

HOPES HAPPENINGS

Sunday School Begins – September 10th

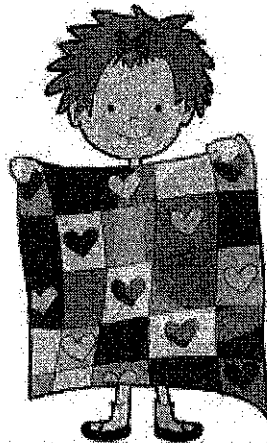
The new Sunday School year will kick-off on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15am. Sunday School is for all kids 3 years old through 7th Grade. Parents should attend with their child the very first day. We are looking forward to a great year. If you would like to help with Sunday School in any way, we would love to have you.



WELCA NEWS-WELCA will meet for quilting on Thursday, September 7th at 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Business meeting and Bible study. Cause of the month: St Dymas, Devotions: Caroll, Bible Study: Pastor Justin. Runner club offering also due! A second quilting day will be on Thursday, September 21st at 9:00 am. This will be the last quilting day before quilts are and kits are put together in October to be sent to LWR.

Prairie Coteau Fall Retreat Saturday, September 16th at NeSoDak. Registration begins at 9:30 am.

Quilting materials needed! Got any old sheets, blankets, curtains, drapes, tablecloths or material you'd like to get rid of? We'll gladly take it off your hands! ☺ Just bring it in and we'll use it up! Thanks



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Council meeting
August, 13, 2017

Called to Order by Vice President Laura Frankenhoff.

Members present: Denny Jensen, Emmett Whempner, Kathy Brink, Michelle Urban, Tamijo Bronson, Laura Frankenhoff, Pastor Justin.

Members absent: Laurie Kneeland, Jennica Pottebaum, Thomas Frankenhoff, Derrick Rauen.

Others present: Anne Seffrood, Dawn Wright

Secretary, Financial secretary and Treasurer reports read and approved. Anne asked about a special gift for Dale Brink for mowing the Lebanon cemetery. Laura motioned and Michelle seconded to give him a gift card from the Coffee Cup.

Pastor report-Summer attendance down a bit, the Bring a little Hope and Take out church boxes haven't been used as much this year, Youth group-registering the Tuesday, 125th float was amazing and it was wonderful to see past Pastors that came. Youth fundraiser at 125th went well, new confirmation class starting in September, October 29 Confirmation Sunday with 8 confirmands. Monday, August 21 –Pie and Coffee with the Bishop in Watertown.

Old Business:

Parking Lot update- Pastor has been in contact with Dale and the house should be moved this fall.

South Lawn-will talk to Mike Adolph about planting grass.

Other-discussed two openings on council. Denny gave his resignation as he will be moving this fall. We will be looking for a replacement. Jennica's position will not be filled as her term is up in December. Michelle will be looking for a replacement for Denny.

New business:

Church picnic- August 27. Worship inside, picnic to follow and afternoon bean bag tourney. Will have games for the younger kids too.

Sunday school begins September 10 at ~~9:15am~~ 9:15am. Rally Day will be held too with returning teachers, Nikki Pays, Lee Wright, Dawn Wright, Anne Seffrood. New teachers will be Michelle Urban, Kathy Brink, and Tamijo Bronson.

Financial Peace University-September 10 at Hope Lutheran.

Fall Schedule-may plan Faith and Fellowship events but will see what schedule allows. Church on the Street will be coming to do a Mission Sunday and a potluck will be held after Worship that day. 500th Sunday of the Reformation falls on Confirmation Sunday so we have a special service the Sunday before.

Looking ahead- Christmas Eve falls on Sunday so it was decided by the council to not have a morning service and have the Candlelight service that evening at 5:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned

Next meeting-October 1 following Worship

Pastor's Page - September 2017

Our family has enjoyed a couple trips to Disney World. During those trips, we had many memorable family moments that we will always cherish. One of my favorites happened a few years ago on our first trip. It was just Pam, myself, and our two oldest girls who were around 7 and 5 at the time. We had spent a long day in one of the parks enjoying the rides, the shows, and atmosphere of Disney World.

We were going to see one of the amazing night time shows in a great big amphitheater. Since we wanted a good seat for the show and were all pretty exhausted we headed in about 45 minutes before the show started. We had some snacks and were just relaxing before the show. Soon, the girls were interacting with the family next to us who were also waiting for the show. They also had a young girl about the same age as our daughters.

This family was visiting Disney World from a Latin American country and did not speak any English. However, to the kids, both our own daughters and theirs, it did not matter. They had a great time playing and laughing together. Eventually, the dad pulled out his phone and played the movie Toy Story while we waited. It was a beautiful sight, watching these three girls, huddled around a small phone watching Toy Story in Spanish.

The kids didn't notice the color of skin or the difference in language. They just wanted to play and have a good time and enjoy Disney World together. Soon after that trip, I was reminded of a quote from Nelson Mandela that I had heard before but forgotten. This memory is a vivid reminder of this quote that I no longer forget. In his book Long Walk to Freedom he wrote this, "No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

In light of recent events in our country and around the world, I am afraid we are forgetting this quote. There is so much hatred based on the color of people's skin, the language they speak, their sexuality, and even their religion. This kind of hatred and prejudice and racism is a sin. It is not how we are called to live as God's people and we must stand up against it and be people of love and compassion. We heard that challenge as we studied the book of 1 John during the month of July. In 1 John 4:7-8 and it reads, "*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.*"

Especially in these tumultuous times in our country and world, we need to live more boldly as God's people of love. Bishop David Zellmer shared a letter with the South Dakota Synod this week that you can read on the Synod website, www.sdsynod.org. In that letter, he included the following prayer. May it be a prayer for all of us.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

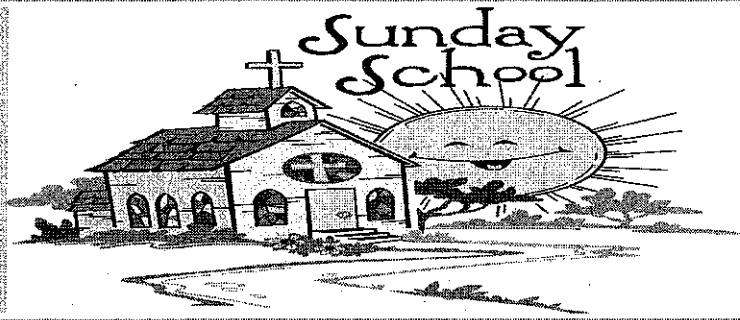
Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Prayer attributed to St. Francis



September 2017

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
FALL WORSHIP TIMES- 10:30 Worship 9:30 Coffee 9:15 Sunday school (beginning September 10.)					1	2
3 green	4	5	6 7:00-6/7 grade Confirmation Orientation	7 9:00 am-WELCA quilting 1:00- Business mtg/Bible study	8	9
10 green 9:15 am Sunday School begins!!!	11	12	13 4:00-6/7 Confirmation 6:30-Youth group	14	15 Newsletter items due	16 9:30am-WELCA Fall gathering at NeSoDak
17 green 9:15 am-8/9 confirmation	18	19	20 4:00-6/7 Confirmation	21 9:00 am-WELCA quilting	22	23
24 green 9:15 am-8/9 confirmation	25 Pastor's Fall Theological Conference-25 th and 26 th	26	27 4:00-6/7 Confirmation	28	29	30

Notes

Worship **10:30 am** (unless otherwise noted), **9:30 Coffee**, **9:15 Sunday school**

Communion 10th and 24th

Communion Committee-Janice Halvorson, Sheryl Steinocker

Worship Helpers-Team 2-John and Anne Seffrood