

ANNOUNCEMENTS
WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

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

LUTHERANISM 101 CONCLUDES today with a study of Confession & Absolution.

ELDERS & CHURCH COUNCIL meet this Tuesday, Sep. 6, at 6:00 & 7:00pm.

DINNERS FOR 8: thank you to everyone who signed up! Watch your email for information about who's in your group and what comes next!

WEEKLY MATINS: beginning again **THIS WEDNESDAY**, September 7, join us **every Wednesday at 8:30am for Matins.** (No sermon! Ha ha)

BOOK OF CONCORD STUDY: beginning again **THIS WEDNESDAY**, September 7, join us **every Wednesday at 9:00am for Book of Concord Study.** We begin in the Large Catechism with the Apostles' Creed. New faces always welcome!

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS begins a new study this Thursday, Sep. 8, at 7:00pm, hitting the highlights of the Pentateuch: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, & Deuteronomy. Join us as we explore these foundations of history and theology!

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS next Sunday, Sep. 11! Also join us for an ice cream social after the second service to celebrate the beginning of the new year!

CONFIRMATION MEETING: parents & students, plan to attend a meeting **next Sunday, Sep. 11, at 11:30am.** Confirmation is open to any youth who are deemed ready by their parents. Not sure whether your student is ready? Join us!

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

CALENDAR

Sun. Sep. 4 (Trinity 12)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study (Lutheranism 101)
Tue. Sep. 6	6:00 / 7:00pm Elders / Church Council
Wed. Sep. 7	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Lg. Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thu. Sep. 8	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Sun. Sep. 11 (Trinity 13)	8:00 & 10:00am Worship 9:00am Bible Study / Sunday School 11:00am Ice Cream Social 11:30am Confirmation Meeting 6:00pm Youth Group

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Luther writes:

“You should meditate. . .not only in your heart, but also externally, by actually repeating and comparing oral speech and literal words of the book, reading and rereading them with diligent attention and reflection, so that you may see what the Holy Spirit means by them. . . For God will not give you his Spirit without the external Word; so take your cue from that. His command to write, preach, read, hear, sing, speak, etc., outwardly was not given in vain.”

Meditation on the Word of God is a command given to all believers, and it is also a great gift of God by which we may grow closer to Him. But meditation on the Word of God is more than just hearing the readings on Sunday and listening to the sermon. Meditation also involves, as Luther says, reading and rereading with diligent attention and reflection.

In a world that is turned away from God, fighting a devil and a sinful flesh that want us to turn away from God, the importance of feeding, nurturing, and growing the Christian faith cannot be overstated. Simply put, your faith should be your number one priority. We Christians should want to spend as much time as possible in worship and in study of God’s Word. More importantly, we know that we *need* these gifts of God to strengthen us in both body and soul. We need to receive God’s gifts in Word and Sacrament. We need to read and study the Word of God. We need to spend time in fellowship with other believers. We need it, our fellow believers need it, and our unbelieving neighbors need it, too. Our eternal life depends on it!

Let me offer heartfelt encouragement to join your brothers and sisters in Christ at one of our worship, Bible study, & fellowship opportunities:

Sundays	8:00 & 10:00am Divine Service 9:00am Sunday School / Bible Study 6:00pm Youth Group (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
Mondays	8:30am Study of Readings for next Sunday (begins 9/12)
Wednesdays	8:30am Matins 9:00am Book of Concord Study (Large Catechism) 7:00pm Divine Service
Thursdays	7:00pm Bible Study (Genesis)
Saturdays	8:00am Men’s Group (2 nd Saturdays of month except Sep.) 9:00am Women’s Group (3 rd Saturdays of month)

Next week we’ll dive into personal / home devotions. We’re hoping to start a new series of devotional videos next week too! Our aim, as with these renewed Bible study offerings, is to help you in any way we can. Blessings!