St. John’s Epistle

October 2017

A Newsletter of
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He leads the HUMBLE in what is right, and teaches the HUMBLE his way.

PSALM 25:9
A Solid Foundation

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:10, 11)

When I was a child I tried to fix an old ice fishing shack. The shack looked pretty good to me. I asked my dad if it would be alright if I fixed it up. He said that I could give it a try, but the bottom boards, or the foundation, didn’t look so good. He further explained to me that without starting with a good foundation it’s hard to make a good structure. Being young, and not really knowing what I was doing, I started the project. I soon found out that what my dad said was correct. The project was never completed. The ice fishing shack is still by his cottage. It has been reduced to a pile of rotten lumber.

There was a problem going on in the church at Corinth. The foundation, or the true knowledge of Christ, was being eroded. Paul preached Christ. Paul proclaimed that Jesus was the true foundation. However, there were others in the church teaching contrary to what Paul taught. The Apostle Paul wrote, “According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation and someone else is building on it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it.” (1 Corinthians 3:10)

Jesus Christ, God’s Son, by His saving death and resurrection, laid the only foundation for our relationship with God and our relationship to one another. The church builds only on Christ crucified. How do we build so solidly; by receiving the gifts that God has given us. As we go again and again to Jesus in Word and Sacrament, He will forgive us and lead us to choose only the finest building materials. It is through the “Means of Grace” that we will seek to honor Christ and share Him with others. Built solidly from the ground up, the church will stand and testify to the Savior before the entire world.

This month we will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the
Reformation. We will hear many wonderful historical facts about the Reformation. It was an amazing time. Luther was a pastor, a professor, and a great theologian. He meant so much to Christianity and God’s kingdom. However, it’s important to remember it’s still all about Jesus. Jesus is the Church’s one foundation.

In His Service,

Pastor Craig S. Zandi

What Luther say:
Therefore neither priest nor pope, neither peace nor power, guarantees the presence of the church. Only the means of grace do this. False prophets may have all other marks, and Christ Himself tells us that there will be many of them, says Luther in an expository sermon on Matt 24:4-7 (October 26, 1539).

The church is recognized, not by external peace but by the Word and the Sacraments. For wherever you see a small group that has the true Word and the Sacraments, there the church is if only the pulpit and the baptismal font are pure. The church does not stand on the holiness of any other person but solely on the holiness and righteousness of the Lord Christ, for He has sanctified her by Word and Sacrament. (WLS 775)
ASSISTING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

Acolytes: Ushers
Altar Guild: Stu and Clara Pask
Finance: Stu Pask & Tom Rosolowski
Fellowship: LWML

Worship Assistants for October – Sunday Services at 9AM

Sunday, Oct 1
Elder: Darrell Kuchta
Greeter: Janice Zandi
Ushers: Team 2: Gary Hahn, Glen Hoople, Dave Kmosena, Mike Kuchta, Stu Pask, Jim Rodd

Sunday, Oct 8
Elder: Randy Scott
Greeters: Sam & Shelley Barg
Ushers: Team 3: Dennis Flater, Captain, Bob Hauser, Alden Hook, Bill Myers, Paul Teska

Sunday, Oct 15
Elder: Alden Hook
Greeters: Dennis & Deb Flater
Ushers: Team 4: Sam Barg, Adam Barg, John Monnier, Chuck Perenchio, Gene Zillmer

Sunday, Oct 22
Elder: Mark Grabowski
Greeters: Duane & Joanne Phetteplace
Ushers: Team 5: Jim Kuchta, Captain, Gary Drohman, Don Josi, Dave Thompson, Russ Thompson

Sunday, Oct 29
Elder: Sam Barg
Greeter: Dave & Karen Kmosena
Ushers: Team 1: Dave Scott, Captain, Dave Kuchta, Jordan Pask, Vic Plocekelman, Rob Schrader
Become a Bible Buddy

Sign up TODAY to become a Bible Buddy with one of the youth of our congregation. You will have the opportunity to get to know them and share your love for Jesus by becoming their prayer partner, pen pal, Christian friend for the entire school year!

~ See the bulletin for additional details ~
The Next Caring and Sharing Sunday is October 8th

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.

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.
The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the un-
changed and unchanging truth. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th
anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return:
to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were made to memorize
the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of
us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: “I believe that I cannot by my
own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him…”
Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It’s in Luther’s expla-
nation of the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed.)

It’s time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of lay-
people. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the
home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and
minds of adults.

There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Refor-
mation to review the catechism.

Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism
daily. Memorize it.

But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you
have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Com-
mandments, the Lord’s Prayer, the Apostles’ Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism,
the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This
small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time
when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His
love. It’s still all about Jesus.
Birthday Tuesdays! The September birthday luncheon will be on Tuesday, October 10th, 11:30 a.m. at the Ladysmith Restaurant. All are welcome!

Men’s Breakfast and Study
Backdoor Café
Thursdays, October 5th & 19th
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!
Sola Scriptura, Sola Gratia, Sola Fide. Solus Christus.


Dear Valued Customer:

In the past Gordy’s has allowed its customers to purchase on account. Recent events require that we discontinue the process. In the future Gordy’s hopes to reinstitute the process but until further notice we will not be selling on account. If you currently have a balance outstanding with Gordy’s we ask that you pay the open amount.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Respectfully,
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St John’s Volunteers serve meals at the Senior Center Meal Site the week of October 30th
Quilting News

The St. John’s Quilters made a quilt for Joe and Elena Zandi as a thank-you for Joe’s military service. Pictured here are Lisa Johnson, Elena Zandi (holding a picture of Joe – so he could “be there” too!) and Lois List.
$40,000

Providing Food and the Gospel to Starving Children

_Mercy Meals of SiouxFland_

Jesus gives the same command today, to feed the hungry, that He gave His disciples. Mercy Meals of SiouxFland, a ministry of Faith Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Iowa, began packaging fortified rice/soy meals in 2012. Mercy Meals donates all packaged meals to Orphan Grain Train for transportation and delivery to Christian organizations in many countries, including India, Haiti, Romania, and Ecuador, as well as to Navajo reservations in the Southwest and Ysleta Mission in El Paso, Texas. Children and families receive food and hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. An LWML grant will feed from 50,000 to 75,000 hungry children.

_We Pray Together...

Precious Heavenly Father, fountain of the origin of all goodness, we give you thanks for daily providing us with all that we need to support our body and soul. Help us to give generously to provide for the Mercy Meals of SiouxFland project to continue providing families with food and to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we always be content at the foot of the cross, trusting that you will always provide for our needs. In Jesus Name, we pray Amen.

For more questions, or to learn more about us
1-800-252-5965
www.lwml.org
The Lutheran Women’s Missionary League (LWML) is 75 years old in 2017. This organization has been supporting the efforts of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since 1942.

The ladies of St. John’s Lutheran LWML, Ladysmith, WI, Zone 4, wish to extend an invitation to the LWML Fall Rally to all members of St. John’s on Saturday, October 14, 2017. It will begin with registration from 9:30 a.m. The fee of $8.00 includes registration and the noon luncheon. (For members of St. John’s who only attend the Matins there is no fee.) There will be a sign-up sheet near the purple bucket, so we have some idea how many additional people will be attending.

The program begins with Matins at 10 am, and includes a Bible Study “As Lutherans, Do We Follow Jesus?” Our speaker will be Penny Selle, who will give a presentation on Mission to Guatemala and MOST Ministries.

The ingathering will be directed toward Mission to Guatemala and MOST Ministries. Remember that anything you bring for the Mission to Guatemala must be carried as baggage by the trip participants. Thank you for working with us by donating the items needed for this Missionary Trip.

- Toothbrushes (adult and children)
- Toothpaste
- Hotel sized bars of soap
- Washcloths (not the heavy duty ones, but the Walmart variety)
- Inflatable beach balls (12 inch balls when inflated – if you can find the ones printed with a map of the world, that would provide a teaching moment.
- Sock puppets of any kind
- Any VBS craft ideas and materials for telling the story of “Jesus Washes Feet” and “The Samaritan Woman at the Well”
Join us for fellowship each Sunday in October and learn more about the LWML and the missions it supports in the US and around the world. There is information about one of the LWML Mission Grants elsewhere in this newsletter.

October 15th is LWML Sunday so join us for worship and celebrate 75 years of the LWML with us.

The LWML has decided to have monthly Bible Studies on the 3rd Monday of each month. If there is business to conduct, a short meeting will be held after the Bible Study. The October Bible Study will be on October 16th at 4:30 pm. The Bible Study is “Set Your Minds on Things Above”. It is found on page 20 of the Fall issue of the Lutheran Women’s Quarterly. If you do not receive the Quarterly, you can ask Paula Hook for a copy of the Bible Study.

Forgiveness is free — but not cheap. Your sins have earned the penalty of death. Christ paid that price for you through His death. Salvation is not cheap — the Son of God gave up all things for you. Forgiveness is free. God gives you this salvation, which Christ earned, for free. Solus Christus. Through Christ alone.
Welcome to the new school year!

We have 12 students—all eager to learn! We have been getting to know our routine. Our letters for September were Aa and Bb. Our Bible lessons focused on creation and Abraham. We have also been learning shapes and colors.

Don’t forget to sign up to be a Bible Buddy. We can’t do it without YOU!
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 October 21st from 10AM-Noon. All are welcome—crafters of any skill level.

What you do:
1. Place the poster board on the ground (outside, if possible).
2. Put tape on the back of the letters and secure them to the board. No tape should be visible.
3. Paint and draw all over the poster board. Be creative with splatters, handprints and so on.
4. When paint is dry, remove the letters and hang up the poster.

What you need:
- White poster board
- Large wooden letters that spell GRACE
- Painter’s tape
- Tempura paint
- Paper plates
- Paintbrushes
- Colored pens or markers

"No, son, not Martin Luther King. Just Martin Luther."
STEWARDSHIP

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

October Charity of the Month—On October 22nd, our charity will be Meals on Wheels 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  
Marie Perenchio

Paul Teska  
Dana Woebeking

Submit Your Information!

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!
1 Lillian Balko, Bernice Hebard
2 Melinda Wagner
3 Bonietta Bruner, Lisa Howe
4 Richard Baker
5 Cliff Kibellus
6 Madison Plath, Paul Teska
8 Robert Reidner
12 Neal MacLachlan
14 Robert Patrick
16 Barry Reidner
19 Darlene Larson
21 Cassandra Drohman
22 James Trcka
24 Bonnie Plockelman
25 Dave Werner
28 Kayla Nazarenus, Dianna Thummel
29 Donald Stiernagle, Ray Yurko
31 Janet Otto, Colleen Wold

OCTOBER
BIRTHDAYS

1 Kathryn (Chris) Higley
3 Kathy (Al) Boehmer
   Melissa (Keith) Holman
6 Jan (Andy) Antczak
7 Terry & Aileen Jafolla
8 Albert & Diane Hoecherl
10 Andy & Valerie Zunker
14 Bob & Lynn Fry
24 Miles (Lori) Witt
29 Darrell & Cheri Kuchta

OCTOBER
ANNIVERSARIES
Puzzle

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.

“____ the ____ was _____
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