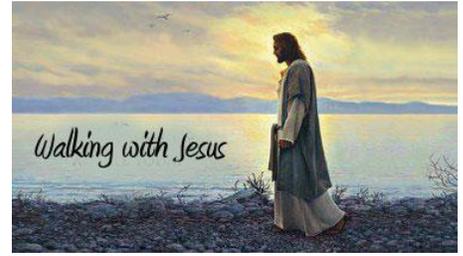




MEMORIAL MESSENGER August 2022



While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22 (EHV)

Scientists are convinced that global warming will radically change the earth's climate – and sooner, rather than later. They cite warmer temperatures in many parts of the world, glaciers melting and calving, and other weather-related observances as proof. The more extreme views of climate change suggest that at some point the earth will become uninhabitable for people and animals.

The LORD God tells us that will **not** happen. The verse above is divine proof. And in other passages of His Word, God says that the Last Day will arrive on earth suddenly. The clear picture from all Scripture is that one moment things here will be going as they always have been, then the next moment the Lord will appear.

These lines are not meant to suggest that human misuse of God's creation has no effect on the world. Man-made pollution of God-given resources is real. God's children want to take proper care of all that God gives us, including the environment.

The promise in Genesis 8 above was given to Noah, his wife, their sons, and their daughters-in-law as they stepped off the ark and on to dry ground for the first time in more than one year. The great flood God sent had killed all people, land animals, and birds – except for those kept alive on the ark. While God had the power to start all over with all new humans, land animals, and birds, He chose to keep Noah and his loved ones alive because of a far greater promise God had given.

Adam and Eve chose to listen to Satan one day, rather than obey the LORD who had created them and placed them in the paradise of Eden. But the evening of that same day God promised that a descendant of Adam and Eve would one day crush Satan's power. That was the first promise of the Savior. Had God not kept a few of Adam and Eve's descendants alive on the ark, His promise of the Savior, born of a woman, would be broken.

God does not give us this earth and the life we live in it as the greatest life ever. God gives us this earth and the life we live in it as His gift of grace to us as the time we have to be brought to faith in His Son as our Savior, and then to tell others about the Savior. Life on earth *will* end. But it will not be gradually and the result of global warming. It will be suddenly and at the Lord's second coming.

Until then, we take care of the planet God has given us and on which He has placed all human life. Even more important, we tremble before the Lord over our sins, treasure His gracious forgiveness in His work to redeem sinners, and anticipate His return at any moment to take us to Himself in the new heavens and the new earth.

Pastor Voss

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 continues through Labor Day weekend.

NO THURSDAY SERVICE There won't be a Thursday evening service **Thursday, August 4** when Pastor Voss will be on vacation.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2022-23 Memorial Lutheran School year will be held **Wednesday, August 10 6:15 – 7:30**. Parents and grandparents, **PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE!** Students are asked to come to registration in order to get set up in their desk that evening, as well as to bring their school supplies to the classroom. **Because of the late change in the date, things won't be quite as settled in the classrooms as in other years.**

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



OUR LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2022-23 school year begins with a worship service at our **school Tuesday, August 24** at 8:30. The entire congregation is invited!

Our congregation's Board of Christian Education and faculty anticipate that we will be at full capacity for the school year. The Lord of the Church continues to bless our school richly!

Parents, remember that classes at our school dismiss at 12:00 that day, and that our Labor Day recess is both **Friday, September 2 and Monday, September 5**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held July 25-28. More than 50 children learned what Jesus did in dying and rising from death to be our Savior and how the Triune God moves us to live as His followers in thankfulness for the salvation He has won for us and has given to us. We give Him our eternal thanks for His Word to share with others!

We also thank our teachers: Judy Domke, Kathy Fedewa, Karla Leitz and Alison Soderberg, as well as project organizers and classroom helpers, for their work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS sessions begin **September 11 and** are held **9:15 – 10:10**.

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.

IF YOU MISSED the *Let's Go* Bible study about personal evangelism in Bible Class late last fall, we are able to make the videos from the WELS Commission on Evangelism available to you. Speak to Pastor Voss if you want him to send you the WELS link for those videos.

AT THE VOTERS MEETING last month, the voters heard and discussed reports prepared for the meeting and adopted all the recommendations that were presented. If you didn't yet get a copy of the voter reports, pick one up from the counter by the mail slots.

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



REFRESHMENT HOURS will be held after the worship service *the first Sunday of each month this summer*. Please join us **August 7** and **September 4**.

The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship thanks all who are hosting the summer refreshments. The board also encourages hosts to keep refreshments simple.

POTLUCK DINNER The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship is organizing a potluck dinner to follow the late service **Sunday, September 11** and be held in our *renovated church fellowship hall*. Dessert will be provided. Please sign up on the appropriate sheet on the bulletin board.



WE ARE LOOKING FOR MORE VOLUNTEERS when worship service music is recorded to operate the laptop by touching the spacebar at the appropriate time. Please speak to Pastor Voss if you want to know more about what this work entails. It is really very easy. Everything is set up for you.

LUGNUT GAME We have reserved a block of tickets for our church and school families and their friends to attend the game **Friday, September 9 at 7:00**. There will be fireworks after the game. Please look for the signup sheet at church to let us know how many from your family plan to attend.

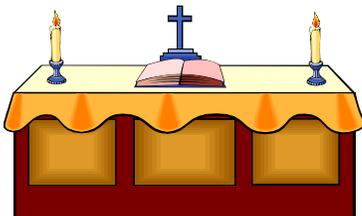


BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION Go to www.BTFE.com to learn more about this program. The process basically involves getting the ap and then scanning your receipts. The ap will determine if you have any Boxtops that count. Profit from these "Boxtops" will accumulate for our school, and we will receive a check a couple times a year to use for school supplies. *Please do not cut anything out from product packages. These are no longer used for the program, but they do note to scan your receipt. Everything is done through the ap.* Thank you for your help with this program.

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 Todd Loeffler (517-243-37349) to request a reservation of a facility and/or equipment.

IF YOU HAVE ACCESS to the internet and get this *Memorial Messenger* that way, please let us know and we will no longer print a copy for you.



SERVING OUR LORD FOR OUR AUGUST SERVICES:

9:00

8/07 - #1 T. Marion
8/14 - #2 V. Domke
8/21 - #3 Joe Janecke
8/28 - #4 Jim Janecke

Altar Guild

S. Unruh
K. Unruh
R. Hoag
R. Olin

Greeter(s)

J&M Zoran
M. Bennett
C&K Collins
B. Janecke

Cleaners

J&J Staffeld
B&N Tobia
D&L Voss
S&S Arntson