

St. Luke's

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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22 & 23, 2010

Weekly News and Information

Bible Class & Sunday School are both using the theme "Take the Next Step", in their classes this year. It's about not just standing strong in our faith but also being aggressive toward our goal of heaven by choosing to live by faith, like the Heroes of Faith did in Biblical Times. I hope and pray everyone will take the opportunity to be better Christians, strengthened by God's Promises, choosing to live by faith for themselves and for their loved ones. What Parent doesn't want to be better for their children? Or what spouse doesn't want to be better for their husband/wife? Let's make a choice toward that goal in September. Make a choice to take the next step and learn God's Promises better, share God's promises better. I know that is my goal of sharing God's promises better with my own family. Classes will start on Sunday, September 12th at 9:10 a.m.

Sunday School Meeting – All Sunday School teachers will meet on August 25th at 6:30 P.M. Please notify Sybille Rhodes if you are able to help in any way with teaching this year.

Congratulations, Joanne Tetzlaff—You are invited to join us as we recognize Mrs. Tetzlaff's 25 years in the teaching ministry. On September 12, 2010 immediately following the late service, there will be a potluck luncheon in her honor (sign up on the sheet in the narthex on August 29 for your dish to pass). On August 29/30, there will be a door offering collection that will be presented to Mrs. Tetzlaff on the day of the luncheon. If you know someone who had Mrs. Tetzlaff as a teacher, please extend an invitation to them to join us.

Mr. John Marten (Facilities Manager) after 20 years of faithful service at WLA will be retiring on December 31, 2010. WLA will be accepting applications forms to replace Mr. Marten starting August 16th. An application form and cover letter explaining the job description may be picked up in the school office or found on-line at www.wlavikings.org. Deadline for job applications will be September 16th.

Last Week's Attendance – August 15 & 16, 2010

Sunday 9:00 A.M: 162 Monday 7:00 P.M: 48 **Total: 210**

Last Week's Offerings

**General Fund	\$5,537.00
**Plate Offering	237.50
**Debt Retirement	80.00
Parish Improvement	20.00
Communion Fund	8.00
WLA-Forward in Trust	200.00
Budgetary Offering **	\$5,854.50
Total Offering:	\$6,082.50

About Today's Lesson

First Lesson – Jeremiah 23:23-29

1. With whom is the Lord disgusted in these verses?

The Lord is disgusted with the false prophets who are teaching falsehoods in his name. He doesn't put up with any error whatsoever, but he is especially angry when people use his name to promote and defend their errors.

2. How does the Lord describe his Word in verse 29? Why does he describe it this way?

The Lord says that his Word is like a fire and a hammer. It stands in total opposition to falsehood and ultimately destroys it. God does not permit a mixing of the truth of his Word with human lies; neither should we.

Second Lesson - Hebrews 12:1-13

3. What can we expect in this world if we stand on the truth of God's Word?

Just like Jesus, we can expect to face persecution and hatred. Jesus said, "If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first" (John 15:18).

4. How does the writer to Hebrews explain the hardship that we will endure for standing on the truth of God's Word in this world?

He says that such hardship is loving "discipline" by our heavenly Father. While such discipline might at first seem painful, it has eternal benefits as we submit to the Lord's loving guidance (verse 11).

Gospel - Luke 12:49-53

5. What misperception do many people have about Jesus and his work?

Many people think that Jesus came to bring worldly peace and social justice. Instead, Jesus points out in these verses that he and his teaching are divisive.

6. But isn't Jesus called the "Prince of Peace" in Isaiah 9?

Jesus is the Prince of Peace, and he did come to bring peace, just not worldly peace. Instead, Jesus came to bring peace between sinful human beings and his holy heavenly Father, and through his life, death and resurrection he has done just that (Romans 5:1).

7. Why are Jesus and his teaching so divisive in our world?

Jesus and his teaching are divisive because he proclaims absolute truth. In fact, he is the absolute Truth (John 14:6). In a world filled with false ideas about "relative truth," Jesus boldly states that we must either be for him or against him (Luke 11:23). Neutrality is not an option. Such absolute commitment will naturally bring division in this world, even within families, as Christians are compelled to speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15) and to reject all falsehood (2 Corinthians 6:14 – 7:1).

This Week at St. Luke's 8/22/2010

Today

9:00A.M. Worship Service

Monday

First Day of School-No Busing

8:15 A.M. Opening Service (School)

7:00 P.M. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday

No Busing

Wednesday

No Busing

6:30 P.M. Sunday School Teachers Meeting

Thursday

No Busing

6:30 P.M. Ladies' Aid Meeting

Friday

No Busing

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: Rick Reehl & Dean Geisthardt
Church Cleaning: Ken & Diane Arndt

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 22 & 23, 2010

God's Word for Today

"Can't we all just get along?" That's the sentiment of many people when it comes to religious matters especially. Sadly, that sentiment is usually combined with the idea that "no one has a monopoly on the truth." People argue: "Truth is relative. What might be true for you is not necessarily true for me." Jesus says otherwise. He boldly asserts that there is no truth apart from him and his Word. As followers of Jesus, we stand firmly with him in our faith-life, though such a stance will certainly bring division in a world of falsehood.

ORDER OF SERVICE: CW Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN: CW 280, "Thy Strong Word" V 1-4

PRAYER OF THE DAY: Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 23:23-29

PSALM: CW 139a, Page: 116 *Responsive: Men 1st/Women 2nd*

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 12:1-13

VERSE OF THE DAY:

Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-53

SERMON HYMN: CW 537 "Onward Christian Soldiers"

SERMON:

Surviving the cut by God's Strength

Look at who made it before us

Look at who made the cut for us

Look at who marked the race out for us.

PRAYER HYMN: CW 500

"For Christian Homes, O Lord, We Pray"

CLOSING HYMN: CW 280, "Thy Strong Word" V 5-6

Serving the Lord Today

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Goelzer **Organist:** Heidi Goelzer

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

August 29th & 30th – The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost with Lord's Supper

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

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

The door to heaven is narrow.

September 5 & 6 – The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday Service at 9:00 A.M. Service of the Word

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 P.M.

The first will be last... humble yourselves.

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