

HIGHWAY

On April 21 the first Highway Clean up was conducted. Thanks to Greg Ross, Eric Bienz, Steve Sanchez and Rebekah Ross who trekked 2 miles and cleaned up the sides of Highway 46.



There will be 2 more dates scheduled this year, July 14 and September 22. Work begins around 9:00am. A helping hand is always needed to help keep Michigan clean!!

Catechism students may use this opportunity for service hours.

MOTHER'S DAY

The church council will be honoring our Mother's on Sunday, May 13th with a morning breakfast beginning at 9:00am



You are all welcome to come for the fellowship and delicious meal prepared by the leaders of our

congregation. Thank you, gentlemen!

FELLOWSHIP OUTING

The Discipleship Committee is once again sponsoring a GREAT LAKES LOONS game this summer.

They have chosen 2 possible dates of July 6 or July 20. Starting time is 7:05pm. Box seats cost \$10.00 and lawn seats are \$7.00

If you would like to join in this fellowship opportunity you may sign the sheet located in the church narthex area.

DAILY DELIVERIES

Many Pastors are finding and learning that they must develop and produce material that reaches those who don't attend church on a regular basis.

As many of you know Pastor Eich writes daily devotions entitled "Moments". These are emailed not only to our members, but friends of members and friends of friends!!! Our list continues to grow from the people who receive them.

The "Moments" are also put

on church's website and Facebook page. God's word is being shared with hundreds on a daily basis.

Share your daily email "Moments" with a friend or relative. Hit the "share" button under the Facebook "Moment" posting and you too will be sharing the gospel!!! The hundreds will turn into THOUSANDS of people reading God's word! Be God's social media disciple!



DERBY WINNERS

Children
1st - Ayden West
2nd - Rebekah Ross
3rd - Johnny Rodriguez

Adults
1st - Dave Harry
2nd - Paige Schultz
3rd - Pastor Eich

On Sunday, April 30th the members of the congregation voted for the BEST IN SHOW car...the winner is....WILLOW THOMAS!!!



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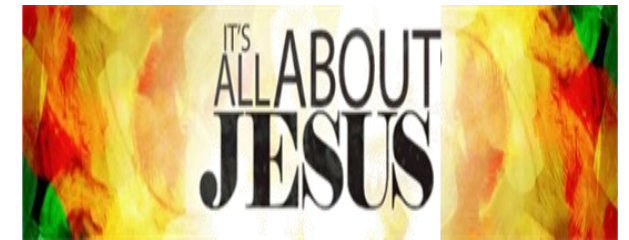
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May - June 2018

Worship Themes

Once we leave the great festivals of the church year, the focus of the readings in the divine service point more to the Christian's life. Yet, the Christian wouldn't have a life if it wasn't for Jesus. There wouldn't be a goal of our life if it wasn't for Jesus. There wouldn't be a purpose for life if it wasn't for Jesus. Even the "non-festival" portion of the church proclaims Jesus even as our life does.



In May /June our Sunday themes are:

May 6 For Us and In Us
May 13 Ascended to Assure Us
May 20 Sends the Holy Spirit to Guide Us

May 27 Proclaims the Trinity to Unite Us
June 3 Fulfills the Law to Free Us
June 10 Gives the Beginning and Ending of Faith



Notice how the trees bend in a strong wind? They can't be stiff and unbending. They'll break. But with a little bending, even a lot of bending, they'll be able to snap back into place once the wind dies down. Our Sunday themes for June and July will focus on our resilience to some of the winds of life. Do you bend or break?

In June and July our Sunday themes are:

June 17 ...When the Future is Dim
June 24 ...When Troubles Swirl
July 1 ...When Death Envelopes
July 8 ...When Friends Despise

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club continues to meet once a month reviewing their “pick” entitled “Authentic Christianity”.

This book shows how the Lutheran tradition embodies a framework of Christianity that addresses the postmodern condition. It takes God’s word and shows how we are to live out our vocations as faithful Christ followers.

Members are reminded that your next meeting is May 17th at 6:30pm



GOD’S TEAM!

Special thanks to our Sunday morning teacher leaders who have faithfully served over the last several months.

Our Treasure Hunt teachers Pam Munderloh, Tracy Schultz and Heidi Kolb have been teaching God’s word to our preschool—8th graders. Steve Sanchez has been leading and guiding our High Schoolers with Bible Class.

We also thank Ivy Thomas, Noah Batchelder and Sue Eich who conducted the Bell Choir and Youth Choirs.

Thank you, and well done thou good and faithful servants for teaching God’s children!

COMMUNITY PANTRY

At present the pantry should have enough groceries to distribute through May. Thank you, to the members who have faithfully been donating to help with this outreach into our community.

The pantry is closed during June, July and August. We will start receiving donation’s around the end of August.

REMINDERS



Summer months are quickly approaching. That means that our worship time will be changing.

Beginning Sunday May, 27 we will be gathering to worship at 9:30am. Please make sure to mark your calendars so you don’t miss worshipping the Savior!

This also means that many of you will be vacationing to

other parts of the country.

To assist you in finding the nearest WELS church during your travels, a WELS



Directory has been place in the narthex for your use.

The directory will give you time, address, phone number, name of the church and current pastor serving the congregation. The pages have been marked for your convenience.

SPONSORS NEEDED

The Elders have been planning a return of the “Backyard Bible Study” this summer.

These were done some years ago in a member’s backyard. Fellowship and study were combined for an hour. Members brought desserts and cool drinks and shared in God’s word.

If anyone would like to serve as a backyard sponsor Sunday, July 8 or August you may contact either Aaron Munderloh, Eric Bienz or Pastor Eich.

**Treasurer’s 2018 1st Quarter Financial Report
YTD Budgetary Finances Thru 3-31-2018**

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| Member Budgetary Support Received: <i>(General, Loose, CMO, LACE, Reimbursements)</i> | \$50,581.25 |
| Member Budgetary Support Expected at this time: | \$56,868.00 |
| Member Budgetary Support short of Expected: | \$(6,286.75) |
| Other Income: <i>(Income not related to member giving)</i> | \$ 250.00 |
| Total Member Support plus Other Income | \$50,831.25 |
| YTD thru 3-31-2018 Actual Budgetary Expense | \$58,892.79 |
| Expenses in excess of Income | \$ (8,061.54) |

YTD Savings Account Income/Expense Summary (Non-Budgetary)

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Bal. 1-1-18</u> | <u>Income</u> | <u>Expense</u> | <u>Balance 3-31-18</u> |
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| Church Projects | \$63,991.59 | \$ 375.00 | \$1,136.00 | \$63,230.59 |
| YES Fund | \$10,093.30 | \$ -0- | \$ -0- | \$10,093.30 |
| Scholarship | \$42,707.21 | \$ 110.00 | \$ -0- | \$42,817.21 |
| Reserve | \$ 5,198.25 | \$ 15.04 | \$ -0- | \$ 5,213.29 |
| YTD Total | \$121,990.35 | \$ 470.04 | \$1,136.00 | \$121,354.39 |

LACE Loan Balance: \$431,212.19

*“From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.”
John 1:16*



WELS NEWS

The Michigan District Convention will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary on June 11-13. President John Seifert will be retiring after this Convention. The Circuit Pastors along with all the members of the district will be honoring him for the many years of service he has provided to the churches and the Lord's kingdom.



It has been reported that there are currently 125 pastor vacancies. Of these vacancies 16 are within the Michigan District. The graduating class in May will be 26 men with an additional 3 returning from previous assignments.

Pastor Eich recently preached and assisted in the installation of Pastor Jeffery Weber at Redeemer in Big Rapids. We welcome this new Shepherd to our circuit.

Pastor Mark Luetzow has accepted the Divine call to serve as the president of Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Pastor Luetzow

had been serving at Bethel, Bay City, MI.

The Board for Home Mission approved support for seven new mission congregations. These locations are: Reno, Nevada
Phoenix, Arizona
Joplin, Missouri
Brandon, South Dakota
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Hobart, Wisconsin
Horicon, Wisconsin



The members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Cedarville, MI (UP) will be having their closing worship service on May 26. We give thanks to God for the gospel ministry which has taken place at this location for 57 year. If you are visiting the U.P. you are still welcome to worship at Immanuel in Sault Sainte Marie, MI

Cameroon Missionary Jeff Heitsch and his wife, will be

leaving Cameroon and be temporarily relocating to the United States due to internal political unrest in the country. They arrived in Cameroon in October 2017.

Please keep all these WELS ministries in your prayers as the gospel is preached.

PROPERTY UPDATES

The church council has scheduled Saturday, June 02 for a member workday. A number of jobs and repairs are needed around the property. Members are asked to consider bringing their servant hands to church to help with the building and grounds upkeep. Feel free to come as early as 8:00am. A list of jobs will be posted with the supplies. BYOT (bring your own tools) please.



CONGRATULATIONS

We congratulate our High School students Meghan Bartlett and Michael Munderloh on their upcoming graduations.



Meghan is completing her education at Breckenridge and at this time is planning on staying closer to home by attending Alma College.

Michael Munderloh will graduate from St. Louis and will be attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. (The UP).

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Logan Schultz is attending Michigan Lutheran Seminary and has been awarded an all-expense-paid summer study trip to Germany. Logan was selected as a national winner after scoring in the 98th percentile on the Level 2 2018 National German Exam for High School Students sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of German (AATG). Over

20,000 students participated in the program. Logan will be one of forty-four German students selected from across the US to receive the award. He will be traveling to Germany this summer to attend school and of course some sight seeing.

Logan is very gifted with language study. He not only studies German at MLS but is also studying Latin and Mandarin. He is currently a junior at MLS. At this time Logan plans on attending Martin Luther College to study for the Pastoral Ministry.

Please keep these young adults in your prayers as they embark on new opportunities!

SENIOR LUNCHEON / BIBLE STUDY

Seniors, we will be having a Spring gathering on Tuesday, May 15 at 11:30am- 1:00pm. Join us as we share a meal of chili, sloppy joes, salads and desserts. We will then begin a new series for our Bible study, "A Crown of Glory". This is a six series study that will continue to take us into future meetings. It will examine the way in which God works through the lives of his aging saints as they respond to his grace in love and service.

Specifically, our May study will concentrate on aging having negative aspects, but also finding the positive ones as well, as God will show us in his word.



Sign up sheets are located in the narthex. If you are in need of a ride you may call the office or speak with Pastor Eich