

Sunday School 2021/2022. We are in need of a supervisor/teacher for the 2021/2022 school year. If no one is willing or able to fill this position for next year, Sunday School will not be able to return. If you are interested please contact Pastor (phone numbers and e-mail address is on the front of the bulletin). Please consider if God can use you for this important ministry.

Life thought from Lutherans For Life: The teachings of Jesus frequently smile at the mention of seeds (Mark 4:26, 31). The Lord likes how tiny and inactive things leave Him ample room to work life. Since He holds inanimate objects in such high regard, what exhilaration must He have over embryonic human beings! Declaring God's kingdom means defending the unborn.

The Nebraska Lutheran Laymen's League plans to host the LLL State Fair booth in Grand Island Friday, Aug. 27, through Monday, Sept. 6, from 10 AM to 9 PM each day. This is a great opportunity to share your faith and offer valuable printed resources on Christian beliefs – resources with answers to today's problems and challenges – and visit with fair goers about faith issues. If enough volunteers do not come forward by Saturday, June 12, the booth will not be able to operate this year for the first time in many years. If you are willing to help for a few hours, please contact Paul Schmidt, LLL State Fair Booth Coordinator, cell or text 402-460-0004, or email psflatwater@inebraska.com Thank you for your help!

Orphan Grain Train Christmas Boxes are being gathered now. Their goal this year is to share another 1500 gift boxes through Orphan Grain Train so even more children can hear the Christmas story. You can help them fill these boxes using monetary gifts or donations of clothes and toys. Each box contains a t-shirt, socks, underwear, coloring book, stickers, crayons, ball, toothbrush, stuffed animal, and toy. The boxes are for children ages 2 to 12. They are collecting new underwear, new socks, 24 count boxes of crayons, coloring books, pages of stickers, plastic and rubber balls, and toothbrushes in individual packages. Used items to be donated include t-shirts, stuffed animals, and toys including dolls, Barbies, blocks (Legos, Duplos, wooden), and children's puzzles. Items and monetary donations (marked "Grace Lutheran Christmas Box Project") can be sent to Grace Lutheran Church or Orphan Grain Train, Norfolk, NE. Donations will be collected through July 31st. If you have any questions or would like to help pack the boxes, contact Kelly Asbury at 402-371-3521.

Christ, Cairo, is celebrating their 100th anniversary July 10-11. On Saturday with an All Church Play at 6:00 PM, BBQ at 7:00 PM, and fireworks at dusk. On Sunday, with speaker Gary Thies of LCMS Mission Central at 1:00 PM; time capsule opening at 2:00 PM; and cake fellowship at 2:30 PM. If you are planning to attend the BBQ, please RSVP by June 21st by either e-mail, christcairo@gmail.com or by phone, 308-485-4863.

"Missions Unpacked" for Kids Embark on a global mission experience and unpack how LCMS International Mission works without ever having to dig out your suitcase. Learn, sing, eat and pray with missionaries and local church members in Africa, Asia, Eurasia and Latin America & the Caribbean. Register now for the first "Missions Unpacked for Kids" event happening this summer. This series of five video-based sessions is designed for 1st through 6th grade students. These 45–60 minute sessions will introduce kids to the people and places of LCMS International Mission, showing them how God uses missionaries in diverse places to add to His family. If you are interested, send Pastor an e-mail, and he will send you the link to register.



Those desiring long term prayers:

John Clark (Grandson of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Floyd Dunbar, Randy Cain, Cheryl Weekly & family (Francis Mares daughter), Paul Cain, Laura Knight (Francis Mares's sister), Sam Lee, Mick Scarlett, Frances Mares, Matthew Ropers (Grandson of Dolores Ropers) Howard Lee, Pastor John Ryding, Judy Steimle (friends of Kenn & Jan Stobbe), Roger & Deb Stevenson (friends of Bob & Jere Schwartzkopf), Darlene Shermo, Evelyn Detlefsen (Resident of CMHC), Jodi Sonneman (Sister of John Hansen)

Those desiring short term prayers:

Keith Redinbaugh, the family of Peggy Mohr who passed away on May 30th, Dean Heiden, Velma Cain, and our medical professionals as they continue to work many extra hours and shifts at this time.

Those serving in the military:

Eric Donner, Tom Ziegler, Rebecca Fines, Brandon Kammerer, and Tate Phillipps

Service Outline:

Opening Hymn: 672 "Jerusalem the Golden"

Confession and Absolution, pg. 184

Introit

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

They flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

They are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

To sing praises to your name, O Most High;

Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis pg. 186

Collect/Readings

Old Testament Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22 – 24

Epistle Lesson: 2nd Corinthians 5:1 – 10

Gospel Lesson: Mark 4:26 – 34

Hymn of the Day: 743 "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"

Sermon: "Earthly Tents, Heavenly Bodies"

Sermon Text: 2nd Corinthians 5:1 – 10

Nicene Creed, pg. 191

Prayers of the Church

P ... let us pray to the Lord:

G Lord, have mercy.

Offertory: 719 “I Leave All Things to God’s Direction”

At this point the stream will be cut off, and communion will be offered to those physically present. For those who are streaming, here is a recommended conclusion to today’s service for the head of the household to lead

L: Let us pray,

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray ...

G: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of god and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

G: Amen.