

Lord and his people!

Worship Sunday we will worship outdoors, weather permitting. After worship the 150th Anniversary Committee will serve ice cream. We will then worship in the gym for the remaining Thursdays and Sundays until the work in the church is completed.

The Ladies Aid will hold a brief meeting right after church on August 14. We will discuss the upcoming Lutheran Ladies League Rally that we will host in September. All Ladies are encouraged to attend so we can make a few decisions regarding the event. We will meet in one of the classrooms. Immediately after the full Ladies Aid meeting, the cookbook committee will meet. We are still looking for a few more members to help with this. Anyone willing to work on the cookbook is encouraged to stay!

Wanted! The 150th anniversary committee is looking for picture frames of all sizes. If you have any that they can use please put them by the mailboxes in the basement. They also are looking for pictures from the history of our congregation. If you have any that they can use, please contact Nancy Pantzlaff. We also are collecting any ice cream buckets or containers with lids. If you have some please drop them off in the kitchen at church or school. Thank you!

On April 4, 2012, retired WELS pastor James Humann, will host a tour to **Biblical Turkey: In the Footsteps of St. Paul**. He invites you to join him on this twelve day adventure. For a colorful brochure describing the itinerary, tour conditions and costs, please e-mail Pastor Humann at JHumann383@aol.com, or call 253-839-9055.

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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.

8th Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2011

The Christian is planted by the Word and produces fruit

Service: Evening Prayer (p. 52)

Hymns: 255, 324, 323

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65 (page 89)

Psalm Prayer: Bountiful Lord God, your presence fills our hearts with joy and your blessing nourishes our souls with peace. Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may see and appreciate these gifts as tokens of your amazing love to your glory and praise; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:10-11

As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. The one who received the seed that fell on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, he quickly falls away. The one who received the seed that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Sermon:

Romans 8:18-25

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

The Christian Faith, One Word at a Time: *Longing*

Our Stewardship of the Means of Grace:

Worship: 288 (63, 225)

Bible Study: 62

Friday	11:00 a.m. Christian Funeral of Lucille Schultz 7:00 p.m. Remove pews from church
Saturday	7:00 a.m. Remove pews from church
Sunday	8:30 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, pavilion 9:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10:00 a.m. Ice Cream (150th Anniversary Committee) 10:00 a.m. School Registration (until 11:00 a.m.)
Monday	5:00 p.m. School Registration (until 7:00 p.m.)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Elders 7:30 p.m. Church Council
Thursday	6:15 p.m. New Life in Christ Class, school basement 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion, gym
Sunday	8:30 a.m. 19-Minute Bible Study, commons 9:00 a.m. Worship with Communion, gym 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Meeting, school

It has pleased our heavenly Father to call the soul of Lucille Schultz to her eternal home. Lucille died on Monday, August 1. Lucille's funeral will be Friday at 11:00 a.m. in church. Visitation will begin at 9:00 a.m. Please remember all who mourn in your prayers.

19-Minute Bible Study We meet Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in the commons. This summer our 19-minute Bible studies will focus on the book of Romans. We will look at some of the sections of Romans that will not be part of our summer sermon series on Romans. Bring the family!

New Pictorial Directory The sign ups sheets have been sent to Olan Mills. They will call those who did not signed up to set up an appointment for having your picture taken for the directory. When you come for your picture please come 10 minutes before your scheduled time.

School Cleaning Thank you to everyone who helped with school cleaning this week. Your service to the Lord and his people is greatly appreciated!

Church Renovations: The work on the floors, hearing loop, and restrooms begins this week. We will move pews in the balcony and from the main floor to the basement Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday at 7:00 a.m. If you are able to help it would be greatly appreciated. We will also remove carpet and molding in the church. If you have any questions please talk to Erv Zeamer. Thanks for your service to the