

# ENGLISH - NEWS - ST LUKE

OUR CHURCH IN OUR COMMUNITIES



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“Don't judge each day  
by the harvest you  
reap but by the seeds  
that you plant.”

Robert Louis Stevenson

## TIME CHANGE

St Luke is at 9:00 and

English is at 11:00

Starting September 22,  
English Sunday School  
will resume at 10:00

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

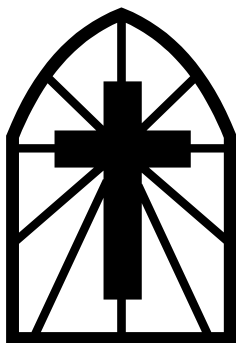
As I begin this letter to you today I am reminded of all that is coming up in our communities. Of all the events coming up, one of the most important to us as a church is Confirmation. As you may have heard me say in a sermon not too long ago that it is my opinion that the current concept of what confirmation is in the church is not what it was originally intended to be. Currently confirmation, at least the way I experienced it growing up, was more of a graduation. As a teenager, once I had gone through confirmation I felt there was no need look at it ever again. However, when Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism his intent is that it would be taught and studied throughout ones life. With that in mind I thought it would be appropriate for us, over the next few months to reopen those Small Catechisms and look once again at what we began learning when we were youths.

Before Martin Luther wrote the Small Catechism, he wrote a personal prayer book; something that could be used to help focus a person's personal devotion. In this prayer book Luther introduces teachings that would later be compiled into his Small Catechism and then expounded upon in his Large Catechism. For Luther there were three chief parts of Christian teaching that every Christian should be familiar with: the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer. Luther believed that "the total content of Scripture and preaching and everything a Christian needs to know is quite fully and adequately comprehended in these three items" (LW 43:13). Luther had this belief because of what these three chief parts represented. According to Luther these three parts should be learned in that exact order because the Ten Commandments show a person that they are sick with sin.

The creed then shows a person where medicine can be found for their sickness; the grace and mercy of God through Christ's death on the cross. Finally we learn in the Lord's Prayer that in all things we can turn to God for help and guidance through our sickness and for our healing.

Over the next few months we will be looking at these three chief parts more closely in order to come to a deeper understanding of God's love for us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Ryan



### **Thank You!**

Betsy, Evan, and I would like to thank everybody at English at St. Luke for their generosity in throwing us a Baby Shower. Thank you to all who came and brought wonderful gifts for Evan. Thank you to Bonnie Hofmann, Becky Grier, and Lisa Olson for hosting. Thank you to the Welca group for buying and preparing all the food. Thank you all from the bottom of our hearts.

-Pastor Ryan, Betsy, and Evan

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.

We are in need of a new Parish Treasurer. If you think you would be able to help out in this capacity please contact Pastor Ryan. No experience necessary; training will be provided.

Pastor Ryan's Installation will be September 15th at 10:00 am at St Luke Lutheran Church in Streeter. There will only be one church service this day. They will also be baptizing their son. Potluck will be served following the service with no dessert necessary.

"The law of harvest is to reap more than you sow. Sow an act, and you reap a habit. Sow a habit and you reap a character. Sow a character and you reap a destiny."  
-James Allen

# September Worship Times & Events

<b>Sunday, Sept 1</b>	<b>15th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
	<b>TIME CHANGE</b>
St Luke	9:00 am
English	11:00 am
<b>Wednesday, Sept 4</b>	<b>English Council Meeting</b>
	8:00 pm
<b>Sunday, Sept 8</b>	<b>16th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
St Luke	9:00 am
Fall Festival Service at the Medina Legion	
Community Fellowship	10:30 am
Community Worship	11:00am
<b>Sunday, Sept 15</b>	<b>17th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
St Luke (Joint Service)	10:00 am
Pastor Ryan's Installment, Potluck to follow	
<b>Tuesday, Sept 17</b>	<b>St Luke WELCA</b>
St Luke	2:00 pm
	<b>St Luke Council Meeting</b>
St Luke	6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday, Sept 18</b>	<b>English Bible Study</b>
English	7:30 pm
<b>Sunday, Sept 22</b>	<b>18th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
St Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am
<b>Wednesday, Sept 25</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b>
(Place and Time TBA)	
<b>Sunday, Sept 29</b>	<b>19th Sunday after Pentecost</b>
St Luke	9:00 am
English Sunday School	10:00 am
English	11:00 am



## Medina Youth Group

The Medina Youth Group got together on August 24th for some summer fun. 12 youth and 4 leaders ventured out on an Extremely HOT day to go to a Red Hawks Baseball Game in Fargo. A Big thank you to Rory Hoffmann, Kim Hoffmann, Dawn Moser, and Missy Kleven for driving the group. It was VERY HOT in the stadium and the Red Hawks lost, but that didn't stop MYG from having a good time. And they all got a free Red Hawks back pack!

MYG members stayed busy during the summer mowing the Church lawn, helping Pastor Ryan and Betsy unload their belongings into the parsonage, helping out at the English Lutheran Church and the UCC Bible Schools, donating time to the Medina Park on "Sparkle Day", and painting the Medina Park shelters as a fund raiser.

Thank you to Caity Eissinger and Lindsay Hoffmann for being available to babysit during the WELCA Bible Study/ meeting in August.



# September Birthdays

Aubree Lachenmeier	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>
Mabel Cowell	Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Jim Cowell	Sept 18 <sup>th</sup>
Sherry Everding	Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Gary Reuer	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup>



## Celebrating Anniversaries

Dennis and Sharon Behm	Sept 4 <sup>th</sup> , 1971
Jacob and Bonnie Hofmann	Sept 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2012
Maynard and Darlene Dockter	Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 1962
Gene and Brenda Guthmiller	Sept 24 <sup>th</sup> , 1971
Del and Joey Guthmiller	Sept 26 <sup>th</sup> , 1973
Xuejun & Chunyan Dong	Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> , 1994
Isaac & Lisa Olson	Sept 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2006





*English Lutheran Women Bible Study*

Our Bible Study was held on August 15<sup>th</sup> with 14 in attendance. Mabel led the Bible lesson on “All Who Hunger Gather Gladly”. Thank You to everyone for donating the food items for the Food Pantry.

Work Group One will be serving Coffee, Rolls, & Pie at the Legion Hall and hosting the Bingo & Lunch on September 7<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Festival.

END Synodical convention will be Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>. at Grand Forks. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Renae.

**ATTENTION!!** We have a change!! After many years of having our WELCA meetings and Bible Studies on Thursday we are moving to WEDNESDAY EVENING!! Child Care will also be provided by the Medina Youth Group at the church for those wishing to attend Bible Study.

Our next Bible Study will be Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30. Bible lesson will be presented by Ethel , Offering Meditation by Sue and Hostesses will be Ardis & Elaine.

Soup & Sandwich fund raiser date has been set for November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Trunk or Treat will be hosted by English Lutheran Church on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Pat



## **Do You Receive a Christ in Our Home book?**

We would like to take the opportunity to update our list of receivers for the Christ in Our Home book. There are two sizes, a large font size for those who read better with a larger print and a small font size. If you would like to receive a book in a different size or would like to be added to the list of recipients, please notify Kathy Hieb at 486-3469.

### **Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!**

To all of the volunteers that work so diligently to make our parish what it is.

Thank you to Sherry Schmidt, Sunday school teacher of 2nd through 6th grade, Bonnie Hofmann and Becky Greer teachers of preschool through 1st grade and Brandi and Caity Eissinger for teaching music and helping where they can. Also to Alice Opp for playing the piano .

Kim Hofmann and Brandi Eissinger also do a tremendous job with the Medina Youth Group and the contributing parents also did a great job this past year with confirmation classes for the kids without a Pastor.

### **Medina Fall Festival! September 6-8th!**

The English Lutheran Church has a float each year in the parade. If you would like to help decorate the float, it will be on the 4th at 6:30., place TBD. Pie, Coffee and Carmel Rolls will be available Saturday morning at the Legion, 9-3 and WELCA will be selling soda and water as well.

There is also Bingo at Legion Hall hosted by the English WELCA, Saturday evening at 7:30. If you would like to assist in any way, call Renae Olson at 701-320-7567.

**FREE INFLATABLES FREE**

Games and activities for the kids at the ball diamonds on Saturday

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS!!!**

September 22nd at 10:00 am we will kick off another year of Sunday School. All children 3 years old through 6th grade are welcome to attend. This year we will be learning about the New Testament of the Bible. The first few months of Sunday School we will focus our attention on the birth of Jesus and the Advent Season, this will take us into practice season for the Christmas Program. Our Christmas Program practices will begin on November 24th and the Program has been set for December 15th.

It has been asked that the Sunday School children help fill bags full of school supplies for less fortunate families. Each bag contains a notebook, scissors, a ruler, 6 pencils, a pencil sharpener, erasers, 12 sheets of construction paper and a box of 16 or 24 count crayons. Please bring your supplies to donate the first day of Sunday School.

Volunteers are needed to help Sunday School run smoothly. If you can not volunteer your time in a classroom, maybe you would be interested in providing a snack for the kids. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex to help out in the classroom or to bring a treat. One volunteer a week would be greatly appreciated!

The church will also be hosting Trunk or Treat again this year. October 31st is soon approaching and all children are welcome to attend. If you would like to help, contact Sherry Schmidt.

## English Cleaning List

Sept 1st Jacob & Bonnie Hofmann  
Dwight & Janine Hofmann  
Gordon & Betty Christensen

Sept 8th Ben & Patrice Juelfs  
Phillip Hofmann  
Alice Opp

Sept 15th JOINT CHURCH AT ST LUKE

Sept 22nd Tim & Renae Olson  
Isaac & Lisa Olson  
Daniel & Angel Olson  
Erika Olson

Sept 29th—Oct 6th

General Church Cleaning

Thank you for helping to keep our church clean!!

## Usher List

Sept Head Jared & Julie Opp  
Sharon & Dennis Behm  
Scott & Melissa Dockter  
Austin Dockter  
Ceph Dockter  
Lindsay Hoffmann  
Jaycee Moldenhauer

Oct Head Kathy & Gary Hieb  
Darin & Jodi Dockter  
Gene & Brenda Guthmiller  
Virginia Jeannotte  
Elaine Martel

## Lay Reader

Sept 1	Brandi Eissinger
Sept 22	Janine Hofmann
Sept 29	Mindy Kapp
Oct 6	Sherry Schmidt
Oct 13	Lindsay Hoffmann

\*\*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!

## St. Luke Usher/Deacon and Altar Guild

**Sept:** Deacon—Elsie AG—Arlene  
1—Dale & Denise  
8—Vi & Esther (hunger)  
15—Margaret & Robin (comm)  
22—JoAnn & Leroy  
29—Denise & Judy

**Oct:** Deacon—Margaret AG—Esther  
6—Clydell & Mary  
13—Dale & Denise (hunger)  
20—Mike & Robin (comm)  
27—Kip & Lloyd

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