

The Church Door

Office Renovations

A huge Thank You to Lauren and Nancy Johnson for all of their hard work painting Pastor's office. The office looks amazing and your work is very much appreciated!



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Volunteers Needed!

Pastor's office carpet will be installed on September 13. Volunteers are needed to help move the office furniture back into the office and sacristy on September 15 beginning at 10:00am. Please contact Tom Whitehead if you are willing and able to help!

Thank you!



PASTOR'S CORNER

LESSONS & HYMNS

September 2, 2018— Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon Tom Whitehead
Accomp. John Deppe
Lector Rose Justian
Acolyte Braxton Ward
Ushers Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden
Safety Ray VanderStelt & Jeff Ward
Nursery Michelle Ward
Counters Tom & Donna Whitehead
 Cindy Borreson

Lessons

Deuteronomy 4:1—2,6—9
 Psalm 15
 James 1:17—27
 Mark 7:1—8, 14—15, 21—23

Hymns

#652—Built on a Rock
 #793—Be Thou My Vision
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
 #492—Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
 #824—This Is My Father's World

September 9, 2018— Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon Jeff Ward
Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse
Lector Laurie Tilden
Acolyte Makenzie Pastoor
Ushers Brad Johnson & Ray Vanderstelt
Safety Mike Sellon & Russ Tilden
Nursery Donna Whitehead
Counters Brad & Lauren Johnson,
 Randy Borreson

Lessons

Isaiah 35:4—7a
 Psalm 146
 James 2:1—17
 Mark 7:24—37

Hymns

#510—Word of God, Come Down on Earth
 #790—Day by Day
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
 #487—What Feast of Love
 #886—Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

September 16, 2018— Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon Andrew Kitchka
Accomp. Nancy Gibson & Barb Anderson
Lector Dawn Snider
Acolyte Olivia Ward
Ushers Randy Borreson & Dustin
 Shunta
Safety Dave Justian & Tom Whitehead
Nursery Lauren Johnson
Counters Tom & Betty Proksa, John
 Moore, Tom Whitehead

Lessons

Isaiah 50:4—9a
 Psalm 116:1—9
 James 3:1—12
 Mark 8:27—38

Hymns

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 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
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September 23, 2018— Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon Janeen Pastoor
Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse
Lector Donna Whitehead
Acolyte William Pastoor
Ushers Michelle & Jeff Ward
Safety Andrew Kitchka & Rich Wygant
Nursery Nancy Johnson
Counters Randy & Cindy Borreson,
 Michelle Ward

Lessons

Jeremiah 11:18—20
 Psalm 54
 James 3:13—4:3, 7—8
 Mark 9:30—37

Hymns

#843—Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
 #781—Children of the Heavenly Father
 #182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful
 #471—Let Us Break Bread Together
 #543—Go, My Children, with My Blessing

September 30, 2018— Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deacon Tom Whitehead

Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse

Lector

Acolyte Hope Shunta

Ushers

Safety Tom Proksa & Mike Sellon

Nursery Rose Justian

Counters Emogene Cotal, Janet Wolf,
Donna Whitehead

Lessons

Numbers 11:4—6, 10—16,
24—29

Psalm 19:7—14

James 5:13—20

Mark 9:38—50

Hymns

#848—Give to Our God Immortal Praise!

#799—Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

#182—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#480—O Bread of Life from Heaven

#705—God of Grace and God of Glory

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. The next meeting is Thursday, September 6, at 10:00 am. For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The men's club will be assisting with the Annual Book & Bake Sale. The next meeting is Saturday, September 8, at 9:00am at Whitlow's Forerunner Restaurant. Contact Tom Whitehead at 231-740-2144 for more information.

The B.I.B.L.E. Club meets immediately following the Children's Sermon during Sunday worship. B.I.B.L.E. Club will begin meeting again in the fall. In August the children were invited to participate in the St. Gregory's VBS arts camp. Watch for details on Rally Day on September 9, followed by a luau themed luncheon. Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.

MILITARY FAMILY

Please remember those serving

**Master Chief Russ
Tilden, Jr.**

United States Navy

**Staff Sergeant Lance
Hughson**
United States Air Force

Council News

Council met at their regularly scheduled monthly time and discussed a lot of exciting things coming up at DML. Bells are scheduled to be repaired. The Pastor's office will receive new carpeting this month! B.I.B.L.E. Club and Adult Education are beginning again and there will now be a monthly Book Study on Biblical Fiction! Also watch for news of geocaching and other activities coming in October!



Prayer List



Roger Anderson

Pari Bailey

Tom Fortenbacher

Ada Filka

Sue Galekovich

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Tillie Jandris

Noah & Kaylee Shafer

Clarissa Jones

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

Christine Praskac

Stanley Swiatek

Gary VanderStelt

Barbara Hvizdos

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday, September 2

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Grundtvig was one of two principal Danish theologians of the nineteenth century; the other was Søren Kierkegaard. Grundtvig's ministry as a parish pastor had a difficult start. He was officially censured after his first sermon, though he did receive approval a year later to be ordained. He served with his father for two years but was unable to receive a call for seven years after that. In 1826 he was forced to resign after he attacked the notion that Christianity was merely a philosophical idea rather than God's revelation made known to us in Christ and through word and sacrament. This belief would be a hallmark of Grundtvig's writing. He spent his last thirty-three years as a chaplain at a home for elderly women. From his university days he was convinced that poetry spoke to the human spirit better than prose. He wrote more than a thousand hymns, including "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage" (ELW 509).

Sunday, September 9

Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Colombia, died 1654

Peter Claver was born into Spanish nobility and was persuaded to become a Jesuit missionary. He served in Cartagena (in what is now Colombia) by teaching and caring for the slaves. The slaves arrived in ships, where they had been confined in dehumanizing conditions. Claver met and supplied them with medicine, food, clothing, and brandy. He learned their dialects and taught them Christianity. He called himself "the slave of the slaves forever." Claver also ministered to the locals of Cartagena who were in prison and facing death.

Thursday, September 13

John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"), but it also got him into trouble. As bishop of Constantinople he preached against corruption among the royal court. The empress, who had been his supporter, sent him into exile. His preaching style emphasized the literal meaning of scripture and its practical application. This interpretation stood in contrast to the common style at the time, which emphasized the allegorical meaning of the text. Chrysostom's skill in the pulpit resulted in the description of him as the patron of preachers. This week at gatherings of parish groups, include prayers for pastors and all who proclaim the gospel.

Friday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

Helena, the mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to Israel to look for Christian holy sites. She found what she believed were the sites of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus, sites that modern archaeologists believe may be correct. Here Constantine built two churches. The celebration of Holy Cross Day originated with the dedication of the Church of the Resurrection in 335. Today the festival provides the church an opportunity to lift up the victory of the cross with a spirit of celebration that might be less suitable on Good Friday.

Sunday, September 16

Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258

Cyprian worked for the unity of the church and cared for his flock in North Africa during a time of great persecution. During Cyprian's time as bishop many people had denied the faith under duress. In contrast to some who held the belief that the church should not receive these people back, Cyprian believed they should be welcomed into full communion after a period of penance. He insisted on the need for compassion in order to preserve the unity of the church. His essay *On the Unity of the Catholic Church* stressed

the role of bishops in guaranteeing the visible, concrete unity of the church. Cyprian was also concerned for the physical well-being of the people under his care. He organized a program of medical care for the sick during a severe epidemic in Carthage.

Monday, September 17

Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179

Hildegard lived virtually her entire life in convents, yet was widely influential within the church. After an uneventful time as a nun, she was chosen as abbess of her community. She reformed her community as well as other convents. Around the same time, she began having visions and compiled them, as instructed, in a book she called *Scivias*. Hildegard's importance went beyond mysticism. She also advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and an artist.

Tuesday, September 18

Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961

Dag Hammarskjöld (HAH-mar-sheld) was a Swedish diplomat and humanitarian who served as secretary general of the United Nations. He was killed in a plane crash on this day in 1961 in what is now Zambia while he was on his way to negotiate a cease-fire between the United Nations and the Katanga forces. For years Hammarskjöld had kept a private journal, and it was not until that journal was published as *Markings* that the depth of his Christian faith was known. The book revealed that his life was a combination of diplomatic service and personal spirituality, and of contemplation on the meaning of Christ in his life and action in the world.

Friday, September 21

Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Matthew ("Levi" in the gospels of Mark and Luke) was a tax collector for the Roman government in Capernaum. Tax collectors were distrusted because they were dishonest and worked as agents for a foreign ruler, the occupying Romans. In the gospels, tax collectors are mentioned as sinful and despised outcasts, but it was these outcasts to whom Jesus showed his love. Matthew's name means "gift of the Lord." Since the second century, tradition has attributed the first gospel to him.

Saturday, September 29

Michael and All Angels


On this festival day the church ponders the richness and variety of God's created order and the limits of human knowledge of it. The scriptures speak of angels (the word means "messengers") who worship God in heaven, and in both testaments angels speak for God on earth. They are remembered most vividly as they appear to the shepherds and announce the birth of the Savior. Michael is an angel whose name appears in Daniel as the heavenly being who leads the faithful dead to God's throne on the day of resurrection. In Revelation, Michael fights in a cosmic battle against Satan.

Sunday, September 30

Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420

Jerome is remembered as a biblical scholar and translator. Rather than choosing classical Latin as the basis of his work, he translated the scriptures into the Latin that was spoken and written by the majority of the persons in his day. His translation is known as the Vulgate, from the Latin word for *common*. While Jerome is remembered as a saint, he could be anything but saintly. He was well known for his short temper and his arrogance, although he was also quick to admit to his personal faults. Thanks to the work of Jerome, many people received the word in their own language and lived a life of faith and service to those in need.

SEPTEMBER 2018

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2 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00 am	3	4 Church Council 6:30pm	5 Adult Education 6:00pm	6 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	7	8 Men's Club @ Whitlows 9:00am
9 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am B.I.B.L.E. Rally Day Luncheon following worship	10 Book Study 6:00pm Parish Education 7:00pm Congregational Life 7:00pm	11 Finance Committee 6:30pm	12 Adult Education 6:00pm	13	14 Holy Cross Day	15 Pastor's office move in 10:00am
16 Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	17 Property Committee 5:30pm	18 Worship & Music 6:30pm	19 Adult Education 6:00pm	20	21	22
23 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	24	25	26 Adult Education 6:00pm	27	28	29
Pastor Mike and Katie out for the general retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity 						
30 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am						

B.I.B.L.E. CLUB KICK-OFF!!

**PLEASE JOIN THE B.I.B.L.E. CLUB
FOR A SPECIAL LUAU-THEMED
LUNCHEON**

**CELEBRATING OUR YEARLY KICK
OFF!**

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

The Noisy Offering this month will go toward Family Promise of the Lakeshore. This organization works to end homelessness by providing shelter and support services to families. They do this by utilizing area churches to provide overnight housing. They also provide a Day Center where the families can search for jobs and housing, obtain case-work services and referrals, and receive Life Skills training. Their 14 host churches include First Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran.

Hospice Volunteer Training

September 18th and 25th from 11am to 3pm

Hospice Volunteers serve in a wide variety of capacities, ranging from respite for a family, providing massage therapy or beautician services, playing games with a patient, assisting in our office with administrative duties to baking cookies and doing minor repairs. The list goes on, which means your special talents can be utilized to help provide services to a patient or family facing an end of life issue. Volunteer services are needed days, evenings, and weekends. If you would like to find out more information on how you can make a difference, consider attending our September training. To register, or for more information, please contact Kristyn Ireland at 616-847-5215 or kireland@noch.org

Annual Book & Bake Sale Updates

Thursday October 4, 2018 9:00am

Kolache Bake-DML Kitchen

Calling all Bakers with experience or who want to learn. We will be making Kolache for the annual Book and Bake Sale. All are welcome!

Saturday October 20, 2018

9:00am—1:00pm

Book and Bake Sale

Sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

Chili Lunch available from the Men's Club

11:00am—1:00pm

Please contact Dorcas members with any questions.

Please join us!

First annual Book Study, September 10, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Book Study will be meeting the second Monday of each month and studying Biblical Fiction, with the first book being The Book of the Dun Cow.

Pastor Mike and Katie will be in Chicago from the afternoon of 9/23/18 until 9/29/18 for the general retreat of The Society of the Holy Trinity.

If you have a Pastoral need please contact Janeen Pastoor. Thank you!

Mission Statement

We are a people of God in Christ, called to believe and sent to serve.

The “Church Door” title is taken from the “Theses Door” of the Castle Church which has made Wittenburg so famous.

Just as the “Theses Door” was used as a bulletin board for notices in Luther’s time, this newsletter can also be used by our members to communicate with each other and our guests about church life and events. Published monthly, The Church Door is available the last Sunday of the month.

Please contact Andrea Iams (231-730-3584 or ai.dmlc@outlook.com) if you’d like to add an article or event to next month’s newsletter!

Upcoming Events

September 5, 2018
Adult Education Resumes

September 9, 2018
B.I.B.L.E. Club Rally Day

September 16, 2018
Baptism of William Lee Kitchka

Thursday, October 4, 2018
Blessing of the Animals/St. Francis Day

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Kolache Bake—DML Kitchen

Saturday October 20, 2018
9:00am—1:30pm
Book and Bake Sale

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