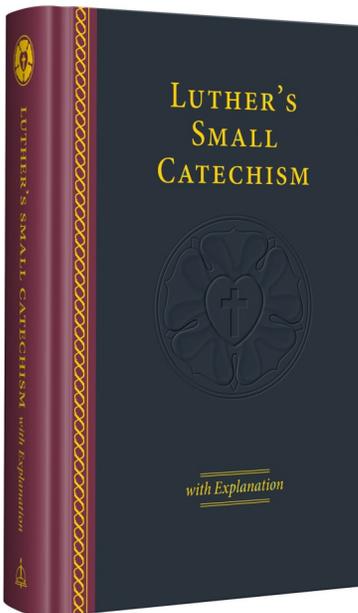


Back to Basics



With September comes another school year. In the air are sounds of children complaining that school just got out and now it's time to go back. Where did the summer go? Regardless of the children's feelings, wants, or desires, school is back in session.

School should be back in session for us as well. I don't mean taking up the subjects of our school days of old, but rather a review of something more important, the tenets of the Christian faith. For us, that comes from Luther's Small & Large Catechisms. If you haven't checked out the Large Catechism, I would encourage you to do so.

So why is such study important for us if we have already learned it once all those years ago in Confirmation classes? For an answer, we turn to Luther, the author of the Small & Large Catechisms: *"But for myself I say this: I am also a doctor and preacher; yes, as learned and experienced as all the people who have such assumptions and contentment. Yet I act as a child who is being taught the catechism. Every morning—and whenever I have time—I read and say, word for word, the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the Psalms, and such. I must still read and study them daily. Yet I cannot master the catechism as I wish. But I must remain a child and pupil of the catechism, and am glad to remain so."* (Preface to the Large Catechism)

How ironic is it that the Martin Luther, the author of the Small & Large Catechisms, daily went back to them? You would think that the he, more than anyone, would know what they said. Even though he authored them, he said that he *"must remain a child and pupil of the catechism,"* that is, study it daily because of the great value that the Word of God has for us.

Consider pulling your Small Catechism off the shelf, dust it off, and go back to the basics, being in the Word of God. Again, Luther writes, *"Besides, catechism study is a most effective help against the devil, the world, the flesh, and all evil thoughts. It helps to be occupied with God's Word, to speak it, and meditate on it, just as the first Psalm declares people blessed who meditate on God's Law day and night (Psalm 1:2). Certainly you will not release a stronger incense or other repellant against the devil than to be engaged by God's commandments and words, and speak, sing, or think them [Colossians 3:16]."* (Preface to the Large Catechism)

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

September 2018 Newsletter Article

It's September, and everything is in full swing again: back to school and back to church attendance after vacations and weekends away. And since everything is back into full swing, it's a perfect time to get back to basics, back to the foundation.

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, "Daddy, give me six pence to buy you a birthday present." Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is six-pence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers — stewards — acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deuteronomy 8:17–18), but also all that we are in this life (1 Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability.

For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b).

And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands.

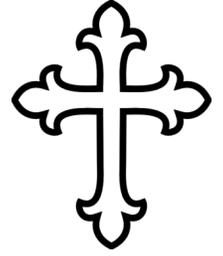
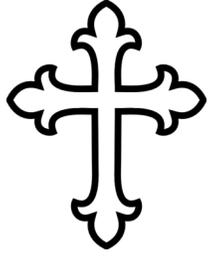
On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours — not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7).

Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



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ABOUT THE COVER

September 2



Pentecost

About the Cover: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus" is a fitting hymn about the lesson of today's Epistle. We stand up for Jesus because He empowers us to do so by working faith in us. On our own, we are weak and would falter and fall under the oppressive pressure of sin. The devil is overcome by Christ, who has gained the victory for us. We offer our worship and praise for His gift of faith.

September 9



Pentecost

About the Cover: We are spiritually deaf and have a speech impediment when we refuse to hear Jesus' Word or when we do not tell others of His love. We have been given the most pleasant task of telling others of Christ's forgiving love, which we hear from His Word. When we hear His Word, we are enabled to fulfill Jesus' purpose for us in life. Jesus, through His Word, is able to heal us also.

September 16



Pentecost

About the Cover: As God's people, we seek to lead a God-pleasing and Christ-centered life each and every day. However, we still sin against God. We sin much, and yet we believe in Christ's promise of the forgiveness of our sins. Just like the man in the miracle, we find ourselves praying to God, "I believe; help my unbelief!" We give thanks to God that He never turns His back on us.

September 23



Pentecost

About the Cover: We are thankful for God's Word. In it, Jesus speaks very plainly to His disciples and to us about His life, death, and purpose in this life. He says, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men." We believe that Jesus came into the world to be given over to evil men and to be put to death for our salvation. Thanks be to Christ Jesus, our light and our life!

September 30



Pentecost

About the Cover: God's children are called to do the work of the Father. We should not do only the work that we choose, nor should we relegate to others tasks that we choose not to do. We are to live and work in harmony with all God's children. We are to "be at peace with one another," even when things don't go our way or we don't like how things are done. We are to live as God's children and not as children of evil.





**WYOMING DISTRICT
ROUND-UP
SEPTEMBER, 2018**
District Web Site: www.wylcms.org

The Year of the Formula of Concord

“...REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS...” (Eph. 1:16)

For **Rev. Claude and Deloris Constable**, who are in assisted living with health issues.

For **Rev. Phil Grovenstein**, undergoing treatment for cancer.

For **Nelda Simonson**, wife of Rev. Duane Simonson, who is mostly homebound and in the advanced stages of cancer.

PASTORS AND CONGREGATIONS

Trinity, Rock Springs and **Emmanuel, Green River** has received approval for their multi-point parish agreement. Trinity will soon hold a voters' meeting to call **Rev. James Martin** (Emmanuel, Green River), who has also served them during the vacancy.

The parish of **Zion, Grover** and **Grace, Pine Bluffs** met August 19 and are exploring alternative parish arrangements for ministry. The parish is being served by **Rev. Richard Boche** during the vacancy period.

Trinity, Cheyenne is being served by **Rev. Marcus Baikie** (Our Savior's, Cheyenne) during its vacancy.

Rev. Brad Heinecke (St. Paul's, Sidney, NE) has retired, effective August 19 as his last Sunday. He and Debbie will be moving to their home in Florida. **Rev. Allen Strawn** (St. Paul's, Bridgeport) has been elected to serve St. Paul's during the vacancy.

THE BRIDE CONFESSES CHRIST: THE FORMULA OF CONCORD

This month and next we survey the Formula of Concord, Article Eight, “The Person of Christ.” In the previous article on “The Holy Supper of Christ,” we confess that Christ gives us His true body and blood with the consecrated bread and wine. In the debates with those who denied Holy Scripture on this teaching, the Lutherans discovered that their opponents were also denying a very important part of the doctrine concerning our Savior, Jesus Christ. They taught that Christ could not give His body and blood in the Lord's Supper because of the limitations of His human nature.

Here we see that the teachings concerning the Lord's Supper and the Person of Christ are intertwined. For it is the eternal and almighty God who speaks and gives the Words of Institution in the Lord's Supper. And Jesus who gives His flesh and blood in Communion as a Man is also the eternal God. For in the Personal Union of God and Man in Christ, these two natures are inseparably joined, so that the man Jesus shares in and exercises the almighty power of God, and God the Son suffers and dies for all men, shedding His blood for us and giving us His blood in Holy Communion. We confess, “Christ is and remains to all eternity God and man in one undivided person. Next to the Holy Trinity, this is the highest mystery, upon which our only consolation, life, and salvation depends, as the apostle testifies in 1 Timothy 3:16” (FC Ep VIII.18)

Status of the Controversy

“From the controversy about the Holy Supper a disagreement has arisen between the pure theologians of the Augsburg Confession and the Calvinists. The Calvinists have also confused some other theologians about the person of Christ and the two natures in Christ and their properties.

“The chief question, however, has been this: Because of the personal union, do the divine and human natures [of Christ], and also their properties, really have communion with each other? In other words (in deed and truth), do the divine and human natures commune with each other in the person of Christ, and how far does this communion extend?

“The Sacramentarians have asserted that the divine and human natures in Christ are united personally in such a way that neither one has real communion. This means (in deed and truth) that they do not share with the other nature what is unique to either nature. They share nothing more than name alone. For they plainly say, “The personal union does nothing more than make the names common.” In other words, God is called man, and man is called God. Yet this happens in such a way that the divine has no real communion (that is, in deed and truth) with humanity. And humanity has nothing in common with divinity, its majesty, and properties. Dr. Luther and those who agreed with him have contended against the Sacramentarians for the contrary teaching.

Theses (Affirmative Statements): The Pure Teaching of the Christian Church about the Person of Christ

"To explain this controversy and settle it according to the guidance of our Christian faith, our doctrine, faith, and confession is as follows:

"1. The divine and human natures in Christ are personally united. So there are not two Christs, one the Son of God and the other the Son of Man. But one and the same person is the Son of God and the Son of Man.

"2. We believe, teach, and confess that the divine and human natures are not mingled into one substance, nor is one changed into the other. Each keeps its own essential properties, which can never become the properties of the other nature.

"3. The properties of the divine nature are these: to be almighty, eternal, infinite, and to be everywhere present (according to the property of its nature and its natural essence, of itself), to know everything, and so on. These never become properties of the human nature.

"4. The properties of the human nature are to be a bodily creature, to be flesh and blood, to be finite and physically limited, to suffer, to die, to ascend and descend, to move from one place to another, to suffer hunger, thirst, cold, heat, and the like. These never become properties of the divine nature.

"5. The two natures are united personally (i.e. in one person). Therefore, we believe, teach, and confess that this union is not the kind of joining together and connection that prevents either nature from having anything in common with the other personally (i.e. because of the personal union). It is not like when two boards are glued together, where neither gives anything to the other or takes anything from the other. But here is described the highest communion that God truly has with the man. From this personal union, the highest and indescribable communion results. There flows everything human that is said and believed about God, and everything divine that is said and believed about the man Christ. The ancient teachers of the Church explained this union and communion of the natures by the illustration of iron glowing with fire, and also by the union of the body and soul in man."

REFORMATION 500: 1518 in Review

The beginning of a new school year reminds us of important Reformation changes at the University of Wittenberg 500 years ago. In March of 1518, Luther and his colleagues discussed the need to abandon scholasticism and return to an emphasis on Scripture and the Church Fathers. Among the reforms that followed, lectures on Greek and Hebrew were added to the curriculum, marking a return to the original sources of the Bible and other classic texts. Luther called for a professor to be appointed to fulfill these new requirements, and his request was answered in the person of Phillip Melancthon. Melancthon had received a thorough education in the classical liberal arts. In time he would become Luther's most important academic, theological, and ecclesiastical colleague.

Melancthon arrived at Wittenberg August 25, 1518 and on the 29th gave his famous inaugural lecture on the improvement of academic studies. He spoke about education and the arts, emphasizing especially the importance of Greek. He quickly became a popular teacher with a full lecture hall.

Save the Dates...

-October 14, 4:00 PM, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverton: The district is invited to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the ordination of President Emeritus Robert Oberheu.

-October 21, 2:00 PM, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Potter, NE: The congregation is celebrating its 100th Anniversary at Vespers.



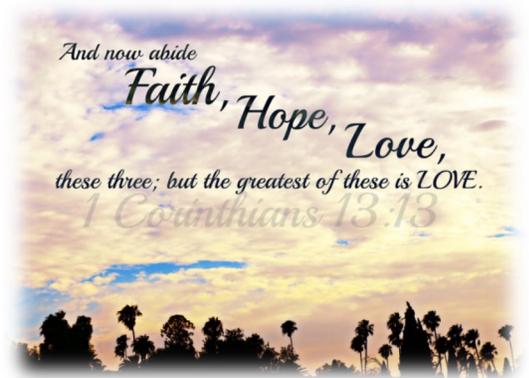
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Vee Bleizeffer
Nancy Hanson
Alexia Peterson
Clyde Gray
September 2
Wesley Terrell
September 3
Christopher Torrey
September 4
Bentley Tresch
September 5
Alex Hatzenbihler
Ron Bothwell
Boyd Peabody
Wynnette Reinhardt
September 6
Andrew Kaufman
September 7
Sara Riddle
September 8
Lynne Gray

September 9
Clint Oldenburg
Shelly Gегelman
Sierra Even
September 10
Todd Jurczewsky
September 11
Rian Riddle
September 12
Ella Henrichsmeyer
Lillian Wollman
Marvin Pahl
Adam Rokusek
September 13
Kristal Wagner
September 14
Mitchell Shinkle
September 19
Jacob Even
Alexis Lund
Salah Carstens

September 20
Lora Gегelman
Karissa Ailts
Brandon Schipansky
September 23
Lisa Rabenberg
September 25
Michael Wasson
John Werbelow
September 26
Dewain Myers
Jana Collins
Frank Schroder
September 27
Raelee Picard
Deloris Hjorth
September 29
Sandra Rokusek
Shaelyn Strohschein
September 30
Terry Tharp
Alex Eisenbraun
Robert Madsen

September 3
Roger & Lori Tresch
September 4
Forrest & Erin Rothleutner
September 12
Clem & Charlotte Rohrich
September 13
Darrel & Lucinda Westre
September 25
Ron & Sharilyn Bothwell



Altar Guild
Dixie Ailts, Holly Ailts, Deb Hopp



September

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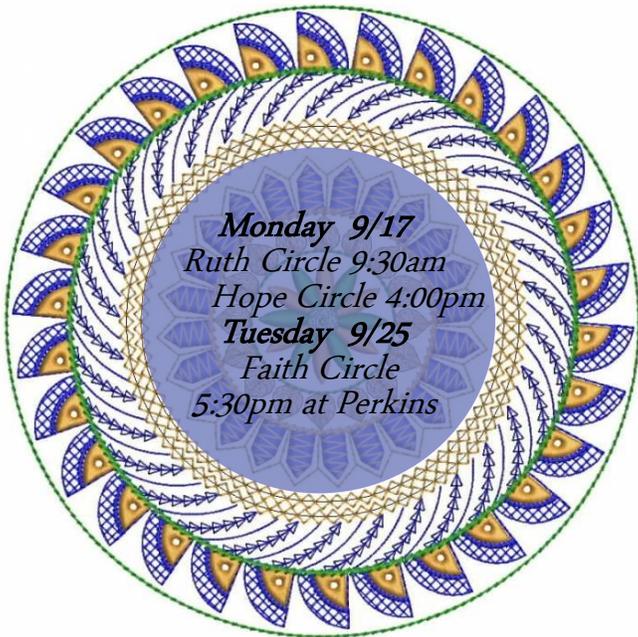


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Starting 9/9

Ushers & Greeters



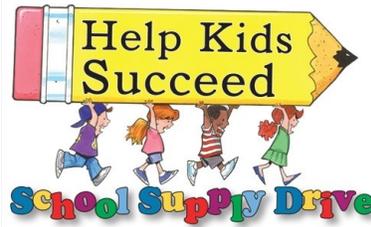
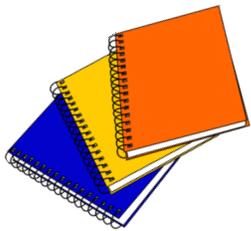
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Terry Tharp, Ken Ford, Rob Gordon;
Mark Lund |
| September 9
9:00am | Elder: Bill Rathbun
Jeremy Wagner, Ben Ailts, Debbie Hopp,
Mark Eveland |
| September 16
9:00am | Elder: Bryan K. Mills
Darla Even, Jacob Even, Terri Triebs,
Debbie Hopp, Wendy Dornan |
| September 23
9:00am | Elder: Bryan K. Mills
Greg Schliske, Bryan Mills,
Dan Luhr, Bryan K. Mills |
| September 30
9:00am | Elder: Bryan K. Mills
Ted Wicks, Dean Schipansky,
Susy Schipansky |

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Reminder:
Ushers Light the
Alter Candles
September 2



“Make your ways known upon earth, Lord God, your saving power among all peoples. Renew your Church in holiness and help us to serve you with joy. Guide the leaders of all nations, that justice may prevail throughout the world. Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away. Make us instruments of your peace and let your glory be over all the earth.”





Faith Circle makes and assembles school kits distributed through Lutheran World Relief to underserved students in the US and worldwide. The participation of the congregation is greatly appreciated. This project will conclude the end of this month. As you are doing your school shopping, please consider buying extra items to complete these school kits.

Items for each school kit include:

- (4) 70 sheet notebooks 8" x 10" (no multi-subject)
- (1) 30 centimeter ruler (or centimeters on one side)
- (1) 2 hole pencil sharpener
- (1) blunt scissors (safety with embedded steel blades ok)
- (5) unsharpened #2 lead pencils with erasers
- (5) black or blue ink ballpoint pens (no gel)
- (1) box 16 ct or 24 ct crayons
- (1) 2 1/2" pink eraser

Donations of denim weight fabric for the bags is also welcome and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your contributions to this mission project.

Serving with you in Christ,
Bert Maki



Cinnamon Cream Cheese Roll Ups From Terri Triebs

Ingredients :

- 1 loaf of thin, white bread
- 2/3 bar of cream cheese (8 oz. bar), softened
- 1/2 cup powdered sugar
- 3/4 cups sugar
- 1 TB cinnamon
- 1/2 cup butter, melted

Instructions:

1. Cut off the crust of the bread.
2. With a rolling pin, flatten bread.
3. In a small bowl combine cream cheese and powdered sugar until well blended.
4. In a separate bowl combine sugar and cinnamon - set aside.
5. Spread 1 - 1 1/2 tablespoons of cream cheese mixture onto each flattened bread piece and roll up.
6. Dip each rolled bread into melted butter and then into the cinnamon and sugar mix.
7. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet.
8. Repeat for remaining pieces of bread.
9. Bake at 350 for 16-20 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm.
10. ENJOY!

IN HIS NAME
SO THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS
EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW Philippians 2:10

POWDER RIVER ZONE FALL RALLY
SEPTEMBER 22, 2018
9:30 AM REGISTRATION UNTIL 2:30 PM
TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH CASPER, WY

Ingathering is for the Children's Advocacy Project Items requested include:

- Packages of playdough**
- Sidewalk chalk or Packs of pens**
- Newer released DVD movies - Disney, Pixar, etc.**
- Coloring books for all ages 1 through Adult**
- Children's books for reception area**
- Reading material for old teens**
- Regular printer paper**
- White and colored cardstock**
- Binder dividers**
- Label maker**
- Yellow "skinny" highlighter markers**
- Fruit snacks, granola bars & snack size cookies**

Sept. 22, 2018 Powder River Zone Fall Rally @ Trinity-Casper

Sept. 29, 2018 Trinity-Gillette LWML General Mtg.

Thank you to members of the congregation for your generous donations of items for the school kits for Lutheran World Relief. There are currently between 50 - 60 bags sewn. If you still have items to contribute, please bring them to the church no later than Sept. 9, 2018. Items still needed are rulers, erasers and 70 pg. spiral notebooks. Any additional items that are still needed after the 9th, will be purchased with the Thrivent action card. Your support of this mission project is greatly appreciated as You, Lutheran Women in Mission and Lutheran World Relief share God's blessings with those in need around the world. Beginning Sept. 9, 2018 we will be asking for your help and participation once again, as we gather items for the Children's Advocacy Project in Casper. They will be the recipients of the ingathering at the Powder River Zone Fall Rally to be held in Casper on Sept. 22, 2018. These items will be taken with those attending the Rally and given to the Children's Advocacy Project that day.

Serving with All of You
Bert Maki, President
Trinity-Gillette LWML



THE WEDDING AT CANA

CAN YOU SPOT THE 20 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THESE TWO PICTURES?



