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October 2019

From Pastor Mark Holmes

SAVED BY GRACE!

"Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by His grace as a gift..."

Romans 3:23-24

Over 500 years ago, Martin Luther discovered something absolutely essential in the Scriptures. He understood that salvation is a gift from God. And WE know that to be true as well! Think about it. If you were to name the "great saints" of the Bible, you would soon discover that they could NEVER earn their salvation any more than WE could!

Abraham? Ask Sarah how faithful he was to their marriage! Moses? He was a murdering coward,

constantly running away from God and making excuses! David? We know what happened to him. Looking across the way from the palace, there she was, sunbathing. The rest is history. What about Peter? Cock-a-doodle-doo! Paul? He was Saul, a persecutor of Christians!

These people... as imperfect as they might have been... were called by God and shaped by Him. So it is with us. Often, when we are furthest away from God, salvation can happen! We don't earn our way. It is the Grace of God that receives us. It is a gift... pure and simple. This is what Martin Luther discovered. And we need to discover it as well. We can rejoice that Jesus went to the cross and died so that we might have

eternal life with Him!

I hope you can join us on Reformation Sunday, October 27th when we observe the radical beginnings of our own Lutheran Church as Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg. We'll talk about his great discovery of "salvation by grace through faith" and how each of us can respond to this great and glorious gift from God!

Don't miss it!!!

Living in God's Amazing Grace!

Pastor Mark Holmes

Thank You

DEAR FRIENDS AT FIRST EVANGELICAL
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OF THE LACOTA PEOPLE DURING
RECOVERY EFFORTS FROM THE
SPRING FLOODING.

YOUR PARTNERSHIP IS A
BLESSING TO US AND THE
MINISTRY WE ARE DOING IN
PINE RIDGE. THANK YOU!! PASTOR LAY

Thank You



Thank you for allowing us to use
your church kitchen and fellowship hall
for our Produce Basics class. You all
went above and beyond to help us
host a successful event! Your kindness
is a blessing to our community.

Sincerely,
Carol Camp and the
Jasper County Master Gardeners



Sunday Potluck is back!

October 6th!

Mark your calendars now
and let's meet back up with
all of our summer stories to
share together.

See you soon!

Food Pantry Donations for October!

The Food Pantry would like us to
emphasize a specific item each month.
Remember, you may bring any item you
wish, but spreading this among the
contributing congregations keeps a steady
supply of their most basic needs coming
each month. For the month of October,

Canned Veggie's and Stove top

have been requested.

There is a basket in the narthex for all food
pantry items.

Thank you for being so generous.

**Please
remember, if
you are having
trouble hearing:
Listening devices
are available.
Please ask an
usher.**

Special Funds Update

At a recent Council Meeting it
was suggested that it would be
helpful to have a summary of all
of the special funds that
currently exist within First
Lutheran. In many cases we
have money available to
purchase items needed within
the church or to pay for
activities that we would like to
hold. Unfortunately many
people are not aware of these
funds. Here is a brief summary
of the special funds on hand
and what their purposes for.

There is a Pastor's discretion-
ary spending account that
currently has a balance of
\$1,225.67 in it. This money is
to be used to assist people as
needed under the authority of
the Pastor.

Acolyte Robe Fund with a bal-
ance of \$40.00. To be used for
the cleaning and purchase of
new robes.

Building Anniversary Fund with
a balance of \$300.73. This is
money left over from last
year's 150th anniversary
celebration.

Choir Fund for music and
robes that has a balance of
\$2,090.75.

Chollet Youth Fund, which can
be used for youth and related
activities. This includes the
principal of the Fund. Current
total balance is \$46,596.84.

Dishwasher Fund that has a
current balance of \$1002.80.

Faith Formations past fund
raising balance of
\$1,291.73. This could be used
in whatever ways the youth
and the committee choose.

Kitchen Equipment Fund which
has a balance of \$224.21. It is
assumed that the Property
committee would make final
decisions over any
expenditures in this area.

Library fund which has a
current balance of \$1,419.92.
This could be used to purchase
books for circles or Bible
studies or additional books or
videos as needed.

Organ fund which has a balance
of \$5,508.73. This money is to
be used for the continued
maintenance of the Organ and
the hiring our professional
organizations as needed.

Tanzania mission fund which
has a balance of
\$4,500.55. These are funds
which were left over from the
mission trip taken several years
ago. Absent another mission
trip these funds could be used
in a variety of ways as directed
by the Council and approved
by the congregation.

Worship enhancement fund has
a balance of \$225. This was to
be used to purchase items for
worship or add additional items
as needed.

Youth Group Fund is currently
at \$1,807.54. It is unclear
exactly where these funds
came from but they were also
probably a result of fundraisers
done by the youth. The Faith
Formations committee and the
youth could make a decision
about what direction to go
with this money.

If you have any questions about
these funds please contact a
Council member or Treasurer
David Goos.





MercyOne Newton Medical Center Auxiliary

The MercyOne Newton Medical Center Auxiliary is currently conducting its member drive for the membership year that began on September 1st.

Membership funds support MercyOne Medical Center projects which serve the patients and community. Scholarships are also provided to students in the medical field. In April of this year \$26,000. was presented to MercyOne for future equipment purchases

and another \$14,000 was provided for scholarships.

Our membership fees remain at \$20 for a single or family membership and \$250 for a lifetime membership. If interested in joining the auxiliary, stop by at the gift shop in the lobby of the hospital for a membership form. Or you can call 641-792-7386 and request that the form be mailed to you.

Opportunities are also available for volunteering in the hospital. Examples of volunteer positions are as an ambassador, salesperson in the gift shop, helping the patients in the cancer clinic, attendant in the surgery waiting room, and delivering flowers and magazines to the patient floor. A volunteer packet can also be obtained in the gift shop.



10/4 Christine Breuer
10/5 Teresa Weiland
10/6 Bradley Portner
Christopher Shockey
10/8 David Goos
10/9 Alicia Troen

10/11 Steve Comer
10/13 Clayton Wright
10/17 Brenda Hodnett
Gabriel Wright
Morgan Frehse
10/22 Marie Quanbeck
10/26 Laird Trusler
10/27 Mark Holmes
Jodi Portner
David Troen
10/28 Matthew Coyle

Ruth Kelly
10/29 Carolyn Hesse
Ken Weiland
10/30 Aaron Bartholmey
Emmeline Ketcham
Tom Sharp
10/31 Marc Dellamuth

***"Happy Birthday
from your
church family!"***



Wednesday Night Community Dinners:

THANK YOU to the people that help with our Wednesday Night Community Dinners! Wednesday Night Community Dinners are at the Methodist Church and our next meal is on the October 23rd. Please come and help as many hands make for light work. Come help Jesus feed the hungry.

Chancel Flowers

Oct. 6—
Oct. 13—Cooper
Oct. 20—
Oct. 22—
Oct. 27— Troen

Fellowship

Oct. 6—Potluck
Oct. 13—Tanzania Mission
Oct. 20—
Oct. 27—Frehse, Cantu, &
Brewer

HARVEST Trail Mix

This portable snack combines favorite fall flavors.



What you need:

- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 tsp. pumpkin pie spice
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2/3 cup pecan pieces
- 1/3 cup roasted pumpkin seeds
- 1/3 cup almonds
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 2/3 cup dried fruit (any)

What you do:

1. Microwave syrup, spices, seeds and nuts for 30 seconds at a time, stirring frequently, until mixture thickens.
2. Spread the mixture on a baking sheet lined with wax paper. Let cool and harden.
3. Break the candied nuts into chunks. Combine with dried fruit.
4. Store in airtight container.

Welcome to our new members New Members



Welcome Darrell & Linda Boettcher



Welcome Marc, Halie & Cora Dellamuth

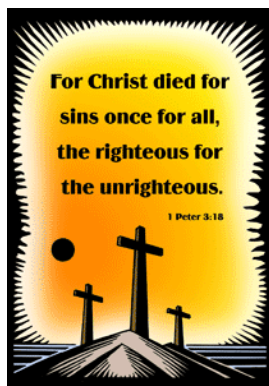
"Jesus no cry"



Author Marlo Schalesky recalls her 2-year-old's first table prayer: "Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy. Amen." Her 5-year-old sister was unimpressed, calling it "a funny prayer." But Mom affirmed it as fine, later blogging: "I saw how woefully self-centered my own prayers had become. ... [In my daughter's] language ... they would sound more like 'Marlo no cry. Marlo be happy.'" So Schalesky made some intentional changes. "Instead of

only asking for God's blessing, I'm focusing more on asking God to help me to be pleasing to him. ... When I ask for wisdom, I also ask him to help me honor him in all I do and think. And instead of focusing on my desire for all to go well, I ask him what I can do to bring him joy. ... I am learning to pray with childlike faith. I'm learning to pray, 'Jesus no cry. Jesus be happy.'"

A prayer for peace



St. Francis of Assisi, an Italian Catholic friar, is commemorated on October 4. Though it's unclear whether this famous "peace prayer" was his, it reflects his gentle spirit as an ardent Christ-follower:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;
Where there is hatred,
let me sow love;

Where there is injury,
pardon;
Where there is error, truth;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair,
hope;
Where there is darkness,
light;
And where there is sadness,
joy.
O, Divine Master,
Grant that I 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 to
ourselves that we are born
to eternal life.
Amen.



Youth group

Youth group for grades 7-12 will be meeting the following Sundays for a Bible study called Fathom. Who wrote the Bible, anyway? Join us as we dig deeper into our most important text.

Oct. 20- Fathom

Oct. 27- Fathom

Nov. 3 Trivia

Nov. 10- Confirmation Sunday

Nov. 24- Fathom

Dec. 8- Fathom

TBD- Christmas program

Unimaginable impact

You don't know how many people have been strengthened because you asked God to encourage them; how many people have been healed because you prayed for their bodies; how many spiritual runaways have come home because you prayed for their souls. None of us may ever know the true effects of our prayers this side of death. But we do know this: History belongs to the intercessors.

—John Ortberg,
The Life You've Always
Wanted

Dinner for 8

If you think you signed up for Dinner for 8, but you did not receive an email with your group, contact Allison at allison.marie.engel@gmail.com. Looking forward to some great dinners with wonderful company!

PRESENTED BY: CONNIE LUCAS, RETIRED ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION
AND
JEFF WISNIESKI, OWNER OF HOME INSTEAD SENIOR CARE

What to "Do" When you don't know what to "Say"

Do you know someone with memory problems?

Are you having some memory issues?

Then join us on October 29th from 6-7:00 pm at the
Newton Public Library for a free community forum

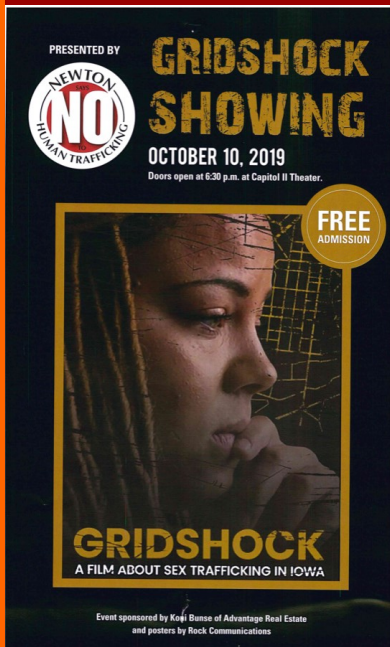
"Communication and Memory Issues"

Topics Include :

1. Did I handle that situation right?
2. What is Dementia?
3. Spreading "memory loss friendly principles"
in our community.

NEWTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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"Gridshock"

On Thursday, October 10, the movie "Gridshock" will be showing at the Capitol II Theater.

This is free to the public. Gridshock is an important documentary discussing the world of sex trafficking. Sex trafficking is alive and well all across the United States, in Iowa, and here in Newton.

The victims, the

traffickers (the sellers) and the buyers all live in every community. This is not a crime brought to us from overseas. This is not a crime which happens in the cities. This happens everywhere. The victims are children, growing up in our communities, and often living in their own homes and attending school and church in their home communities.

The buyers and sellers live and work in our communities.

Please take time to educate yourselves by attending. The documentary, which has won multiple award, was produced by a woman who escaped her trafficker.

Thursday, October 10,
6:30.

Please, be there.

Judy Monroe

What a month for the Sacrament of Holy Baptism! 3 in a Row!

Congratulations to Everette Jean Ketcham, Cora Kay Dellamuth and Easton Kremer!
Welcome to the family of the Lord.



Friends and family that came to celebrate the baptism of Everette Ketcham



Cora Kay Dellamuth with her parents Halie and Marc Dellamuth



Friends and family that came to celebrate the baptism of Easton Kremer



Everette Jean Ketcham with her parents Tiffany and Andrew Ketcham, and Sisters Elizabeth & Emmeline Ketcham



Friends and family that came to celebrate the baptism of Cora Kay Dellamuth



Easton Kremer with his parents Mike & Molly Kremer



Zinga:

It's October! That means Dr. Denny and Paula Lofstrom are back with the latest news from Zinga. Our focus in Choices in Mission this month is to help put the finishing touches on the Mary Ellen Kitundu Birthing Center: providing sinks and toilets for the delivery room bathrooms! Those fixtures may not be the

most exciting things, but what would we do without them?

The work is already underway. Check out the Choices in Mission bulletin board in Fellowship Hall to see what the delivery units will look like.

Paula and Denny's visit is set for Sunday, October 13. They will present during the service, and also during

Fellowship time. Special treats will be provided, and African jewelry and artifacts will be available for those who would like to get a head start on their Christmas shopping! All proceeds go toward building the Children's Hospital at Zinga.

For our Tanzania Mission Marie Quanbeck

We are looking for a few people to volunteer & help run the PA system on Sunday Mornings . If you would like to help with this please contact David or Nicole.

October 2019, LSI Newsletter Article and Story

Warming Hearts with God's Love and a Good Pair of Mittens.

Far too often, children arrive at LSI's Beloit and Bremwood Residential Treatment Centers with very little in their possession.

We give thanks for Iowa congregations who faithfully respond to these needs, year after year! As winter approaches, LSI relies on your loving support to meet the demands for winter apparel for children and youth at Beloit and Bremwood. Children in residential treatment have little control over their lives, so it's important for us to give children the opportunity, when possible, to shop for their new coat or mittens. Because of this, we ask that you please not donate articles of clothing. With your generous financial donation, many children will have the simple joy of choosing their new coat, knowing that they are loved and cherished.

If you would like more information, please contact Deb Whitford, LSI director of philanthropy and church relations, at Debrah.Whitford@LSIowa.org or 563.676.2065.

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service. LSI is an affiliated social ministry partner of the Iowa congregations of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) and a member of LSI (Lutheran Services in America). We proudly serve

people of all ages, abilities, religions, sexes, gender identities, national origins, ethnicities, races, and sexual orientations. Learn more at www.LSIowa.org and www.facebook.com/LSI.iowa.

"Thank You, God"

Every week, when 8-year-old Chase met with LSI's Pastor Dennis Bauer, he would ask to pray for "the same old thing: to find a good, loving forever family."

Chase is in third grade. But in his young life, he has already experienced trauma most of us cannot fathom. When Chase was 6, he was removed from his home and his mother's parental rights were terminated. He felt confused, terrified, and shocked. Chase struggled to cope with his anger

and Emotions. He acted out and became physically aggressive. Chase needed help, and LSI's Beloit Residential Treatment Center in Ames offered that help.

After arriving at Beloit, Chase quickly became involved in LSI's voluntary Spiritual Life program, where he participates in faith-based activities like art and music. Through regular meetings with Pastor Dennis, Chase says he is focusing on his faith and "trusting in God and saying prayers."

Outside of Spiritual Life, Chase is also learning healthy skills through group therapy to help him cope on the difficult days.

Now, Chase is thriving. His confidence is building every day, and he has big plans for his future. He wants to be a surgeon when he grows up, and he dreams of learning to bake and do woodworking. And the immediate future is looking pretty bright, too: Chase is in the process of being adopted.

During a recent visit with Pastor Dennis, Chase prayed a different prayer: "Thank you, God, for giving me a family."

Our Mission: Lutheran Services in Iowa responds to the love of Jesus Christ through compassionate service.

Thank you to everyone that helped with Gods work. Our hands.



Aw-fall!

Share some laughs — or groans — with these autumn-themed jokes:

- What did the tree say to autumn? "Leaf me alone!"
- What did one autumn leaf say to another? "I'm falling for you."
- How do you fix a broken pumpkin? With a pumpkin patch.
- Why are trees very forgiving? Because in the fall they "let it go" and in the spring they "turn over a new leaf."
- How do leaves get from place to place? With autumn-mobiles.
- What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter? Pumpkin pi.

Prayer Corner



We pray for our families, friends and church family. Some people think the month of October is for scary stuff. However when we look at the natural disasters, national problems, miscommunications and poverty, we find the world is scary enough in any month. October is glorious in the Lord's hands and we can follow his ways. We can see the need locally and globally and take action.

Every day we can find a way to make our world a better place. God blesses us abundantly so that we may generously share our good fortune in the world. We can pray and act and communicate with love. Each day is a new day that the Lord has given us. What will we do? We continue to pray for our congregation, our leaders, our community and our world. Amen.



October 2nd
at 6:30 pm



October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Mercy One Auxiliary Luncheon 5-9:00 pm	2 Property Meeting 6:30 pm	3	4	5
6 Worship 9:30am Potluck / Sunday School	7	8 Eunice Circle 9:00 am	9	10	11	12
13 Worship/ Denny & Paula Lofstrom 9:30am Fellowship /Sunday School 10:30am	14 Hannah 7:00pm N.H.N 4 -8:00 pm	15	16 Lois Cr. 9:30 am Martha Cr. 1:00 pm	17 Council Meeting 6:30 pm.	18	19
20 Worship 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday / Youth Group (Fathom) School 10:30am	21	22 DORCAS 9:00 am	23 Community Meal 5:30 pm.	24 O.P.E.N. Pasta Dinner 5-7 pm	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday / Confirmation Sunday 9:30am Fellowship/ Sunday School 10:30am	28 N.H.N 4 -8:00 pm	29	30	31		



Serving Schedule



	Acolyte	Council on Duty	Lector	Ushers	PA	Fellowship	Child. Message	Music Leader
Oct. 6	Blake Baumgartner	Jane Johnson	Aaron Bartholmey	Dirk A. & Alex A.	Duane Quanbeck	Potluck	Allison Bartholmey	Allison Bartholmey
Oct. . 13	Leo Friedman	Jim Lammey	Marie Quanbeck	Lee S, Aaron B, & Dennis P.	Deb Rose	Tanzania Missions	Aaron Bartholmey	Jane Johnson
Oct. . 20	Claire Breuer	Jim Lammey	Dirk Amundsen	Bob F., & Stan K.	David Goos		Allison Bartholmey	Allison Bartholmey
Oct. .27	Hailey Sumpter	Marie Quanbeck	Lane Rose	Jim L., & Gary J.	Duane Quanbeck		Robyn Friedman	Colette Hill

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*"I will watch
OVER THEM TO BUILD AND TO PLANT."*

Jeremiah 31:28, NIV