

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim Cleveland; Carolyn Wilkins; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Maddie; Aiden Snyder; Cindy; Jim Lambert

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING for 2022 budget and elections TODAY at 9am.

YOUTH GROUP: the Fort Wayne Komets host the Iowa Heartlanders next Sunday, Nov. 21, at 4:00pm. Parents, siblings, etc. are also invited. \$10 per ticket. **Please RSVP by the end of the day TODAY!**

LIFE LINE SCREENINGS: this Friday, Nov. 19, beginning at 9:00am. Limited complimentary screenings are available! **You need an appointment** – see the flyer on the bulletin board for contact information!

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROJECTS: the Toys for Tots box is here (collecting thru Dec. 10); Socks for Vets and the Giving Tree both begin Nov. 15. See the newsletter for more information!

JACK & LUREEN VAUGHT: while Jack & Lureen are in Minnesota for Jack's radiation treatments their address will be 1623 4th St. NW #2, Rochester, MN, 55910. They thank you for your continued prayers and support.

RESILIENCE SEMINAR: Zion Friedheim (Decatur) is hosting a seminar on the topics of stress and loss during the holiday season and resiliency after trauma. It will be held Tuesday, Nov. 23, beginning with a meal at 6:00pm. **RSVP by TODAY.** See Pr. Mullet for more details and contact information.

CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 14 (Trinity 24)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Voters' Meeting (budget / elections) 11:30am Confirmation
Wed. Nov. 17	7:00pm Holy Communion
Thu. Nov. 18	7:00pm Bible Study
Fri. Nov. 19	9:00am Life Line Screenings
Sun. Nov. 21 (Last Sunday)	8:00 & 10:00am Holy Communion 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 11:30am Confirmation

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“I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

Martin Luther writes of this verse:

We should learn to remind ourselves of Christ’s victory. In Christ, we already have everything that we need. We only live to spread this message of victory to other people. With our word and example, we tell them about the victory that Christ secured for us and gave to us. Christ, our victor, accomplished everything. We don’t need to add anything to it. We don’t need to wipe away our own sins, or try to conquer death and the devil. Everything has already been done for us. We’re not fighting the real battle. We’re only suffering now in order to share in Christ’s victory. All of our suffering combined, even all the suffering and blood of the martyrs and saints, wouldn’t give us the victory. It’s not accomplished by what we do. Some people claim that we ought to be able to conquer sin, death, and hell on our own. By saying this, they insult Christ. But our struggles and fighting come way too late. The battle must be won beforehand if we are to have any comfort and peace. Christ says, “I have already won. Accept my victory. Sing about it and glorify it. Take comfort in it.”

We know from the past, when believers were severely tested, the Holy Spirit reminded them of Christ’s victory and strengthened them so that they could endure everything. They could even face martyrdom, relying on Christ’s victory. May God help us also to hold on to Christ’s victory during our troubles and when we’re dying. Even though we don’t understand these words of Christ completely, we can still believe in them in times of trouble and reassure ourselves: “My Lord and Savior spoke these words to my heart. In Christ I have a victor over world, death, and the devil. It doesn’t matter how small and weak I am. Amen.”

From *Through Faith Alone* (CPH, 1999).