

# THE WELCOME

THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S

October 2017

St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church

Juneau, Wisconsin



**Date:** Sunday, October 29, 2017

**Location:** Dane County Coliseum  
1919 Alliant Energy Center Way  
Madison, Wisconsin

**St. John's Bus:** Bus loads at 2:15pm.  
Please sign-up today!

**Festival Worship:** 4:00 p.m

**Special Hymn Sing:** 6:00 p.m

**Participants:** Choirs, Instruments, and  
Organ

*Come early to visit informational displays and  
vendor booths*

# OCTOBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Grace Alone 1</b> <b>Worship Services</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class at 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Teen Class 9:15 AM Bd. Elders 11:30 AM	<b>2</b> <div>WLS Symposium</div>	<b>3</b> Jesus Cares 1:30 PM	<b>4</b> No Public School Catechism Class Faith & Fitness 6PM Adult Choir 7PM	<b>5</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b> 6:30 PM Ladies Aid 6:30 PM	<b>6</b> PS Birthday	<b>7</b> School of Outreach in Fort Atkinson - PS
<b>Scripture Alone 8</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class at 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Teen Class 9:15 AM Evangelism 11:30 AM Elders Training 11:30 AM	<b>9</b> Women's Bible Study 7 PM  Church Council 7 PM	<b>10</b> Bible Class 7 PM	<b>11</b> Catechism Class 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6PM Adult Choir 7PM	<b>12</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 6:30 PM	<b>13</b> WELS Commission on Youth and Family Ministry in Pewaukee - PS	<b>14</b>
<b>Faith Alone 15</b> <b>Worship Services</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class at 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Blood Pressure Screening 9:15 AM Clearview 2:30 PM	<b>16</b> Bd. Education 7 PM	<b>17</b> Jesus Cares 1:30 PM Return to Grace Bible Study 7pm Part 1 of 4	<b>18</b> Clearview 10 AM Midweek 11 AM Shut-In Meeting 11 AM Catechism Class 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6PM Adult Choir 7PM	<b>19</b> Blood Pressure Screening 6 PM <b>Worship with Communion</b> 6:30 PM	<b>20</b> Western Wisconsin District Mission Board in Adams - PS	<b>21</b> LWMS Rally at St. John's - Markesan
<b>Reformation 22</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class at 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Teen Class 9:15 AM Voter's Meeting 6:30 PM	<b>23</b> PTS Science Fair 6:30 PM at School	<b>24</b> Bible Class 7 PM	<b>25</b> Catechism Class 5:00 PM Faith & Fitness 6PM Adult Choir 7PM	<b>26</b> <b>Worship Service</b> 6:30 PM	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Christ Alone 29</b> <b>Worship Services</b> 8:00 & 10:30 AM Bible Class at 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Reformation 500 @ Alliant Energy Center 4PM (Bus Leaves 2:30)	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Return to Grace Bible Study 7pm Part 2 of 4	<div><b>St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church</b> 400 S Main St. Juneau, WI 53039 920.386.3313 <a href="http://www.stjohnjuneau.org">www.stjohnjuneau.org</a> <i>Pastor David T. Brandt &amp; Pastor Paul W. Schupmann</i></div> <div><b>Mowing Schedule:</b> Oct 1 – Chuck Wolfram; Oct 8- Mark &amp; Mason Ockerlander; October 15- Stan Smith &amp; Lyle Poch; October 22- Cole Schuster &amp; Cole Gunther; October 29- Tom and Darren Schuster</div>			
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**St. John's Lutheran Church & School**

400 S. Main St. -- Juneau, Wisconsin

St. John's Church 920.386.3313

St. John's School 920.386.4644

**Regular Worship Schedule**

Thursday Worship 6:30 PM

Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 AM

**Pastors at St. John's Church**

David Brandt

Paul Schupmann

**Faculty of St. John's School**

Richard Cody – Principal

Crystal Schultz

Matthew Lober

Edna Noldan

Nichole Gunst

Michel Krebs

Suzanne Colantonio

Rebecca Zellmer

[www.stjohnsjuneau.org](http://www.stjohnsjuneau.org)



# **Transforming grace**

By Pastor Mark Jeske

Could there be a better example of God's transforming grace than Rahab of Jericho? She is usually identified as "Rahab the harlot," for at one time she apparently plied the **ancient trade of prostitution. But our God uses all kinds of people to advance his plan of salvation. She listened to reports about the advancing Israelite nation and rightly concluded that Jericho was doomed because Israel's Lord was the true God of all.**

**She sheltered the scouts that Joshua had sent, explained her change of allegiance, and extracted a promise from them: "When we heard of it [the mighty exodus from Egypt], our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the Lord your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you" (Joshua 2:11,12).**

**She was indeed spared. But God had further plans. She must have been such an extraordinary woman that she caught the eye of the leader of the tribe of Judah, a man named Salmon. He married her, and their famous great-great-grandson David became king of Israel.**

**Not only does Matthew list her in the genealogy of Christ our Savior, but the writer to the Hebrews lists her in the catalog of heroes of faith in chapter 11. Truly God is not as interested in condemning us for our past as in using us right now for his human rescue plans.**

*Pastor Mark Jeske*

## St. John's News:

### Beginnings - A Home for Mothers

The time is here to turn in your Change for Life baby bottles. Congratulations your loose change is making a difference! You are providing hope for a young mother and her child who need a new beginning.

"Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth" 1 John 3:18.

If you have a bottle please bring it to the church office or put in the display box in the narthex. You could call me, Linda Schaalma 386-5509 and I will arrange to get it from you if you prefer. If there is anyone who did not take a Change for Life bottle but would like to make a donation you may. Cash is always welcome, or make your check to 'New Beginnings - A Home for Mothers'.

Thank you for supporting this vital ministry!

### Blood Drive

St. John's Church will be hosting a blood drive on **Friday, November 3, 2017** from 1-6 p.m. in the church basement. If you would like to donate blood please either sign up on the sheet in the narthex or on-line at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org), there will also be a sheet for volunteers and donation of food to sign up for in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please call Cynthia Ninmann at 920-386-2860 after 6:00.

Dear members of St. John's Lutheran Church,

I would like to say thank you for the financial, spiritual, and moral support you have continued to give me as I finish up my last year at MLC. It is very encouraging to see how our congregation supports the proclamation of the Gospel. This semester I will be doing my student teaching and I will be teaching Kindergarten at Gibbon, Minnesota up until October and at St. Peter's in Appleton October through December. Thank you again for all the support these past years. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I finish up my Senior Year.

Thank you and God's Blessings,

Victoria Lober



### LADIES NIGHTTIME BIBLE STUDY

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9th AT 7pm**

Join other ladies of the congregation for October's discussion when we ask,

**“Hey Martin.....What’s the BIG deal?”**

If you cannot commit much time, but want to form new Godly friendships, make connections and learn more about our amazing Savior, then the Monday night women's bible study may be a good fit.

Just come.....No homework and no prep work required.

## News from Outside of St. John's

### United Way:

Save babies' lives and transform families by designating your United Way gift to WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee. WLFL operates a pregnancy medical clinic in Milwaukee to provide free services to mothers at risk for abortion and people suffering post-abortion trauma. Ask your employer for a "Donor Choice" form and designate WELS Lutherans for Life, Metro-Milwaukee, 8501 W. Lincoln Ave, West Allis, WI 53227, [414-727-8176](tel:414-727-8176). WLFL is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization (EIN 39-1436085) and is an eligible recipient of the United Way "Donor Choice" option. For information or details visit <http://www.alife2.com/united-way.html>, email [Contact@ALife2.com](mailto:Contact@ALife2.com), or call [414-727-8176](tel:414-727-8176).

### Twice Is Nice News September 2017:

**Shop:** Christmas is coming and we are gearing up! On MONDAY, OCTOBER 16 at 9:00 am we open our store stocked with items to help you celebrate the season. Find decorations and lights, dishes and linens, Christmas cards, gift wrap and so much more. Let us help you prepare for the blessed season of Christmas! Can't join us that day? No worries! We restock every day until our inventory is gone. We're easy-to-find and open Mondays-Saturdays from 9-5 PM: just a minute east on the Hwy 18 exit off the 26 bypass at 907 W. Racine St., next to the Jefferson Piggly Wiggly.

**Donate:** Another reminder that we absolutely love your "saleable" donations (i.e., clean and in good working order). We accept donations in the back of the building from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. any day we're open. The only items we cannot accept are TVs and computer monitors, console pianos/stereos/sewing machines, mattresses/box springs, organs and paint.

**Volunteer:** We bid warm welcome to new volunteer Pat Zarnstorff from St. Paul, Fort Atkinson! We are always happy to host you to a "no-pressure" visit to explore the store, meet some volunteers and learn about opportunities we have for you to have fun and feel productive making a huge difference for Lakeside Lutheran and other ministries. Call [920-674-6868](tel:920-674-6868) and ask for the day manager.



**BETHANY**  
LUTHERAN COLLEGE

### The Bethany Getaway Weekend

Bethany Lutheran College invites all high school juniors and seniors to join us for a FREE\* weekend October 26-28, 2017, that's filled with fun and excitement!

Your weekend begins with a coach bus trip to Bethany. While on campus, you will do the following:

- ◆ Meet professors, directors, coaches, and new friends
- ◆ Experience life in the residence halls
- ◆ Tour our campus and the city of Mankato

To reserve a seat or obtain more information, call Bethany's Admissions Office at 1-800-944-3066 or email any questions to [admissions@blc.edu](mailto:admissions@blc.edu). Your reservation and \$40 deposit are due by October 16.

\* Students will be asked for a \$40 deposit that will be returned when they arrive on the campus.



# You are invited to the Symphony

## Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony

I am pleased to invite you and your congregation to a special musical event and brief lecture. Join the Wisconsin Philharmonic for an unforgettable concert on October 10, 2017, at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center, Brookfield, Wis. – located in Brookfield's Mitchell Park, west of Brookfield Road; enter from Capitol Drive.

The Philharmonic's 70th anniversary concert will feature Mendelssohn's Reformation Symphony in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Pastor Aaron Christie, Trinity Lutheran (WELS), Waukesha, Wis., has been invited to offer a 20-minute pre-concert lecture on Mendelssohn's Lutheran faith. A second brief lecture by Maestro Alexander Platt of the Philharmonic will provide insight into Mendelssohn's music. These *Music Uncovered* pre-concert lectures begin at 6:30 p.m. in the Harris Theater. The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m.

The Wisconsin Philharmonic is offering WELS members discounted tickets for \$25 each. Seating is limited, so make sure to reserve your tickets now. Call the box office at 262-547-1858 and mention you are with WELS.

The Wisconsin Philharmonic's presentation of Mendelssohn's *Reformation Symphony* – with its thrilling use of the hymn tune *A Mighty Fortress* – will be warmly welcomed by Lutherans as they prepare to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. The concert will also feature one of America's finest chamber ensemble, Trio Solisti, called "the most exciting piano trio in America" by the *New Yorker*.

Pastor Christie serves the church at large as a member of the WELS Commission on Worship and as Hymns Chairman for the WELS Hymnal Project. He holds the Master of Church Music degree from Concordia University, Wis. He offers the following comments to pique your interest:

"Mendelssohn's career is full of ironies: He was born into a nominally Jewish family, yet spent much of his career writing music for the Lutheran Church. While most composers of his day had forsaken writing music for the church, the list of Mendelssohn's church music is both long and lovely. He was a leading figure in the age of German Romanticism, yet was the key figure in rescuing J. S. Bach's music from oblivion. While many great musicians of his age sought to free themselves from Christianity, Mendelssohn retained a warm biblical piety."

**Rev. Bryan Gerlach**

Director, WELS Commission on Worship

Christian Life Resources

## Celebration of Life Event

Saturday, November 4 | 9:00am-5:00pm  
Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School | Jackson, WI

### "Our Legacy of Life" John 10:10

Christian Life Resources has hosted the Celebration of Life Event (COLE) for over 30 years, training thousands of Christians to apply God's Word to the most challenging life and family issues of our time. This consistently biblical perspective makes COLE a one-of-a-kind opportunity.

Jesus came that "they may have life, and have it to the full." Secular pro-life advocates honor God by protecting human life, but they cannot take your place as a Christian pro-life advocate. Your work begins with defending life and continues with sharing spiritual and eternal life through Christ.

*This is your extraordinary legacy of life.*

#### OVERVIEW OF TRACKS:

##### Legacy for Living:

Workshops provide practical tools for Christians to navigate ethical challenges in life.

##### Legacy for Leading:

Workshops to guide pastors, teachers, staff ministers and youth leaders as they encounter specific ministry challenges.

##### Legacy for Serving:

Workshops for those on the front lines of life ministries.

**Cost \$45**

For more info & to register:  
**CLREVENTS.COM**



Christian Life Resources  
(800) 729-9535  
info@christianliferesources.com  
www.CLREvents.com

## Workplace Giving Campaigns



Did you know you may be able to help  
**grow the ministries**  
of Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family  
Service **through your workplace?**

The 2017-2018 charitable workplace giving programs begin this month. Many communities and corporations have a donor choice program in which you may designate a qualified 501(c)(3) agency to receive your donation.

Last year Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service (WLCFS) received gifts from dozens of workplace giving programs that allow a donor choice option. WLCFS qualified in these programs as a 501(c)(3) non-profit social service agency.

Every year, WLCFS heals & helps thousands of people in need through the ministry of Jesus Christ through their Christian counseling, in-home care, and senior services.

If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check your employer's guidelines, or call Jeff at WLCFS toll free at 888.685.9522 or e-mail info@wlcfs.org for more information.

Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service, Inc.  
W175 N11120 Stonewood Drive  
Germantown, WI 53022-6511

Tax ID: 39-1047224



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www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org



## LUTHERAN NIGHT

### 500 YEARS IN THE MAKING

SATURDAY, OCT. 21  
6PM VS. ROCKFORD

**TICKETS**  
**JUST \$20**  
INCLUDES BOBBLEHEAD

Join the Admirals & fellow Lutherans in celebration of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation! PLUS, each Lutheran Night ticket comes with an exclusive Martin Luther Bobblehead!

Ask about our discounted bussing rates!



Contact fellow WELS Member  
John Bitter at  
414-227-0829 to secure your tickets.





By Grace Alone! By Faith Alone! By Scripture Alone! Three concepts that are vital to every Christian and especially to Lutheran Christians. They are the teaching of the Bible but were hidden behind so much tradition and history until Martin Luther rediscovered them. Our new study, *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, helps us explore why they are still so important. The study will use segments of the new Luther film. Watch, discuss, and apply how God used Martin Luther to return us all to God's grace, the importance of faith in Christ, and the authority of the Bible.

### **Bible Study Dates**

Tuesday, October 17 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, October 31 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 14 – 7:00 PM

Tuesday, November 28 – 7:00 PM

*Meet in the Church Basement*

## **October Birthday Wishes!**

10/01 Char Lober  
Ron Uttech  
10/02 LoriJean Wilson  
10/03 Tyson Pieper  
Lorraine Prust  
10/04 Heide Brandt  
Paul Marose  
Russ Tallmann  
10/05 Lavern Zietlow  
Becky Zimmerman  
10/06 Alex Justmann  
Pastor Schupmann  
10/07 Pearl Brandt  
Kylie Cody  
Candice Payton  
10/08 Dorinda Affeld  
Sharon Schmidt  
Bob Koch  
Paul Koch  
Rachel Tolkinen  
10/09 Suzanne Press  
Hayden Schultz  
Pam Tallmann  
10/10 Rick Cody  
Bentley Gentz  
Betty Kraut  
Karson Marquardt  
Shaun Panetti  
Nick Rennhack  
10/11 Connie Born  
10/12 Lilly Giroux  
Deanna McLain  
10/13 Kodie Freriks  
Ben Kluz  
10/14 Brad Anderson  
Jenny Coombs  
Rebecca Eggebrecht  
Adam Kuehn  
10/15 Lori Hill  
10/16 Ginny Koch

Ed Wolfram  
Teresa Zuehlke  
10/17 Sam Pitterle  
10/18 Tim Pieper  
10/19 Marge Mountin  
Nicole Nehls  
Cole Schuster  
Vida Stueber  
Josh Thomsen  
10/19 Andrew Wagner  
Rosie Zank  
10/20 Tim Giroux  
10/21 Corey Braunschweig  
Yvonne Fischer  
Chelie Pieper  
Cindy Raube  
10/22 Chris Breitreutz  
Ayden Marx  
Pam Nehls  
10/24 Diane Braunschweig  
Jenifer Hirschfeld  
Renee Roy  
Bob Sette  
Dawn Wohling  
10/25 Delores Gentz  
Nate Zank  
10/26 Armin Reichow  
Charlotte Wolter  
10/28 Harold Zastrow  
10/29 Emma Davison  
Lexus Miller  
Eric Mohr  
Mark Pitterle  
Bob Sell  
10/30 Lindsay Affeld  
Richard Condon  
Wayne Klug  
Jon Luck  
Pete Tietz  
10/31 Pete Bischoff  
Justin Nehls

## ***Happy Anniversary to those couples celebrating October Anniversaries***

10/01/2016	Dylan & Kaitlin Etter	10/13/1991	Randal & Candice Roeseler
10/01/1994	Mark & Dawn Saeger	10/16/1999	Tim & Eileen Giroux
10/02/2004	Ted & Shannon Schmidt	10/16/1999	Tim & Kelly Wegener
10/02/1976	Dennis & Kathy Stensaas	10/18/2012	John & Sam Hoffman
10/03/1981	Earl & Diane Pamperin	10/21/1989	Joel & Nancy Pitzlin
10/04/1980	Jeff & Judy Poch	10/23/2013	Steve & Robin Mercer
10/04/1997	Craig & Janice Smith	10/24/1987	Jeff & Mary Weinheimer
10/05/1991	Harold & Sherry Drake	10/25/1975	Dale & Ann Hammann
10/07/2000	Jason & Renee Roy	10/26/1985	Paul & Nancy Condon
10/08/2011	Bill & Jamie Niemuth	10/26/1996	Steve & Chris Kjornes
10/09/2011	Bob & Stefanie Schwandt	10/27/1979	Dale & Gladys Marks
10/10/2015	Jay & Cierra Schaalma	10/29/1994	Matt & Char Lober
10/10/1964	Bob & Karen Schwandt	10/30/1965	Pete & Geraldine Bischoff
10/11/1986	Jim & Cheryl Koepsell	10/30/1987	Leo & Judy Lackas
10/11/1959	Calvin & Pearl Korth		

### ***Memorials***

<b><i><u>Name</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>Amount</u></i></b>	<b><i><u>Fund</u></i></b>
<i>Ole Kline</i>	\$20.00	<i>Organ</i>
<i>Adrian Knick</i>	\$10.00	<i>Organ</i>
<i>Sara Beine</i>	\$25.00	<i>Organ</i>

### ***Gifts***

*A gift for the Organ Fund was given from Rosie Zank & family in memory of Ron Zank.*

### ***Sacred Acts***

#### ***Baptisms:***

*Pacey Jean Panetti - September 3, 2017*

*Brantley Allen Binder - September 10, 2017*

#### ***Funeral:***

*Dorothy Guse - September 13, 2017*

## LWMS News!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society, Beaver Dam Circuit, will be gathering for their Fall Rally in Markesan on October 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 9:15am. If you have never attended a rally before, this would be a great one to experience! Women from all over the circuit will be bringing donations for the service project. Excitement mounts as the pile of donations grows! There will be numerous displays for attendees to check out. The most popular is the one with the latest updates from the Befriend A Mission assignments! Speaking of Befriend A Mission, because Thailand is one of the current befriended missions, **A Thai Village Handmade Craft Sale** has been arranged for this rally! **Thai Village Handmade Crafts by Thai artisans include beautiful handmade jewelry, houseware, personal & Christian items.** So you should "come to shop!" Cash or checks will be accepted. Sales financially support programs in Thailand (one of our current Befriended missions) in handicraft work, sewing, vocational skills training, community health and development, literacy and children's programs, and Bible education. You can preview some of the crafts that will be available by using the following link: <https://thaivillage.org/host-display-inquiry/> Pastor Dustin Blumer is the afternoon speaker and a former Befriend A Mission assignment. Come and hear how the Lord is blessing this mission and the work being done there! There is so much excitement surrounding this rally you don't want to miss it! See you soon in Markesan!

### BAM Update

Happy News in the Sigrist Household in our CANADA Mission! The following came in an email from Alicia Cortright: "Samuel Levi Sigrist born September 8th. 9 lb 6 oz. Mom and baby are doing well: God be praised! We are in full fall mode here. The rain has returned to Vancouver. Church ministry is in full swing with everyone back from their vacations and all of our classes running again. Silas has started grade one at a new school. He is in the Early Mandarin Bilingual program which means his day is taught half in English and half in Mandarin. He likes it so far, which we're thankful for. Hannah is happy and curious and keeps me busy. Thank you very much for your recent card we received and for your ongoing prayers. It is such a blessing to have sisters in Christ praying for our congregation. Of special note, please continue to pray for Qiang Wang, our PSI student, who is now also starting to serve as kind of a vicar within our congregation -- doing readings during church and teaching a Bible study in Mandarin. He and his wife Susan continue to be an incredible blessing to all of us."



## **Beaver Dam Circuit Project for Fall 2017 Rally – Didion Assistance**

***This is the LWMS Fall Rally service project. Your donations of food/supplies can be placed in the labeled tote found in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary donation, a separate box can be found in the tote for you to do so. Donations will be accepted here at church until October 20th and then they will be taken to the rally in Markesan on the 21st OR attend the rally and bring your donations with you!***

Didion Milling in Cambria had an explosion on May 31, 2017. As a result of this explosion, five people died and many were injured including a young man from Randolph who lost both legs in order to free him from under a rail car. Many employees were not able to resume work immediately and need help for their daily needs. For those who died, funeral costs needed to be secured. For those injured, there are medical expenses over and above insurance.

The ethanol plant is now up and running. “It’s a multi-week process to restart and return to full production,” Derrick Clark, vice president of operations at Didion Milling. Riley Didion, company president said almost all of Didions employees are back at work. Some are working at Didion facilities in Johnson Creek and Markesan and others are working for different employers with Didion paying wages and benefits until Didion can build a new mill.

**We will be collecting donations at our rally. We will send financial donations to the Old Mill Didion Benefit Fund and supplies will be taken to Didion’s Community Food Pantry.**

Many of you have asked how you can help the affected families during this difficult time. A fund has been established to directly support these families. Contributions can be sent to:

Old Mill Foundation Didion Benefit Fund  
c/o National Exchange Bank  
118 West Edgewater St.  
P.O. Box 338  
Cambria, Wisconsin 53923

In addition to the benefit fund through the Old Mill Foundation, Didion's Community Food Pantry at Cambria-Friesland School has items needed such as food items, toiletries, and baby supplies.

The Old Mill Foundation will continue accepting donations to the Didion Benefit Fund and distributing funds to affected families, first responders, EMTs and Didion employees who provided emergency assistance the night of the incident based on need. A small portion will remain in the fund to cover future expenses. The Old Mill Foundation was founded by Didion in 2006 to give back to the Cambria-Friesland community through support of local nonprofit organizations that work to enhance the lives of the Village of Cambria, Township of Courtland and the Cambria-Friesland School District.



**OLD MILL FOUNDATION**

## "God's Amazing Love and Grace"

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Romans 3:23-24*

### Rally Schedule

**Service Project: Didion Assistance** We will be collecting money and/or supplies for the families affected by the Didion Mill explosion. See your reporter for details and specific items needed

- 9:15am Registration Begins
- 9:30am Reporter's Meeting
- 10:00am Bible Study
- 10:30am Business Meeting
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30am Welcome, Devotion, Offering
- 1:00pm **Pastor Dustin Blumer** featured speaker

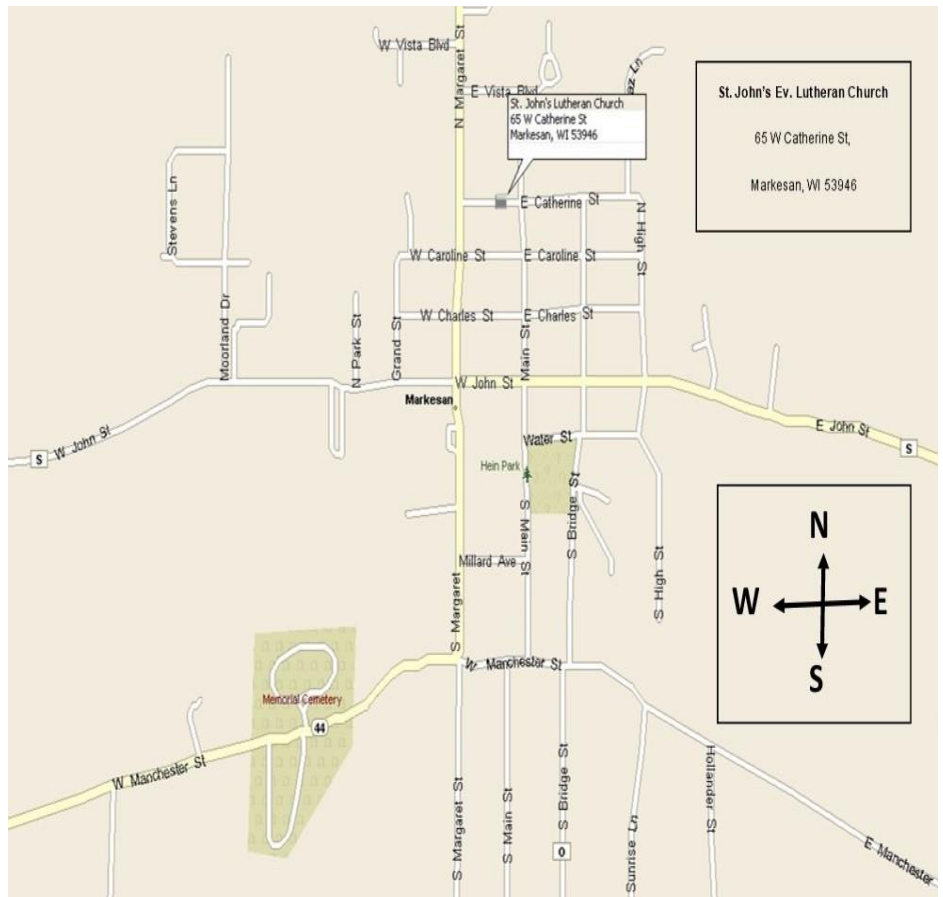
**Amazing Love Lutheran Church**

**Frankfort, IL**

Pastor Blumer was one of our 2015/16 Befriend A Missionary assignments!

- 2:00pm Roll Call, Spring Rally Invitation, Installation
- 2:25pm Closing Prayer

**Join us for a few hours of fellowship and bring a friend or two**



## Blood Pressure Checks

There's a reason it's often called the "silent killer" - Most of the time, high blood pressure (hypertension) has no obvious symptoms to indicate that something's wrong. The best way to diagnose high blood pressure is to have your blood pressure measured. The St. John's Parish Nurses do blood pressure checks every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday between the services – next clinic is **Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. For those who attend church on Thursday evenings, we don't want you to miss out on the opportunity for a FREE blood pressure screening. So on **Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>** we will be having BP checks from 6:00-6:30pm and then again after the service until done. We have FREE BP record cards, informational handouts on how to control blood pressure, as well as FREE Medication Cards. Or just stop by to ask us your health related questions. Hope to see you at the clinic!



## Faith and Fitness

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-6:45pm for a fun and energizing workout at Faith and Fitness. We begin with a short devotion and then go into the workout – appropriate for all levels of fitness. Every week is different – muscle strengthening, circuit training, Zumba, yoga and more. We meet at the school gym (if the gym is being used for school activities we meet in the lower level of the church). Wear comfortable workout clothes and shoes. Bring your friends along for some fellowship and fitness – members and non-members of St. John's welcome! FREE to all!

## Communications Coordinator Wanted

The parish nurses are looking for a volunteer to help with coordinating our events, getting articles in the Welcome and Eagle Claws, updating our new communications board, getting info together for facebook and the church website and more. If you would like to be a part of our parish nurse ministry, please call Karen Greenwald at 920-386-2419.

## Soup for Souls

Do you know someone who is ill, or a shut-in, or a family in need, or a new baby in the family, or anyone who needs cheering up? If so, grab a container or two of soup – you can find the soup in the freezer in the room next to the kitchen (just look for the Soup for Souls signs on the door).

We just ask that you fill out the sign-out sheet on the desk. You'll also find a basket with some prayer/Bible verse books (FREE for the taking)! Give one of these books as a gift to your Soup for Souls recipient and encourage him/her with some of these Bible verses.

*This is a great opportunity to share God's love with anyone in need!*

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### "By Faith Alone"

*"The righteous shall live by faith."* Romans 1:17b

### Board of Education News

- Hot water lines to Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Noldan's room completed.
- A teaching assistant is needed in the Preschool classroom on Tuesday and Thursday. Mrs. Zellmer is assisting Mrs. Schultz to start the school year.
- BOE will check on playground safety.
- Early Childhood Ministry meetings are progressing. The committee is now moving into "phase two" – determining the feasibility of developing this ministry, available locations, and other logistics.
- Mr. Krebs shared with the BOE that his wife, Erin Krebs, is a long term substitute teacher at St. Mark's, Watertown.

### **Some Important Information –**

- The project to stop the leaking of water from two spots in the gymnasium roof was completed at the end of August.
- The school is working with Northwest Evaluation Association for Measurement of Academic Progress assessment testing for our school. We are planning on testing at the start of October once we get some of the set-up issues completed.
- We are very thankful that Sarah Reik from Christian Family Solutions joined us at school and at our PTS meeting on September 26 to present "Standing up to Bullying".
- A new bookcase for the library and two new bookcases for Mrs. Noldan have arrived and are being set-up and utilized.
- The school children took a special collection for the WELS Committee on Relief following the destruction of the two hurricanes in Texas and Florida.
- No School is scheduled for Friday, September 29.
- Fall Book Fair wraps up on Sunday, October 1.
- Early Childhood Ministry meetings have concluded phase one of their meetings and will move into phase two of their meetings pertaining to starting a birth to four year old child care program. The committee has now moved into the next phase of study.
- Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Kwik Trip milk caps / tops, and aluminum cans for school – the can corral has been moved to behind the school.
- The 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther nailing the **Ninety-five Thesis** on the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany is on October 31, 2017. The classrooms will have some special opportunities to learn and revisit that historic day and the efforts to keep and share the true Word of God. The children will also share the Reformation message on Sunday, October 22 in a special worship service at St. John's. All the members of the WELS are also invited to attend an even larger worship opportunity in Madison at the Alliant Energy Center Coliseum on Sunday, October 29. We are thankful for the Lord sending faithful pastors and teachers to share the true Word of God.



- The forensics team will have its first meet at St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam on Friday, October 20. Their second meet is at LPS on Friday, November 3.
- The Science Fair will take place from Friday, October 20 to Monday, October 23. The children's Science Fair projects will be on display at school on Sunday, October 22.
- The First Quarter of the school year concludes on Wednesday, October 25.
- An All School – Roller Skating Party at Skate Express is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25.
- No School is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, October 26 and 27. The teachers will be attending the Wisconsin Lutheran State Teachers' Conference in Milwaukee, WI.
- Our co-ed soccer team made up of student athletes in grades 5-8 have placed first in their two tournament pool play opportunities. They played in the warm weather on Saturday, September 23 and didn't melt away.
- The volleyball teams have played some tournaments also. It is the B-team that has had two second place finishes so far this season. The A-team has two more tournament opportunities coming up.
- Cross Country is wrapping up in the first week of October. We have seen twenty runners running hard this fall. It is great to see their improvement and growth. Kyle Main (8<sup>th</sup> Grade) has won all of his mile and a half races so far this fall. Natasha Kutz (7<sup>th</sup> Grade) has a pair of second place finishes also.
- The Badgerland Lutheran Athletic Conference is now divided into three divisions. We will be members of the Blue Division with St. John's, Waterloo, St. John's, Jefferson, St. John's, Watertown, St. Peter's, Helenville, St. Paul's, Ixonia, and Lebanon Lutheran.

## Ninety-Five Theses

or

## Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences

LW 31:19-33

### Introduction

From Luther's day to the present, October 31, 1517 has been considered the birthday of the Reformation. At noon on this Eve of All Saints' Day, Luther nailed on the Castle Church door, which served as a bulletin board for faculty and students of the University of Wittenberg, his *Ninety-five Theses*, as his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* has commonly been called. That he intended these theses to serve as a basis for a scholarly discussion with his colleagues at the University of Wittenberg and other learned men can be gathered not only from his own words and those of his colleagues, but also from the fact that they were written in Latin. His act may have been prompted by the circumstance that people were gathering in Wittenberg to adore the remarkable collection of religious relics of Frederick the Wise on All Saints' Day and to receive indulgences for their act of piety.

In the *Ninety-five Theses* Luther applied his evangelical theology to indulgences. He hoped thereby to find an answer to a practical problem which had disturbed him and other sincere Christians for a long time. As a pastor he had noted the bad effects of indulgences upon the members of his own congregation, many of whom were going to nearby Jüterbog and Zerbst in Brandenburg to buy indulgence slips from Johann Tetzel. This practical question raised for him a deeper one, the question of their efficacy. He did not as yet deny the validity of indulgences or the sacrament of penance out of which they had grown. He did not even mention justification by faith in these theses, although the implications of that doctrine are present and were not lost upon his enemies.

The indulgence, or permission to relax or commute the satisfaction or penance of a contrite sinner, was a medieval development connected with the history of the sacrament of penance. Originally the right to grant an indulgence was exercised by the congregation. A penitent sinner who had been excommunicated by the congregation could show sorrow for his sins (*contritio cordis*), confess them orally (*confessio oris*), render the penitential acts (*satisfactio operis*) determined by the congregation in accordance with the penitential canons or rules established by the church, and then receive pardon (*absolutio*) and be reinstated in the congregation.

After private penance, administered by the clergy, had gradually been substituted for public penance and had become a part of the sacramental system of the church, the popes began to use it to enhance their power and wealth. The Crusades, beginning at the close of the eleventh century, contributed greatly to this development. Indulgences were granted first only to the crusaders, but later also to those who substituted money for actual participation in the movement.

As the crusading fervor diminished, indulgences came to be granted for visiting shrines at Rome during jubilee years. In the jubilee of 1300 Pope Boniface VIII granted a plenary indulgence, or complete remission of all temporal punishment remaining after absolution, to every penitent pilgrim in this and all subsequent jubilee years. By the end of the fourteenth century plenary indulgences were granted to all persons who paid the papacy for them.

Another important development which followed the conversion of penance into a sacrament consisted of granting absolution before the penitent had rendered satisfaction. The practical effect of this was that the sinner realized that absolution removed both the guilt and the eternal punishment but did not free him from temporal punishment on earth or in purgatory. To explain this, scholastic theologians drew a distinction between guilt and penalty, and classified sins as venial and mortal. Venial, or insignificant, sins merited only small penalties. A sinner who had committed a mortal sin which had not been absolved, however, would suffer eternal punishment. If it was absolved he was freed of the guilt as well as the eternal penalty in hell, but he still had to render satisfaction, that is, the temporal penalty, here on earth or, if he had not done enough here, in purgatory.

During the thirteenth century scholastic theologians also formulated the doctrine concerning the treasury of merits in order to explain how the pope could relax a penalty which God had demanded. This treasury was a storehouse of merits of Christ and the saints who had done more than God had required of them. The pope as the successor of Peter, to whom Christ had given the power of the keys, could draw upon this treasury when granting indulgences. To make sure that the pope's authority over the sinner did not end with the latter's death, Pope Sixtus IV declared in 1477 that the pope exercised authority over souls in purgatory, but only by way of intercession for them. The ordinary Christian could not readily distinguish between intercession and complete jurisdiction and therefore freely bought indulgences for the dead.

Another important change occurred when theologians discovered a distinction between contrition and attrition. Realizing that true contrition, prompted by one's love of God, was difficult to achieve, they stated that attrition, prompted by such an unworthy motive as fear of punishment, might be substituted for contrition and then transformed into it by absolution in the sacrament of penance. The bad ethical effects of this are obvious, for a man fearing eternal punishment could in one transaction with an indulgence hawker convert his attrition into contrition and his eternal sin into a temporal sin, be freed of his guilt, and buy a plenary indulgence remitting all temporal penalty. Many uneducated people innocently confused temporal and eternal punishment and the guilt and penalties of sin, actually believing that they could buy their salvation, despite the fact that the distinctions were made in the papal bulls promulgating indulgences.

The indulgence with which Luther came into direct contact through his parishioners was the jubilee indulgence announced by Pope Julius II for the year 1510, the proceeds of which were to be used in building the new basilica of St. Peter in Rome. After the death of Julius II in 1513, Leo X revived this indulgence. In March, 1515, he commissioned Albrecht of Hohenzollern, archbishop of Mainz and of Magdeburg and bishop of

Halberstadt, to sell the indulgence in his sees and in certain Brandenburg lands. Albrecht, who was heavily indebted to the papacy for the dispensation to hold the three sees and for the pallium, the symbol of his episcopal authority in Mainz, borrowed the money from the banking house of the Fuggers. In return for selling the indulgence the Fuggers and he were to get half of the proceeds while the other half was to go to the papal treasury. Albrecht appointed as subcommissary Johann Tetzel, a Dominican monk who had sold indulgences for the papacy and the Fuggers since 1504.

Although Luther did not know the details concerning the bargaining at Rome among the pope, Archbishop Albrecht, and the Fuggers, he knew the provisions of the papal bull and of Albrecht's instructions to the indulgence salesmen. The purchasers were assured that this indulgence would grant plenary remission of temporal sin and its penalties in purgatory upon absolution by a confessor of the purchaser's own choice. An indulgence slip would be given the purchaser which would compel a priest to grant him absolution or be subject to excommunication by Tetzel. Furthermore, one could obtain plenary remission of all penalties for the dead in purgatory without confession or contrition. The official doctrines of the church were stated by Tetzel and the other indulgence sellers, but their mercenary approach gave the impression that money would remit the guilt and the penalties of the worst crimes and would immediately transfer souls suffering in purgatory to heaven.

Luther had repeatedly warned people of the danger of being misled by indulgences and of the necessity of sincere repentance.\* In the *Ninety-five Theses* he organizes all his arguments with reference to Albrecht's instructions and the claims of the indulgence sellers, not in his usual logical arrangement. He begins with the thesis which embodies the core of all the others, namely, that penance is not a mechanical act but a permanent inner attitude. On the same day that he posted the theses, he sent a copy to Archbishop Albrecht with an accompanying letter advising him to stop the sale of indulgences. He hoped that no copies would be circulated among the people at this time, for he did not want to involve his prince, Frederick the Wise, in difficulties, since Frederick had already spoken against the indulgence preached by Tetzel and had forbidden its sale in his lands.

The first printing of the *Ninety-five Theses* was made for Luther by Johann Grüenberg of Wittenberg on a folio sheet for posting on the door of the Castle Church and distribution among his friends and opponents. Only a few reprints made by Hieronymus Hölzel in Nürnberg, Jakob Thanner Herbipolensis in Leipzig, and Adam Petri in Basel are extant. The following translation is a revision of C. M. Jacob's translation in *PE* 1, 25-38. It in turn was made from the Latin in *WA* 1, 233-238. There is another English translation in *Reformation Writings of Martin Luther*, Vol. I, translated and edited by Bertram Lee Woolf (New York, 1953 ), pp. 32-43. *MA* 1, 31-38, contains a recent revision of the German translation made by Luther's colleague Justus Jonas. It is included in *St. L.* 18, 72-81.

There are excellent recent discussions in English of indulgences and the *Ninety-five Theses* in R. H. Bainton, *Here I Stand* (Nashville, 1950), pp. 71-85; E. G. Schwiebert, *Luther and His Times* (St. Louis, 1950), pp. 303-326; R. H. Fife, *The Revolt of Martin Luther* (New York, 1957), pp. 245-271; J. Mackinnon, *Luther and the Reformation* (4 vols.; London, 1925-30), I, 281-305; and H. Boehmer, *Road to Reformation* (Philadelphia, 1946 ), pp. 167-201. The most thoroughly documented accounts are those by Walther Kohler, *Dokumente zum Ablassstreit von 1517* (Tübingen, 1902), and *Luthers 95 Thesen samt seinen Resolutionen sowie den Gegen-schriften von Wimpina-Tetzel, Eck und Prierias und den Antworten*

*Luthers darauf* (Leipzig, 1903), and Theodor Brieger, *Das Wesen des Ablasses am Ausgange des Mittelalters* (Leipzig, 1897 ).

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\* See Luther's sermons of July 27, 1516, October 31, 1516, and February 24, 1517 in *WA* 1, 63-65; 94-99; and 13&141, respectively.

**Ninety-Five Theses**  
**or**  
**Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences**  
**(below is Luther's 95 Theses - October 31, 1517)**

Out of love and zeal for truth and the desire to bring it to light, the following theses will be publicly discussed at Wittenberg under the chairmanship of the reverend father Martin Lutter, <sup>1</sup> Master of Arts and Sacred Theology and regularly appointed Lecturer on these subjects at that place. He requests that those who cannot be present to debate orally with us will do so by letter. <sup>2</sup>

In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" [Matt. 4:17], <sup>3</sup> he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood as referring to the sacrament of penance, that is, confession and satisfaction, as administered by the clergy.
3. Yet it does not mean solely inner repentance; such inner repentance is worthless unless it produces various outward mortifications of the flesh.
4. The penalty of sin <sup>4</sup> remains as long as the hatred of self, that is, true inner repentance, until our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.
5. The pope neither desires nor is able to remit any penalties except those imposed by his own authority or that of the canons. <sup>5</sup>
6. The pope cannot remit any guilt, except by declaring and showing that it has been remitted by God; or, to be sure, by remitting guilt in cases reserved to his judgment. If his right to grant remission in these cases were disregarded, the guilt would certainly remain unforgiven.
7. God remits guilt to no one unless at the same time he humbles him in all things and makes him submissive to his vicar, the priest.
8. The penitential canons are imposed only on the living, and, according to the canons themselves, nothing should be imposed on the dying.
9. Therefore the Holy Spirit through the pope is kind to us insofar as the pope in his decrees always makes exception of the article of death and of necessity. <sup>6</sup>
10. Those priests act ignorantly and wickedly who, in the case of the dying, reserve canonical penalties for purgatory.
11. Those tares of changing the canonical penalty to the penalty of purgatory were evidently sown while the bishops slept [Matt. 13:25].
12. In former times canonical penalties were imposed, not after, but before absolution, as tests of true contrition.
13. The dying are freed by death from all penalties, are already dead as far as the canon laws are concerned, and have a right to be released from them.
14. Imperfect piety or love on the part of the dying person necessarily brings with it great fear; and the smaller the love, the greater the fear.
15. This fear or horror is sufficient in itself, to say nothing of other things, to constitute the penalty of purgatory, since it is very near the horror of despair.
16. Hell, purgatory, and heaven seem to differ the same as despair, fear, and assurance of salvation.
17. It seems as though for the souls in purgatory fear should necessarily decrease and love increase.
18. Furthermore, it does not seem proved, either by reason or Scripture, that souls in purgatory are outside the state of merit, that is, unable to grow in love.



19. Nor does it seem proved that souls in purgatory, at least not all of them, are certain and assured of their own salvation, even if we ourselves may be entirely certain of it.

20. Therefore the pope, when he uses the words “plenary remission of all penalties,” does not actually mean “all penalties,” but only those imposed by himself.

21. Thus those indulgence preachers are in error who say that a man is absolved from every penalty and saved by papal indulgences.

22. As a matter of fact, the pope remits to souls in purgatory no penalty which, according to canon law, they should have paid in this life.

23. If remission of all penalties whatsoever could be granted to anyone at all, certainly it would be granted only to the most perfect, that is, to very few.

24. For this reason most people are necessarily deceived by that indiscriminate and high-sounding promise of release from penalty.

25. That power which the pope has in general over purgatory corresponds to the power which any bishop or curate has in a particular way in his own diocese or parish.

26. The pope does very well when he grants remission to souls in purgatory, not by the power of the keys, which he does not have,<sup>7</sup> but by way of intercession for them.

27. They preach only human doctrines who say that as soon as the money clinks into the money chest, the soul flies out of purgatory.

28. It is certain that when money clinks in the money chest, greed and avarice can be increased; but when the church intercedes, the result is in the hands of God alone.

29. Who knows whether all souls in purgatory wish to be redeemed, since we have exceptions in St. Severinus and St. Paschal,<sup>8</sup> as related in a legend.

30. No one is sure of the integrity of his own contrition, much less of having received plenary remission.

31. The man who actually buys indulgences is as rare as he who is really penitent; indeed, he is exceedingly rare.

32. Those who believe that they can be certain of their salvation because they have indulgence letters will be eternally damned, together with their teachers.

33. Men must especially be on their guard against those who say that the pope's pardons are that inestimable gift of God by which man is reconciled to him.

34. For the graces of indulgences are concerned only with the penalties of sacramental satisfaction<sup>9</sup> established by man.

35. They who teach that contrition is not necessary on the part of those who intend to buy souls out of purgatory or to buy confessional privileges<sup>10</sup> preach unchristian doctrine.

36. Any truly repentant Christian has a right to full remission of penalty and guilt,<sup>11</sup> even without indulgence letters.

37. Any true Christian, whether living or dead, participates in all the blessings of Christ and the church; and this is granted him by God, even without indulgence letters.

38. Nevertheless, papal remission and blessing are by no means to be disregarded, for they are, as I have said [Thesis 6], the proclamation of the divine remission.

39. It is very difficult, even for the most learned theologians, at one and the same time to commend to the people the bounty of indulgences and the need of true contrition.

40. A Christian who is truly contrite seeks and loves to pay penalties for his sins; the bounty of indulgences, however, relaxes penalties and causes men to hate them—at least it furnishes occasion for hating them.

41. Papal indulgences must be preached with caution, lest people erroneously think that they are preferable to other good works of love.

42. Christians are to be taught that the pope does not intend that the buying of indulgences should in any way be compared with works of mercy.

43. Christians are to be taught that he who gives to the poor or lends to the needy does a better deed than he who buys indulgences.

44. Because love grows by works of love, man thereby becomes better. Man does not, however, become better by means of indulgences but is merely freed from penalties.

45. Christians are to be taught that he who sees a needy man and passes him by, yet gives his money for indulgences, does not buy papal indulgences but God's wrath.

46. Christians are to be taught that, unless they have more than they need, they must reserve enough for their family needs and by no means squander it on indulgences.

47. Christians are to be taught that the buying of indulgences is a matter of free choice, not commanded.

48. Christians are to be taught that the pope, in granting indulgences, needs and thus desires their devout prayer more than their money.

49. Christians are to be taught that papal indulgences are useful only if they do not put their trust in them, but very harmful if they lose their fear of God because of them.

50. Christians are to be taught that if the pope knew the exactions of the indulgence preachers, he would rather that the basilica of St. Peter were burned to ashes than built up with the skin, flesh, and bones of his sheep.

51. Christians are to be taught that the pope would and should wish to give of his own money, even though he had to sell the basilica of St. Peter, to many of those from whom certain hawkers of indulgences cajole money.

52. It is vain to trust in salvation by indulgence letters, even though the indulgence commissary, or even the pope, were to offer his soul as security.

53. They are enemies of Christ and the pope who forbid altogether the preaching of the Word of God in some churches in order that indulgences may be preached in others.

54. Injury is done the Word of God when, in the same sermon, an equal or larger amount of time is devoted to indulgences than to the Word.

55. It is certainly the pope's sentiment that if indulgences, which are a very insignificant thing, are celebrated with one bell, one procession, and one ceremony, then the gospel, which is the very greatest thing, should be preached with a hundred bells, a hundred processions, a hundred ceremonies.

56. The treasures of the church,<sup>12</sup> out of which the pope distributes indulgences, are not sufficiently discussed or known among the people of Christ.

57. That indulgences are not temporal treasures is certainly clear, for many indulgence sellers do not distribute them freely but only gather them.

58. Nor are they the merits of Christ and the saints, for, even without the pope, the latter always work grace for the inner man, and the cross, death, and hell for the outer man.

59. St. Laurence said that the poor of the church were the treasures of the church, but he spoke according to the usage of the word in his own time.

60. Without want of consideration we say that the keys of the church,<sup>13</sup> given by the merits of Christ, are that treasure;

61. For it is clear that the pope's power is of itself sufficient for the remission of penalties and cases reserved by himself.

62. The true treasure of the church is the most holy gospel of the glory and grace of God.

63. But this treasure is naturally most odious, for it makes the first to be last [Matt. 20:16].

64. On the other hand, the treasure of indulgences is naturally most acceptable, for it makes the last to be first.

65. Therefore the treasures of the gospel are nets with which one formerly fished for men of wealth.

66. The treasures of indulgences are nets with which one now fishes for the wealth of men.

67. The indulgences which the demagogues acclaim as the greatest graces are actually understood to be such only insofar as they promote gain.

68. They are nevertheless in truth the most insignificant graces when compared with the grace of God and the piety of the cross.

69. Bishops and curates are bound to admit the commissaries of papal indulgences with all reverence.

70. But they are much more bound to strain their eyes and ears lest these men preach their own dreams instead of what the pope has commissioned.

71. Let him who speaks against the truth concerning papal indulgences be anathema and accursed;

72. But let him who guards against the lust and license of the indulgence preachers be blessed;

73. Just as the pope justly thunders against those who by any means whatsoever contrive harm to the sale of indulgences.

74. But much more does he intend to thunder against those who use indulgences as a pretext to contrive harm to holy love and truth.

75. To consider papal indulgences so great that they could absolve a man even if he had done the impossible and had violated the mother of God is madness.

76. We say on the contrary that papal indulgences cannot remove the very least of venial sins as far as guilt is concerned.

77. To say that even St. Peter, if he were now pope, could not grant greater graces is blasphemy against St. Peter and the pope.

78. We say on the contrary that even the present pope, or any pope whatsoever, has greater graces at his disposal, that is, the gospel, spiritual powers, gifts of healing, etc., as it is written in I Cor. 12 [:28].

79. To say that the cross emblazoned with the papal coat of arms, and set up by the indulgence preachers, is equal in worth to the cross of Christ is blasphemy.

80. The bishops, curates, and theologians who permit such talk to be spread among the people will have to answer for this.

81. This unbridled preaching of indulgences makes it difficult even for learned men to rescue the reverence which is due the pope from slander or from the shrewd questions of the laity,

82. Such as: "Why does not the pope empty purgatory for the sake of holy love and the dire need of the souls that are there if he redeems an infinite number of souls for the sake of miserable money with which to build a church? The former reasons would be most just; the latter is most trivial."

83. Again, "Why are funeral and anniversary masses for the dead continued and why does he not return or permit the withdrawal of the endowments founded for them, since it is wrong to pray for the redeemed?"

84. Again, "What is this new piety of God and the pope that for a consideration of money they permit a man who is impious and their enemy to buy out of purgatory the pious soul of a friend of God and do not rather, because of the need of that pious and beloved soul, free it for pure love's sake?"

85. Again, "Why are the penitential canons, long since abrogated and dead in actual fact and through disuse, now satisfied by the granting of indulgences as though they were still alive and in force?"

86. Again, "Why does not the pope, whose wealth is today greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus,<sup>14</sup> build this one basilica of St. Peter with his own money rather than with the money of poor believers?"

87. Again, "What does the pope remit or grant to those who by perfect contrition already have a right to full remission and blessings?"<sup>15</sup>

88. Again, "What greater blessing could come to the church than if the pope were to bestow these remissions and blessings on every believer a hundred times a day, as he now does but once?"<sup>16</sup>

89. "Since the pope seeks the salvation of souls rather than money by his indulgences, why does he suspend the indulgences, and pardons previously granted when they have equal efficacy?"<sup>17</sup>

90. To repress these very sharp arguments of the laity by force alone, and not to resolve them by giving reasons, is to expose the church and the pope to the ridicule of their enemies and to make Christians unhappy.

91. If, therefore, indulgences were preached according to the spirit and intention of the pope, all these doubts would be readily resolved. Indeed, they would not exist.

92. Away then with all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, “Peace, peace,” and there is no peace! [Jer. 6:14] .

93. Blessed be all those prophets who say to the people of Christ, “Cross, cross,” and there is no cross!

94. Christians should be exhorted to be diligent in following Christ, their head, through penalties, death, and hell;

95. And thus be confident of entering into heaven through many tribulations rather than through the false security of peace [Acts 14:22].

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<sup>1</sup> Luther spelled his name Lutther in this preamble.

<sup>2</sup> There was actually no debate, for no one responded to the invitation. The contents of the ninety-five theses were soon widely disseminated by word of mouth and by the printers, and in effect a vigorous debate took place that lasted for a number of years.

<sup>3</sup> The Latin form, poenitentiam agite, and the German, *tut Busse*, may be rendered in two ways, “repent” and “do penance.”

<sup>4</sup> Catholic theology distinguishes between the “guilt” and the “penalty” of sin.

<sup>5</sup> The canons, or decrees of the church, have the force of law. Those referred to here and in Theses 8 and 85 are the so-called penitential canons.

<sup>6</sup> Commenting on this thesis in the *Explanations of the Ninety-five Theses* (p. 114), Luther distinguishes between temporal and eternal necessity. “Necessity knows no law.” “Death is the necessity of necessities.” Cf. *WA* 1, 549.

<sup>7</sup> This is not a denial of the power of the keys, that is, the power to forgive and to retain sin, but merely an assertion that the power of the keys does not extend to purgatory.

<sup>8</sup> Luther refers to this legend again in the *Explanations of the Ninety-five Theses* below, p. 178. The legend is to the effect that these saints, Pope Severinus (638-640) and Pope Paschal I (817-824 ), preferred to remain longer in purgatory than they might have greater glory in heaven.

<sup>9</sup> Satisfaction is that act on the part of the penitent, in connection with the sacrament of penance, by means of which he pays the temporal penalty for his sins. If at death he is in arrears in paying his temporal penalty for venial sins, he pays this penalty in purgatory. Indulgences are concerned with this satisfaction of the sacrament of penance—they permit a partial or complete (plenary) remission of temporal punishment. According to Roman Catholic theology, the buyer of an indulgence still has to confess his sins, be absolved from them, and be truly penitent.

<sup>10</sup> These are privileges entitling the holder of indulgence letters to choose his own confessor and relieving him, the holder, of certain satisfactions.

<sup>11</sup> To justify the placing of absolution before satisfaction, contrary to the practice of the early church, theologians distinguished between the guilt and the penalty of sins.

<sup>12</sup> The treasury of merits is a reserve fund of good works accumulated by Christ and the saints upon which the pope could draw when he remitted satisfaction in indulgences.

<sup>13</sup> The office of the keys: the preaching of the gospel, the celebrating of the sacraments, the remitting of sins to the penitent, and the excommunicating of impenitent sinners.

<sup>14</sup> Marcus Licinius Crassus (115-53 B.C.), also called Dives (“the Rich”), was noted for his wealth and luxury by the classical Romans. Crassus means “the Fat.”

<sup>15</sup> See Theses 38 and 37.

<sup>16</sup> The indulgence letter entitled its possessor to receive absolution once during his lifetime and once at the approach of death.

<sup>17</sup> During the time when the jubilee indulgences were preached, other indulgences were suspended.





## Share the Hope 2017

On Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> the Evangelism Committee hosted a Share the Hope event / Friendship Sunday. The goal of the event was to create an opportunity for members of St. John's to invite their friends to a service and concert performed by Mike Westendorf. Due to the wet weather, the event was moved from the Juneau city part to the community center. Approximately 120 people attended the event. Good food, games, music and the opportunity to share the Good News of our Savior made this an enjoyable event. Over \$300.00 was donated to help support Good News Lutheran church in Mt. Horeb. Thank you to the evangelism committee for planning this event: Jill & Darris Wasmund, Nick & Rachel Tolkinen, Michelle Kutz, Joan Hohenstein and Kathy Eggebrecht.

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## October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 10:30 A.M. PK 3&4 Sing Book Fair Open @ School After Both Services	<b>2</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Wendy's <b>4:15 P.M. BLAC</b> <b>CC Meet @ Columbus</b> <b>Country Club</b>	<b>3</b> 12:05 P.M. CC's End of Season Party 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice— Prose & Demonstration AVB/BVB <b>4:00 P.M. Soccer vs.</b> <b>St. Mark's, Watertown</b> <b>@ Wild Goose Park</b>	<b>4</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: St. John's <b>4:00/5:00 P.M.</b> <b>VB Here vs. St.</b> <b>John's, Watertown</b>	<b>5</b> 8:15 A.M. Gr. K-2 FT to Watertown Gr. 3-4 FT to Old World Wisconsin 7:45 A.M. Gr. 5 FT to Milwaukee Zoo AVB 5:00 P.M. BVB @ CWC 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice—Poetry/ Storytelling/Info. Speech	<b>6</b> CEF Stamps 8:00 A.M. Pre-K FT to Waldvogel's <b>4:00 P.M.</b> <b>Soccer Quad Meet @</b> <b>Wild Goose</b> <b>Park</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Jr. Choir Sings Both Services	<b>9</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Village Garden 3:15 P.M. Faculty Mtg.	<b>10</b> 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice— Poetry/Storytelling/ Info. Speech AVB/BVB	<b>11</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: McDonald's <b>4:00/5:00 P.M. VB</b> <b>@ Zion, Columbus</b> <b>6:30 P.M. Preschool</b> <b>Ice Cream Social</b>	<b>12</b> 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice— Prose & Demonstration AVB	<b>13</b> CEF Stamps	<b>14</b> A Girls VB Tournament @ Luther Prep 9-10:30 A.M. LLHS Band Rehearsal
<b>15</b> Adult Choir Sings Both Services	<b>16</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Wendy's 3:15 P.M. Faculty Mtg. 7:00 P.M. BOE Mtg.	<b>17</b> 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice—ALL	<b>18</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: Dominos 3:40 P.M. Forensics Practice—ALL	<b>19</b> Parent VB Games 5:15 P.M. B Girls 6:00 P.M. Food Served 6:30 P.M. A Girls	<b>20</b> CEF Stamps 4:00 P.M. Science Fair Projects Due at School 6:00 P.M. Forensics Meet @ St. Stephen's, Beaver Dam	<b>21</b> 9:00 A.M. School Cleaning 9-10:30 A.M. LLHS Band Rehearsal
<b>22</b> K-8 Sings Both Services	<b>23</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Village Garden 3:15 P.M. Faculty Mtg. <b>6:30 P.M.</b> <b>PTs Mtg.</b> <b>&amp; Science</b> <b>Fair—Gr. 7-8 Serve</b>	<b>24</b> Eighth Grade Welcome Night @ LLHS	<b>25</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. CHAPEL/MISSION OFFERING Hot Lunch: Subway 1st Quarter Ends <b>6:00-8:30 P.M. All</b> <b>School Roller Skating</b> <b>Party @ Skate</b> <b>Express, Watertown</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9-10:30 A.M. LLHS Band Rehearsal
<b>29</b> 10:30 A.M. Sunday School Sings	<b>30</b> 7:15 A.M. Faculty Mtg. Hot Lunch: Village Garden 3:40 P.M. Boys VB 3:40 P.M. Forensic Practice—ALL	<b>31</b> 3:40 P.M. Boys VB	BVB—B Volleyball Practice 3-4:30 P.M. AVB—A Volleyball Practice 3-5:00 P.M. SP—Soccer Practice 3:30-4:30 P.M. Boys VB—Boys Volleyball Practice 3-4:30 P.M.	No School—WI Lutheran State Teachers' Conference		Pastor David Brandt 608-343-2206 Pastor Paul Schupmann: 920-344-9839 Principal Richard Cody: 920-386-9676