

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 325 (37, 288) **Bible Study:**95 (5, 37, 17, 8, 5, 8, 8, 7) **Youth Study:** 12

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Church Band at school |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Athletic Association, church |
| | 7:00 p.m. | New Life in Christ Class, church basement |
| Monday | 7:00 a.m. | His Word-My Life Class, church basement |
| | 6:00 p.m. | Choir |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Group Bible Class, school |
| Wednesday | 4:45 p.m. | Confirmation Class |
| | 5:30 p.m. | Bible History Class |
| | 8:00 p.m. | Choir, school |
| Thursday | 7:30 p.m. | Worship |
| | 8:30 p.m. | Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Adult Christ-Light Study, church basement |
| | 8:00 a.m. | Angels/Demons Study, school commons |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Ladies Aid |
| | 7:00 p.m. | New Life in Christ Class, church basement |

His Word-My Life class will continue the study, *The Kingdom of God*.

Class will meet in the church basement at 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Tuesday Bible class will not meet this week. Pastor Ott will be at the District Pastoral Conference in Fond du Lac from Monday afternoon through Wednesday afternoon.

Angels/Demons & Adult Christ Light Bible classes will meet next Sunday at 8:00 a.m. at school. We will look at witchcraft and other forms of spiritism.

Breaking Down The Barriers is a one year capital appeal that has an educational goal and a financial goal. The financial goal is to raise \$148,000 (\$1,000 for each year our congregation has existed). These funds will be put toward the building loan first of all and the remainder towards our operating loan. The educational goal is to see some of the barriers we erect and can overcome as we seek to serve the Lord faithfully. The barrier we have looked at is our tendency to look inward and forget our calling to spread the gospel. Today we are looking at financial barriers. In November we will look at our tendency to stay in comfortable ruts and not dare to dream big in our kingdom service. On Christ the King Sunday, Nov. 22 every member will have the opportunity to return a commitment card with their intended financial support of the appeal. There will be a pot luck dinner at school on commitment Sunday.

Voters' Meeting The election meeting will be after worship on Sunday, Nov. 8.

Save the date! A baby shower for the Pingels on Saturday, November 14 at 9:00 am in the school commons. Look for sign up sheets in the basement.

Apparel Order Forms The Athletic Association has updated our school apparel with new items and a new logo. A sample of all items is located in the school commons. If you wish to order an item with our new logo, please do so by November 7. Order forms are located on the tables in the church basement.

A reminder The Thrivent Matching Funds program will end December 31,2009. Allotted funds for this year is already at 70%. If you wish to donate with matching funds, you are encouraged to do so soon. Once the new program is unveiled in 2010 we'll inform everyone through the new-sletter.

Volleyball Concessions Thanks to all who donated volleyball concessions items for the past season. It is greatly appreciated. For the basketball season we still are in need of: Boxes of Twix, Skittles, 3 Musketeers, and M&M's. If you wish to donate any of these items, speak to Mr. Humann.

Back to Basics You are cordially invited to the **Back to Basics** National Conference of Christian Life Resources at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Slinger, WI, on Saturday, Nov. 7. The conference runs from 8:45 to 5:30 (including an opening and closing devotion). Registration forms are available online at christianliferesources.com. Free registration and transportation is also available by contacting your local branch chairman Don Potthast (920) 756-3340. Please do so by October 28. The conference is a great way to become informed about life issues and to be encouraged by fellow believers in the faith.

Questions/Comments about our congregation may be directed to:

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

Breaking Down Barriers 2

October 22 & 25, 2009

Prayer before worship

Lord, forgive me for shallow thankfulness in my life of service. Strengthen me today that I may serve you more faithfully. Amen

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Personal Preparation For Holy Communion

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Hymns

477 (Thursday) 779 choir 1-2, cong. 3-4 (Sunday), 401, 741 (cong. refrain, grades 3-4 verses), 421, 290:1

Prayer of the Day

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Special Music (Sunday)

Where Your Treasure Is (choir, after Prayer of the Day)

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 90 (p. 99)

Sermon: Mark 10:17-27

Love the Lord your God Above

All Else

Impossible

Possible

21st Sunday after Pentecost—Series B

Next to the attachment to hearth and home, a person's chief attachment is to his purse. So it is not out of order to consider what God has to say about his gifts of wealth and to let him put those gifts in a proper context for us.

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:14-27

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."

The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

"If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this."

"Go in peace," Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him."

So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked.

"Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'"

"By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha.

"Where have you been, Gehazi?" Elisha asked.

"Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered.

But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take

money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants? Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 90 (p. 99)

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-6

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

"Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you."

So we say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can man do to me?"

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

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

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Mark 10:17

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.