



MEMORIAL MESSENGER August 2018



"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2

Paul wrote those words to believers in ancient Corinth. But they are just as true for us today. That's the case with all of God's Word, of course, because that is what all the Bible is – *God's Word*.

In ancient Corinth, the prevailing opinion was that anything of any value needed to be the latest philosophical ideas, needed to be presented with impressive speaking skills, needed to reflect deep thought. But only the message of Christ crucified for sinners and Christ risen from death to guarantee each sinner's salvation was to occupy Paul's preaching and teaching. That wouldn't make Paul popular in Corinth. That wouldn't pack the places where he preached and taught. But the Holy Spirit *would* use Paul's message about the Savior to bring more souls to trust in Jesus for eternal life.

As people who *live* for the Savior, we also use the truth in the passage above as our guiding principle in life, don't we? It's not just meant for apostles and pastors, for evangelists and teachers. It's meant for every child of God. *"I resolved to know nothing...except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."*

And wouldn't that be a wonderful reminder to leave behind when we *die*? Our Synod's planned giving office offers several excellent paragraphs we might use to open our last will and testament. Here are two of them:

Rejoice with me because I have not ceased to exist upon my death, but have now entered eternal life in the heavenly home that Jesus Christ our Savior has purchased and won for me, for you, and for all sinners. Our Savior has done so with His perfect life, His sacrificial death, and His triumphant resurrection from the dead. I am totally convinced, through the faith which the Holy Spirit has given me, that after this life of joys and sorrows, accomplishments and failures, I will live forever in heaven.

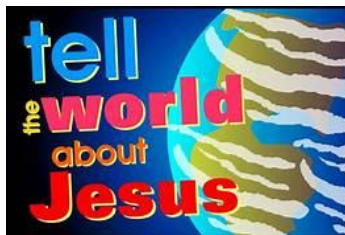
OR

I want all who read this to know that there is absolutely no doubt in my heart that upon death I will enter heaven, not by my own worthiness, but only through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior. I commend my loved ones into the hands of the Lord, and encourage them to continue to place their faith and trust in Him alone for salvation.

Isn't that what you want your children and grandchildren to read a few days after your funeral? What a comfort to them! What an encouragement for them! Maybe your attorney has never read anything like that and will have some questions for you about that.

God doesn't want us to wait until death, when we're gone from this life, to share our faith in Jesus. May we make God's truth in this verse our motto for living and our strength in dying. And may we resolve to let others know how important Christ and His salvation are for all sinners.

Pastor Voss





WE WELCOME to our congregation *Kristin Horstman*. She has been received via profession of faith on July 29.

May God make Kristin's membership among us once again a blessing both to her and to our congregation!

BAPTISM *Addison Jae Maynard*, infant daughter born to Karyn (nee Clark) & Ronnie Maynard, became a believing child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism administered Saturday, July 14. May our gracious God ever keep Addison in her baptismal grace!

OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE continues. There is one Sunday service at **9:00 AM**. Most weeks there will be a **Thursday evening service at 7:00** which will be the same as the following Sunday's service.

This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

There **will not** be a Thursday evening service on **August 16** due to Pastor Voss's vacation.

NOW ENROLLING Throughout the summer, our Lutheran Elementary School faculty is available to visit with and provide information to families that are interested in enrolling their children or grandchildren in our school and preschool. Please give to our teachers or to Pastor Voss the names of anyone who would like to be contacted with more information about our school and preschool.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1 and Preschool children must be 3 years old by September 1.



OUR LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2018-2019 school year begins with a worship service at our **school Monday, August 27** at 8:30. The entire congregation is invited!

Parents, remember that classes at our school dismiss at 12:00 that day, and that our Labor Day recess is both **Friday, August 31 and Monday, September 3**.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-2019 Memorial Lutheran School year will be held **Wednesday, August 22 5:45 – 7:00**. Students are asked to come to registration in order to get set up in their desk that day, as well as to bring their school supplies to the classroom.

If that will not work for you, please contact Pastor Voss, Mrs. Domke, or Mrs. Leitz to make other registration arrangements.

WATER DONATIONS SOUGHT We are asking for donations of **bottled water** for our booths at McCormick for the National Night Out **Tuesday, August 7**. Please bring donations to church or school.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held July 23-26. Thirty-seven children learned what Jesus did to win our salvation, and what He teaches us about His love and forgiveness for all people! We give Christ Jesus our eternal thanks for His Word to share with others!

We also thank our teachers, project organizers and helpers, parents and grandparents for all that they did to prepare and/or help with activities that dealt with the saving work of Jesus, whose miracles prove that He is the world's only Redeemer. Thanks also to all who donated money for VBS supplies and/or refreshments, including those who brought bottled water, and for those who organized the pot luck supper Thursday, July 26!

Pictures from VBS will be posted soon to our congregation's web site and on our Facebook pages.

SUMMER SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship has decided that we'll have a **potluck refreshment hour** the first Sunday of the summer months. One potluck refreshment date remains – **August 5**. We ask each family that heads downstairs for refreshments to bring a little something to eat, sharing it with the others who attend.

The regular summer refreshment dates that remain are **July 29, August 19, and September 2**. We thank the families that have signed up to bring refreshments on those dates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS sessions begin *September 9*. We urge parents to send their children to Sunday School regularly. Our Sunday School is using the WELS religion curriculum *ChristLight*, which is coordinated with our Lutheran Elementary School Bible History lessons (also from *ChristLight*) to avoid repetition of material. *Classes are for children 3 years old through 8th grade students.*

Parents, set a God-pleasing example and continue growing in your knowledge of God's will by heading up the stairs to study God's Word when your children go down the stairs to do the same in their Sunday School classrooms.

Dear Lord,
Help my daddy &
mommy take me to
church tomorrow.
Amen.



THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be *Sunday, September 9*. The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship is planning for the meal, and will announce details in the weeks to come. What we can tell you is that the meal will be held in the school gym.

We want to provide activities after the meal which will be enjoyable for members of all ages, but we need volunteers to organize activities. If you can help, please speak with Joe Janecke, Dan Kasischke, Jason Leitz, or Pastor Voss.

LADIES FELLOWSHIP Our regular meetings will start up again in September. Watch for information about a fun pancake brunch we will have in late September for our church members!



COLLEGE STUDENTS, please submit your campus address, phone number, and e-mail address to Pastor Voss. If he has your e-mail address, he would be happy to send a copy of week's sermon to you electronically.

Even if you have previously submitted a college e-mail address to Pastor Voss, please do so once again so that we can be sure to have up-to-date information. Pastor Voss' e-mail address is revdavoss@gmail.com.

We wish you God's richest blessings on your studies!

USE OF CHURCH/SCHOOL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT: We remind you that members of the congregation may make use of our spacious school grounds, our tables and chairs, and our fellowship hall for picnic and family gatherings. Please contact Dennis Fisher (517-896-3949) to request a reservation of a facility and/or equipment.

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8/05 - #4 B. Grinnell	S. Rector	C&K Collins	D&C Kasischke
8/12 - #5 S. Houser	K. Ward	B&L Janecke	J&K Leitz
8/19 - #6 E. Ruhlig	C. Kasischke	L&J Vogt	T&L Loeffler
8/26 - #7 D. Kasischke	S. Unruh	K&A Remus	F&N Mills