
Matt 3:1–17

Sept. 26 Mal 2:1—3:5
Matt 4:1–11

Sept. 27 Mal 3:6—4:6
Matt 4:12–25

Sept. 28 Deut 1:1–18
Matt 5:1–20

Sept. 29 (Michaelmas)
Deut 1:19–36
Matt 5:21–48

Sept. 30
Deut 1:37—2:15
Matt 6:1–15

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

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.

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.

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.

Baptismal Birthdays

Name	*Date in September*
Janet McAllister	
Taylor Paronto	1
Crystal Whitney	1
Chris Osterndorf	3
Ann Gurneau	5
Vicki Boldt	6
Rebecca Nickels	7
Louie Sagert V	7
Arleen O'Connor	8
Rachel Baka	10
Paul Himsel	10
Molly Pangallo	11
Marta Lane	12
Wesley Vuorinen	12
Bradley Fremder	13
Daniel Swanson	13
Elisabeth Handgraaf	13
Anne Baka	16
Doris Rank	17
Wolfgang Hoerner	18
Carl Schramm	22
Klaus Zirkle	22
Judith Hessel	24
John Wolck	26
Marcia Genthe	27
Sheila Genthe	27
Kalia German	27
Zachary Hessel	27
Karolina Hagedorn	28
Anita Luetkens	29
Steven Paronto	29
Laura Carlton	30

WEDDINGS

Sarah Reynolds & Prince Solomon
August 6, 2016

Mary Reinke & Chris Durham
August 13, 2016

BAPTISM

William Paul Jennings,
Son of Jonathan & Stefanie Jennings
July 6, 2016

Matching Funds

An anonymous donor from our congregation has made a commitment to match all donations to the **Centennial Capital Improvement Fund** up to $20,000 over the course of calendar year 2016. All funds received in this endeavor will be used for capital improvements for our beautiful facility, including the replacement of our air conditioning compressor, computer upgrades for the office, and other needs that are inherent in the ongoing care of a facility that in some areas is over ninety years old.

Donation envelopes are available in the church office, in the narthex, and on the tables by the elevator.

Contributions to this special fund can be made using the "designated offering" envelopes from your offering envelope box as well. Keep in mind that any money you donate to this fund will be doubled, as a result of the generosity of the anonymous donor.

$8,226.16 received to date

will equal $16,452.32 *after matching*

Centennial Capital Improvement Fund as of Aug. 17, 2016

SCHEDULES FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

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

Anyone interested in helping usher on Sundays, please contact Tom Rebholz.

ALTAR GUILD
Marcia Genthe
Sheila Genthe
Maggie L.

HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK

September 4 Ps. 146
LSB **760** *What God Ordains Is Always Good*

September 11 Ps. 30
LSB **758** *The Will of God Is Always Best*

September 18 Ps. 2
LSB **557** *Seek Where You May to Find a Way*

September 25 Ps. 34:8-22
LSB **694** *Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower*

ELDERS ON SUNDAYS

September 4
Carl Swanson

September 11
Joe Bratz

September 18
Luther Himsel

September 25
Jon Hagedorn

COFFEE BREAK SERVERS

Sept. 4 Wolcks/Leah/Bin

Sept. 11 Hessels & Genthes

Sept. 18

Sept. 25 Kreuters & Swansons

FALL CENTENNIAL EVENTS

Sunday and Monday, Sept. 4-5. Pastor John Olson, our former university student and member, preaching.

Sunday and Monday, Sept. 25-26. Pastor Michael Larson preaching Sunday and Monday.

Combined Sunday/Monday service at 10 a.m., Reformation Sunday, Oct. 30. Dr. Benjamin Mayes preaching and presenting.

Please contact Diane Kretsch if you are willing to assist with the potluck following the Reformation Service.

CENTENNIAL SNIPPETS FROM MRS. BEHLING'S BOOK

March 1932 *taken from a song used in a program:*

So through all the different seasons
and for forty'leven reasons
They must labor on in sunshine and in shade;
Bless their hearts and show them favor,
They're the salt with all its savor,
Here's to them, the Sisters of the Ladies Aid.

June 1941
"Motion made and carried that we place a flower chart on the south wall of the narthex of the church for those who wish to furnish flowers for the altar on a certain Sunday."

March 1941
"Both Men's and Ladies' Dart Ball teams are going strong."