

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Jim Cleveland; Barb Myers; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Maddie; Anita; Aiden Snyder; Cindy; Spencer family; Carol Shearer Small; missionaries abducted in Haiti

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Paul & Naomi Marks as they welcome a new son, Charles Brian Marks. Charles was born last Sunday, October 17.

**THANK YOU** to everyone for your continued prayers. – Jack & Lureen Vaught

**YOUTH GROUP** meets TONIGHT! Dinner at 6:00pm. Bring friends!

**ALL SAINTS' DAY BANNER:** pin a ribbon to the white banner in the fellowship hall in memory of loved ones who have died in the faith. We will display the banner during our All Saints' Day services in a couple weeks.

**BIBLE STUDY SNACKS:** we are looking for families willing to provide baked goods or snacks for Sunday morning fellowship & Bible study time.

**GIVING ENVELOPES:** it's that time. Do you want them? Not want them? Want a number to track giving, but no envelopes? Talk to Linda LeFever!

**TRUNK-OR-TREAT:** Sunday afternoon, October 31, beginning at 3:00pm. Sign up for various activities, food, etc. on the tables as you leave.

#### CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 24 (Trinity 21)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 6:00pm Youth Group
Wed. Oct. 27	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Oct. 28	7:00pm Bible Study
Sun. Oct. 31 (Reformation)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Sunday School & Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation 3:00 – 5:00pm Trunk-or-Treat 5:30pm Potluck Supper

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I was struck this week by something I read in John Kleinig's *Grace Upon Grace* (CPH, 2008; pp. 68-69):

There are two domains that provide the context for the spirituality of God's people. One is the public domain of the congregation that gathers for participation in the Divine Service. The other is the private domain of the faithful who engage in their daily devotions in their homes and go about their daily work. These two domains complement and enrich each other. Thus the practice of our spirituality links our daily routine with the sacrament of Baptism. Our spiritual self-scrutiny in our devotions prepares us for the rite of public Confession and Absolution in the Divine Service. Our personal reading of God's Word and our meditation on it interacts with the public reading and exposition of the Scriptures. Our personal faith in Christ is included in the common confession of faith by the whole Church in the liturgy. The Prayer of the Church inspires our personal petitions and intercessions. Our family meals are joined with the Lord's Supper by the saying of grace. The interaction between these two domains produces a healthy liturgical spirituality. The more they intersect and interact, the richer our spiritual growth and the deeper our spiritual maturity.

See how Kleinig connects corporate worship with personal or family worship and devotion. They interact and play off one another. To have only one or the other is to deprive yourself of the spiritual riches God offers you in Christ! What we receive in the Divine Service prepares us for a week of devotions and "daily work," and that week of devotions and daily work leads us back to the Divine Service again.

Let me encourage you to join us not only in the Divine Service, but also in Bible Study each week. If you aren't sure how to do devotions on your own or with your family, please ask! I have lots of resources to help you get started or to re-think how you might do it. Finally, I highly recommend Kleinig's book, and I'm more than happy to loan it to you. Blessings!

-Pr. Mullet