

ENGLISH - NEWS - ST LUKE

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Church in America

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October 2013

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Trunk or Treat

Thursday,

October 31, 2013

Help us at English
Lutheran have a
safe and Happy
Halloween!

Welcome to everyone.



Mark your Calendars

Sunday School Children 2nd-6th grade singing in church on Oct 27th

English WELCA Soup and Sandwich dinner, Nov 3

Greetings in the name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

As we begin to look deeper into God's Word for our lives through the lens of Luther's Small Catechism it is imperative that we begin in the same place Luther did: the Ten Commandments. For Luther the Ten Commandments were essential to a person's faith because they rightly put into place our standing with God; namely that we are sinners. This is not a difficult concept to agree with. If we pay attention to our everyday lives we would come to realize that through a day we are constantly sinning against God. When we know the Ten Commandments we are able to see exactly how we sin against God.

So what are the Ten Commandments? In Scripture we are given two accounts of the Ten Commandments being given to the Israelite people (Exodus 20, Deuteronomy 5). In each account God gives them the commandments by saying that God is the one that brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from the hand of slavery. God gives them these rules because they are embarking on a new way of life and these rules will help guide and protect that life. Through the Ten Commandments God makes a covenant with the people. The sort of definition of a covenant according to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary is "a formal and serious agreement or promise." God promises to be the God of the people and when the people keep God's commands they are promising God to be people of God.

This particular covenant between God and the Israelite people can then be split up into two separate sections. In the first section the commands are focused on the people's new life as it pertains to their relationship with God. In the second section the commands focus on their relationship with the other people in that new life. The first section consists of the first three commandments and the second section the last seven. If we were to sum up the Ten Commandments into two

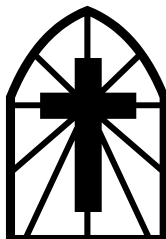
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commandments they would be to love God and love our neighbors.

Next month we will be taking an in depth look into those first three commandments. We will be focusing on our relationship with God and what it means to keep those commandments.

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan



The Parish Council has decided it is time to do another Pictorial Directory this upcoming Spring. We are looking for 4 people, 2 from each church, to serve as coordinators for this project. Please contact Pastor Ryan if you are interested.

Confirmation will kick off with a stay at Crystal Springs Baptist Camp on October 4-6th. If your child is in the 8th and 9th grade, they are welcome to be in confirmation classes. Contact Pastor Ryan with any questions. October 27th marks the Sunday that our last year's confirmation students will be confirmed.

Trunk or Treat

6:00—7:00pm

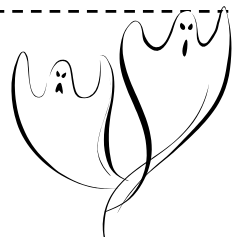
- Come join games in the church
- Free meal for everyone
- Carnival games and crafts
- Everyone wins!!
- Costumes are encouraged (nothing scary, bloody or gore)

-Any questions call Sherry
At 701-320-5317

-Sign up sheet for your trunk
in narthex of the church

7:00— 7:30pm

- Come join the cars on Medina Main Street
- Kids can go from trunk to trunk with their candy bag



English Lutheran Women Bible Study

WHEN ALL OF LIFES MECHANICS BREAKDOWN

CALL UPON JESUS

The above saying was the theme for our parade float for the Fall Festival. **THANK YOU** to all for helping with the decorating, signs, pick-ups and shop space. We served delicious rolls, pies, muffins & coffee through the day of the Fall Festival. We also hosted the Bingo & lunch in the evening. **THANK YOU** to those who baked and helped work to make this a very enjoyable & successful day.

Bible Study was very well attended on September 18th. **REMEMBER THE DATE CHANGE FOR OUR BIBLE STUDIES.** We now have Bible Study on Wednesday Nights at 7:00 p.m. Child Care will also be provided at the church for those wishing to attend Bible Study. Our next Bible Study & General Meeting is **October 9th at 7:00 p.m.** Lesson will be presented by Virginia and Sue & Kathy are Hostesses.

Coffee Hour is now being served by Group Two.

Renaee attended the END convention at Grand Forks on September 21.

Many new books & videos have been purchased recently for our libraries.

Mark your calendar for the coming events.

November 3rd -we will be handing out bibles to the 3rd graders

- SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER

November 17th - THANKOFFERING SUNDAY

Pat, WELCA secretary

October Birthdays

Becky Greer	Oct 4 th	Daniel Juelfs	Oct 22 nd
Doug Neumiller	Oct 10 th	Gene Guthmiller	Oct 25 th
Isaac Olson	Oct 11 th	Erica Olson	Oct 26 th
Ron Otto	Oct 13 th	Maynard Dockter	Oct 27 th
Dave Kooker	Oct 17 th	Mike Schleske	Oct 29 th
Gerhardt Reuer	Oct 17 th	Carrie Kapp	Oct 30 th
Leona Morlock	Oct 18 th	Brandi Eissinger	Oct 30 th
Kane Schmidt	Oct 20 th	Caity Eissinger	Oct 31 st

Celebrating Anniversaries

Dwight & Janine Hofmann	Oct 7 th , 1978
Vergil & Gertrude Neumiller	Oct 14 th , 1955
Wayne & Sue Reardon	Oct 18 th , 1975



October Worship Times & Events

Sunday, Oct 6 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Wednesday, Oct 9 English Bible Study and WELCA meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday, Oct 13 21st Sunday after Pentecost

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

Tuesday, Oct 15 St Luke WELCA

St Luke 2:00 pm

St Luke Council Meeting

St Luke 6:00 pm

Wednesday, Oct 16 Confirmation

English 6:30 pm

Sunday, Oct 20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

St Luke 9:00 am
English Sunday School (no regular class) 10:00 am
English 11:00 am

Sunday, Oct 27 Reformation Sunday

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

Wednesday, Oct 30 Confirmation

English 6:30 pm

Thursday, Oct 31 Happy Halloween

Trunk or Treat 7:00 pm

Sunday, Nov 3 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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





Celebration of Baptism

Evan James Ferwerda, son of
Pastor Ryan and Betsy
Ferwerda, baptized September 15,
2013

*When Life's
Mechanics
Break Down
Call on JESUS*

The float for
the Fall
Festival
Parade



Here are the Dr. Seuss
Things 1, 2, 3... gearing up
for Trunk or Treat! Spread
the word, Halloween is
soon approaching!

Medina Youth Group

MYG met on Sept. 29th at the Medina Park to plan for the upcoming year. In the month of October MYG will help out with the Trunk-or-Treat and host a trunk that evening. They also will begin their annual Wreath selling event. If you would like to preorder a wreath you may contact a youth member or call Kim Hoffmann 486-3159 or Tina Guthmiller 701-320-6778. The next meeting will be at noon on November 10th.



MYG members and Pastor Ryan playing volleyball at the September meeting



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF



What a fun way to start a new year of Sunday School. We had cake and ice cream, sang songs, let go balloons (which nature interfered with but they still went up) and filled bags of school supplies for less fortunate children around the world. It is not too late to still donate material to fill the bags. October 27th 2nd-6th grade children will be singing in church. See you there.

St. Luke God's Helpers

September 17, 2013

Pastor Ryan led our Bible study with six ladies present. Our bazaar will be Nov. 9th at the Streeter Memorial Hall in conjunction with the Community rummage sale, as last year. Ladies are asked to bring a pie for lunch and items for the bake sale. We will also have a table for anyone in our congregation to donate rummage items for sale with the money going to our WELCA and not the individual.

Thank you to Jackie Kreft for embroidering our quilt block for the Eastern WELCA convention in Grand Forks. Quilts were made at convention for Red Willow Ministries and Park River Bible Camp.

Thank you to those helping with funerals for Vi Remboldt, Sylvia Hoffer and Martha Schumacher.

Thank you to all those who helped with the pot-luck for Pastor Ryan's installation and baptism of Evan James, son of Pastor and Betsy. Thank you to Marsha for her donation of the special cakes.

JoAnn Weiland will be hostess for the October meeting. Special offering for Boys & Girls Ranch.

Submitted by Elsie Goldsmith

English Lutheran Council News

September 4, 2013

Items Discussed:

- Pastor Ryan talked about the endowment fund. He has talked to bishop Rindy and other pastors on the handling of the fund and looking for other advisors.
- Pastor to find someone to do services the Sunday of the confirmation retreat
- 2 options for baby changing stations to be installed in both bathrooms, approved to purchase and install the tables
- Pastor Pestal has donated two Bose speakers to upgrade the sound system. Rory will talk to Logan about helping to install the speakers
- ELW on CD will be used in worship in the absence of an organist, need to find someone to be in charge of running it during worship
- Looking for people to be on a worship committee
- Ron Headland is to install a new water heater in fellowship hall
- After reviewing 2 bids for deck, Pete McConville has been approved to build a new deck onto the parsonage
- A list of parish secretary duties was presented to the council by Sherry. The list will also be given to Streeter and discussed during joint meeting
- Sherry gave an update on Trunk or Treat. The youth group has been asked to help
- Different ideas were presented to help promote our church and welcome new people
- 2 dead trees in front of parsonage will be taken down, Tim Olson will be contacted

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to do the job

- A new Parish Treasurer is being sought, Phillip Hofmann is interested in the job
- Need to order letters for the outside Kiosk in front of the church
- New doors and locks will be put on the secretary and pastor offices
- Annual meeting has been set for January 26
- Pastor Ryan is to meet with Lifetouch regarding the church directory
- Crystal Springs youth camp had requested the use of the round tables and were denied

Next meeting will be held on November 6, following the joint council meeting in Streeter at 6:30 pm.

Scott Dockter, Council Secretary

St. Luke Council News

St. Luke council meeting was held on Sept. 18th at 6 pm. Pastor opened our meeting with devotion.

Items discussed:

1. Thank you to Pastor Bob Pestal for being our supply pastor on Sept. 1st. Was wonderful to visit with him and Joyce, in both churches.
2. Pastor Ryan has his business cards available with his contact Information.
3. Discussion was held on the job description for a parish secretary.
4. More follow-up information later on a parish pictorial directory.
5. As we always have a problem getting volunteers to hold council offices, and the year is almost over, at the October council meeting, we will discuss how can we streamline positions, changing duties of council members, possibly only one usher per Sunday, etc., hoping to encourage more people to take a council position as we move forward in the new year. The congregation is invited to attend this meeting, you may voice your opinion but will not have a vote. All are welcome. All St. Luke council meetings are open to the congregation.
6. While fuel prices are down, we voted to pre-pay 1000 gallons to be stored at the Streeter Coop.
7. Thank you to the Parish for attending the service at St. Luke on Sept. 15th for the baptism of Evan James Ferwerda, son of Pastor Ryan and Betsy, performed by Pastor. Also Bishop Rindy for his sermon and for installing Pastor Ryan as our parish pastor. We had about 80 in attendance and lots of delicious food at the potluck. Special cakes were made by Marsha Schlecht.

Pastor Ryan will be on retreat with the youth group on Oct. 6th. Denise and Elsie will do the service.

If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary dates listed in the newsletters, please give this information to Pastor Ryan.

The next meeting will be October 15th, 6 pm.

Elsie Goldsmith, secretary

English Lutheran ~ St. Luke Lutheran Parish council meeting
Weds. Sept. 25, 2013

The parish council met at English Lutheran on September 25, at 7:30 pm. Dwight Hofmann, English council president presided over the meeting. Pastor Ryan opened with prayer.

Items discussed were:

1. Speaker from Red Willow Ministries to speak to the parish council on camp updates, thank you for support, future needs, etc. Pastor will check with them for Nov. 6th.
2. MissionFest will be at English on Nov, 17th. A Parish service at 11 o'clock with pot-luck to follow.
3. Phillip Hofmann was accepted as our new parish treasurer. He should attend the meetings with a report or be sure there is a report to be read.
4. Update on the parish pictorial directory in 2014.
5. Discussion on job description and responsibilities of the parish secretary. Pastor would like the secretary to have set days/hours in the office.
6. Non-parish related items will no longer be printed at the office.
7. Health Care Reform for Pastor Ryan and family was discussed. Council voted to accept a Platinum plan for them. This will lower our cost and the deductible.
8. Pastor can make a motion and be a voting member of the all councils.
9. The Parish Agreement needs to be updated.

The next parish council meeting will be at St. Luke, Weds. November 6th, at 6:30 pm.

Elsie J. Goldsmith, St. Luke Secretary

English Lutheran Council News 9/23/2013

It was decided by the joint Parish Council to have Mission Fest Sunday November 17, 2013 at 11:00 at English Lutheran Church with potluck to follow.

The new 50 gallon water heater was installed. A member donated the money for the cost of the water heater.

The new sound system was discussed. Pastor Ryan and Logan Hoffmann have been looking at the system and determined a sound mixing board was needed. This would allow a computer to be hooked up to the system and then we could make a play list for all of the songs needed for the weekly services. This would also allow for sermons to be recorded and uploaded to our website. Speaker mounts would also be needed. Will purchase the needed equipment. (Speaker mounts \$57.00; Mixer \$295.35).

Rory has picked up the baby changing tables for the bathrooms. They will need to be installed.

The locks will be changed for the church offices.

A list of potential members was compiled

Submitted by Rory Hoffmann

English Cleaning List

<u>Oct 6th</u>	General Cleaning
<u>Oct 13th</u>	Shirley Judin Jared & Julie Opp Patty & Sky Roemmich
<u>Oct 20th</u>	Renae Heinle Kathy & Gary Hieb Vicky Andres
<u>Oct 27th</u>	Gil & Pat Everding Randy & Melinda Kapp Dawn & Elroy Salinas
<u>Nov 3rd</u>	Jahleel & Ashley Opp Tyler & Brandi Eissingner Teresa Schelske

Usher List

Oct	<u>Head Kathy & Gary Hieb</u> Darin & Jodi Dockter Gene & Brenda Guthmiller Virginia Jeannotte Elaine Martel
Nov	<u>Head Dwight & Janine Hofmann</u> Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann Caity and Alex Eissingner Tyler & Brandi Eissingner

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!

Lay Reader

Oct 6	Sherry Schmidt
Oct 13	Lindsay Hoffmann
Oct 20	Betsy Ferwerda
Oct 27	Scott Dockter
Nov 3	Jeff Morlock

English Lutheran Altar Guild

Serving for the month of October is Anita and Patty.

Quilters

Please call Leona Morlock for dates and times.

St. Luke Usher/Deacon and Altar Guild

Oct: Deacon— Margaret AG— Esther 6—Clydell & Mary 13—Bud & Elsie (hunger) 20—Mike & Robin (communion) 27—Kip & Lloyd	Nov: Deacon— Margaret AG— Judy 3—Mary & Elsie 10—Steve & Paulette (hunger) 17—Don & Bud (comm) 24—Ruben & Steve W
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