

NOVEMBER 2017 BIRTHDAYS

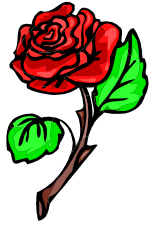
- 1 - Melba Muhlenbruch
Jodi Patton
Kari Behn
- 2 - Hudson Hansen
- 3 - James Showalter
- 4 - Rozann Herwig
Crystal Brown
Henry Subbert
- 6 - Drew Abbas
Kinley Barrick
- 7 - Cliff Berghoefer
Mandie Pigman
- 8 - James Fink
Jim Meyer
Rev. Joe Bangert
- 11 - Robin Maas
- 12 - Ileene Christensen
Cora Lee Thielen
- 13 - Marlee Maas
- 14 - James Stahl
Pam Hansen
- 15 - Chris Oehlert
Anna Burns
- 16 - Char Williams
Justin Behn
- 17 - Traci Kloetzer
Adam Akers
- 18 - Lester Schnabel
Elaine Meyer
Cheryl Craighton
- 20 - Duane Schmitt
- 21 - Marvin O. Rodemeyer
- 23 - Dorothy Brinkley
- 25 - Ruth Long
- 26 - Jo Ellen Arends
Avery Harris
- 27 - Bev Stratmann
Carter Mulford
- 28 - Carol Schnabel
Megan Rodemeyer

Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary!

- 1 - Robert & Traci Kloetzer
- 14 - Evan & Cary Treanor
- 17 - Marvin & Patty Rodemeyer
- 19 - Kevin & Stephanie Behn
- 20 - Mitch & Debra Vanness
- 21 - Matt & Kristy Abbas
- 22 - Gareld & Lois Johnson - 50TH
- 28 - Randy & Nicole Pock
- 29 - Terry & Marilyn Bents



GREETERS FOR NOVEMBER

Matt & Kristy Abbas
Cheryl Barrick
Rory & Teri Fender
Gerry & Sarah Heilskov
Randy & Lucy Oehlert

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER

Gene Miller, Chr.	Matt Abbas
Justin Schnabel	Casey Heilskov
Chris Heilskov	

ACOLYTES

November

- 5 - Grant Subbert
- 12 - Lauren Kurth
- 19 - Avery Moore
- 23 - Thanksgiving - Emma Showalter
- 26 - Tristan Kurth



SPECIAL NEEDS COMMUNION

Wednesday, November 15,
1:00 PM. This is for anyone
that cannot come to the
Lord's Supper on Sunday
mornings.

November 12, 2017 –

Christmas Eve program practice (10:45 to 11:30) will begin and continue each Sunday until December 24th.



We are trying something different this year, Sunday school class will begin after worship until 10:45. We ask that all children attend Sunday school and then if your children can not participate in the Christmas Eve program, please pick them up around 10:45. The children participating in the Children's Christmas Eve program will have a small snack and then we will practice singing and the individual parts in the sanctuary until 11:30. If your children need to leave early any Sunday, please pick them up in the sanctuary. Each child's part will be handed out November 12th.

December 24, 2017 – Children's Christmas Eve program is at 6:00 p.m. Please have your children to church by 5:30 in the preschool room.

December 31, 2017 – No Sunday school

January 7, 2018 – Sunday school resumes with classes ending at 11:15

We are looking for people to donate snacks to be used each Sunday during Christmas Eve program practice. We ask that you do not have any nut products in the snacks. Look for a signup sheet. Thank you for your donations.

I would like to take the time to thank the people who make Sunday school happen each week. To the teachers – Julie Bollhagen (preschool/kindergarten), Kari Subbert (1st/2nd/3rd grades), Christy Eisentrager (4th / 5th grade), Vicar (6th/7th/8th grade) – thank you for your time and dedication to the program and the children.

To the assistants – Mike Spetman (preschool / kindergarten), Donna Spetman and Ginger Hansen (4th/5th grade). – your time and assistance does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated. And to Bradi Moore who has stepped up and substituted every time I have asked this fall, thank you! And thank you to Pastor for his continued guidance and weekly Sunday school openings with the children. And thank you parents for bringing your children!

Christy Eisentrager, Superintendent

ST. PAUL'S NEWS

St. Paul's Lutheran School
Latimer, Iowa

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God ”
92 years of Service to God

2017-2018 THEME : “A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

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CALENDAR –November 2017

- Nov. 1: Early Dismissal 12:50 p.m.
Professional Development
- Nov 15: Early Dismissal 12:50 p.m.
Professional Development
- Nov. 16: 1:50 PM Early Dismissal
2:30-7:00 PM Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- Nov. 17: Volleyball Tournament: at St Paul's,
Latimer
- Nov 20: 6 PM School Board Meeting
- Nov. 21: 1:50 PM Early Dismissal
2:30-7:00 PM Parent/Teacher
Conferences
- Nov 22-24: NO SCHOOL -- Thanksgiving
Holiday

The colors of harvest and autumn are so warm and rich, especially as seen through a spectacular fall sunset! God even made fruit and vegetables that ripen in the fall, like squash, pumpkins, and gourds to blend in with the fall color scheme. What an awesome world He created by His Words! But even more amazing is the love He showed us when He sent Jesus as our Savior. Thanksgiving gatherings are one opportunity to thank the triune God who created our perfectly colored world, who creates and sustains our faith in Him, and who forgives our sins through Jesus' life, death and resurrection!

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

LWML NEWS

Esther Circle will be helping with the serving for the 100th Anniversary closing on November 5th. LWML members, please remember to pay your 2017 dues.

CIRCLES – Nov. 1

Martha Circle - 1:30 PM

Devotions: Ruth Long
Bible Study: Vicar Ricard
Hostess: Jan Rodemeyer

Esther Circle – 7:00 PM

Devotion & Bible Study: Deb Behn
Hostess: Stephanie Behn

REMEMBER OUR HOME BOUND & SHUT-INS:

Country View Nursing Facility

1720 Central Ave E, Hampton, IA 50441
Mavis Claypool, Rm 1; Dorothy Fink, Rm 9;
LaVonne Hansen, Rm 28; Wendell Schmitt, Rm 30
Evelyn Stratmann, Rm 29

Apple Valley – 1724 Central Ave E, Hampton, IA 50441

Arnold & Lois Stratmann, Apt. 21; Clarence Kruse, Apt. 4.

9th St. Chautauqua-, 302 9th St., Charles City, IA 50616 - Ileene Christensen, Rm 14

Keelson Harbour , 2810 Aurora Ave, Spirit Lake, IA
Betty Fink, Apt. 120

Sheffield Care Center, 100 Bennett Dr.

Glenn Schnabel #105

In Their Homes:

Freddie Pogge, 311 S 10th Ave E Apt. 12, Lake Mills, Ia 50450

Erna Heyde, 1507 Quail Ave, Hampton, Ia 50441

Thank you from Orphan Grain Train at Clemons, Iowa. They have sent 700 student desks and chairs from the Iowa City School District to the country of Haiti. They also have disaster villages set up in the hurricane disaster areas. They hope to ship them a load of clothing, medical supplies, quilts and kits. We need funds to pay for the transportation costs. Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 120, Clemons, IA 50051

THANK YOU

We have received notes from seminarians thanking us for our donations and support to the **Fort Wayne Seminary Food Co-op**. Seminarian Bill Maggard wrote the following. One of the biggest things I have learned during my time at seminary is the love saints like you have for your pastors and pastors to be. The four years of seminary are a huge commitment and can only be accomplished with the help of others. I am humbled by how many people, especially people we don't even know, support us as I complete my training to become qualified to serve God and His people. I see that generosity first hand and am very grateful. I know my gratitude is shared by my classmates and the whole seminary community. It would not be possible to train future pastors without your support. Thank you for your service to God and His church.

NEWS FROM The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society



Rev. Alexey Streltsov, Rector of Lutheran Theological Seminary – Novosibirsk, writes in the latest Faith & Hope newsletter of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church (SELC); “Exactly 20 years ago, on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, Lutheran Theological Seminary conducted its first regular class in Novosibirsk.

For 20 years, the seminary has continued to provide confessional Lutheran theological education and pastoral training to the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the region. This is significant!

However, the seminary is presently experiencing financial difficulty and is in danger of closing. If the seminary were to close, the Russian government will be hesitant to allow the seminary to reopen. This would devastate the state of confessional Lutheranism in the Russian-speaking world.

You can provide immediate assistance to keep the seminary open with a donation to the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, %Ascension Lutheran Church, 8811 St. Joe Rd., Fort Wayne, IN 46835
Your prayers and financial gifts are appreciated!

SENIOR HIGHLIGHT



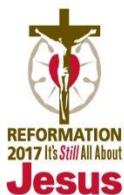
Hi, I am Abby Fink and I am a senior at Hampton-Dumont High School! Throughout my high school career I have been involved in volleyball, basketball, golf, football cheerleading, student council, prom central, key club, FTA, drama, speech, choir, chamber choir, jazz choir and show choir. I have also been very involved and I am the co-president of LYF. Some of my hobbies include singing, watching Netflix and hanging out with my friends and family. My future plans are to attend the University of Northern Iowa to major in Elementary Education and possibly minor in Psychology. Some of my favorite memories of LYF have been going to the Wisconsin Dells, helping during fair week, and shopping at the Mall of America. I have learned a lot of lessons and made a lot of memories throughout my years as an LYF member. I am extremely excited to start the new chapter of my life as I become a UNI Panther!

THANKS TRINITY

My dear fellow redeemed:

I have been blessed to know people who experience profound, life-changing JOY when they tell others about Jesus through their sacrificial giving. I pray you are one of them. There is something intensely personal and full of meaning in a gift like the one you have joyfully given. Thank you for \$2,060.05 for General Hurricane Relief

President Matthew Harrison,
Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod



FALL WORKDAY SATURDAY, NOV. 4



We need help to renovate Middle Cross campfire area behind the Alpha Lodge. Projects will start at 9 a.m. and will go until 4 p.m. As always, lunch is provided for all who come. This is a great event for individuals, families and youth groups! Let us know you're coming by emailing sitemanager@iodiseca.org

IDE Senior High Retreat is November 17-18.

Pastor Max Mons from St. Paul Lutheran Chapel, Iowa City will be the presenter. Find out what the verse "Judge not, that you be not judged." Means.

Summer Camp Registration opens January 12.

PLAN A TRIP TO THE CREATION MUSEUM AND THE ARK ENCOUNTER



Several bus trips are being planned in the future to the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter.

November 29-December 3, 2017----This will be the Christmas tour. Only 10 seats are still available for this trip.

June 4-8, 2018----This is the first full week in June. The plants are all fresh and beautiful in the gardens. The Creation Museum and Ark are not crowded during this week because the East Coast schools are still in session.

August 6-10, 2018----This is the first full week in August. It is still a great time to visit the Creation Museum and the Ark.

All these trips are five days. The first day is a travel day. The second and third day we go to the Creation Museum and the fourth day we spend at the Ark. On the fifth day we travel home.

For additional information and prices contact Roger and Ellen Bauer 319-352-5435 or ellen.bauer@mchsi.com.

All trips leave from Waverly, IA at 6:00am and we arrive about 6:30pm.

FROM THE VICAR

Dear Members of Trinity,

I pray that all of you are doing well! This month, we will be discussing the Second Commandment:

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God in vain.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God that we may not curse, swear, use witchcraft, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

In this commandment, we are commanded to use God's name properly. As Christians, God's Name is very sacred to use, because His name reveals to us, who He is and who we are to trust and believe in with our whole heart. However, in the daily grind of life, God's name is misused by us in more ways than we can ever imagine. Whenever our Lord's Name is used uselessly, carelessly, or to support a falsehood or wrong of any kind, it is being misused to support or defend an evil action or intention. In the *Small Catechism*, Luther distinguished five ways in which God's name is misused:

- Firstly, God's name is wrongly used when we **CURSE** by it. To curse someone or something means to speak evil of God (mocking God) or to wish evil to ourselves or to others (to call down the anger and punishment of God upon any person or thing).
- Secondly, God's name is wrongly used when we **SWEAR** falsely by it under an oath of any kind. For when one swears by God's Name, he is taking an oath to call upon God as a witness to the truth of whatever we say or promise, and to punish us, if we lie or break that promise.
- Thirdly, God's name is wrongly used when we **USE WITCHCRAFT/SATANIC ARTS** by it. This is done when God's Name is used to perform supernatural things with the help of the devil, such as conjuring, fortune telling, and consulting the dead.
- Fourthly and Fifthly, God's name is wrongly used when we **LIE, OR DECEIVE BY HIS NAME**. To lie is to speak false truths, but to deceive people by using God's name

means to teach them things about God that are not true.

However, as Luther teaches us, God does and wants us to use His Name properly in prayer and worship!

- Firstly, we use God's Name properly when we **CALL UPON IT IN EVERY TROUBLE**. As we learned from the first commandment, God wants us to fear, love, and trust in Him above all things, and this means that we are to seek refuge in Him, and Him alone whenever we experience any kind of trouble.
- Secondly, we use God's Name properly when we **PRAY** and give Him **PRAISE**. To be a praying Christian does not simply mean to pray occasionally, but to pray continually. Just as a person cannot live by only taking a breath once in a while, a Christian cannot live spiritually by praying only once in a while.
- Lastly, we use God's Name properly when we **GIVE HIM THANKS**. The reason why many people fail to give thanks is because they do not know or reflect on where their many blessings come from. As Christians, we know every spiritual and material blessing we receive is from God alone; since we know who gave us these gifts, we gladly thank Him for His gracious and generous gifts.

To be able to not only know, but use God's name for these purposes is truly a gift in and of itself! For whenever God's name is used rightly, the devil is defied and flees from us because "He hates to hear God's name and cannot long remain when it is uttered and invoked from the heart... To defy the devil, we should always keep the holy name upon our lips so that he may not be able to harm us as he would like to do" (Luther, *The Large Catechism*, 395).

Yours In Christ,

Vicar Rob Ricard

