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The Joy of a Clean Heart

Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Oh, give me back my joy again. Remove the stain of my guilt.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me.

Psalm 51: 7-10

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

Author Cheri Fuller wrote a devotion that I'd like to share. She writes,



Once a woman approached me at a café and said, "Cheri, would you forgive me? I've held bitterness against you for a long, long time, and I know now it's wrong. I've learned that in not forgiving you, I'm sinning against God. I'm a cancer survivor, and I've discovered that harboring any unforgiveness is not only displeasing to God but also deadly to my body as well as to my soul." I hardly knew this precious lady and couldn't remember any negative encounter we'd ever had. Since I had no idea what I could have done to warrant such a long spell of resentment, I asked, "What did I do that offended you?" "Once in the parking lot at church, you spoke to my friend Debbie but you didn't know or say my name. That really hurt me and made me angry," she responded. I apologized for ignoring her and having such a hard time remembering names and spoke the forgiveness she asked me for. Then she sat down and told me all about her journey from a diagnosis of cancer through treatment to restored health. After she finished, we hugged, and she swept out the door, seemingly lighter on her feet than she'd been when she arrived. The truth she learned applies to every one of us: unforgiveness damages our bodies, our souls, and our spirits, but forgiveness brings life and freedom. When we open our hearts and confess our sins, we experience the clean hearts promised in Psalm 51, and the joy of God's salvation is restored to us.

Holding onto old hurts, habits and hang-ups diminishes the people that God created us to be. Satan uses the hardness of unresolved hate (unforgiveness), to pull us into the darkness of sin.

A forgiving heart sets us free, lightens our loads, and sets us up to reflect the love of Christ. Let go... Know God's blessing of forgiveness.

Let us Pray: *Father, your forgiveness is precious, yet it cost you your only Son's death on the cross that we might be reconciled to you. Grant that I would never take the cleansing blood of Jesus for granted. Create in me a clean heart today, and restore the joy of salvation!*

Your Servant in Christ

PASTOR Tom

JOY

Lately I have heard that there is a lack of JOY in church or in outreach. I am here to ask, have any of you had this feeling? I have not, I have always LOVED Pentecost season though. So this time in the Church season always makes me joyful. I am a firm believer that you make your own Joy, and the first way to do that is to release your anxiety and concerns to God. Does sitting and brewing in your own sorrow fix anything? Has it ever? Trust in the Lord that He will handle it. Put your burdens at His feet.

The thing that comes to my mind when I hear the word JOY:

J-Jesus

O-Others

Y-Yourself



And that I say thank you to Pastor Sue and Pastor Tom, because I had never heard that analogy before they were preaching it in the children's message.

The feeling I get when I am in church is Joyful. I literally feel the anxiety or the pressure of the week wash off of me. Yes there are times that the demons of the week have a tight hold, there are times that I shout back, NO!! I CAN HANDLE THIS, which we all know is NOT the case. I can't handle anything alone.

So today I ask EVERYONE to be JOYFUL,

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12

Becky Bast-Skorik - Council Secretary



Fall Festival WELCA

There is still time to sign up and help at Fall Festival. Many hands make light work, it's fun, and you can meet people. WELCA has the Fall Festival to raise funds to donate here at church, in Fond du Lac, and around the world to Christian charities. Here is the list of where the Fall Festival proceeds went last year:

I-T Youth Fund

I-T debt reduction

I-T Discretionary fund

Family Resource Center FdL

Boys & Girls Club FdL

New Beginnings FdL

Salvation Army warming shelter FdL

Fondy food pantry FdL

Solutions Center men's shelter FdL

Crossways Camping Ministries

Heifer International

Lutheran Mideast Development

Global Health Ministries

Samaritan's Purse

ELCA World hunger appeal

Thank you for your continued support of Fall Festival so that I-T is able to help these organizations. Contact anyone on the board to see how you can help, or sign up in the Narthex.

Marion Blakely, Audrey Greenwood, Lu Miller,
Caryl Thielman, Martie Schmalz

Garden of Readin'

School is back in full swing and Fall is in the air. After a crazy summer of various weather conditions, I am ready to get back to some normal days ahead. The month of October brings Reformation Sunday. The altar will be dressed in red and the library has several books pertaining to Martin Luther to get us ready for the festival. The following titles will be on display and offer some good information for us to learn more about the man (Martin Luther) and his life. These books are for adult reading.

"Martin Luther – A Monk changes the World"

"Martin Luther & the Called Life"

"Martin Luther's 95 Theses"

"Luther the Reformer"

There are several copies about Martin Luther for children to read as well. Sunday school classes and connect may want to check one out to give some information about Martin Luther to the children.

We have received a copy of "Believe" Kid's edition and the "Spark Story Bible". These are excellent materials for younger readers. There is something for everyone in the library. Come and check it out!!



Stephen Ministry News

What's the Problem?



Our world today has many problems. One of the problems facing the world today is a spiritual one and that is one problem human beings don't seem to know how to solve. Now I think that's a spiritual problem because you're not trying to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord. We are also facing the problem of a world that lacks respect. Respect for self and respect for others and respect for the earth. Also too many people and too many businesses and organizations are only thinking of what's best for themselves and not thinking of the needs of the needy. More new rules and laws are not going to help either. If everybody would abide by the ten laws that came out of the Bible, I think we all would be better off. I think if we would all try to stay humble, think of what we can do to help out others and make our world a better place to live in, it will also make us feel better in what we are doing. In Stephen Ministry you will find that when you try to help out others who might have some kind of problem, you might also be helping yourself out in some way.

Immanuel-Trinity Home Communion 2019 Schedule

If you are interested in helping serve or receive home communion please contact Pastor



⊕ **October 6**
⊕ **November 3**
⊕ **December 1**

Please cut out & save for future reference!

Our next time to serve is:

**Monday,
Nov. 18**



Arrive by 4:00 pm if you will be volunteering to help serve. Come join us for fun, fellowship and a feeling of fulfillment.

**Council is looking for you!
Ever wanted to join council?
Here's your chance!
Council has an opening.
If interested contact
Bob Greenwood 920-923-2245.**

You are never too Young or too Old to share your time.

Jeanne Olp has decided she would like to start a Visitation Outreach. Jeanne is looking for a couple of people that would like to join in good conversation with our members that can't make it to church. If you would be interested in helping Jeanne by going with her or you and a friend have been interested in sharing your Time and Talents please consider contacting Jeanne for a list of people that would love a visit.

If you know of someone that would enjoy great conversation and time well spent getting to know someone, please let Leann, Jeanne or Pastor Tom know.

Dorcas Quilting Circle Needs 2019

Thank you for your help in supporting us as we made 67 quilts last year to be shipped through Lutheran World Relief to people in need. If you can help, we would like donations of the following items to our project:



Large pieces of cotton, cotton blends, twill, corduroy, polyester knit fabrics and gently used sheets, table cloths, and curtains. We are unable to use fabric with a religious, patriotic, US flag, or camouflage themed material. Our biggest need is for people to help on the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30am or a little later to pin the quilting layers together, tie the layers together with square knots, and sew around the edges of the quilts. We also need people who will cut out 11-inch squares of material and/or sew the squares together to make quilt tops, and people who are knowledgeable in cleaning and adjusting sewing machines. Please contact Nan Gray or Sue Brennan if you are able to help.

Monetary donations for fabric or mailing the quilts can be made by using the specially marked envelopes by the mailbox table or by the gym or by marking a plain envelope with Dorcas Circle and how you would like the money to be used and placing it in the collection plate. Checks should be made out to WELCA, and Dorcas Circle put in the memo line.

We thank you for your past support and look forward to providing warmth and caring in the coming year for those in need.

October Birthdays

If you don't see your birthday listed, please contact the office @ 920-921-4545 to update our Church records.

10/1 Maureen Baumhardt
Lori Dobbs
Joan Solamita

10/2 Lucas Roltgen
Barbara Steinbrecher
Luella Miller

10/3 June Bahr
Cena Ohlrich

10/4 LouAnn Koehler
Tina Fell

10/5 Mitchell Roltgen

10/6 Andrea Ball
Jim Ruch

10/7 Shirley Ives

10/8 Amy Meyer-Bremer
Grace Reehl

10/9 Russ Raube

10/11 Lee Hansen

10/12 Shirley Kimpel
Joclyn Stobb

10/13 Deanna Kahl
Fritz Boda
Jody Overbo

10/14 Ernst Bunde
Marguerite Sing

10/15 Peyton Nolan

10/16 Grace Mauthe

10/19 Bruce Abrahamson
Stephen McAndrew
Stacy Wright

10/20 Cody Scannell
Susan Schmidt

10/21 Cheri Strook

10/22 Christopher Hurtgen
Saiya Yanagihashi

10/23 Veronica Brunette
Jane Von Rotz
Payton Wartenberg

10/24 Lori Rozell
David Palkovich
Lori Veness

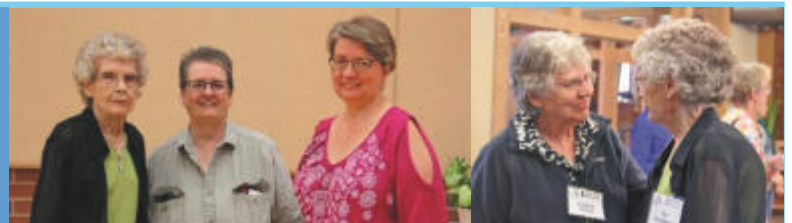
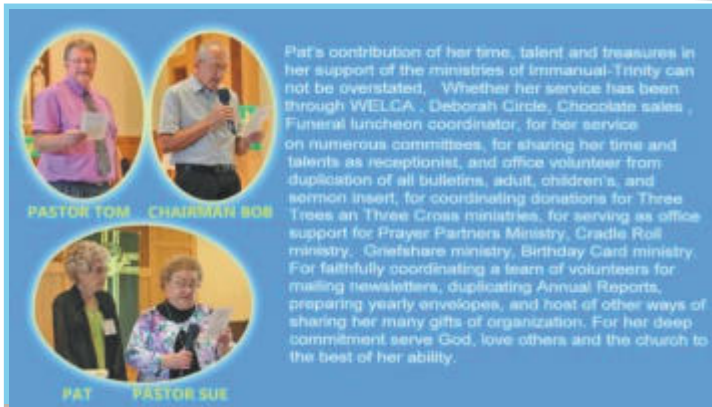
10/26 Hayley Fell
Adrienne Moser

10/27 Karen Kopf
Isaac Ortegon

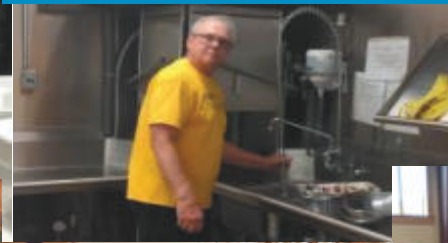
10/28 Christine Rottman

10/30 David Hurtgen
Amanda Zabel

10/31 Marilyn Petrich




Volunteering Try it Out
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Back in the Swing of things!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Strong Women 6p Christian Ed 6:30p Boy Scouts	2 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice @ 1st Presb 6:30p SHYG, Connect, Confirmation	3 Strong Women 1p Deborah Circle 1:30p Griefshare	4 Pastor's Day Off	5 Home Communion 5p Spark 5:30p Worship with Communion
6 Home Communion 8:30a Worship with Communion 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship with Communion	7 1:30p Griefshare 6p Facility Action	8 Strong Women 6p Exec Comm 6:30p Boy Scouts 6:30p Council 7p Trinity Bells	9 8:30a Dorcas Quilting 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice @ 1st Presb 6:30p SHYG, Connect, Confirmation	10 Strong Women 1:30p Griefshare	11 Pastor's Day Off	12 5p Spark 5:30p Worship 6:30p Cong Info Mtg in Council Room
13 8:30a Worship with Spark Kids 9:30a Cong Info Mtg gym 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship	14 1:30p Griefshare	15 Newsletter Deadline 11a Fall Festival 	16 6:30p Book Club 6:30p Cantata Practice @ 1st Presb 6:30p SHYG, Connect, Confirmation	17 Strong Women 1:30p Griefshare	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 5p Spark 5:30p Worship with Communion
20 8:30a Worship with Communion 9:30a Adult Ed 9:30a Spark 10:30a Worship with Communion	21 1:30p Griefshare	22 Strong Women 8:30a WELCA 6:30p Boy Scouts 7p Trinity Bells	23 6p Choir 6:30p Cantata Practice @ 1st Presb 6:30p Book Club 6:30p SHYG, Connect, Confirmation	24 Strong Women 1:30p Griefshare	25 Pastor's Day Off	26 Confirmation Noisy Offering Reformation Festival 8:30a Confirmation Rehearsal 5p Spark 5:30p Worship with Communion & Choir Sings
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