



Divine Savior LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MESSENGER – October 2021



Dress yourself with...Humility

“Jump roping capital of the World!” a sign in Bloomer, Wisconsin once read.

“I am king of the World!” shouted the director of the movie *Titanic* after it won several Academy Awards.

“USA! USA! USA!” shouted millions of Americans after our Olympic hockey team beat the Russians in 1980 and then went on to win the gold.

We want to be the best in the world at something and to be able to shout: “We are number one!”

It is not all bad to be proud of our accomplishments. After all, it is God who has blessed us with our talents, and we want to express our appreciation for them.

On the other hand, we need to realize that being first, last, or somewhere in between is not really all that important. What really matters is the attitude of our hearts.

God has something very special to say on this subject. “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves” (Philippians 2:3).

As we pursue being the very best, we can be, it must never be at the expense of others. Nor should it be with the attitude that we are more deserving of what we have than others.

The perfect example of humility is Jesus. St. Paul wrote, “Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross” (Philippians 2:5-8)!

We have all failed to meet that standard of God’s expectations perfectly—having an attitude the same as Christ’s. Fortunately, Jesus humbled himself to take our place and bring us close to God.

We have plenty more we would love to share with you about how Jesus lived and how we want to live in response to him. Give us a call, or worship with us some Sunday.

Sunday Services

@ 9:00 a.m.

Monday Services

@ 6:30 p.m.

Adult Bible Study-Sun

10:30 a.m.

Sunday School

10:30 a.m.

Pray & Play

Tuesdays

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Choir Wed’s

6:30 p.m.

Ladies Aid

Tues 5th

1:00 p.m.

Coor Council

Tues 12th

6:30 p.m.

WATC

14th @ 5:30

Endowment

Mtg. 18th

4:30 p.m.

Bread of Life

10/7 & 10/28

12:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

10/7 & 10/28

1:00 p.m.

Parish News

Congregational Changes last month:

Added: None

Baptism(s): None

Released/Transferred: None

Called Home to Jesus: None

Current Congregational Stats: communicants: 152 souls: 165

Justified by Faith

²⁸ For we maintain that a person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.
(Romans 3:28)

At the end of this month, we're going to celebrate a great and blessed milestone for the Christian Church. Five hundred and four years ago, Martin Luther nailed his *95 Theses* to the door of Castle Church in Wittenberg, which we celebrate as the official start of the Lutheran Reformation. His theses focused on correcting a major issue within the church. The church was teaching that you could literally buy your way into heaven by purchasing indulgences.

Even before that time, the thought of earning your way into heaven has been an issue for the Church nearly from the beginning. If we just do what makes God happy, if we follow his laws, if we purchase indulgences, then we can cover our sins and earn a place in God's favor. Martin Luther spoke so much against that kind of teaching because it didn't bring salvation. Instead, it took the focus off of the one who could save, who did save.

It eliminates God's grace from the equation, and it cannot bring life. Justification, salvation from sins, death, and the devil, can only come through faith. It is then that our focus, our praise, our worship, are all on the source of our salvation, on Jesus Christ.

We cannot be perfect. We cannot fulfill the law. But Jesus was completely obedient to every facet of God's law. His perfect life led to his death on the cross so that our sins could no longer condemn. But his perfection, his righteousness, only becomes ours in one way, through faith. Praise God that he has called us to faith through his Word, the only true Scriptures, that we might know salvation.

Praise God that he works through such men as Martin Luther to return his people to his own Word, rather than the false teachings of men. May he hold us ever-faithful and bring us into eternal life, holding us firm in saving, justifying faith. Amen

In Christian love,

Pastor Wolf B. Parsons

YOUR SEPTEMBER COUNCIL CONNECTION

GENERAL INFO – MR. RANDY KAGERBAUER, PRESIDENT

It was with heartfelt gratitude and thanks that the Council accepted at the September meeting the letter of retirement from Bonnie Schoenick as our Church secretary effective September 30th. Our congregation has been truly blessed by her hard work and diligence for many years and we wish her and Ken all the best going forward. God's Blessings to you both.

October is "Pastor Appreciation Month". It is a time to acknowledge all the time and energy our Pastor devotes to our congregation and its members. Dedicated Christian Leaders are truly a gift from God and we want you, Pastor Parsons and your family, to know we are thankful for your service. God's blessings to you and your family always. Be sure to take a moment to express your thoughts with Pastor this month.

The Coordinating Council has begun the financial budgeting process for 2022. If you or a committee you are on has any recommendations for next year's budget please contact a councilman, our treasurer Don Frisque or me (Randy Kagerbauer).

The Coordinating Council has resumed monitoring the COVID infection activity and how it may affect the operations of our church. We decided at the September meeting that starting immediately, Pastor and those assisting with Communion will wear face masks for the distribution of the Sacraments. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy while maintaining a meaningful and comfortable worship environment.

CHURCH PROPERTY – MR. PAT ZOELLER, COUNCILMAN

The stump on the front lawn from the tree that blew down last month has been removed and seed planted.

ADULT DISCIPLESHIP – DR. JOHN DAHLIE, COUNCILMAN

In October we are planning a "Packer Party and Pot Luck" on the 3rd at 2:30pm at Ed & Gale Blum's home. The main dish (meats) will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass and your own drinks and lawn chairs. There will also be a Reformation Pot Luck at church on Sunday October 31st. Watch for details in the bulletin.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE – MR. KLINT STUEBS, COUNCILMAN

We joined in the Homecoming Parade in October and are looking forward to the Christmas Parade in December. We will again have a "Divine Savior Christmas Tree" at Franklin Park as part of the Christmas in the Park display. We hope these events get our name out within the community.

YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP – MR. AARIN REISSING, COUNCILMAN

At our September meeting, the Council accepted Aarin's letter of resignation from his position effective September 8th as he has now moved out of the state. We sincerely thank Aarin for his diligent work and leadership in this ministry and wish him God's Blessings in his future endeavors.

Mr. Tom Veigh has agreed to fill this vacancy for the remainder of Aarin's term, which is until the end of 2021. The Council voted to officially appoint Tom to fill the vacancy per our Bylaws. Thank you, Tom, for your willingness to serve and welcome to the Council.

UPDATE TO WISH LIST INFORMATION

The Council voted and approved the inclusion of one item for the Wish List. Some details are included below. More information to come. If you are interested in funding the item in part or in whole, please contact Pastor Parsons or one of the Church Office Secretaries with your donation request.

Item: A new furnace to replace one that is over 20 years old and at the end of its service life.

Estimated Cost: \$3500.00 (Includes all materials and installation)

OCTOBER 2021

SUN.	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	FRI.	SAT.
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3 Worship 9:00 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Packer Party at Blum's 2:30 p.m.	4 Monday Night Service 6:30 p.m.	5 Ladies Aid 1:00 p.m. Pray and Play 3:00 p.m.	6 Choir Practice 6:30p.m.	7 Bread of Life Bible Study 12:00 pm Food Pantry 1:00-3:00 p.m.	8	9
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31 Worship 9:00 a.m. NO Bible Study or Sunday School Reformation Potluck 10:30 a.m.						