

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 267 (35, 232)

Bible Study: 87 (18, 6, 14, 23, 18, 8) **Youth Study:** 11

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School, church basement
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Monday 7:00 p.m. Youth Group Bible Study, commons

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. Bible Study, church
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
7:30 p.m. Church Council

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. Confirmation Class (5th-8th grade)
4:45 p.m. Bible History Class (3rd-4th grade)
5:30 p.m. Bible History Class (1st-2nd grade)

Thursday 1:00 p.m. Fun Day
7:30 p.m. Worship
8:30 p.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement

Sunday 8:00 a.m. Adult Christ-Light Bible Study, basement
8:00 a.m. Commons Bible Study, commons
9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Pre-K and Kind. Graduation, gym
10:45 a.m. School Play and Awards
11:45 a.m. School Picnic Meal, games following
6:30 p.m. His Word My Life Bible Study, church

Communion is a part of worship today. Because God speaks of communing together as an expression of unity in faith we practice close communion. All WELS/ELS members are welcome to commune with us. Visitors, please speak with the pastor or an elder before communing.

Voters Meeting The voters will meet after worship on Sunday in the commons. We will discuss the education fee for the school, elect an elder, and hear reports about the ministry of our congregation.

His Word—My Life On Sunday we will conclude our study of *Christian Citizenship in Church and State*. This will be our last class until fall. The Monday class will not meet again until fall.

Tuesday Bible Study will continue the study, *Christ* this Tuesday. Our third lesson is “The Divine and Human in One Person.” Join us!

Adult Christ-Light Bible Study will meet this Thursday after worship. We will also meet Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the church basement. Join us!

Commons Bible Study meets Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the commons. Next week we will study, *Great Gospel Events In the Life of Elijah and Elisha: God Steps in to Speak..* Join us!

Geraniums There is a sign ups sheet in the church basement if you wish to purchase geraniums. We will decorate the church with geraniums for our Pentecost Worship on May 28 and 31.

School Picnic There are sign up sheets in the basement for donations for the school picnic. Join us next Sunday for the activities and meal! The times of the events are listed in the weekly calendar.

Horseshoes The school board is planning a horseshoe tournament at the school picnic. If you wish to sign up a team of two – please do so in the basement today!

Call Service at MLC will be next Saturday. You can hear a live feed from MLC’s Call service. Check out www.wels.net to learn how.

Timber Rattlers The deadline to sign up for the Timber Rattlers game is May 22. Sign up sheets are in the basement. The game is on June 28 at 1:05. The cost is \$6.50 per person. We only have 50 tickets reserved so once they are gone they are gone.

3rd Kalahari Family Retreat There are only 2 rooms yet available for our Kalahari resort weekend trip March 5-7, 2010. If you are interested, please speak to Mr. Humann. The deadline to sign up is May 22.

Softball Tournament The deadline to sign up for our third annual softball tournament is June 7. Details and registration forms are in the church basement. The tournament will be June 27.

Band will meet after worship on May 31 and June 7 to prepare for Music in the Park.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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Today’s Organist: Jackie Zeamer

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Dr. John Johnson, Director, De Pere 338-8699

5th Sunday of Easter

May 7 & 10, 2009

Prayer before worship

Lord, as we journey through this week of weeks, help me to see the power and meaning of your resurrection.. Amen

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Personal Preparation For Holy Communion

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Hymns

141, 168, 385, 742, 249

Prayer of the Day

O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 67 (p. 91)

Special Music Sunday

Alive, Alive! (after Prayer of the Day, before the First Lesson)

Sermon: Acts 16:11-15

God Opens Hearts

Hearts hear a simple message
Hearts respond in love

Musical Offering Sunday

Amazing Grace (Shannon Otto, Sandy Pantzlaff, Brian Humann,)

5th Sunday of Easter—Series B

The intimate connection to our risen Lord wrought by the gospel means of grace has rich consequences for our life with him even now.

First Lesson: Acts 16:11-15

From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day on to Neapolis. From there we traveled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth from the city of Thyatira, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 67 (p. 91)

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:18-24

Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. Those who

obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Our mission is to honor God as we help people Grow in the Gospel and Go with the Gospel



Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today. Please sign our guest book near the double door entrance. Restrooms are in the basement near the double stairs.

Today we gather together in the very presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We humbly acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of all of our worship.