

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEK OF AUGUST 28, 2022

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jim & Penny Cleveland; Jack & Lureen Vaught; Tony Sikora; Darlene Welsh; Brenda LeFever; Walt Trier; Cheryl Bellis

LUTHERANISM 101: Sunday Bible study will soon finish our overview of “Lutheranism 101”! Today, the Lord’s Supper; next week, Confession!

DINNERS FOR 8: you and your spouse (and children, if applicable!) are invited to participate in a fun new fellowship opportunity! An easy, low-pressure way to get to know each other a little better over supper. You will be “paired up” with three other couples/families. Your group of 8 (or more!) will have dinner together once per month in September, October, November, and December. Take turns hosting and coordinating, or make it a potluck every time! **Sign up TODAY if possible!** Talk to Megan Mullet for more information! We’d love to have you join us. **Singles are welcome too!!**

MATINS & BOOK OF CONCORD POSTPONED: we will be taking a break from our weekly Matins and Book of Concord study for the month of August. Join us again beginning Wednesday, September 7!

CONFIRMATION MEETING: parents & students please plan to attend a brief meeting on Sunday, September 11, at 11:30am. We will talk through scheduling, expectations, and so on. **Confirmation is not limited to 7th & 8th grade, but rather is open to any youth who are deemed ready by their parents.** Not sure whether your student is ready? Join us and we can talk. :)

FAITH LUTHERAN T-SHIRTS: available on the tables. See Linda to purchase!

CALENDAR

Sun. Aug. 28 (Trinity 11)	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101)
Tue. Aug. 30	8:30am Greek Study
Wed. Aug. 31	7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Sep. 1	7:00pm Bible Study (Colossians)
Sun. Sep. 4 (Trinity 12)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101)

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Reflecting further on the topic of last Sunday's sermon, especially the unity that we have as brothers and sisters of Christ and of one another, I wanted to share with you the summary of the conversation I had with the Elders and Church Council at our meetings a few weeks ago. This summary is also available in the meeting minutes on the tables. (Thanks to Jackie Young for her continued service as secretary!):

Pastor spoke to the council in great length about lots of ideas to work towards better congregational unity. We have so many members and visitors from so many surrounding areas attending 3 separate services that it almost can feel like 3 separate churches at times. Would love to find ways to get more people from all services together to get involved in different aspects of the church. One idea was to talk to the Busco Town Council to see if there are needs in the community that our church can help with. We are in a stable place and need to take time to look at the bigger picture of how our congregation can help others as Christians and not because we are trying to advertise. There are ideas to someday make the sanctuary bigger to just hold one much larger service. There were already plans made up some years ago to build a larger space out front, closer to the road. We could certainly offer a lot more to the community if we had more space. Also, the possibility of renovating the upstairs kitchen for lesser downstairs use. Trying to think big picture and more long term because we have been blessed with so many gifts within our own church and really want to do better at sharing them with others in need. Again; not to advertise our church but really because we are Christians and what we do is to help others.

I do believe these are important ideas for us to consider as a congregation—one congregation, not three. I hope this can be the start of a discussion among members of our family of Faith that bears much fruit, both in bringing our people together as the Body of Christ in this place, and in helping us consider how we might serve as the hands and feet of Christ in our community. I look forward to speaking, planning, growing, and serving with you all.

Peace in Christ!

-Pr. Mullet