

NEWS & NOTES

What's Coming Up....

Sun. 10/27 9:00 AM Worship and WELS Connection
 10:00 AM Faith and Fellowship Hour

What I Believe? In the light of God's Word, we will discuss the good and bad of these two statements.

- Justification. What does that word mean?
- God is satisfied with my best life.

Mon. 10/28 6:30 PM Monday Nights with Jesus
 Wed. 10/30 10:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study
 Thurs. 10/31 6:00 PM Reformation Movie Night:
 The Luther Movie

Sun. 11/3 9:00 AM Reformation Worship with
 Member Communion
 10:00 AM Faith and Fellowship Hour

What I Believe? In the light of God's Word, we will discuss the good and bad of these two statements.

- All religions lead to the same God.
- A person can be a good Christian without coming to church.

Sunday 11/10 9:00 AM Casual Worship Service
 10:00 AM Set Up for Garage Sale

Willing Hands

This Sunday: 10/27

Organist: Computer
 Ushers: Jacob Stephens
 Jim Moldenhauer
 Altar Care: Kelley Buch
 Tellers: Dick and Cathy Yeakel
 Kitchen Helpers: Luckes

Next Sunday 11/3

Carol Johnson
 Mark Boehringer
 Bryan Becht
 None
 Jim M. & Jean T.
 None



We're here to
Serve

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| October 6 | Jim Moldenhauer | Tom Johnson |
| October 13 | Larry Wiersum | Andrew Ryan |
| October 20 | Joe Schindler | Bill Meyer |
| October 27 | Jacob Stephens | Jim Moldenhauer |
| November 3 | Mark Boehringer | Bryan Becht |
| November 10 | Jacob Stephens | Tom Johnson |
| November 17 | Jim Moldenhauer | Joe Schindler |
| November 24 | Bill Meyer | Wally Marsh |
| November 27 | Thanksgiving Service | Tom Johnson Jim Moldenhauer |
| December 1 | Jim Moldenhauer | Tom Johnson |
| December 8 | Wally Marsh | Bill Meyer |
| December 15 | Joe Schindler | Larry Wiersum |
| December 22 | Andrew Ryan | Mark Boehringer |
| December 24 | Jim Moldenhauer | |
| December 25 | Jim Moldenhauer | |
| December 29 | Bryan Becht | Chuck Ochsner |
| January 5 | Joe Schindler | Larry Wiersum |
| January 12 | Andrew Ryan | Mark Boehringer |
| January 19 | Jim Moldenhauer | Tom Johnson |
| January 26 | Bill Meyer | Bryan Becht |



The kitchen helper's sheet is largely empty for the next few months. Please take a moment to sign up to help. The sheet is hanging on the pantry door in the kitchen. Duties include: setting out goodies, making coffee, and cleaning up.



Our Thanks to the Lord: Our congregation has prayerfully and thankfully chosen to support the ministry of our church through our thank offerings.

May God continue to bless us with his gifts and with a heart of praise and thanks to bring our offerings of thanks to do his work.



We thank all those who participated in our Crossroads Seminar. As we look to the future to plan what kind of ministry we will undertake, it is important that we look at why we are here and what God is asking us to do, as well as what we will do and why we will do it.



Thank you to those who helped with Trunk or Treat. We met a lot of people and had a lot of fun. Plan to join the fun next year.



Church Council Officers:

Please call our elected officers with questions and concerns.

- Chairman: Mr. Chuck Ochsner
- Vice-Chairman: Mr. Mark Boehringer
- Treasurer: Mr. Eric Braun
- Trustee: Mr. Mark Osterberg
- Elder: Mr. Duane Meyer



REFORMATION Sunday

Reformation Sunday: November 3, 2019

We will be celebrating the blessings of God given to his church during the Reformation, next week. We will look at the truths of God that save us in this service.

We will also view the Luther movie on Thursday, October 31 here in the fellowship hall. That will begin at 6:00 PM.



CASUAL SUNDAY.

Casual Sunday – November 10, 2019

On Sunday, November 10, we will be using our Bible Study hour in order to do some final set up for the Garage Sale.

We are asking everyone to lend a hand.

Please wear casual clothes to the worship service and then join us as we move tables, chairs, furniture, clothes and saleables into position for final pricing and labeling.

Maybe Pastor will even dress down..... who knows???

How are you growing in faith?

Many times in the Bible we see God's people joining together to study God's Word and to grow in that Word. Many have indicated in Listening Sundays that Bible Study is important.



We have a number of great studies going on right now. Each study digs into Scripture and helps us to grow in faith. Which one can you attend?

Sunday Morning: What I Believe...

The Bible leads us to the truth when we have questions.

Wednesday Morning: A Study of the book of Romans

A look at God's plan of salvation by grace through faith.

Friday Night (or available upon request): Back to the Basics

A look at the basic doctrines of the Bible.

For the Kids..... and Young at Heart
Crayons and Pencils are available. Please ask an usher for help

One leper returns to give Jesus thanks!
Luke 17:11-21



WELS Together Newsletter

The Conference of Presidents (COP) held its fall meeting last week at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry, Waukesha, Wis.

Two years ago a special committee was appointed by the Synodical Council to consider ways to improve the WELS pension plan for called workers. That committee has completed its work; its recommendation will be considered by the Synodical Council in November. Since the Conference of Presidents has a vital interest in the called workers of the synod, the committee shared the details of its proposal with the COP. The COP expressed its support for the recommendation and will forward its endorsement to the Synodical Council. If the Synodical Council adopts it, the detailed proposal will be made public and sent to the districts for consideration at their conventions this summer.

The COP adopted a document entitled “Human sexuality, Personhood, Identity, and the Historic Christian Faith: A Confession on Human Sexuality.” This document was written to address the current controversy and unbiblical views of the transgender issue. A shorter pastoral brief on the issue is also being prepared to help pastors as they address this issue in their ministry. These documents will be ready for publication as soon as they are placed into final form.

Another major decision of the COP was to accept the work of a committee that has produced a restatement of our synod’s doctrinal position on the God-given roles of man and women. “Male and Female in God’s Word” does not represent any change in our synod’s position; rather it is intended to clarify and expand on several aspects of the issue that are not fully addressed in the current WELS doctrinal statement. An accompanying Bible study has also been produced. These materials will be made available later this fall for study and discussion at pastor and teacher conferences and in congregations. Input and questions will be sought during the next year, and the statement will be presented to the synod convention for approval in 2021.

The COP is continuing its work on revisions to the synod's bylaws that deal with the process of discipline for called workers and congregations.

Finally, the COP is also continuing to investigate whether the IRS provisions allowing ministers of the gospel to deduct their housing expenses applies to female teachers. There are some questions about whether the IRS and the courts have changed in their interpretation of this law and whether female teachers qualify for the deduction. The COP will report its findings as soon as they are available.

Serving in Christ,
WELS President Mark Schroeder

OWLS Mining for Jesus at Annual Convention

The Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors (OWLS) was "mining for Jesus" this year at its annual convention for seniors in Galena, Ill., Oct. 7-9. The region around Galena was known for mining of lead when the first settlers came to the area, but the OWLS came in search of spiritual treasure found only in the Savior and the life he gives.

The four main speakers presented ways to be "miners for Jesus." Missionary Dan Sargent presented on how God helps us to accomplish his plans bit by bit, Christian Life Resources Director Rev. Bob Fleischmann shared how a lifetime of experience prepares us, Special Ministries Director Rev. Jim Behringer's presentation was titled "Christian caring matters," and Chaplain Ken Wenzel spoke about lessons on Christian hope connected with medical objects.

Galena is known for its historic downtown and the beautiful countryside around it. Attendees had the opportunity to visit the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquarium in nearby Dubuque, Iowa, before the opening of the convention. An unexpected highlight of the convention happened as a result of a last minute necessity. The cancellation of the musical entertainment led the organizers to ask OWLS President Norman Schell to do a presentation on the American

effort to put a man on the moon. Schell worked on the Apollo project and showed some never-before-seen pictures of the project.

The OWLS rejoiced at the creation of a new OWLS branch in Downers Grove, Ill. Members of the new branch were present to receive their charter and a warm welcome into the organization.

For more than a decade, the OWLS has used its offerings to support the WELS European Civilian chaplaincy, which serves military personnel and WELS civilians in Europe. This year, the OWLS presented Military Services with a check for \$50,000 for work in Europe. Two convention offerings and record proceeds from a silent auction were directed for next year's gift to the work of the chaplain in Europe as well.

The OWLS also provides \$350 scholarships to six Martin Luther College students. This year's recipients are Claudia Meyer, Morgan Gosch, Daniel Bilitz, Dayne Kopfer, Clara Kammueler, and Derek Gulrud.

Professor Em. John Paulsen, OWLS executive director, says, "This convention provided a chance for everyone to grow in historical knowledge and about researching and preserving your own history. Everyone I talked with said that they had learned so much and enjoyed the convention at the Eagle Ridge Resort, all the while able to see eagles soar in the distance over the lake below."

The 2020 OWLS convention for seniors will be held in New Ulm, Minn. With the theme "Tell the Next Generation," the convention will have a special focus on Martin Luther College. The convention is open to all seniors in WELS and the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, regardless of OWLS membership