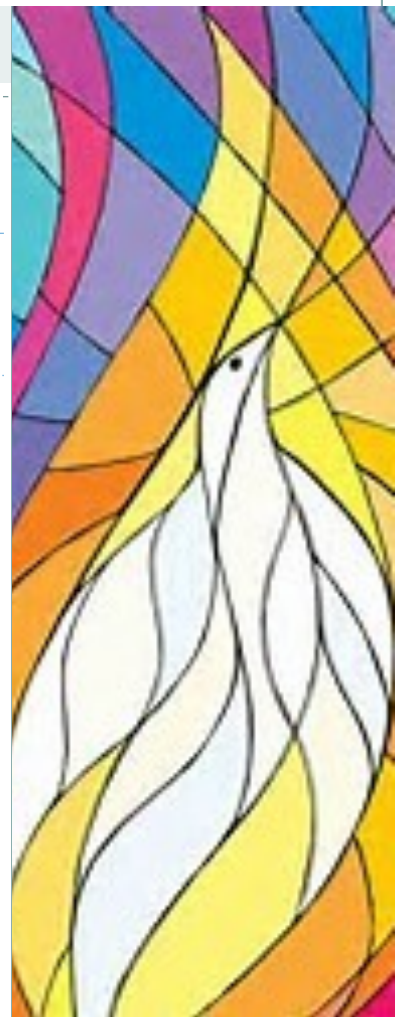


The Church Door



Thank you to everyone who assisted with the Annual Book & Bake Sale on October 20! Your donations, contributions and time spent volunteering were greatly appreciated! There were a variety of used books, homemade items and baked goods for sale. It was a great success!



The Second Annual Blessing of the Pets in honor of St. Francis Day was held on Thursday, October 4. Despite the less than perfect weather a few congregation members and their furry family members showed up for a prayer and a brief blessing. Thank you to all of those who participated!

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PASTOR'S CORNER

LESSONS & HYMNS

November 18, 2018— Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Presiding Pastor Kenneth Michnay

Deacon Tom Whitehead

Accomp. Ardy Bulthouse

Lector Laurie Tilden

Acolyte Makenzie Pastoor

Ushers Randy Borreson & Dustin
Shunta

Safety Dave Justian & Rich Wygant

Nursery Rose Justian

Counters Tom & Betty Proksa, John
Moore, Tom Whitehead

Lessons

Daniel 12:1—3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11—25

Mark 13:1—8

Hymns-

#871—Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good

#327—Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

#184—Let the Vineyards

#487—What Feast of Love

#711—You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

November 25, 2018— Christ the King

Deacon Cindy Borreson

Accomp. John Bryson

Lector

Acolyte Hope Shunta

Crucifer Olivia Ward

Torchbrs. Hope Shunta & Braxton Ward

Thurifer Oliver Shunta

Ushers Michelle & Jeff Ward

Safety Randy Borreson &
Tom Whitehead

Nursery Betty Proksa

Counters Randy & Cindy Borreson,
Michelle Ward

Lessons

Daniel 7:9—10, 13—14

Psalm 93

Revelation 1:4b—8

John 18:33—37

Hymns

#855—Crown Him with Many Crowns

#414—Holy God, We Praise Your Name

#434—Jesus Shall Reign

#184—Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

#490—Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

#634—All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

GROUP NEWS

The Dorcas Circle meets on the first Thursday of each month at 10:00 am. They will meet next on December 6 at 10:00am. Last month Dorcas sponsored the annual Book and Bake Sale. In December they will be drawing the winners for their annual raffle. Tickets are on sale now! For more information on the Dorcas Circle please contact Betty Proksa.

The Men's Club meets for breakfast the second Saturday of each month for a time of fellowship and to discuss or take care of miscellaneous things around church. The men's club assisted with the Annual Book & Bake Sale, offering a delicious Chili lunch that was a crowd favorite! The next meeting is Saturday, December 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. Watch for updates on fall activities! Please contact Dawn Snider at 616 791-4413 for more information.

Congregational Life sponsored many events in October including geocaching and a trip to a Muskegon Lumberjack's game for family and faith day. They are also hosting a monthly book study on Biblical fiction the second Monday of every month at 6:00pm. Watch for updates on winter activities. Please contact Lauren Johnson 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 on October 2, 2018. Meeting was called to order by Marcia Kitchka and pastor led with a reading from Mark 10 and a prayer. Pastor has started having two daytime Bible studies a month with Dorcas Circle on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Property Committee discussed the selection of a plow service for the upcoming winter and announced all three bells are now working! A new alarm system was installed on October 29 and the lights in the ceiling of the sanctuary that are not working are being scheduled for replacement. Dorcas Circle held their annual book and bake sale with the Men's club contributing a chili lunch. Council meets again on November 6, 2018 at 6:30pm.



Prayer List



Roger Anderson

Pari Bailey

John Bryson

Betsy Colella

Tom Fortenbacher

Gene Fortune

Ada Filka

Ann Hamil

Tom Hulka

Barbara Hvizdos

Tillie Jandris

Carissa Jones

Jan Kerekrety

Charlie Majersky

Danny Moore

Christine Praskac

Noah & Kaylee Shafer

Stanley Swiatek

CALENDAR OBSERVANCES-NOVEMBER 2018

Thursday, November 1

All Saints Day

The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. We remember all who have died in the faith and now serve God around the heavenly throne.

Saturday, November 3

Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639

Martín was the son of a Spanish knight and Ana Velázquez, a freed black slave from Panama. Martín apprenticed himself to a barber-surgeon in Lima, Peru, and was known for his work as a healer. Martín was a lay brother in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) and engaged in many charitable works. He was a gardener as well as a counselor to those who sought him out. He was noted for his care of all the poor, regardless of race. His own religious community described him as the "father of charity." His work included the founding of an orphanage, a hospital, and a clinic for dogs and cats. He is recognized as an advocate for Christian charity and interracial justice.

Wednesday, November 7

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Three missionaries are commemorated on this date. Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. Ordained in 1820, he established Sunday schools and taught at Gettysburg College and Seminary. Heyer became a missionary in the Andhra region of India. During a break in his mission work he received the M.D. degree from what would later be Johns Hopkins University. Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg (ZEEG-en-balg) was a missionary to the Tamils of Tranquebar on the southeast coast of India. The first convert to Christianity was baptized about ten months after Ziegenbalg began preaching. His missionary work was opposed by the local Hindus and also by Danish authorities in that area. Ziegenbalg was imprisoned for his work on a charge of converting the natives. Today, the Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Church carries on his work. Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen was born in Schleswig-Holstein, Germany. In the early 1860s he went to Sumatra to serve as a Lutheran missionary. His work was among the Batak people, who had previously not seen Christian missionaries. Though he encountered some initial difficulties, the missions began to succeed following the conversion of several tribal chiefs. Nommensen translated the scriptures into Batak while honoring much of the native culture.

Sunday, November 11

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the army at age fifteen. One winter day, a beggar approached Martin for aid, and he cut his cloak in half and gave a portion to the beggar. Later, Martin understood that he had seen the presence of Christ in that beggar, and this ended his uncertainty about Christianity. He soon asked for his release from his military duties, but he was imprisoned instead. After his release from prison he began preaching, particularly against the Arians. In 371 he was elected bishop of Tours. As bishop he developed a reputation for intervening on behalf of prisoners and heretics who had been sentenced to death.

Sunday, November 11

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Kierkegaard (KEER-keh-gore), a nineteenth-century Danish theologian whose writings reflect his Lutheran heritage, was the founder of modern existentialism. Though he was engaged to a woman he deeply loved, he ended the relationship because he believed he was called to search the hidden side of life. Many of his works were published under a variety of names, so that he could reply to arguments from his own previous works. Kierkegaard's work attacked the established church of his day—its complacency, its tendency to intellectualize faith, and its desire to be accepted by polite society.

Saturday, November 17

Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, died 1231

This Hungarian princess lived her entire life in east-central Germany, and is often called Elizabeth of Thuringia. Married to a duke, she gave large sums of money, including her dowry, for relief of the poor and sick. She founded hospitals, cared for orphans, and used the royal food supplies to feed the hungry. Though she had the support of her husband, her generosity and charity did not earn her friends within the royal court. At the death of her husband, she was driven out. She joined a Franciscan order and continued her charitable work, though she suffered abuse at the hands of her confessor and spiritual guide. Her lifetime of charity is particularly remarkable when one remembers that she died at the age of twenty-four. She founded two hospitals, and many more are named for her.

Friday, November 23

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100

Clement was the third bishop of Rome and served at the end of the first century. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the Corinthian congregation, still having difficulty with divisions in spite of Paul's canonical letters. Clement's writing echoes Paul's. "Love . . . has no limits to its endurance, bears everything patiently. Love is neither servile nor arrogant. It does not provoke schisms or form cliques, but always acts in harmony with others." Clement's letter is also a witness to early understandings of church government and the way each office in the church works for the good of the whole.

Friday, November 23

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927

Miguel Agustín Pro grew up among oppression in Mexico, where revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the rich. He was a Jesuit priest who served during a time of intense anticlericalism, and therefore he carried out much of his ministry in private settings. He worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Miguel and his two brothers were arrested, falsely accused of throwing a bomb at the car of a government official, and executed by a firing squad. Just before the guns fired, he yelled, "¡Viva Cristo Rey!" which means "Long live Christ the king!"

Saturday, November 24

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America

A native of Saxony, Falckner was the son of a Lutheran pastor and, seeing the stresses his father endured, did not plan on becoming a pastor himself, though he studied theology in Halle. Instead, he joined with his brother in the real estate business in Pennsylvania. Through this business he became acquainted with a Swedish pastor in America, and finally he decided to become ordained. He served congregations in New York and New Jersey. Not only was he the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism that was the first Lutheran book published on the continent.

Jones was a native of Charleston, South Carolina. Ordained by the New York Ministerium in 1832, he became the Lutheran church's first African American pastor. Upon returning to South Carolina he was arrested under a law prohibiting free blacks from reentering the state, so he was unable to join the group of Charlestonians he had been commissioned to accompany to Liberia. For nearly twenty years Jones carried out missionary work in Philadelphia in the face of many difficulties. There he led in the formation of the first African American Lutheran congregation, St. Paul's, and the construction of its church building. William Passavant created and nurtured a new level of organized social ministry in western Pennsylvania. It was the seed of the system of social services that is now known as Lutheran Services in America. Passavant and his legacy sought to serve the poorest of the poor, providing shelter, medical, and living assistance.

Sunday, November 25

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748

Isaac Watts was born in England to a family of nonconformists, people who thought the Church of England had not carried its reforms far enough. As a youth, Watts complained to his father about the quality of hymnody in the metrical psalter of his day. That was the start of his hymnwriting career. He wrote about six hundred hymns, many in a two-year period beginning when he was twenty years old. Some of Watts's hymns are based on psalms, a nonconformist tradition. When criticized for writing hymns not taken from scripture, he responded that if we can pray prayers that are not from scripture but written by us, then surely we can sing hymns that we have made up ourselves. Ten of Watts's hymn texts are in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, including "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (ELW 632).

Friday, November 30

Andrew, Apostle

Andrew was the first of the Twelve. He is known as a fisherman who left his net to follow Jesus. As a part of his calling, he brought other people, including Simon Peter, to meet Jesus. The Byzantine church honors Andrew as its patron and points out that because he was the first of Jesus' followers, he was, in the words of John Chrysostom, "The Peter before Peter." Together with Philip, Andrew leads a number of Greeks to speak with Jesus, and it is Andrew who shows Jesus a boy with five barley loaves and two fish. Andrew is said to have died on a cross saltire, an X-shaped cross.



PRAYER SHAWL RAFFLE

"Shawls ...

made for centuries universal and embracing.

They wrap, enfold, comfort, cover, give solace,

mother, hug, shelter and beautify.

They are symbolic of an inclusive,

unconditionally loving, God.

Inspirational book included.

Second prize

**Gift certificate from Diane Sparks of
the Finishing Touch Hair Salon,
for shampoo and cut, and a basket of salon gifts.**

\$75 value

Drawing after worship on Sunday December 2, 2018

\$1.00 PER TICKET

OR

7 TICKETS FOR \$5.00

Sponsored by the Dorcas Circle

Thank you to all who participated in the Communion Bread instruction with Dawn Snider on November 3rd. We are grateful for Dawn's years of dedication to providing communion bread for DMLC. For future baking sessions we invite all who want to join in fellowship with the Communion Bread Team!

Altar flowers for Reformation Sunday were given by Olivia and Braxton Ward in honor of Jeff and Shelly's 15th wedding anniversary October 18, 2018 and Shelly's birthday on October 26, 2018.

Brad and Lauren Johnson celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on October 23, 2018!

Pastor Mike and Katie will celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on October 30, 2018!

Paul and Ada Filka celebrate an October wedding anniversary this year of 60+ years!

Congratulations and many blessings to all of you!



Kolache is still available from the bake sale. Walnut and Poppyseed rolls are \$18.00 per roll, half roll for \$10.00.

The Men's Club also still has chili available for \$5.00 per pint. Contact any Dorcas member if you're interested in purchasing anything!



B.I.B.L.E CLUB RALLY DAY!

Contributed by Barb Anderson



THE BIBLE CLUB RALLY DAY HELD ON SEPTEMBER 9 AFTER WORSHIPS FEATURED A LUAU THEMED LUNCHEON AND COSTUME ACCESSORIES. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL AND THE FOOD WAS PRETTY TASTY ALSO! THE MEAL INCLUDED BBQ PORK, HAWAIIAN BUNS, COCONUT RICE, FRUIT SALADS AND A WONDERFUL HAWAIIAN PUNCH. THE DESSERT TABLE FEATURED PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE, COCONUT COOKIES AND TROPICAL ORANGE CUPCAKES. THERE WERE FLOWERS FOR THE LADY'S HAIR AND FLOWER LEIS AND BUBBLES FOR EVERYONE!



Fun and fellowship before the meal begins!



Samuel was center of attention, of course!

Deciding below who wanted to start the hula first!



NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Dorcas Circle 10:00am	2	3
4 All Saints Day Worship 10:00am	5 Congregational Life 7:00pm	6 Church Council 6:30pm	7 Adult Education 6:00pm Worship & Music 7:15pm	8	9	10 Men's Club @ Whitlows 9:00am
11 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	12 Book Study 6:00pm Parish Education 7:00pm	13 Finance Committee 6:30pm	14	15	16	17
	<div>Pastor Mike on Vacation</div> 					
18 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost 10:00am	19 Property Committee 5:30pm	20	21	22	23	24
		<div>Pastor Mike on Vacation</div> 				
28 Christ the King Sunday 10:00am	29	30	31 Adult Education 6:00pm			

Monday, December 10, 2018 6:00pm

DML Book Club!

Watch for an announcement on December's book in the bulletin and on our Facebook page! Books are always available to borrow and you have approximately three weeks to read it!

Please join us!

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 casework services and referrals, and receive Life Skills training. Their 14 host churches include First Lutheran and Our Savior's Lutheran.

There are many homemade dish cloths and pot holders available for sale, hand-made with love by Tillie Jandris. Please let Barb Anderson or Dawn Snider know if you are interested in purchasing any! All proceeds go to B.I.B.L.E. Club! Thank you!

The Annual Advent Dinner will be December 2, 2018 following worship. There is a sign up form in the narthex, please note if you plan to attend. Dinner will be provided by Council.

Please join us!

Relay for Life Cocoa & Canvas Painting Fundraiser

Saturday, December 8, 2018

2:00pm-4:00pm

Fellowship Hall

**Event hosted by Team Praying for Hope
(Amanda Shunta & Donna Whitehead)**

Cost is \$25/person with all supplies provided by our artist. There will also be hot cocoa, snacks and baked goods for your enjoyment.

Create-a-Frame owner, Lacy, will be instructing us on painting an 11x14 Gingerbread themed painting just in time for the holidays!

All proceeds go to Relay for Life which is a fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Please let Amanda or Donna know if you're interested in attending!

Pastor Mike and Katie will be on vacation from November 12-November 24. A big thank you to Pastor Michnay for leading us in worship during his absence!



DML's own Andrew Kitchka (pictured here with fan Hope Shunta) starred as Oliver Warbucks in the Grand Haven Central Park Players production of Annie last month. Andrew did a fantastic job and the performance was enjoyed by all! Thank you to everyone who attended!

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

Wednesdays @ 6:00pm
Adult Education — Study of the Augsburg Confession

Sunday, November 28
10:00am
Christ the King Sunday Worship and Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 2
Following Worship
Dorcas Annual Raffle Drawing. Tickets on sale now!
Annual Advent Dinner,

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