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# Happy Thanksgiving

### Psalm 28:7

*The LORD is my strength and  
my shield; My heart trusts in  
Him, and I am helped;  
Therefore my heart exults, And  
with my song I shall thank Him.*

### *Mark your Calendars*

Bazaar—November 9th, Streeter

Mission Fest—November 17th with  
potluck, Medina

Sunday School Christmas Program  
practice to begin November 24th



Greetings to you all in the name of the One who redeems us from all our sins, Jesus Christ!

When taking a closer look at the Ten Commandments we find that they tell us something very specific about our relationship with God and our relationships with other people. While I could write at length on each and every one of these commandments, for now I will try and keep it brief.

In the first three commandments we are told that we fall short to living up to God's expectations for us in our relationship with God. The first commandment frames them all, "You shall have no other gods." This means that we do have other gods in our lives that we tend to put ahead of the One True God, the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. What are these other God's in our lives? Luther explains that "Idolatry does not consist merely of erecting an image and praying to it, but it is primarily a matter of the heart, which fixes its gaze upon other things and seeks help and consolation from creatures, saints, or devils." Anything that our hearts are set on more than God becomes an idol god. The most important thing to know about this commandment is that we cannot on our own power keep this commandment; it is only through the faith that comes to us from God that we can fear, love, and trust in the One Triune God.

In the second commandment God strictly forbids us from misusing the name of God. This means that we are not to curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by using God's name to do so. One of the ways we break this commandment is using the name of God to justify hurting other people. In Luke 9:51-55 Jesus' disciples are guilty of this when they ask Jesus if they should ask God to destroy a Samaritan village just because they were not welcomed in that village. We see here that God's name is only to be used in a way in which we call upon it when we are in trouble, when we pray, when we give our praises, and when we give thanks.

The final commandment that shapes our relationship with God is the third commandment which exhorts us to remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy. In the creation story in Genesis we are told that on the seventh day of creation God rested; God took a Sabbath. This is a day that God set aside for humankind so that we can also find rest, a true rest in God, from our daily labors. It is a day for us to remember how awesome God is that God created us and continually sustains us.

The point of this day is not for God's sake, however, but for ours. Jesus reminds the religious leaders of his day of this very thing when he says in Mark 2:27 "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not human-kind for the sabbath" (NRSV). God wants us to rest on the Sabbath so that we can truly rest; to find peace in God in order that our actions may glorify God the rest of the week, whether that is on a Sunday morning or any other day of the week.

When we take these three commandments together we find that God wants to be in relationship with us. These commandments are there for us to understand what a proper relationship with God looks like; a way for us to get all that God intended us to out of this relationship. Once we understand a proper relationship with God we are then able to understand a proper relationship with those around us, our neighbors. This is what the next seven commandments will focus on, but that will have to wait till next month.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan

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The Book of Concord. Luther's Large Catechism: 388:21.



November 17th is Mission Fest. We will be having a joint service at the English Lutheran Church in Medina with a potluck to follow. Worship will be held at 11:00 with a guest speaker. The Organization Project FM will be speaking. This is a ministry of the ELCA in the Fargo Moorhead area. This organization is a space for discussing questions about faith, God, church and spirituality. We will also be having Thank-Offering this Sunday.

*English Lutheran Women Bible Study*

Our General Meeting & Bible Study was held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Bible lessons have been on “Stories of Biblical Women”. Virginia gave the lesson on” Deborah”. Election of officers was held. For 2014 officers of Welca are, President- Renae, Vice President- Julie, Secretary- Pat, Treasurer- Ethel. Mission Chairpersons are Action- Leona, Growth- Renae & Community- Ardis & Leona.

Our November Bible Study will be on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Child Care is provided at the church for those wishing to attend Bible Study. Lesson will be presented by Janet, Offering Meditation Ardis, & Hostesses are Emma & Ethel.

Coffee Hour continues to be served by Work Group Two.

Bibles will be presented to our 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th graders on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at worship. Mission Fest Sunday will be November 17<sup>th</sup> with Potluck to follow. Thank-offering Sunday will also be on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

Pat

**Thank You Thank You Thank You Thank You**  
**The English Church Council would like to express their thanks to everyone who helped or supported Trunk or Treat in any way. Your help and support made this event a success yet again. Thank You**

The parish is in need of a new Parish Secretary. Please contact Pastor Ryan for more details if you are interested. An understanding of computers is helpful. Job is to start on or before December 1<sup>st</sup>.

# November Worship Times & Events

**Sunday, Nov 3                      24th Sunday after Pentecost**

St Luke                                      9:00 am  
English Sunday School                10:00 am  
English                                        11:00 am

**Wednesday, Nov 6                      Joint Council Meeting**

Streeter                                      6:30 pm

**Sunday, Nov 10                      25th Sunday after Pentecost**

St Luke                                      9:00 am  
English Sunday School                10:00 am  
English                                        11:00 am

**Wednesday, Nov 13                      Confirmation**

English                                      6:30 pm

**Sunday, Nov 17                      26th Sunday after Pentecost**

English Sunday School                10:00 am  
Joint Worship, English                11:00 am  
Potluck                                      12:00 pm

**Tuesday, Nov 19                      St Luke WELCA**

St Luke                                      2:00 pm

**St Luke Council Meeting**

St Luke                                      6:00 pm

**Wednesday, Nov 20                      English WELCA/Bible Study**

English                                      7:00 pm

**Sunday, Nov 24                      Christ The King**

St Luke                                      9:00 am  
English Sunday School                10:00 am  
English                                        11:00 am

**Wednesday, Nov 27                      Community Worship**

City Hall                                    6:30

**Thursday, Nov 28**

*HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*

**Sunday, Dec 1                      1st Sunday of Advent**

St Luke                                      9:00 am  
English Sunday School                10:00 am  
English                                        11:00 am



# Trunk or Treat Fun



**Birth Announcement:** **It's A BOY!** Presenting Oliver Wilbert Hofmann, born Oct 20th, 2013 at 8lbs 4oz and 20.5 in. long to parents Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann & siblings Madison and Kylee; Grandparents Dwight & Janine Hofmann and Great Grandma Alice Opp.

Jacob and I would like to send our gratitude for all of your thoughts and prayers for Oliver since his birth. We really appreciate all of your love, prayers and support during our trying time and can't thank you enough for your kindness and concern. God Bless ~Jacob & Bonnie

Please Join Oliver and family for a baby shower on  
November 23 at 2pm at the English Lutheran  
fellowship hall



# Medina Youth Group

During the month of October MYG helped serve at Erin Falk's wedding, babysat during Bible study, and ran the Trunk-or-Treat games on Halloween. They also were busy with the annual holiday fund raiser, selling Christmas wreaths. The next meeting will be on Nov. 10th at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you to everyone who supported MYG by purchasing a Christmas wreath. Thank you to Brandi Eissinger, Tina Guthmiller, Kim Hoffmann, and Traci Redlin for helping out with the projects during the month of October.



Group picture includes (back row) Caity Eissinger, Lindsay Hoffmann, Alex Eissinger, Jaycee Moldenhauer, Brody Graff, Brett Christopherson, Morgan Irmeier, Jacen Eissinger (front row) Madi Moldenhauer, McKenzy Dockter, Brooke Krapp (not pictured) Maddie Kleven and Dani Essinger

Trunk picture includes Caity Eissinger, Lindsay Hoffmann, and Traci Redlin



## *St. Luke Council News*

St. Luke council meeting was held on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Pastor opened our meeting with devotion.

Items discussed:

1. Pastor Ryan has started leading worship at the Gackle Care Center on the first Weds of every month.
2. Pastor is working to get printing capabilities from his computer to a printer he brought down from Medina, for the St. Luke office..
3. Robin and Esther (Wm) will be on the parish committee for the pictorial directory. English will also have two representatives on the committee.
4. Once again, Troy Zillmer has fixed the two lift-chairs. A thank you from the council will be sent to him. A list of directions for the chairs are on the walls by both key boxes. No children allowed to play riding up and down on the chairs!
5. To include more participation at our services, sign-up sheets were passed around on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup>, to mark if you would be a head usher, an usher, reader and/or help with communion. Mark any/all those where you will help. For 2014 we will have a head usher plus one usher. No deacon listed but still three deacons for the council board. On your Sunday to assist, beside your name, will be listed your responsibility/s for that Sunday, if you chose to help.
6. One half of the August thru December hunger offerings will go to World Hunger and one-half to the Gackle Food Pantry.

Mission Fest will be November 17<sup>th</sup>, at English Lutheran, 11:00 am service followed by a pot-luck.

Community Christmas program will be Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the UMC.

Parish Council meeting November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at St. Luke. Our next St. Luke meeting will be November 19<sup>th</sup> at, 6 pm.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary

*Thank you for your prayers, phone calls, cards and concerns when I was in the hospital. Thank you to Pastor Ryan for the visit and prayer and the altar guild for the pretty fall flowers.*

*God Bless All, Ardis*



## *St. Luke God's Helpers News*

Six ladies, including guest Laurene Deutscher from Alaska were present on October 15th, for our Bible Study and meeting. In Judith's absence, Elsie presided over the meeting. JoAnn gave the offering meditation, "Finding God's Will". Special offering was for the ND Boys & Girls Ranch. Pastor Ryan led the Bible study. Since the last meeting, one Sympathy card and one Thinking of You card were mailed. Please let Elsie know when someone needs to be remembered. New assorted cards are in the fellowship hall.

We donated money to the State Hospital Volunteer Service Christmas Program, to be used where needed for Christmas gifts.

We completed our hostess sheet for special offerings for the rest of 2013 thru Sept. 2014. Hostesses will also have the offering meditation.

Our bazaar is Sat. Nov. 9th at the Memorial Hall during the community rummage sale. Denise and Judy will make and donate knephla soup. Brian and Jackie Kreft donated 24# of hamburger for the chili. Thank you all very much. Elsie will make the chili. We will also serve ham sandwiches and egg salad sandwiches and pie. Groceries have been ordered. All ladies are asked to come and help on Saturday. Also to bring pies to serve for lunch, baked items and/or crafts. Serving 11:00 am. – 2 pm. We will have a white elephant table with funds going to our WELCA. Judith will call some ladies for specific jobs, she will make posters and send notice to the papers.

Esther will be our hostess for our meeting on November 19th. Special offering for the Bismarck Ronald McDonald House.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary/treasurer



## November Birthdays

Anita Schmidt	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>
Brady Andres	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Patty Hofmann	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup>
Brent Kleven	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Connie Moser	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Ron Headland	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Virginia Jeanotte	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Isayah Olson	Nov 11 <sup>th</sup>
Renae Olson	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>
Bryan Andres	Nov 12 <sup>th</sup>
Jahleel Opp	Nov 19 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Junker	Nov 21 <sup>st</sup>
Lila Gienger	Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>
Betty Christensen	Nov 26 <sup>th</sup>
Dennis Behm	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup>
Patrice Juelfs	Nov 28 <sup>th</sup>
William Juelfs	Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>
Doug Schmidt	Nov 30 <sup>th</sup>

## Celebrating Anniversaries

Clarence & Ethel Heinle	Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 1973
Bud & Elsie Goldsmith	Nov 4 <sup>th</sup> , 1967
Mike & Robin Iszler	Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>
Rory & Kim Hoffmann	Nov 27 <sup>th</sup> , 1993



The Parish Council has decided it is time to do another Pictorial Directory this upcoming Spring. We are still looking for 2 people from the Medina Parish to serve as coordinators for this project. Please contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested.

# English Cleaning List

- Nov 3rd      Jahleel & Ashley Opp  
 Tyler & Brandi Eissingner  
 Teresa Schelske
- Nov 10th      Sherry & Joe Schmidt  
 Gene & Brenda Guthmiller  
 Sherry & Randy Everding
- Nov 17th      Maynerd & Adeline Link  
 Jeff & Linda Morlock  
 Brent & Melissa Kleven
- Nov 24th      Bill & Janet Well  
 Wayne & Sue Reardon  
 Connie Moser
- Dec 1st      Scott & Melissa Dockter  
 Arlyn & Sourey Schmidt  
 Doug Schmidt

Thank you for helping to keep our church clean!!

**\*\*If you can't clean, read, or usher during your assigned week, Please find someone to trade with. If you would like to read or would like to be added to the cleaning list, please let the secretary know so she can add you into the rotation. Thank you!**

## Quilters

Please call Leona Morlock for dates and times.

# St. Luke Usher/Deacon and Altar Guild

- Nov:** Deacon— Margaret AG— Martha & Lydia  
 3—Mary & Elsie  
 10—Steve & Paulette (hunger)  
 17—Don & Bud (comm)  
 24—Ruben & Steve W

- Dec:** Deacon—Robin AG—Robin  
 1—Elsie & Bud (Advent)  
 8—Clydell & Mary (hunger)  
 15—Kip & Lloyd  
 22—Mike  
 29—Judy

# Usher List

- Nov      Head Dwight & Janine Hofmann  
 Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann  
 Caity and Alex Eissingner  
 Tyler & Brandi Eissingner
- Dec      Head Bill & Janet Well  
 Maynard & Darlene Dockter  
 JaSondra Dockter  
 Cassie Eissingner  
 Daven & Dylan Dockter  
 Joe & Sherry Schmidt

# Lay Reader

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|--------|-----------------|
| Nov 3  | Jeff Morlock    |
| Nov 10 | Dwight Hofmann  |
| Nov 17 | Tina Guthmiller |
| Nov 24 | Kim Hoffmann    |
| Dec 1  | Renae Olson     |
| Dec 8  | Phillip Hofmann |

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