

St. Luke's

Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

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The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18 & 19, 2010

Weekly News and Information

Holy Baptism—Riley Marie Schultz, daughter of Hailey Marie Roth and Nathan Schultz is being presented in our Sunday service for Holy Baptism. Add Riley to your prayers this week with joy for her adoption into God's family.

Prayers this week have been requested for John and Ann Sankey's new grandson, Noah, and his family that they be kept safe spiritually and physically. Also, please be sure to add prayers this week for Hailey Roth that her faith might grow stronger day by day and that she may become a beautiful Christian woman for God's Kingdom.

FAITH, FAMILY & FUN WEEK, JULY 27-30: We are looking forward to a fun week, learning of JESUS: PROPHET, PRIEST & KING. Please invite your family and friends to join us. All ages are encouraged to attend. If you are not able to participate all nights, please come when you can. Extra invitations are available in the narthex, next to the sign up sheet.

Today's Video—WELS Connection—School of Outreach. Long established congregations as well as new ones reap the benefits of sending congregational leaders to Schools of Outreach. The main reward – realizing that evangelism is everyone's responsibility.

Church Picnic—Sunday, August 1 at 9:00 A.M. we will have an outdoor service and potluck picnic lunch. There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for food dishes to bring. Watch for more details!

Winnebago Lutheran Academy has four families who have expressed need for some help with their tuition payments due to some financial difficulties. The families desire a Lutheran, Christian education for their children, but they are struggling with the cost of tuition, even above and beyond the tuition assistance available.

If there is an individual or family who has the means and desire to financially help or sponsor a child coming to WLA please call the office – 920-921-4930. Ask for Principal Gregorius about more of the details to see how you can help.

Sunday School—We are searching for more Sunday School Team Members. We need more help to teach the gospel to every age group in our church family. If you would like to teach all year, the first four months, the last four months, every other month, can sub, (or other help) let us know. All teachers will be trained on the lessons and given any support they need. The Sunday School Team will be meeting monthly to review lessons. Please call Sybille Rhodes at 920/583-2402 or e-mail at srhodes40@charter.net if you can help in any way.

School Supply Lists for grades K-3 are available in the narthex.

Softball—St. Luke's 1 plays St. Paul's Forest 1 at home and St. Luke's 2 plays Faith at Faith church diamond.

Memorial—Our thanks for the gift to the Mission Fund in memory of Robert Schwanke.

Last Week's Attendance – June 13, 2010

Sunday 9:00 A.M.: 172 Monday 7:00 P.M.: 47 **Total: 219**

Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund	\$3,890.00
**Plate Offering	48.12
**Debt Retirement	68.00
**Mission Fund	10.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	25.00
Communion Fund	131.00
Student Aid Fund	5.00
St. Luke's Member Assistance	10.00
Budgetary Offering **	\$4,016.12
Total Offering:	\$4,187.12

About Today's Lesson

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 30:9-14

1. **What summary of God's law does Moses give the children of Israel in these verses?**

Moses summarizes the law as obedience to God and his commandments. All of God's commandments can be summarized in one word: love (see Mark 12:28-34; Romans 13:8-10).

2. **In light of verses 11-14, what do many people seem to think they have to do in order to please the Lord God?**

These verses suggest that many people have thought the Lord is "too difficult" to please, that he requires all kinds of heroic acts on our part. But Moses argues with that false idea: "The word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so that you may obey it." Simply put, God wants us to love him and one another.

Second Lesson - Colossians 1:1-14

3. **Why did Paul have reason to thank God for the Colossians?**

Paul thanked God for the Colossians because he had heard of their wonderful faith-life which revealed itself in love.

4. **What prayer did Paul continuously pray on behalf of the Colossians?**

Paul's prayer was that the Colossians might be built up even more in their faith, that they "may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way" (verse 10). Paul teaches that love is a natural consequence of faith.

Gospel - Luke 10:25-37

5. **Why were the priest and Levite in Jesus' parable unwilling to help the man victimized by robbers?**

The priest and Levite were more concerned about their service in the temple, which would bring them honor (self-love), than they were concerned about the fulfillment of God's will, that we love our neighbor as ourselves (love of others). Faith-life reveals itself in love for others, not in love for oneself.

6. **What's surprising about the Samaritan's willingness to help this Jewish man, and what do his actions teach us about true Christian love?**

The Samaritan's willing involvement would have been a surprising twist to Jesus' listeners and a slap in the face to many Jews of Jesus' day since most Jews looked down on their Samaritan cousins, thinking of them as unreligious, half-breeds. But the Samaritan's actions are a model of Christian love, which strives to serve our neighbor, yes, even our enemy (see Matthew 5:43-48).

This Week at St. Luke's 7/18/2010

Today

9:00 A.M. Worship Service

Monday

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday

Wednesday

8:00-10:00 A.M. Church Office Hours

Thursday

Friday

Next Sunday

9:00 A.M. Worship Service with Lord's Supper

Next Monday

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service with Lord's Supper

Serving the Lord This Week

Service Deacons: Lorne Indermuehle & Lyle Collien

Organist: Marilyn Kollmann

Altar Guild:

Church Cleaning:

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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God's Word for Today

How can we know whether someone else has Christian faith or not? Since we can't read people's hearts, we can only discern Christian faith by its fruits in words and actions. The Scriptures tell us what the fruits of faith are (see Galatians 5:22-23) and those fruits can be summarized in one word: love. St. James has written: "I will show you my faith by what I do."

ORDER OF SERVICE: CWS Holy Baptism & Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN: CW 297, Sunday "*Baptized in Water*"

CW 390, Monday "*Salvation unto Us Has Come*"

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 30:9-14

PSALM: CW 25, Page: 74

(Women/Men)

SECOND LESSON: Colossians 1:1-14

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 10:25-37

SERMON HYMN: CW 490

"Love in Christ is Strong and Living"

SERMON: Luke 10 "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

Help us Lord to Face our God-given Responsibilities!

PRAYER HYMN: CW 498

"Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire"

CLOSING HYMN: CW 390, v 6

"Salvation unto Us Has Come"

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Goelzer **Organist:** Marilyn Kollmann

Welcome to St. Luke's Oakfield

- † It is our prayer that our worship service will allow you to encounter your Creator and Savior today through His Word and give you an opportunity to praise Him with songs and prayers.
- † If you have any questions about the service, the readings or sermon, please feel free to ask our Pastor after the service. Feel free to join in any part of our service that you feel comfortable with.
- † Large bulletins, listening assisted devices and children's worship tote bags are available from the ushers.
- † We do ask that everyone who participates in worship today sign the worship attendance register in the narthex.
- † Parents, if your child become restless, that's okay... We're glad they're here and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word! Perhaps a moment or two with mom or dad is all that is necessary. Our Church Nursery is located in the narthex
- † We believe that gathering together at God's altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our denomination to speak to the pastor before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice.

Upcoming Worship Opportunities at St. Luke's

July 25 & 26 – The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Divine Service II

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

Faith-Life Is Nourished Only through God's Gospel Promises

August 1 & 2 – The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Outdoor Church Service

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

Faith-Life Expresses Itself in Fervent Faith-Filled Prayer

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