

St. John's Epistle

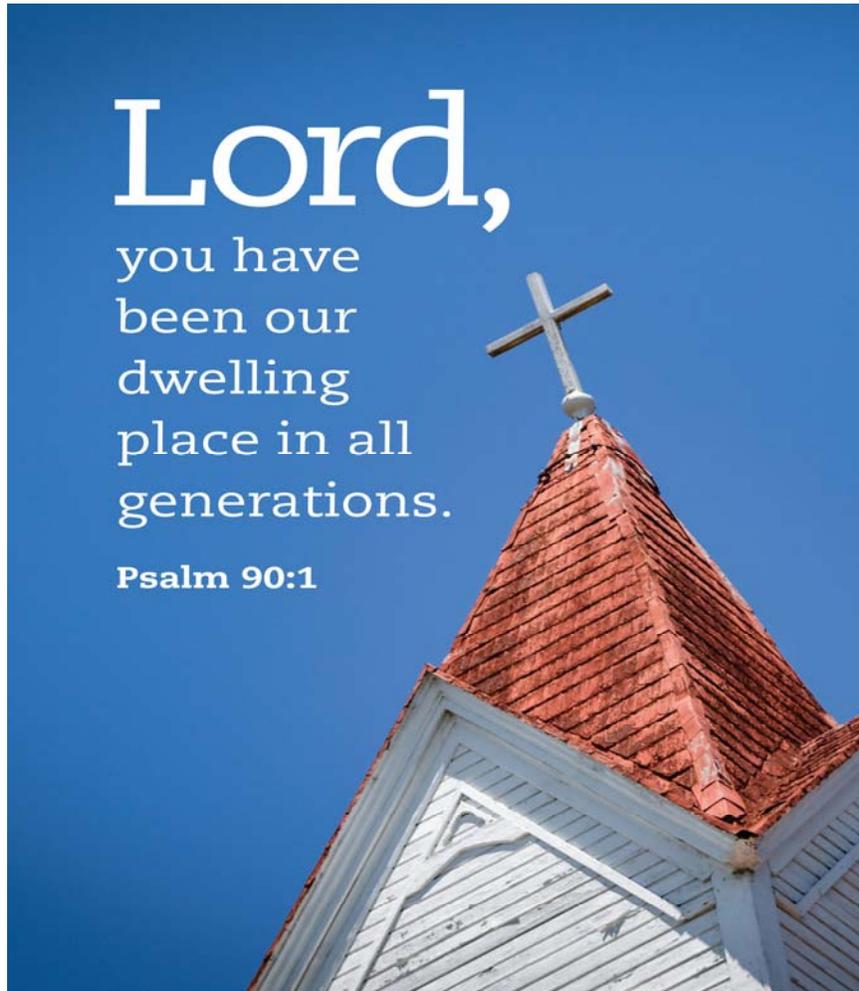
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Lord,

you have
been our
dwelling
place in all
generations.

Psalm 90:1



Heartbeat

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by His blood, to be received by faith. (Romans 3:21-25)

No one knows better how important the heart is to the body than someone who has a heart problem. The heart gives the body what it needs. It circulates nutrients and oxygen so cells stay alive. If the heart isn't working properly many complications can and will arise.

At the heart of the Reformation is the scriptural teaching of justification by grace for Christ's sake through faith. This teaching provides life for the church at all times. When this teaching is center in the church, a healthy church worships, obeys, serves, and grows. When it is neglected, the church is threatened.

The church has neglected the article of justification a number of times. When Paul wrote Romans, inspired by God, the same thing was going on. Paul's opponents held up the Law as the means of salvation. During Luther's time it was the same way. The whole point is that mankind can't gain salvation through works. The Law isn't a means of justification before God. If we think our giving, serving, witnessing, and church-involvement will justify us, we grow self-righteous or despair. In both cases, we miss the blessing of Jesus Christ.

What Paul wrote is we **“all sin and fall short of the glory of God.”** He meant that no matter what we do, how hard we try, what we accomplish, we can never make ourselves righteous in the eyes of God. Some might seem to come closer than others, but no one can live a holy life. In fact, scripture shouts everywhere that we are far away from the perfection that the Law requires. That's why we need help from God. That's why our loving Father sent Jesus Christ.

The term justify is used throughout scripture to denote a verdict, a forensic act whereby a person is declared righteous, reckoned to be righteous, absolved or forgiven. It is only through the work of Jesus Christ where this happens. Our Lord Jesus lived a perfect life. He went to the cross and died for all of our sins. Because of Jesus, God declares us not guilty. He gives us faith in Christ's death and resurrection. As a result, we are justified by grace. Our spiritual hearts beat strong and we serve our Lord. The Church's heart beats strong too, and the Gospel goes out to the world.

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S. Zandi

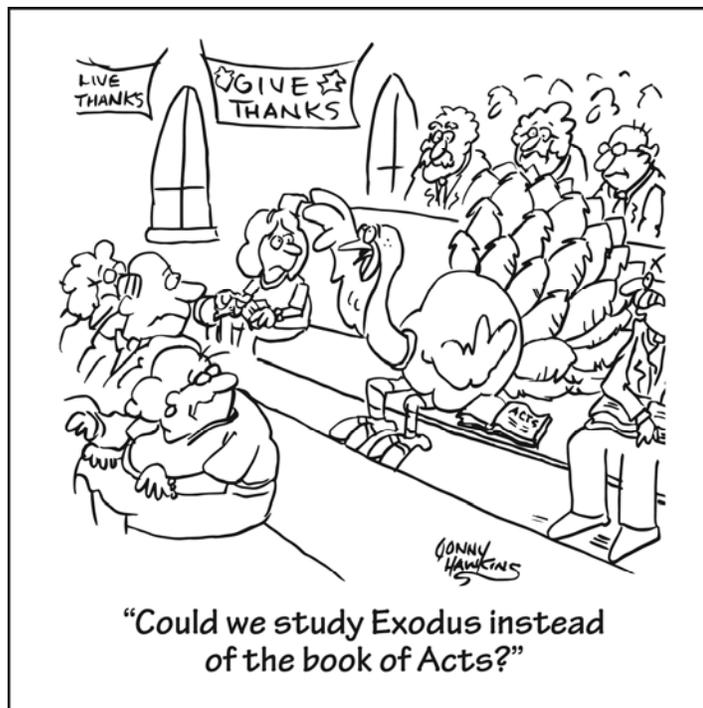
What Luther says:

In a sort of discursive appendix to his exposition of Gal. 3:2 (1535-38). Luther says that in the Book of Acts, too, the stress is on justification *sola fide*, through faith alone.

The entire book of Acts speaks of nothing else but that Jews as well as Gentiles, the righteous as well as the unrighteous, are justified only by faith (*sola fide*) in Christ Jesus, without the Law and works. The sermons of the apostles, Peter, Paul, Stephen, Philip, and others show this, as well as the examples of the Gentiles and the Jews. For just as God by the preaching of the Gospel gave the Holy Ghost to the Gentiles, who lives without the Law, so He gave Him also to the Jews, not through the Law, not through the ceremonies and sacrifices prescribed in the Law, but through the preaching of faith alone. Now if the Law had been able to justify, and the righteousness of the Law had been necessary for salvation, then the Holy Ghost would certainly not have been given to the Gentiles, who had not kept the Law. (WLS, p 702)

In His Exposition of John 16:3 the Reformer points out the intimate relation that exists between this teaching and all the doctrines of Scripture.

There is this about the article of grace that if one diligently and sincerely remains loyal to it, it keeps one from falling into heresy and from undertaking anything against Christ or His Christendom. For with it comes the Holy Spirit, who enlightens the heart by it and keeps it in the true, certain understanding, so that it is able precisely and plainly to distinguish and judge all the other articles of faith and forcefully to sustain and defend them. One plainly sees this in the ancient fathers. When they remained loyal to this article, based their doctrines on it, and drew them from it, they remained altogether pure in all articles. However, when they departed from it and argued without it, they, too, went wrong and stumbled badly... For when the knowledge of Christ is gone, the sun has lost his brightness, and darkness supreme reigns. Then one can no longer correctly understand, and one cannot protect oneself against any error of false doctrine of the devil. (WLS p. 730)



ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Acolytes: *Ushers*

Altar Guild: *Dana Woebbeking*

Finance: *Judy Bishop & Glen Hoople*

Fellowship: *Board of Evangelism*

Worship Assistants for November – Sunday Services at 9AM

Sunday, Nov 5	<p>Elder: Randy Scott</p> <p>Greeter: Judy & DeDe Bishop</p> <p>Ushers: Team 2: Gary Hahn, Glen Hoople, Dave Kmosena, Mike Kuchta, Stu Pask, Jim Rodd</p>
Sunday, Nov 12 <i>Caring & Sharing</i>	<p>Elder: Darrell Kuchta</p> <p>Greeters: Ray & Eunice Yurko</p> <p>Ushers: Team 3: Dennis Flater, Captain, Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Bill Myers</p>
Sunday, Nov 19 <i>LWML</i> <i>Mites Ingathering</i>	<p>Elder: Alden Hook</p> <p>Greeters: Bonnie Plockelman</p> <p>Ushers: Team 4: Sam Barg, Adam Barg, John Monnier, Chuck Perenchio, Gene Zillmer</p>
Wednesday, Nov 22 <i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	<p>Elder: Alden Hook</p> <p>Ushers: Team 5: Jim Kuchta, Captain, Gary Drohman, Don Josi, Dave Thompson, Russ Thompson</p>
Sunday, Nov 26 <i>Stewardship</i> <i>Charity of the Month</i>	<p>Elder: Sam Barg</p> <p>Greeters: Gene & Deb Zillmer</p> <p>Ushers: Team 1: Dave Scott, Captain, Dave Kuchta, Jordan Pask, Vic Plockelman</p>

A Night to Remember

St. John's will again be hosting "A Night to Remember", our annual outreach event to start the Advent Season on Friday, December 1st at 6pm. An evening for women to share a light meal and fellowship focused on the true meaning of Christmas with their friends, co-workers, relatives, and neighbors in a softly lit, relaxed Christmas setting. The message of our Savior's birth, church program, music, and the lyrics of our soloist, always makes this "a night to remember". The committee is looking for 10-12 members to host a table. Hostess duties include decorating a table and providing a dessert for your guests. Many of St. John's ladies enjoy and look forward to planning their individual festive table and favorite dessert! And their guests love it too! If you would like to hostess, please contact Shelley Barg, JoAnne Phetteplace, or Diane Rodd. Hostess or guest, please plan to attend!



Friday, December 1st

Doors open at 5:15pm

Dinner at 6:00pm

St. John's Lutheran Church

Cost: \$5.00

*~ Ladies, join us for a relaxing evening of
food and fellowship focused on the
Nativity of our Lord Jesus ~*

Contact Dianne Rodd, JoAnne Phetteplace or Shelley Barg for additional information or to purchase tickets.
Ticket sales begin Sunday, November 12th - seating is limited.

**The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday
is November 14th**

**This is your opportunity to show you care
for the hungry in our community by making a donation to
the Hope Food Pantry or show your concern
for the hungry children in our community by making
a donation to the
Back Pack Program.**



CRAFTY STITCHERS

Crafty Stitchers is a group of people who get together to work on their craft projects and enjoy conversation and prayer. You may work on your own project or a service project such as prayer shawls, lap robes, etc.

This group will meet on Saturday November 18th from 10AM-Noon. All are welcome—crafters of any skill level.

Rada Knives

If you are interested in purchasing Rada Knives, please contact Lorraine Flohr at 715-532-5095. All proceeds go to the St. John's Ladies Aid. Orders are processed quickly!

They make great wedding gifts.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
November 2017			1 8:30-11:30 Preschool 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	2 7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study 8:30-11:30 Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake	Fall Bazaar Nov. 3 & 4 Friday 9AM-2PM Saturday 9AM-1PM 	
5 <i>Celebrate preschool's 30 years</i> 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM Sunday school 11:15AM Elder Meeting	6 No Preschool	7 8:30-11:30 Preschool 9:00AM Quilters 6:00PM Worship Committee	8 8:30-11:30 Preschool 1:00PM Ladies Aid 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	9 8:30-11:30 Preschool 7:00PM Monthly Bible Study	10	11
12 <i>Caring & Sharing</i> 8:15AM Board of Finance 9:00AM Worship + HC 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM Sunday School	13 8:30-11:30 Preschool	14 8:30-11:30 Preschool 9:00AM Quilters 9:00AM Circuit Meeting Sheldon, WI 11:30AM Birthday Tuesday - Ladysmith Family Rest. 5:30PM BOCE/YM 6:15PM Evangelism-Stewardship meeting	15 8:30-11:30 Preschool 1:00PM Rachel Circle 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	16 7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study 8:30-11:30 Preschool 10:00AM Thrift Store – Rice Lake	17	18 10:00-2:00 Crafty Stitchers
19 <i>LWML Mites Ingathering</i> 8:45AM Hymn Sing 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM Sunday school	20 4:30PM Ladies Bible Study	21 9:00AM Quilters 6:00PM Council NEWS LETTER ITEMS DUE TODAY!	22 6:00PM Worship with Holy Communion	23 Thanksgiving Day <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> The church office is closed Thursday & Friday </div>	24	25 4:00PM <i>Decorate for Advent/ Christmas & potluck meal</i>
26 <i>Stewardship Charity of the Month</i> 9:00AM Worship + HC 10:00AM Fellowship 10:30-11:30AM Bible Study 10:30-11:30AM Sunday school	27 8:30-11:30 Preschool	28 8:30-11:30 Preschool 9:00AM Quilters	29 8:30-11:30 Preschool 6:30PM Confirmation 7:00PM Choir	30 7:00AM Men's Breakfast & Study 8:30-11:30 Preschool	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Meals on Wheels </div>	

Advent/Christmas Decorating

Saturday, November 25th beginning
at 4:00pm



Join in the fun as we beautify St. John's for the upcoming
Advent and Christmas seasons.

Bring your favorite dish to pass - a potluck supper will be
held in the fellowship hall for everyone attending.

Birthday Tuesdays! The November birthday luncheon will be on Tuesday, November 14th, 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Restaurant. **All are welcome!**



Men's Breakfast and Study
Backdoor Café
Thursdays, November 2nd, 16th, & 30th
At 7:00 AM

Please, when leaving your aluminum cans, that is all we can recycle! We cannot take aluminum foil, plates, etc.; aluminum cans only! Thanks for your assistance.

ONGOING COLLECTIONS

- ◆ Aluminum cans for Preschool
- ◆ Canceled Stamps (LWML)
- ◆ Paper for recycling
- ◆ Greeting cards
- ◆ Milk Moola™ caps and bag tops
- ◆ Used eye glasses



RECYCLING PAPER

We have an ongoing paper recycling project for the congregation with help from the Deborah Circle. Items to be recycled: Stationery, envelopes, mail, notebook paper - **no newspaper material!**

Bundle or bag magazines.
Paperback books are also recyclable.

Keep magazines separate from the other paper items.
Thank you for helping!



November 20, 2017 4:30PM
 Ladies Bible Study :Jesus Christ Above All" page 22
 in Fall issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. If
 you don't receive the Quarterly and would like a
 copy of the Bible Study, see Paula Hook

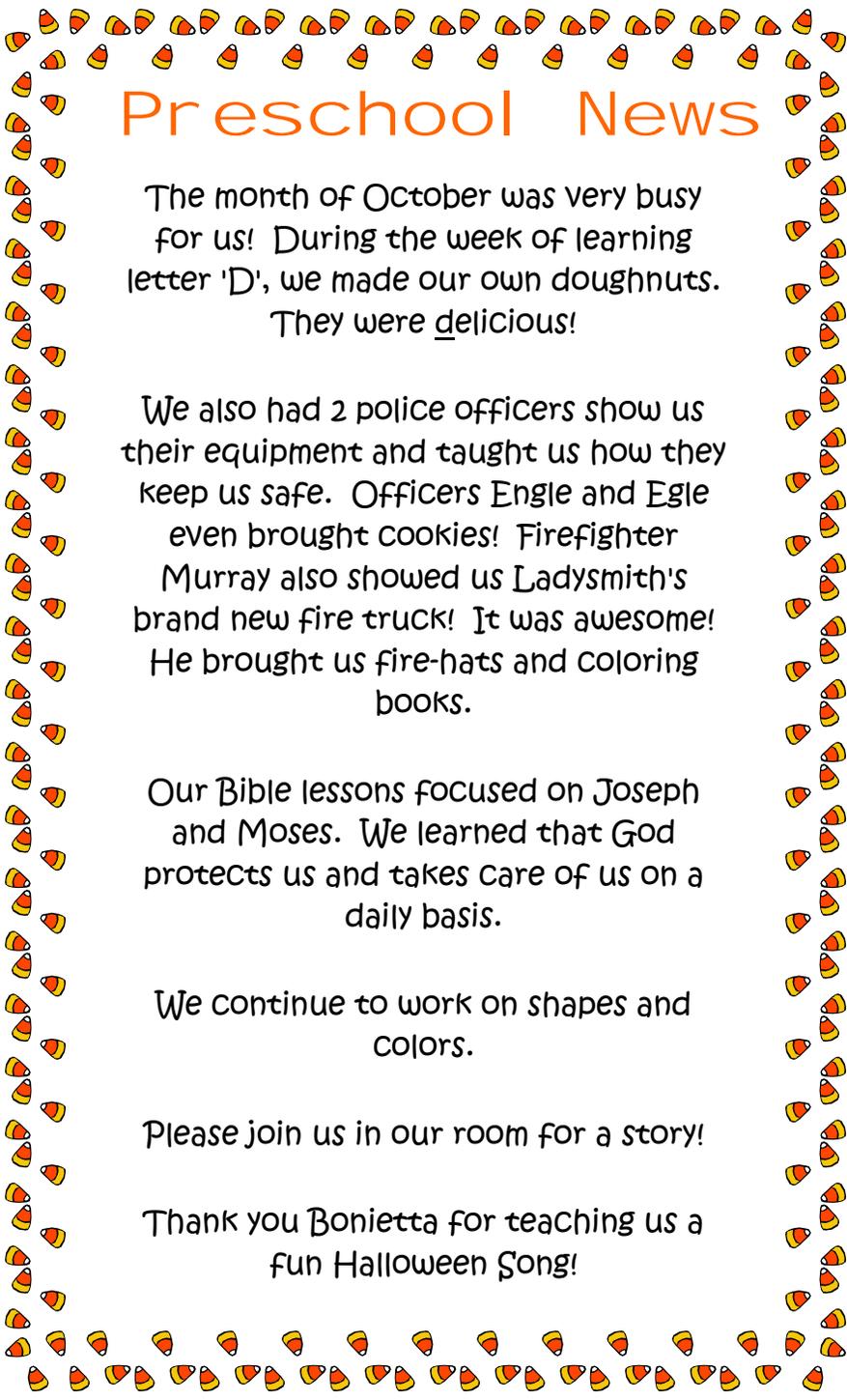


Mercy House for Women and Children **Franklin Avenue Mission, Flint, Michigan** 2017–2019 Mission Grant 2 — \$100,000



Future home for women and children — an extension of Franklin Avenue Mission. The Mission purchased this abandoned house adjacent to its site where interior demolition is completed. Plans are underway to redesign, remodel and add on to the structure.

The Franklin Avenue Mission in Flint, Michigan, has purchased a residence next door to the mission, and is seeking funds to redesign, renovate, refurbish, and furnish the residence. Named Mercy House for Women and Children, the facility will house six to eight homeless, pregnant, and/or abused women and their children. Located in one of the poorest cities in America, the home will attempt to break the cycle of poverty and decrease the potential for abuse, by housing women and children in a safe, caring, Christian environment, where the best practices of parenting and relationship building can be modeled and taught.



Preschool News

The month of October was very busy for us! During the week of learning letter 'D', we made our own doughnuts. They were delicious!

We also had 2 police officers show us their equipment and taught us how they keep us safe. Officers Engle and Egle even brought cookies! Firefighter Murray also showed us Ladysmith's brand new fire truck! It was awesome! He brought us fire-hats and coloring books.

Our Bible lessons focused on Joseph and Moses. We learned that God protects us and takes care of us on a daily basis.

We continue to work on shapes and colors.

Please join us in our room for a story!

Thank you Bonietta for teaching us a fun Halloween Song!

St. John's Christian Preschool

Celebrates 30 years



Kids from our preschool along with their parents and hopefully some past graduates will join us for worship on **Sunday, November 5th** as we celebrate 30 years of sharing God's love with youth throughout our community.

Everyone is invited to wear their St. John's Christian Preschool shirt to church on this day.

Cake and Ice Cream will be served in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.



STEWARDSHIP

*A godly attitude in using our time, talents,
and treasures for Christ and His Kingdom.*

November Charity of the Month—On November 26th, our charity will be **Shop-with-a-cop**. Please use the designated envelope from your packs and mark on them the charity for that month. Only monies that are specifically designated will go to that charity.

If you have any questions about the Charity of the Month, please speak with a member of the Stewardship Board. Members are:

Lois Hoople
Paul Teska

Marie Perenchio
Dana Woebeking

Submit Your Information!

**Respect the
Deadline!**



ITEMS FOR BULLETINS are due on Tuesday by close of day each week (unless indicated otherwise in bulletins due to holidays). **Newsletter items are due** in the office no later than close of day on the Tuesday preceding the last Sunday of

the month.

E-mail to: stjohnladysmith@centurylink.net (preferred method).

Don't forget that **LARGE PRINT bulletins** and **newsletters** are available for those who need them.

Contact the office to get your name on the list!



NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Vic Plockelman
- 2 Steve Morgan
- 4 Kathleen Richardson
- 6 Don Josi
- 9 Chelsey Edge, Paul McEathron
- 10 Robin Schaefer
- 11 Gavin Boehmer, Jane Burch, Paul Otto
- 13 Millie Baxter
- 16 Steve Veness
- 17 Ross Stout, Elena Zandi
- 18 Donna Dillivan
- 19 Elijah Srnek, Gene Zillmer, Andy Zunker
- 20 Lindsey Elton
- 22 Shuree Zehner
- 23 Shelley Barg
- 27 Svea Nazarenus, Dave Scott
- 28 Ellen Hemm, Karin Petrie
- 30 Kaelyn Grotzinger, Naomi Much



NOVEMBER

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Trevor (Donna) Johnson
- 8 Kathleen (Myron) Reeves
- 11 John S. (Robin) Kmosena
- 14 Ray & Doris Woebeking
- 21 Dennis & Debbie Flater
- 23 Gene & Debbie Zillmer