

Zion Ev. Lutheran Church Prairie Whispers Newsletter

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We are Connected to Christ in His Humanity

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ as We Begin the School Year:

Many years ago, I was called to be a witness at a court proceeding. A friend of mine had been harassed by two teenage girls, which included verbal harassment and damage to his property. They had been caught and now they sat before the judge. The prosecutor made his case, and as he was doing it, the girls just smiled and giggled. It was clear they were not taking what they had done- and they had done it, caught red-handed by the police – seriously. The judge saw this, stopped the proceedings, and slammed his hand down on the desk.

Then he said words that cut these two nasty teenagers to the heart, “You think this is funny. I am not your friend. I am not your parent. I am the law. I judge you by what you have done. You have broken the law. And I, and I alone, have the authority to pass sentence on you. I can send you to prison for the next two years if I see fit. Tell me, how funny do you think that is?” The color drained from their faces and they realized, perhaps for the first time in their life, that they were in trouble and had no defense for it. They realized there was a sword of judgment hanging over them and they could not move or deflect it from falling on them.

I can’t help but tell you, I was more than a little pleased to see this terror come upon them. They deserved it and more. But the more I have thought about it over the years, the less and less I smile, and the more and more I shake my head, lose color in my face, and shiver. Why? Because spiritually, we are all in the very same position as those two girls were.

God is our Holy Judge. He is the Law. The Ten Commandments are not suggestions – they are the behavior that God demands of the people he has made in his image. He demands that we love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and body. He demands that we love our neighbor as ourselves. And by the way, it is not enough to *look like* we love God and our neighbor. Singing hymns loudly



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PLS Sewer Project

The sewer at Prairie Lutheran School in Fairfax is original to the building, making it 64 years old. The upgrade has been completed in time for classes, thanks to some very tired people.

It is estimated that the cost would be between \$50,000 to \$60,000. St. John Lutheran is borrowing money from their trust fund accounts and willing accept donations. Please make out the donation checks directly to PLS and given to the school or mailed to PO Box 130, Fairfax MN 55332

If you have Thrivent Choice Dollars to use, giving them to Prairie Lutheran School will also aid them in completing this project without borrowing as much.

Education Sunday

September 13 is Education Sunday and the first Sunday of the new fall schedule.

At 8:45 am, Sunday School families are invited for fellowship. At 9 am, Bible Class will begin. The 10 am Worship will have the installation of the Sunday School Teachers and Communion.

and sending fruit baskets to the sick might convince each other what good people we are. But God looks at the heart.

And if this was not bad enough, we have a prosecutor who is zealously trying to make sure each and every one of us gets the death penalty for our sins. This is the devil. The devil – a prosecutor? But I thought prosecutors were supposed to be good, noble, crusaders for justice. The devil is the ultimate crusader for justice. And here is his true evil. He entices all of us to sin. He makes sin look good, even noble, even right. But once we sin, he points a long finger at us and says to the holy judge on high, “You must kill these people. I sinned and have been cursed with living death. So, you must do to all who sin against you! If you are a just and holy God, then you must send them to join me in hell for all eternity.”

The devil’s accusation in the court of God fills us with guilt and shame. Guilt is tied to a bad thing I did and I can’t undo. I lied to my teacher. I misbehaved on the bus. I cheated on the test. But shame is tied to me personally. I AM a liar. I am a hooligan. I am a cheater. And there is only one such just punishment for this: death. By death, I don’t just mean the end of my physical life, and the tearing apart of my body from my soul. That is just a preliminary, shadowy reflection of the true horror of death. True death is separate from God. No more shall I feel the sun on my face. No more will I laugh, eat, drink, or be merry. No peace will I ever have, but only eternal suffering for my sin. As Isaiah describes it: true death is one where our worm will never die and our fire will never be quenched.

It is this fear that holds us in slavery. It is this terrible confrontation that we do anything we can to run from, to escape, to cover over, to ignore. If people didn’t fear death, then who would complain about crime, traffic conditions, vaccinations, sickness, poverty. Its not spiders, snakes, heights, or depths that people fear – it is death that could happen to us because of our proximity to these things. This is slavery of which our text speaks. We are terrified to live. We are terrified to die. And that is where the devil wants us, to live our life running from God or trying pointlessly to work our way out of our trouble – which we can never do.

But here is the wonderful truth that our text reveals to us: Christ has come to rescue us from this by connecting us to him. In 1945, in the terrible battle of Hacksaw Ridge on the island of Okinawa, hundreds of men from company B were cut off from escape. They could not retreat. They could not advance. They lay trapped and dying on the field. Then came the coward. A man they had despised because he refused to carry a gun. A man who was their medic. A man that one of their officers tried to get kicked out of the army.

For almost two straight days, Desmond Doss, single handedly went in and out of that terrible battle field to evacuate the wounded and dying. He carried, pulled, and dragged, by himself, seventy five men of his platoon, and even a few Japanese soldiers, out of that hell and lowered them down by a rope to the waiting ambulances below the ridge. The men’s lives were

saved by the coward, the despised medic, who literally tied their helpless bodies to his own and lowered them down from the ridge.

This is what Christ has done for all of us. Christ has come to rescue us from this horrible slavery by tying himself to us. He does this first, by taking on our human flesh and blood. For only someone under the law can redeem those under the law. So the eternal Son of God makes himself into a mortal man to redeem mortal men. Then, though despised and forsaken by those he came to save, he nonetheless comes to save us by living a perfect life in the sight of God in our place, and then by taking from us the sins that must be punished. As the great Christmas hymn sings, "He serves that I a lord may be – a great exchange indeed! Could Jesus love do more for me to help me in my need! To help me in my need!"

And God, the great judge, has accepted this defense. He has shown his acceptance of it by raising Christ from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavenly realm. Now, now all of us can say to the devil, who accuses us in front of God, this, "Satan, hear this proclamation, I am baptized into Christ! Drop your ugly accusation, I am not so soon enticed! Now that to the font I've travelled, all your power has come unraveled, and against your tyranny, God my Lord unites with me!"

How wonderful! How glorious! How gracious indeed is it that Christ has taken on our human flesh and blood! Children, never roll your eye and complain when your teachers make you memorize these words: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death."

Yes! I am free from the tyranny of Satan. No longer will I believe his lies or be threatened by his accusations. I will instead hide myself in Christ, my brother. There is my defense. There is my pardon. There is my peace.

Amen.

Lawnmowers still needed

The season is winding down, but we still are getting some rains. This means we still have lawn that continues to stay green and grow.

If you are willing and able, Zion does have its own lawnmower. Contact Charlie Hoffman or Jim Janicke to learn the ins and outs of the lawnmower and where to mow. The job takes around an hour a week.

Prayer Group Meeting

Have you heard it said, "Well, all we can do is pray!"? Prayer is NOT a last resort but should be our first line of defense. God has promised to hear us. Matthew 18:20 says, "*where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them*". We also know that PRAYER CHANGES THINGS!

Become a member of our Zion Prayer Group to intercede for our church and fellow believers. See for yourself how prayer can change things.

Prayer group will have a short meeting after services on September 13, 2026, in the Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested, please join us and watch what God can do.

Any questions please contact Annette Jaeger, 320-582-1377 or ajkjaeger26@gmail.com.

Public School Catechism

Public School Catechism will begin on Wednesday, September 9 from 6-7 pm.

On the calendars, it is referred to as PS Catechism, and will follow all school schedules, i.e. no classes during school holidays, etc.

For any questions, contact Pastor Meitner.

eGiving

To be able to relax in the pew without having to worry about getting your offering envelop ready, go to zionwinthrop.com, look under Give and follow the links or text the dollar amount to 844-999-0914 or through the Vanco Mobile app on your cell phone.

September OWLS Meeting

Our local MN Valley Chapter 13 OWLS (Organization of Wels Lutheran Seniors) will be meeting on Monday, September 14, at St. John's Lutheran Church, New Ulm. Fellowship begins at 11:30 AM, subway meal at Noon, devotion at 12:45 PM, followed with a presentation by Heather Huebner on "Chair Exercises."

The costs for the meal and other incidental meal expenses are covered by Thrivent Action Team moneys.

If you have not already signed up to attend, contact Myron Fluegge at 507-359-2424 or flueggemtj@hotmail.com by Wednesday noon, September 9, for a meal count.

Hope you can make it.

New Member Sunday

We welcome all our new members that have joined our church over the past few years. We will celebrate them on Sunday, September 20 with recognition during the 10 am service and fellowship following the service, sponsored by the Zion Ladies Guild.

New members being recognized are Rise Seidl; David & Jolynn Hahn; Bryan Anderson; Keith & Anna Johnson and children Kate, Alice, Holly, Luke, Eliza, Peter and Clara, and Sadie; Joseph Elbert; and Jake and Sophie Prunty.

Dzintra "Cindy" Maria Fenske

June 13, 1945-August 21, 2026

It does not happen often, but there are times certain shut-in members of mine die between visits, and I am not notified. This is often due to simple paperwork oversight and the fact that whatever family remained (if any) did not know of my ministry to her. Such was the case with one dear member of Zion, Dzintra Maria Fenske. Dzintra was born in Riga, Latvia on June 13, 1945, and was called home to her Lord in Morgan, Minnesota at the Glen-Mor Manor Nursing Home on August 21, 2026 after a long period of declining health.

In the absence of a funeral, I feel compelled, as her friend and pastor, to not let her death pass unnoticed. Dzintra led a remarkable life. Born at the end of WWII in Riga, Latvia, Dzintra's mother, having survived the horrors of war and seeing the horrors of Communism coming, left all earthly belongings and whatever family she had left, took her infant daughter, and fled to the west. After coming to a Displaced Persons camp (DP), mother and daughter eventually made their way to the United States, settling first in New Jersey and later in Oklahoma. This combination of native Latvian, New Jersey accent, and Southern drawl gave Dzintra one of the most wonderfully unique accents.

In keeping with the post-WWII America she grew up in, Dzintra anglicized her name to the more American "Cindy." Cindy married four times, and outlived all four of her husbands. Each marriage, though, brought her a little closer to Minnesota, with stops first in Oklahoma, Colorado, and South Dakota, before finally meeting and marrying Dean Fenske of Lafayette, MN in 2008. The losses of her husbands weighed upon her. "Why do those I love and depend upon always seem to be taken from me?" she would ask me often. Particularly painful to her was the tragic death of her infant son, upon whose thoughts she dwelt more and more in the waning years of her life.

Her final years were spent at Glen-Mor Manor after age and infirmity made it impossible to remain on the farm site. In spite of some early trouble with staff over disabling the smoke detectors to allow them to smoke indoors during the winter, the nursing home was a special and wonder-

ful blessing to both Dean and Cindy. Not only were they both given excellent physical and medical care, but they grew closer as a couple, and more importantly, closer to God in their Christian faith. For this, I would especially thank the entire nursing staff at Glen-Mor Manor and the additional spiritual care of Pastors Andrew Schmidt and John Paustian of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Morgan.

The final trial of moving to Glen-Mor caused them to fix their eyes more firmly on Jesus, the author and perfecter of their faith. When Dean died in 2024, Cindy again struggled, but she came through with long talks about forgiveness, grace, heaven, and the joy of resurrection. She so looked forward to the time she spent hearing about Jesus and taking the Holy Sacrament. The simple joy she took at hearing her sins were forgiven when I absolved her after confession was expressed with a simple, but grateful, sigh of relief.

I grew close to this dear woman. She lived such a fascinating life, and yet, for all her travels and adventures, my heart went out to her as she dealt with the pain of lost children and lost spouses. She was a living example of what Paul declared to the Philippians, "I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." (Phil. 4:11-13)

The doctrines of resurrection of the body and final glory are not pie-in-the-sky topics for spiritual navel-gazers, but the most practical and important realities as the pain of living in this world of grief, death, and suffering grows ever more heavy. The doctrine of Christ and the resurrection he won is not something for Easter Sunday alone, but the beating heart of all our hope every day.

On the one hand, I am sad because neither the congregation nor I was allowed to grieve for this dear woman and comfort each other with the comfort we ourselves are comforted with. But on the other, there is nothing that makes me more thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ than that he has brought her across the vale of tears into the glory and peace of the place he has prepared for her.

The rest of the world, in recent days, has mourned the death of Dolly Parton. Accolades from celebrities and millions of fans will pour in, while the world will little note the life of Dzintra. Yet, when I read those wonderful words of that great vision of St. John in Revelation 7:13-17, I am consoled that the glory of the redeemed in heaven is showered equally upon all who enter there, famous or unknown alike, who are robed only in the righteous robes of Christ and cling to them alone for salvation.

Rest in peace, Dzintra Maria Fenske!

(This tribute to Cindy is taken from the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church Facebook posting done by Pastor Paul Meitner: [facebook.com/zionwinthrop](https://www.facebook.com/zionwinthrop))

Luther Prep

From the desks of the Luther Prep Recruitment Staff:

We appreciate all our WELS churches and schools *keeping a pulse* on Luther Prep, one of our ministerial education schools. Together with Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary, LPS is owned and operated by you. Thanks for your continued support. It is such a blessing.

Check out the redesigned [lps.wels.net/future Phoenix](https://lps.wels.net/future-Phoenix) page on our website. Set up a visit, see the different events we offer for WELS grade schools, find usable and sharable resources, and more.

And if you ever have any questions about Luther Prep, please contact our recruitment department, and they will assist in whatever way they can.

Luther Prep is located at 1300 Western Avenue, Wauwatertown, WI 53094.

Serving our Lord with you,

Rev. Tom Moldenhauer
Prof. Damion Glisper
Mrs. Dominique Wrobel
Mrs. Krista Mittelstadt

Sermon Copies

A complimentary copy of the Sunday sermon can be found on the Ushers Table on Sunday mornings when Pastor Meitner is preaching.

He does not promise to follow it word by word, but the general meaning that he preaches can be found in the copy.

Offering Counters Needed

Counting the weekly offering is a very needed volunteer project. Two people are needed each week (on your schedule) to prepare the deposit and record the offering. Training is available.

The job has also been simplified as there are no longer special envelopes.



A Heartfelt Thank You

Prairie Lutheran School of Fairfax greatly appreciated all who participated in their second annual Golf Tournament at Mayflower Golf Course, rural Fairfax on Sunday, August 23. Perfect weather, fun companions and great golfing made for a wonderful day.

Student Organists, Hymnsoft

With students returning to Martin Luther College in September, we will again be treated to Martin Luther College Students Katie Schoeneck and Eliana Geiger playing several times a month during fall season.

An application called Hymnsoft is also being used once or twice a month. There has been a learning curve and the kinks are being ironed out. A thank you to Abigail Meitner for setting up and running the program.

On the Sundays Hymnsoft is used, we need to have the psalm printed out as it is based on our old red hymnal.

Connected to Christ: Prairie Lutheran School is in Season

"I am the vine; you are the branches; if you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."
— John 15:5

This year's theme at Prairie Lutheran School is **"Connected to Christ,"** based on the words of Jesus in John 15:5. What a fitting reminder as we begin another school year! Jesus describes Himself as the vine and us as the branches. Just as a branch must remain connected to the vine to grow and produce fruit, we need to remain connected to Jesus to grow in faith, serve others, and bear fruit in our daily lives.



Here in Minnesota, we like to say that we have four seasons: **fall, winter, spring, and construction.** This summer, Prairie Lutheran School has certainly experienced that fourth season!

At our **Gibbon site**, there are exciting changes taking place. A new

cement area has been added, providing the students with a wonderful space for playing and enjoying the outdoors. The Gibbon building has also received some fresh attention inside. The Pre-K room and hallways have been painted, giving the school a bright and refreshed look as we welcome students back.

At our **Fairfax site**, the construction season has been especially noticeable. The grounds have been torn up as work is underway to replace the sewer line. While construction can sometimes bring dust, dirt, and inconvenience, it is also a sign of progress and investment in our school and its future.

Through all these changes, one thing remains constant: **Prairie Lutheran School is in season**. We are growing, changing, preparing, and looking ahead. But our greatest growth does not come from new cement, fresh paint, or improved sewer lines. Our greatest growth comes from being **connected to Christ**.

So, whether we are walking through a freshly painted hallway in Gibbon, playing on the new cement area, or navigating the construction at Fairfax, may we remember what truly holds Prairie Lutheran School together.

**Serving Him,
Mr. J**

(Macord Johnson, Principal)

God's Treasures July Report

August 13, 2026

We're already down to our final few weeks of summer until school begins. Labor Day is as late as it can be this year, therefore many schools in our area have elected to start the week prior. The kick-off to our school year at God's Treasures is planned for September 8. Six preschoolers graduated and will be moving on to kindergarten, which opens slots for new students who have planned to join us and younger students who will be moving up into the next classroom. September 8 will have that first-day-of-school feeling.

Our summer substitutes are beginning to transition back to their respective schools as well. We would like to give thanks to God for the following teachers who selflessly lightened our load and allowed us flexibility to take time off: Mrs. Mallory Eckstrand (Kindergarten at Immanuel-Hutchinson), Ms. Charlotte Hoffmann (Special Education at Riverbend New Ulm), Mrs. Rachel Lind (Special Education at LeSueur-Henderson), Mrs. Melissa Nehls (Preschool at New Ulm Public), Mrs. Connie Weilage (Grades 1 & 2 at PLS), and Mrs. Katie Wenner (Kindergarten at PLS). Thankfully, we had a good list of subs

Fellowship Hall Rental

To rent the Fellowship Hall and kitchen for family events, please contact Louise at the office for availability. It is on a first-come, first-serve basis, with church events, like funerals taking precedence.

Cost per day is \$35 for members, payable in advance and signing a form with the rules. Non-members must have council approval and have a different rates.

Patriot Pages

Patriot Pages, the weekly information sheets that share what is going on at Prairie Lutheran Schools, is again available on Sundays on the Information Table in the Narthex.

Several copies are available, so feel free to pick one up and take it home to see what is new, and what is being planned.

These will be available weekly through May, 2027.

Meditations

The Daily Devotional, *Meditations*, that is dated August 30 to November 28, 2026 will be available on the Ushers Table in the Narthex. Both regular and large-print versions are available.

We learned that the books are around \$4.75 for the regular version and \$5.75 for the Large Print. If you would consider helping defray the cost, a \$5 bill in the offering plate would be appreciated.

On the Profit and Loss statement, it is noted that we paid a two year subscription to keep costs as low as possible.

Groaner Corner

If you are buying Smart Water for \$6 a bottle, it is not working.

I am working at the 24 hour chess factory. I'm on Knights this week.

Headline: Lingerie Bandit Escapes! Gives Police the Slip!

You can't fight progress, but you can unplug a lot of it.

who we could ask to fill our needs especially after June when we were short one teacher in our toddler classroom. The director will continue to work in the classroom 80% of the time until a more permanent solution is found for our open teaching position.

All the classrooms have had a good fill of the outdoors this summer. Preschool 4 planted a garden in the back of the center, and they are beginning to harvest their fruits. We've taken several walking trips to the Winthrop City Park and library and bus rides to the Sibley County Fair and Gaylord pool. We've definitely taken advantage of all our outdoor play areas for a variety of group activities including weekly chapel! We're exploring other free adventures to utilize our bus pass through the end of August.

As we enter the next school year, keep the families, students, volunteers, teachers, and staff in your prayers. We are confident that the teaching of the Gospel is creating and growing faith in the hearts of our students, many of whom had not previously received the opportunity to know how Jesus continues to wash them clean. We continue to hear stories from parents how our young students are applying God's Word to their lives at home. In 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 we read, "We know that God has chosen you because our gospel did not come to you with mere words, but with power, with the Holy Spirit, and with deep conviction". This makes us confident that lives are being transformed every day at God's Treasures. It's encouraging to know that whenever the Word is spoken, the Holy Spirit is there carrying that message where it needs to go.

Enrollment:

55 total enrolled (includes drop-ins)

45 PT/FT enrolled

11 prospects

Looking ahead:

Implement plan for student classroom changes in September and start dates for new enrollments.

Implement staffing plan that utilizes all the flexibility the State allows for aides in the classroom

Blessings in Christ,
Adam Schmidt
God's Treasures Director

August Council Meeting

Zion Lutheran Council Meeting August 20, 2026

Meeting called to order by Ken Opitz

Additions to Agenda

Transfers and Releases-in Elders Report

Secretary's Minutes

Approved as written

Pastor's Report

Booth at Sibley County Fair

PLS golf coming up

Membership visits – about ¼ of congregation completed

Working on church membership roster

Sent out letters to members that have not attended in awhile

Will follow up by contacting them and encouraging them

Many have already been contacted 3 yrs ago, it is a 6 yr process to give them time before releasing from membership

Pastor will be gone Labor Day weekend

Treasurer's Report

Up to date with MVL, CMO, and PLS

We should fund PLS as a higher priority than CMO

Balance on loan is \$7500: Money given for debt reduction should only go to pay off principal, not interest

Pastor may be able to get health insurance through his wife's job

Report approved subject to audit

Elders Report

Recommend Transfer

Pastor Peter Naumann transfer to St John New Ulm. Motion carried

Recommend Release from membership

Clayton Karg, Arvin Rose, Mrs. Rachel Burchell, Daniel and Sarah Koskela, Kathleen O'Neill, and Gordon Grack. Motion carried

Board of Education

PLS: PreK/K aide is Kaitlyn Becker.

Cooking for God's Treasures: Will talk about in Jan after new cook gets settled into the job

MVL: Dr. Plath will attend October meeting

Over 80 freshman students

God's Treasures: Adam needs more office time to do Admin work. Looking for more aides to help out. Budget concerns for hiring a new teacher. Tuition raised 3%. Need approximately 45 full time students to pay for staff

Trustees

Boiler is fixed and ready to go

Water softener: Thank you to Doug Scherer for fixing the old one

Lights in education wing: Lester Werner is looking into fixing them

Dumpster: Request to look into a screen fence or way of hiding the dumpster

Air Conditioning: Issue with different fan speeds between units, it is being monitored and will be fixed

Hot water in front of church for communion ware: Discussed again, decided not to fix, someone can donate money to fix it if they want to

Old Business

GT scholarship: Committee will meet to discuss options and how to set it up

New Business

Next council meeting September 17

Lindsey Johnson, Council Secretary

July Profit and Loss

Revenue

General Fund Income **\$17,915.19**

Expenditures

Building Upkeep:

Electricity 399.65

Heat 123.67

Insurance 1,518.80

Umbrella Insurance 50.00

Total Building Upkeep **\$2,092.12**

Christian Education:

MVLHS 1,275.00

Prairie Lutheran School \$52,578.29

Total Christian Education **\$53,911.28**

Facilities Expenses:

Copier, Cmptr purch/Maint (2 mo.) 326.88

Miscellaneous (PLS Golf Tourney Sponsor) 100.00

Telephone, Internet 76.78

Waste Disposal 65.20

Total Facilities Expense **\$568.86**

For Our Worship:

Bulletins 168.60

Offering Envelopes & Fees 35.60

Total For Our Worship **\$204.20**

Missions

CMO **\$1,667.00**

Those Who Serve Us:

Janitorial fees 100.00

Organist fees 210.00

Secretary's wage 775.75

Housing 1,730.76

Pastor Housing Equity 90.30

Pastor Health Insurance 3,094.00

Pastor Mileage 591.02

Pastor Salary with SECA Reim. 4,998.84

Payroll Expenses 60.06

Soc Sec./Medi Match Tax Expense 62.89

Workman's Comp. \$122.79

Total Those Who Serve Us **\$11,836.41**

Interest Expense

Bank Loan Interest 88.00

Total General Expenses: \$70,367.87

Net Operating Loss -\$52,452.68

Trust Fund Transfer \$52,578.29

Net Operating Revenue \$125.61

September Events

Sept. 1- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 10:30 am God's Treasures (GT) Chapel; 2 pm Opening PLS Service at Immanuel, Gibbon
Sept. 3- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism
Sept. 3-7- Pastor Meitner and family on vacation
Sept. 4- No School at PLS
Sept. 6- 9:30 am Worship with Pastor Steven Bauer
Sept. 7- Labor Day
Sept. 8- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 10:30 am GT Chapel
Sept. 9- 6-7 pm Public School (PS) Catechism
Sept. 10- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 6:30 pm GT Board Meeting
Sept. 11-8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-8 Hymnology
Sept. 12- 10 am Bayside Manor, Gaylord
Sept. 13- 8:45 am Sunday School Family Food & Fellowship kickoff; 9 am Bible Class; 10 am Worship with installation of Sunday School Teachers and Communion
Sept. 14-11:30 am OWLS Meeting at St. John's, New Ulm
Sept. 15- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 10:30 am GT Chapel
Sept. 16- 10:30 am The Lodge service with Communion; 6-7 pm PS Catechism
Sept. 17- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 6 pm Elders meet; 7 pm Council
Sept. 18- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-8 Hymnology
Sept. 19-5 pm St. John, Fairfax, Block Party and Pie Contest
Sept. 20- 10 am Worship/New Member Sunday
Sept. 22- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 10:30 am GT Chapel
Sept. 23- Treasure Haus Day in New Ulm -help needed! 6-7 pm PS Catechism
Sept. 24- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS Catechism; Noon Deadline for Oct. Calendar and Newsletter
Sept. 25- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-8 Hymnology
Sept. 29- 8:20 am Pastor at PLS with Grades 5-6 Catechism; 10:30 am GT Chapel
Sept. 30- 6-7 pm PS Catechism

Santa's Helpers of Sibley County

Please look for jars and boxes at business for donations to the Santa's Helpers of Sibley County. This non-profit 501c3 organization is beginning it's 13th year to help provide struggling families and veterans of Sibley County a more joyful holiday season. Your help is needed to make the program successful.

The drive for new and unwrapped toys will be December 8 from 8:30 am-6 pm and December 9. from 8:30 am-4 pm at American Lutheran Church in Gaylord.

Needed items thus far are Babies, 1-3 Boys and Girls, 4-7 Boys and Girls, 8-16 Boys and Girls, puzzles/games, stuffed animals, mittens, gloves, hats, wrapping paper, gift bags, scotch tape, care packages for veterans (word search books, puff corn, body wash, etc.) If you have questions, please email santashelperssibleycounty@gmail.com or call 507-299-0073.

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