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Reformation Sunday

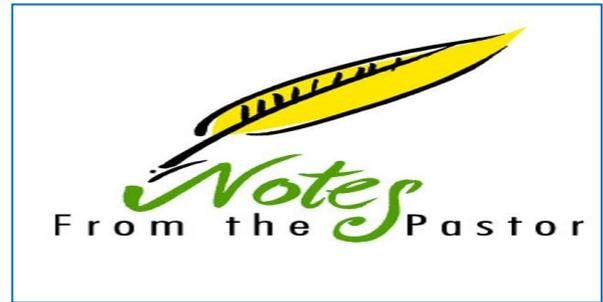
October 30, 2022

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Service 9:30 a.m.

In my sermon on September 25, I referred to the recent poll which revealed that the number of atheists and agnostics in our country was increasing dramatically. If the trend continues, Christians will in a few years be just another minority.



Most of us would not need a poll to tell us that. I am seldom “out and about” on Sunday morning, but when I have been, I am amazed at the number of people who clearly have not been to church or have any plans to go. National church attendance statistics and closing churches themselves tell us the same thing.

Lutherans are not proponents of “decision” theology in which our confidence is placed in the decision for Christ that we make. In the words of Jesus Himself to His first disciples,

“You did not choose me; I chose you.” - John 15:16 And,

“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” - Ephesians 2:8

We clearly have no direct control over what other people think or do. But we are responsible for ourselves, and as parents for our children. And our Lord Jesus has always called His followers to BE DECISIVE.

“Follow Me,”

He simply said to His first fishermen-disciples. IMMEDIATELY they left their nets on the seashore and followed Him.

The famous Christian writer, C. S. Lewis spent many years as a cynical atheist before God changed his heart and his gifted mind and then used Lewis mightily for divine purposes. Lewis then gave a series of powerful radio talks in England which were brought together in his book Mere Christianity. Among the talks was this now well-known quotation:

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would NOT be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic-- on the level with a man who says he is a poached egg-- or else he would be a devil of hell. YOU MUST MAKE YOUR CHOICE.

“EITHER HE WAS AND IS THE SON OF GOD OR ELSE A MADMAN OR SOMETHING WORSE. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon, or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God.

“But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

It is a time like this that calls true Christians to be decisive, not wishy-washy, about following their Savior. Not to save ourselves. But to let Christ’s calling each of us have the life-changing effect He desires-- one for our eternal welfare and His glory.

It is too easy just to be accepting of how things are. Yet all of us are affected by the attitudes of the society around us. We are truly “in the world.” God has placed us here-- but to be different. NOT “OF the world.”

Is there any real hope for the future of Christ’s Church, which He has called His “LITTLE flock”?

How about this?

“If we are faithless, He remains faithful.” - 2 Timothy 2:13

The One who came to give His all for us, decisively, is not dependent on the latest poll to survive. In the words of the Easter hymn, “Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”--

“Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor powers of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; THIS shall be my confidence.” *LSB 490*

And these words from the now risen and ascended Head of the Church:

“Fear not, little flock. It is your Father’s good pleasure to GIVE YOU the kingdom.” - Luke 12:32

Pastor Bauman



“Be decisive. Right or wrong,
make a decision. The road of
life is paved with flat squirrels
who couldn’t make a
decision.”

~Unknown~

A Report from our Kenya Mission Project

PROJECT 24 PLA GRADUATION



"WE OUGHT ALWAYS TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR YOU, BROTHERS, AS IS RIGHT, BECAUSE YOUR FAITH IS GROWING ABUNDANTLY, AND THE LOVE OF EVERYONE OF YOU FOR ONE ANOTHER IS INCREASING"

2 Thess. 1 : 3

At the end of July, we celebrated the third graduating class from our Pre-College Lutheran Academy (a.k.a. PLA) at Neema Lutheran Theological College, the seminary here in Kenya. What a wonderful day to rejoice in God's hand as He has lead these students through the Project 24 program to the Academy and now to their diploma or bachelor's programs. One student writes,

"I have been successful in my hard work due to the support that has been given me through the Project 24 program. I wish to further my study and later join Neema Lutheran College to be a deaconess and get a job opportunity to also support other sisters and brothers with the same challenges like the ones I had".

We pray that these graduates have the same hearts to help serve in the Lutheran church through their different vocations.



The Board of Evangelism is planning on getting a group together to go to Feed My Starving Children to volunteer. We did this once before COVID-19 and I've had interest in doing it again. You do not have to donate money, but can. We would turn hunger into hope with our own hands by packing nutritious meals for hungry children around the world. This event is for kids and adults of all ages and volunteering occurs at permanent sites. Please talk to me about your interest in volunteering to help, what month to help and what day. We have to register 90 days in advance so we are already looking at 2023.

Sally Hover, Evangelical Chair



**PLEASE JOIN THE NEW WOMEN'S GUILD
THE SECOND SATURDAY
OF EACH MONTH.
OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
OCT. 8TH AT 11:00 AM IN THE
CONFERENCE ROOM.
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

Altar Guild - Bev Bayes

Don't forget the altar flowers when you have a blessing or special occasion or someone you want to honor.

Order forms: Hanging on the office door.

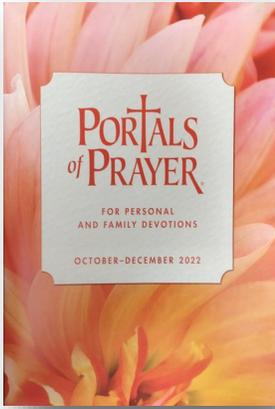
Two vases - \$35 or single rose \$8

Also, we want to remind you these are your flowers and you may take them with you following the service.



October Birthdays

10/02	Bill Bayes	10/10	Mike Ongchangco
10/03	Gale Schroeder	10/16	Sally Hover
10/07	Noah Guerra	10/25	Cassandra Murray-Verley
10/07	Lynn Zillmer		



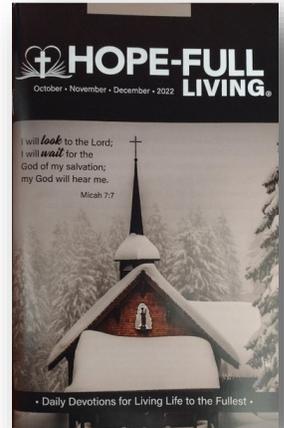
Portals of Prayer/ Hope-Full Living

The latest Portals of Prayer and Hope-Full Living are now available. Hope-Full Living is a newer devotional booklet with daily devotions and especially written for older adults.

It has become quite popular.

The latest editions of Portals of Prayer comes in small booklet, digest and big print.

They are available in the church narthex or to be mailed to you by calling the church office at (630) 837-1166.



When King David had gathered together all the rich materials for the temple which would be built by his son Solomon, he prayed before all the people:

“But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from Thee, and of Thy own have we given Thee” (I Chron. 29:14).

These words powerfully remind us that everything we are, everything we have, finally belongs to God the Great Giver and of our obligation and privilege to give in return. Saint Paul exhorts the Christians in Corinth to be generous givers:

“Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). It is sometimes said that we should “give till it hurts.” But Saint Paul is telling us to give until it feels good! “God loves a cheerful giver.”

Do give some thought to your offering for the support of the Church’s work in this place. Ask yourself, does my offering truly reflect my gratitude for all God’s blessings as my Creator and my Redeemer, including the many blessings that are mine through His Church? Could I perhaps give more than I have been giving? Of course one must carefully consider one’s financial circumstances! Saint Paul instructs the Corinthians: each must give “according to what one has, not according to what one has not” (2 Cor. 8:12).

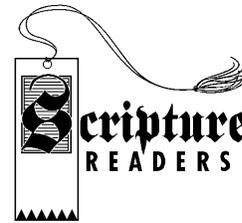
(Excerpt from the Oct. Newsletter Our Savior Lutheran Church, Baltimore, MD, Pastor Charles McClean)

October 2022 Schedules



Lay Minister Schedule

October 2 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder
October 9 - Mike Tellin
October 16 - Mike Tellin & Al Thilk
October 23 - Brad Kuehn
October 30 - Mike Tellin & Dave Schroeder



Reader Schedule

October 2 - Dave Schroeder
October 9 - Sally Hover
October 16 - Adele Pikora
October 23 - Brad Kuehn
October 30 - Dave Schroeder

If you would like to volunteer to serve please call the office.

If unable to serve when scheduled, please try to find a substitute. Also notify the church office as soon as possible (630 837-1166 or immanuelbartlett@sbcglobal.net) Thank you!



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Remember: Every little bit adds up!

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Hispanic Ministry Church

Sunday - 1:00 p.m. - 5:00:p.m.

Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Friday - 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight

The last Sunday of every month

1:00 p.m. - 6:30:p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
2 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC)10:45 a.m. Bible Class	3	4	5	6	7	8 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties 11:00 Women's Guild
9 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	10 Board of Lay Ministry 7:00 p.m.	11 Board of Evangelism 7:00 p.m.	12	13	14	15 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
16 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Bible Class Surge 5-7 p.m.	17	18	19	20	21	22 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
23 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:45 a.m. Bible Class	24	25	26 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.	27	28	29 8:00-10:00 a.m. Church Properties
30 Reformation Sunday 9:30 a.m. Worship Service (HC) 10:45 a.m. Oktoberfest style Potluck	31					