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Receiving More on the Lord's Day

by Pastor Larson

How can you prepare yourself and your family for worship on the Lord's Day? Here are three ideas for you to consider. I have listed these in order of priority. You will need a Bible and a hymnal.

1) **Read the Gospel**. If you can do nothing else, just read the Gospel text before coming to church. You could read the appointed Gospel on Saturday evening or early on Sunday morning before you leave for the service. In your monthly *Chapel News* (church newsletter) you will find a section titled "Preparation for the Lord's Day," which will provide you all three readings for the Sunday service, including the Psalm and Hymn of the Day. Again, if you can do nothing else, just read the appointed Gospel text for that particular Sunday. Why is this so important? Well, I think it's a regular experience to become distracted at worship, and there's just a lot to take in on Sunday morning. Generally speaking, the sermon will be grounded in the Gospel text more than anything. Therefore, being familiar with the text before hearing it read at the service will prove a helpful habit. You may be surprised at how much better you can track with the sermon if you familiarize yourself with the text before arriving at church.

   If you read the Gospel with your spouse or children, don't feel the need to necessarily explain everything in the text. Just read through it. Maybe try summarizing the text out loud in a simple way.

2) **Sing the Hymn of the Day**. That same section in the monthly newsletter will also provide the "Hymn of the Day" for each Sunday, which coordinates with the theme of the Gospel text. For example, each week my family will sing the Hymn of the Day for that coming Sunday every day at morning and evening prayer. By the time Sunday rolls around, we pretty much have it learned by heart! That's fun and very rewarding! The hymn will also provide something of a commentary and meditation upon the Scripture readings and sermon that day. The Hymn of the Day each week is not picked lightly by Martha Galvin and myself. Those hymns represent the very best of our evangelical Lutheran heritage. They are hymns that preach, teach, and comfort.

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Serving Us

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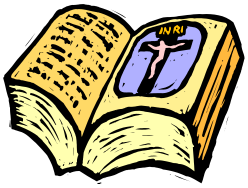

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3) **Pray Christian Questions with Their Answers**. If you go to page 329 in your *Lutheran Service Book*, you will find questions and answers "prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for those who intend to go to the Sacrament." The first question is, "*Do you believe that you are a sinner?*" Answer: "Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner." Second question: "*How do you know this?*" Answer: "From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept." The questions walk you through a confession about who Christ is, what He has done, and what sort of benefit you hope to receive from the Lord's Supper. At the parsonage on Saturday evenings, we pray these questions and answers together. It is our way of preparing for the Lord's Supper together. My favorite questions are questions 17 and 18:

   What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins? His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2; and Ephesians 5.

   Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament? That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

I hope these suggestions are helpful to you. Again, if you can do nothing else, just go ahead and read the Gospel text. You may be surprised by how much that little practice might enrich your hearing and receiving of God's Word on the Lord's Day!

RECENT BAPTISMS

Benjamin Alexander Christensen
Born July 22; baptized August 1

Lydia Anna Doying
Born August 4; baptized August 15

GUILD OF SAINT SAMUEL MEETS OCT. 17

Guild of Saint Samuel (LMC acolyte guild): Mark your calendars for lunch, a brief presentation on the duties of the Lutheran acolyte and practicum **on Sunday, Oct. 17,** following Bible study.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC: *LOCALLY & IN PERSON*

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, iO DIRECTOR

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." Romans 12:12

At the last LMC Church Council meeting, I remember telling the council members some of the things I had been doing to keep iO going locally. Although some of our volunteers are wonderfully very involved in skyping with internationals who have since returned to their home countries, my focus has been to do things with and for internationals *in person*. Pastor Larson suggested I write about some of these things, so in bullet format:

- Regular weekly meetings with a landed Chinese woman and young daughter, in her home, at my home, in parks
- Visits to the home of a Turkmenistan Muslim family, along with multiple times taking the mother to Prospect Medical Commons and being with her during the many appointments
- Spending a lot of time with a Kazakhstan woman, taking her places, showing her things around Milwaukee
- Having people over to my home, separately, for meals, playing with our cats, lots of conversations, walking along and sailing on Lake Michigan
- Regular weekly trips to CUW in Mequon, meeting with internationals individually
- Helping a young Chinese man in a very difficult ongoing situation
- Figuring out how to get the proper Covid testing for international flights, arranging it, taking them for testing, seeing them through it all
- Airport and bus station drop-offs and pick-ups
- Regularly talking about the love and saving message of Jesus Christ, praying for them when I'm with them
- Visiting with volunteers in their homes or elsewhere
- LOTS of driving

After speaking with my UWM International Department contact, she told me there are only four visiting scholars coming for this semester: one from South Korea, two from China and one from Iran. Pastor Larson and I would like to set up tables at the Student Union but at this point, that availability is still unknown. There will be no in-person orientation for UWM international newcomers, only a virtual orientation. She doesn't want any iO fliers, only information by email that her team will share.

LMC member Martha Galvin and I will offer ESL classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting with a very flexible schedule as we try to find out what time of the day might best suit the most people. Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church member Ann Nehring will offer a virtual ESL class.

Prayerfully, God will bring us new internationals and we can have some in-person classes. iO is in God's hands as we all are. I ask that you continue praying for clarity in the direction of our program. Thank you.

To God be the glory!

Excerpts from the Large Catechism by Martin Luther: The Third Petition of the Lord's Prayer, Part 1

The Third Petition

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Thus far we have prayed that God's name be honored by us, and that His kingdom prevail among us; in which two points is comprehended all that pertains to the honor of God and to our salvation, that we receive as our own God and all His riches. But now a need just as great arises, namely, that we firmly keep them, and do not suffer ourselves to be torn therefrom. For as in a good government it is not only necessary that there be those who build and govern well, but also those who make defense, afford protection and maintain it firmly, so here likewise, although we have prayed for the greatest need, for the Gospel, faith, and the Holy Ghost, that He may govern us and redeem us from the power of the devil, we must also pray that His will be done. For there will be happenings quite strange if we are to abide therein, as we shall have to suffer many thrusts and blows on that account from everything that ventures to oppose and prevent the fulfilment of the two petitions that precede.

For no one believes how the devil opposes and resists them, and cannot suffer that any one teach or believe aright. And it hurts him beyond measure to suffer his lies and abominations, that have been honored under the most specious pretexts of the divine name, to be exposed, and to be disgraced himself, and, besides, be driven out of the heart, and suffer such a breach to be made in his kingdom. Therefore he chafes and rages as a fierce enemy with all his power and might, and marshals all his subjects, and in addition enlists the world and our own flesh as his allies. For our flesh is in itself indolent and inclined to evil, even though we have accepted and believe the Word of God. The world, however, is perverse and wicked; this he incites against us, fans and stirs the fire, that he may hinder and drive us back, cause us to fall, and again bring us under his power. Such is all his will, mind, and thought, for which he strives day and night, and never rests a moment, employing all arts, wiles, ways, and means whichever he can invent.

If we would be Christians, therefore, we must surely expect and reckon upon having the devil with all his angels and the world as our enemies, who will bring every possible misfortune and grief upon us. For where the Word of God is preached, accepted, or believed, and produces fruit, there the holy cross cannot be wanting. And let no one think that he shall have peace; but he must risk whatever he has upon earth—possessions, honor, house and estate, wife and children, body and life. Now, this hurts our flesh and the Old Adam; for the test is to be steadfast and to suffer with patience in whatever way we are assailed, and to let go whatever is taken from us.

July 11 Picnic at LMC

LMC Youth Enjoy Higher Things Conference in Michigan

BY RONAN SOVITZKY

Every year, hundreds of teens from around the country flock to Higher Things conferences held throughout the United States. Higher Things is an organization dedicated to strengthening young Lutherans' faith, making new friendships, and gaining a better understanding of their place in this world. This year friends and I were given the opportunity to attend a Higher Things conference held at Calvin University, Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 20-23. Many thanks to LMC for generously covering our attendance fees.

A Higher Things conference is a four-day trip, including daily services, speakers, and other events. Each year has a theme, and this year it was Forgiveness. Each day a plenary presenter (keynote speaker) gave an hour or so lecture on the main theme. We had two excellent speakers this year in Pastor Goodman (San Antonio, TX) and Pastor Drew (Metairie, LA). Pastor Goodman looked in depth at the wonderful gift of our conscience; when to listen to it and even times when you should not. Pastor Drew gave us the meat and potatoes, going through the Bible and delivering point after point on why we are forgiven, how, and why we should forgive those who sin against us.

Besides the keynote speakers, each day had short lectures on many different topics, such as end of life decisions, dating and marriage, organ playing 101, did Judas commune, explaining Lutheranism to non-Lutherans, and more. One of my favorites was about sacred art, which took place at a local church that had the Te Deum fully illustrated around the sanctuary. The artist who painted it was there to explain the symbols of Christian art and how he beautifies chapels around the U.S. Higher Things planned out all sorts of games and other activities during the evenings for attendees to enjoy, including trivia, soccer, swimming, and rock climbing. There was also a talent show which was highly entertaining to watch.

The final day concluded the retreat with one last session given by Rev. Drew, and some closing points by the organizers. After lunch, we attended the send-off Divine Service, with the organist conducting a youth choir and orchestra. Together they provided a powerful accompaniment to our worship. It is amazing to experience 600 people worshiping together! Afterwards, final pictures and goodbyes were made, and we drove back home. Higher Things was an excellent event, strengthening both faith and friendship. I highly recommend attending any Higher Things conferences. Thank you again for supporting our trip!

2021 Fighting Sheep Season Recap

We finished the season on July 29 with THE MOST HEARTBREAKING LOSS – EVER. Playing the third-place team in the league (Redwall Painting; finished with a 7-3 won/lost record), we built up a 15-10 lead going into the last at-bat for our opponents, who scored six to win 16-15.

Thus we finished the season at a very deceptive (I think) 0-10. It must be noted, however, that three of our losses were by a cumulative TOTAL of four runs.

I have been blessed to play on and manage LMC softball teams since about 1979 or so, and I must say with all truthfulness that this 2021 team had the most "heart" I've ever seen. Personally speaking, it's been a pleasure and a privilege to be associated with the 2021 Fighting Sheep.

So now, THANKS: to our fans who came out to see us play whenever possible, to Logan, who recruited a slew of guys from his employment (and those guys made a big difference, as well as father Jim), Kirk Reiter, who stepped into a big void and became (in my humble opinion) the BEST pitcher in our league, Adam Scott (our perennial MVP and will go down in Fighting Sheep annals for "The Catch"), "rookies" Elliott Lange, Andrew Hoffman, Ray Greco, Dave Kosmen, Athan Hasselbrook (plus little brother Cyprian from Iowa!), and John Sanchez, young veterans Nathanael Sovitzky, Daniel Swanson, cousin Will, and of course our ultimate multi-position player Dan Grosskreuz (left field, shortstop, organist), part-timers (who are always welcome!) David Ramirez, Ben Wieting (Fighting Sheep Hall of Fame class of 2020), Jason Lane, Brian German, Mark Paterson, and Gabe Frusti. Special thanks to Pastor Larson, for support and left-handed power (and announcements in church) and everyone else I'm inevitably forgetting.

We'll see everyone for the 2022 campaign, God willing!

Coach John Galvin

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date in September
Janet McAllister	1
Taylor Paronto	1
Ann Gurneau	5
Rebecca Nickels	7
Louie Sagert V	7
Arleen O'Connor	8
Rachel Baka	10
Jessica Himsel	11
Molly Pangallo	11
Marta Lane	12
Daniel Swanson	13
Elisabeth Handgraaf	13
Isaac Monday	15
Anne Baka	16
Wolfgang Hoerner	18
Alexander Bratz	20
Carl Schramm	22
Klaus Zirkle	22
Judith Hessel	24
Rufus Lane	24
Marcia Genthe	27
Sheila Genthe	27
Kalia German	27
Zachary Hessel	27
Karolina Hagedorn	28
Steven Paronto	29
Laura Carlton	30

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BAPTIZED *on August 1, 2021*
Benjamin Alexander Christensen
Son of David & Amanda

On August 15, 2021
Lydia Anna Doying, *daughter of Travis Robert & Allison Kay*

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PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER

Date	Name of Day	Hymn of the Day	OT Reading	Psalm	Epistle	Gospel
Sept. 5	Fourteenth S. after Trinity	*LSB* 849	Prov. 4:10–23	Psalm 84	Gal. 5:16–24	Luke 17:11–19
Sept. 12	Fifteenth S. after Trinity	*LSB* 760	1 Kings 17:8–16	Psalm 86	Gal. 5:25—6:10	Matt. 6:24–34
Sept. 19	Sixteenth S. after Trinity	*LSB* 758	1 Kings 17:17–24	Psalm 88	Eph. 3:13–21	Luke 7:11–17
Sept. 26	Seventeenth S. after Trinity	*LSB* 557	Prov. 25:6–14	Psalm 119:137-144	Eph. 4:1–6	Luke 14:1–11

A Christian Response to Critical Race Theory

Rev. Dr. Lucas V. Woodford
President of the Minnesota South District, LCMS

Tuesday, October 12, 2021
6:30 p.m.

Luther Memorial Chapel
& University Student Center

3833 N Maryland Ave
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SEPTEMBER 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship	30 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	31	1 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	2	3	4
5 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship	6 Church office closed for Labor Day **7:00 PM** Divine Service	7 **6:30 PM** Elders	8 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	9	10	11
12 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	13 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	14 **6:00 PM** Trustees	15 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	16	17	18
19 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism **12:00 PM** U Student Welcome Potluck	20 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	21	22 **8:30 AM** Matins **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	23	24	25
26 **8:00 AM** Divine Service **9:00 AM** Divine Service **10:15 AM** Coffee Hour & Fellowship **10:45 AM** Bible Study, Sunday School, Catechism	27 **7:00 PM** Divine Service	28	29 ***Michaelmas*** **6:30 AM Divine Serv** **8:30 AM Divine Serv** **7:00 PM** Basketball in Gym	30	1	2

Future Fellowship Events: *Mark your calendars.*

2021

Sunday, Sept. 12 –Sunday School / Bible Study / Catechism kickoff

Sunday, Sept. 19 – University Student Welcome Potluck (following Bible study. An opportunity to welcome university students among us.)

Saturday, Oct. 30 – Reformation Fun Run / Cookout (beginning 9 a.m.)

Friday, Nov. 19 – Fall English Country Dance (6:30 p.m.)

Sunday, Nov. 21 – Thanksgiving Potluck (details to come)

2022

Sunday, Feb. 13 – Game Day / Potluck (following Bible study)

Friday, April 22 – Spring English Country Dance (6:30 p.m.)

Saturday, May 7 – May Day Trail Run / Cookout (beginning 9 a.m.)

All events are intended for congregational members, university students, and internationals to participate!

LMC Book Club: *Saturday, Oct. 16, 9-11:30 a.m.*

Live Not By Lies: A Manuel For Christian Dissidents

by Rod Dreher, author of *The Benedict Option*

Are the dystopian novels we read in high school beginning to mirror our society more and more? Rod Dreher suggests that we are entering a post-Christian, 'pre-totalitarian' society. What do you think? Prescient prediction or exaggeration?

Live Not By Lies surveys Christian persecution and communist oppression, making some sobering comparisons with social justice corporate interests, the surveillance state, and big tech censorship.

The second half of the book looks at pastors, parishes, and families who flourished under the totalitarian state (primarily the Soviet Union), kept the faith, and cheerfully bore witness to the Gospel. Learn to live like Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who refused to affirm anything he knew to be untrue, even at the price of exile.

Join us for a discussion. Please let Pastor know if you are interested in bringing treats or preparing coffee.

9:00 a.m. Matins
9:30 a.m. Book Discussion
10:30 a.m. Break