

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church

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...Our Mission Continues



Reformation *Sunday*

October 28, 2018

9:00 A.M.

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God – not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.” (Ephesians 2: 8-10)

Saved and Redeemed in Christ!

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Scripture & Faith & Grace

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PASTOR'S NORMAL WEEKDAY

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, Wednesday.....9:30-2:30

Thursday.....9:30-12:30

Friday.....12:00-2:30

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GOD WORKS IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS

As I get older, the saying “God works in mysterious ways” is becoming much less a mere platitude for me and much more a powerful statement of divine truth. Biblically speaking, we see this truth throughout the Holy Bible, from the Old Testament to the New Testament. In particular, this mysterious truth is clearly apparent in God’s use of very unlikely historical people to achieve God’s ends for the sake of his believers and followers. For instance, King Cyrus the Great of the Persian Empire comes to mind.

The Kingdom of Judah was the last remaining Israelite kingdom in the Promised Land, but in 589 BC, King Nebuchadnezzar II of the Babylonian Empire laid siege to Jerusalem, utterly destroying it and its Holy Temple in the summer of 587 BC. However, in 539 BC, God used King Cyrus the Great of the Persian Empire to release the Jews from their captivity in Babylon and let them return to their beloved Jerusalem in the Promised Land, decreeing that the Jerusalem Temple be rebuilt. This edict is fully reproduced in the Book of Ezra:

EZRA 6:3-5

In the first year of King Cyrus of Persia, the king issued a decree: "Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the temple, the place where sacrifices are offered, be rebuilt and let its foundations be retained, its height being 60 cubits and its width 60 cubits; with three layers of huge stones and one layer of timbers. And let the cost be paid from the royal treasury. Also let the gold and silver utensils of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took from the temple in Jerusalem and brought to Babylon, be returned and brought to their places in the temple in Jerusalem; and you shall put them in the house of God."

Because of this, the Jews honored Cyrus with the sacred title “Anointed One,” making him the only Gentile (non-Jew) to receive this title. And elsewhere in the Book of Isaiah, God is described as saying, "I will raise up Cyrus... He will rebuild my city and set my exiles free, but not for a price or reward, says God Almighty" (Isaiah 45:13).

The historical events concerning King Cyrus the Great of Persia and the People of Israel are just one example of many in which we see the mysterious ways of God working through unlikely and unexpected people to bring greater peace and justice — and to ultimately accomplish God’s purposes of eternal salvation for a sinful and fallen humanity. In the case of King Cyrus, God used a pagan Gentile emperor to bless the Israelites and their Holy City of Jerusalem.

Again, King Cyrus is only one example of this because the Bible is filled to overflowing with examples of God’s mysterious work in using unlikely, unexpected and deeply flawed individuals to further God’s purposes. Of course, this includes the various flawed biblical heroes from Abraham to Moses, and from David to Peter and Paul. However, this also includes the biblical anti-heroes like Cyrus the Great.

Even today, God continues to work in mysterious ways through unlikely and flawed people, through unexpected turns and directions in life, and through you and me. The older I get, the more I see the truth of this within all aspects of our lives. For as the famous “Tapestry” poem declares, “[Our] life is but a weaving” and “[we], in foolish pride, forget God sees the upper and [we] the underside.” And then the great promise of the Lord is articulated in this poem with the words, “Not ‘til the loom is silent, and the shuttles cease to fly, will God unroll the tapestry and explain the reason why.”

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you!

Together in Christ,
Pastor Tim

CHURCH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Here are some of the items discussed at the SEPTEMBER Church Council meeting:

- ◆ Sharon presented the bill from the city of Greenfield for the road construction. Adoration is responsible for \$15,229.02 with an interest rate of 3.41%. Sean McGinty made a motion to make payments on the loan over a ten year period. Sandy Eigner second the motion, motion carried.
- ◆ The budget request sheets are due for the next Finance Committee meeting. The committee meeting is scheduled for October 8. Forms are needed no later than October 7.
- ◆ To date we have spent \$823.70 on 19 gallons of paint for the painting project. This includes 30-35% savings. There was an anonymous donor that donated \$750 for the painting project. Dan Stefanski is going to ask for \$600 to come from the fund, the remainder Dan will cover the cost. This year our goal is to work on the front of the church. Council members would like to thank everyone involved with the painting project.
- ◆ October 6 is scheduled for church fall clean-up! We will concentrate on cleaning the windows inside and outside, move the gravel, trim around the shed, give the front walk a good weeding, and miscellaneous items.
- ◆ We will be having a "Trunk or Treat" again this year from 2-4PM on October 28!
- ◆ Rally Sunday brunch had 59 members attend. \$109 was collected for a free will offering, and this money will be designated for the General Fund.
- ◆ October 13 there will be a Synodical RIC Summit for congregations.
- ◆ Sandy Eigner read the report from Judy Johnson to the Council for the purchase of ceramic Chalices. George and Gloria Becker have offered to buy two replacement Chalices. Sandy moved that the Council approve the request. Tania seconded the motion, and motioned carried. Also, the Council agreed that the Special Gifts & Memorials Committee is needed.
- ◆ Tania Beyler has asked 3 members to perform stewardship temple talks for October and November. The temple talks will occur October 21, 28, and November 4. October 11 will be next Stewardship meeting.

For more information on any or all of these items, please check the complete minutes of the meeting posted on the kiosk in the Gathering Space or contact one of your Council representatives.



STEWARDSHIP 2018 — “IS IT I LORD?”

*Fall is almost upon us which means our stewardship program will begin soon. Stewardship is a time for each of us to reflect on how we contribute to our church -- in time and talent as well as monetarily. This year, our theme is “IS IT I LORD?”. The short answer to this question is **YES**. Hopefully, in the coming weeks, each of us will take time to reflect on the long answer.*

Stewardship giving material will be mailed out the week of October 29. Take time to reflect and pray about how you will answer God’s call.

Commitment Sunday will be held on November 11, 2018. Not so coincidentally, this is the same day as our budget meeting. We hope all members will be able to attend this important meeting.

*Bob Yersin
Stewardship Committee*



OUR ADORATION FAMILY



BIRTHDAYS

10/02	Kathy Albrecht
10/02	Justin Singleton
10/02	Michael Ziolkowski
10/03	Jayne Bednar
10/03	Sophia Cwiklinski
10/04	Hilary Singleton
10/05	Anand Kumar
10/09	Autumn Wilding
10/11	Michael Kerlin
10/13	Jessica Hodgson
10/16	Betty Lazaris
10/18	Donald Weinert
10/19	Ty Behling
10/20	Jaclyn Kuzminski
10/23	Zackary Kerlin
10/24	Tyler Lang
10/26	David Cason
10/28	Dawn Davenport
10/28	Janette Kumar
10/31	Heather Stanic



What: 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat

When: Sunday, October 28th from 2pm – 4pm

Where: Adoration Parking Lot and Fellowship Hall

Looking for a FUN afternoon? Come and join us on Sunday for our Trunk or Treat event! What is Trunk or Treat? "Trunk or Treat is an event, typically held in the parking lot of a school, church, or community center, in which a group of trusted adults decorate the trunks of their cars for Halloween and pass out candy to children of friends and family. It makes for a safer environment (with less walking) and allows you to host even more fun, like contests and games." The Trunk or Treat will be in the church parking lot and everyone will be invited to come inside the fellowship hall for snacks, games, and crafts. We need volunteers to decorate their cars and hand out candy. We also need volunteers to help in the kitchen and running games. If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact Jessica Dudzik. The more families that participate the more fun it will be!



Fall Clean-Up October 6

Can you lend a hand for a couple hours on Saturday to help us clean-up the church and church grounds? We will begin at 9:00 AM and finish up by noon. See Jim Haas for questions.

Pastor Appreciation Day Sunday, October 14

Help us celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day during and after worship. Come and enjoy a piece of cake, designed by Barb Regent after the service.

ANNIVERSARIES

10/09	Justin & Natasha Sneesby
10/19	Joe & Joani Bettin
10/21	Sean & Janet McGinty
10/25	Jay & Kerry Lindahl
10/30	Randy & Lisa Voegeli

AAA Members

Mark your calendar for our next meetings and events:

October 2

Meeting at 3:00 PM

Organ Piper Pizza to follow meeting

October 9

Tour of Veteran Village in Racine

November 6

Meeting at 1:00 PM

December 4

Christmas Party potluck lunch at Noon

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

On September 23, 2018

Nicholas Cwiklinski

son of

Jeff and Kerri Cwiklinski

was baptized into Christ.



*"Children are a gift from the Lord,
they are a reward from Him..."*
(Psalm 127:3)

New Membership Class

Pastor Tim is offering two dates for our next membership class. October 17 at 7:00 PM and October 20 at 10:00 AM. Anyone who is looking for a new church home should see Pastor Tim or call the church office to register for one of these up coming classes.

Our Sympathy

is extended to the family and friends of Marie Mueller. Marie was called home to be with the Lord on September 3. A Memorial Service was held at Adoration on September 29. May the Lord comfort all who mourn.

SAVE THE DATE

Advent by Candlelight Sunday, November 25

Join us for fellowship and reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for Christ's birth. If you are interested in hosting a table for this event, please contact Janet McGinty (jlmcginty@tds.net or call 414-699-5989).

FUN AT THE CHURCH PICNIC!



Delicious Food!



Great Fellowship!



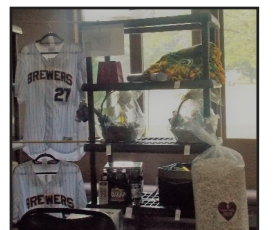
BINGO!



Fun & Games!



Silent Auction!



PARTNERS IN MINISTRY—MERU & MULALA

KIKWE WATER PROJECT UPDATE

The climate conditions in Meru have always been difficult, not unlike many tropical areas Meru typically experiences a dry season and a rainy season. During the rainy season, there has been enough rain to sustain crops and farm animals, but the dry season has been difficult to manage. This has been made much worse after several years of drought even during the rainy season. Most homes have no running water and many have to travel long distances to bring water to their homes for basic necessities for themselves, their crops and their animals.



Recognizing the need in 2013, The Meru Committee applied for a grant to provide a water source to Kikwe, Karengai, and Maweni villages in southern Meru. The grant was approved by the Synod Council with funds made available from the sale of synod property.

In collaboration with the Tanzanian Water Ministry, it was decided to tap into the Tenguru Springs at the base of Mt. Meru and run a six-inch underground pipeline from the spring to a refurbished cistern in Kikwe Village located 2.3 km away. With several access points provided, the residents to have a convenient source of fresh and safe drinking water. This was an unusual and creative approach as most of the water is provided by deep wells. However,



because of unstable formations and toxic levels of fluoride which caused our first attempt at a well to fail, the pipeline approach was selected.



The project was completed early this year and was formally dedicated this past August while Bishop Paul and other members of the delegation were visiting Meru. Joining the Milwaukee group were Bishop Kitoi, members of his staff, Pastor Mbise from Kikwe Parish, and residents of Kikwe. The keynote speaker was Representative Joshua Nassari, the local representative to the Tanzanian Parliament. He expressed his gratitude for the financial, technical, and administrative support for this project.

The pipeline and cistern will serve over 15,000 people, and according to Representative Nassari “provides more than just water” to Kikwe. With water more readily available farmers have more time to work their fields, others have more time to work, and it is much easier for students to attend school. Further, along with the new paved highway additional economic development is now possible.

The next phase of our vision is to extend the pipeline to Karengai, which is another 12 km, but will serve an additional 20,000 residents. The cost range is between \$70,000 and \$90,000, of which we have 25% to 30% of the required funds. We are seeking partners to help us reach our needs.

A complex project like this required patience and trust. We had failures along the way, but with that trust, our faith in God, and willingness to walk in accompaniment with our brothers and sisters in Meru, we have made a huge difference in many lives.

If you would like to help or learn more about this initiative, please contact Dave Chappell from the Meru Committee or the synod office.

Written by Dave Chappell, from the Meru Committee of the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

Submitted by Janet McGinty, Partnership Committee



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Together, we touch lives!

Lutheran World Relief

Thank you for your donations of school supplies! Your gifts to Lutheran World Relief give children in need a chance to succeed in school. Special thanks to Judy Goodwin for coordinating and organizing the school supplies. Our donations will be delivered on the 13th of October.

Love Thy Neighbor Foundation Supported by SW Interfaith

Is a non-profit organization with the mission "To empower seniors to stay at home and provide information to make that possible."

The informative workshops are FREE to all and scheduled on an ongoing basis. Light snacks, coffee and water provided.

Workshops are held from 3:00-4:30 PM at the Greendale American Legion Post 416 (6351 W. Grange Avenue, Greendale).

- ◆ October 18 Legal documents, planning ahead by attorney John Talsky
- ◆ November 15 Ask the Pharmacist
- ◆ December 20 Caregivers Support

See Judy Goodwin, our Southwest Representative for questions.

Churches Caring Together Saturday, October 13

In celebration of our eternal ties to each other as Christians, the churches of the "Green Corners" (Greendale, Greenfield, Hales Corners) are coming together for a Day of Service to our community. This event is an opportunity to engage in Christ-like charitable service and also a great opportunity to share fellowship, food and fun with our brothers and sisters of the various branches of the Christian Faith. This year, we will volunteer with Habitat for Humanity. All our welcome, however you must be age 16 or older to sign up. Simply go to: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index> to register. Use join code "GCEG" when prompted. Or call Beth Van Gorp of Habitat at 414-316-5615.

Divine Intervention

A big thank you to our AAA Members for serving dinner to our homeless neighbors on Tuesday, October 9.

ELCA World Hunger

Congregational giving makes up the largest percentage of giving. Your special offerings help the ELCA respond to the needs of communities in the United States and around the world. **Year-to-Date offerings \$2,081.12**
Thank you!



Wall of Crosses

We have 2 new crosses added to our wall from George & Gloria Becker.

The Lutherose Cross is a small simple, unfinished wooden cross purchased in Regensburg, Germany. It was made and sold to commemorate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The inscription is in German. It reads: "Only because of our faith is Grace given to us."

The Brown Wooden Cross was purchased at the Gottweig Abbey located a short distance from Vienna, Austria. The Abbey was founded as a monastery in 1083. At that time it housed a school, huge library and nunnery. In 1718 it burnt to the ground and was later rebuilt in grander scale on the exact site.

Since 1625 the Abbey has become the home of Benedictine Monks. The monks take great pride in supporting themselves by farming many acres of apricot orchards. From the apricots they sell numerous wines sold under the Stift Gottweig label which is sold throughout Europe.

Thank you George & Gloria for your generous and beautiful additions!

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Wednesday Evening.....6:15 PM

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Living in God's love we share the good news of Jesus through spirited worship, serving God in our daily lives, creating a welcoming space to all, providing outreach, educating the young and old, and creating worldwide partnerships.

Reconciling in Christ:

Adoration Evangelical Lutheran Church identifies itself as a "Reconciling in Christ" congregation and publicly welcomes all persons to full membership and participation in the ministry we share without regard to race, ethnicity, social status, ability, gender identity or sexual orientation.

KIDS PAGE



The gift of grace

God's grace is a free gift, not something we can earn on our own. How do we have this gift?

Directions: Complete the Bible verse by placing the capital letters from the gifts on the blanks below.

F	U	O	R	L	t	A	s	W	v	w	G
I	x	V	p	E	N	M	q	O	S	a	r
E	r	S	e	G	R	m	A	C	E	d	T
R	U	n	T	H	T	H	R	k	O	U	G
H	J	J	E	S	f	U	S	u	C	O	H
R	b	I	y	p	S	T	J	O	i	H	N

" _____ the _____ was _____ and
 through _____ ; _____ and
 _____ came _____
 _____ " _____
 _____ 1:17, NIV

Answer: "For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." John 1:17, NIV