

# ***Announcements***

- ◆ A warm welcome to all our visitors and guests, friends both old and new. We pray that God has blessed your time among us with His Word and Holy Spirit. We cordially invite you to join us this morning for coffee & donuts downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.
- ◆ Pastor Stuckwisch and family are in Lockport, Illinois, this morning, for the installation of Pastor's son-in-law, Samuel Wirgau, as the vicar of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Lockport. Please remember Sam in your prayers as he begins his vicarage, along with his wife DoRena and their daughter Sarena.
- ◆ Following coffee & donuts, parents and children, youth and adults together are encouraged to attend and participate in Family Bible Class downstairs.  
Care for the younger children (under four years of age) is provided in the nursery downstairs, so their parents and families are able to attend the class.
- ◆ Emmaus will be gathered on Wednesday of this week, the 24th of June, to celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist in the Divine Service, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ In your prayers this week, please include the Indiana District Convention of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, which is meeting in Fort Wayne on Thursday and Friday. Pastor Stuckwisch and Dave Smith will be attending as the pastoral and lay delegate from our Emmaus congregation.
- ◆ Pastor Grobien will be vested and available in the Emmaus Sanctuary this Friday (26 June) for Individual Confession and Absolution, from 4:30 until 5:30 p.m. This means of grace and forgiveness is freely offered to be freely received in repentant faith, according to the Word and promise of Christ. Those who may have questions concerning this Christian practice are urged to review the Catechism and to visit with either of our pastors about it.
- ◆ Next Sunday (28 June), the members of Emmaus are invited to join their brothers and sisters in Christ at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, South Bend, in celebrating the ordination of Jeremy Allen Latzke, the son of Rev. Steven Latzke. The Service will begin at 3:00 p.m. and will be followed by a light meal. Jeremy has been called to be the pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Quincy, Illinois, where he will be installed on the 5th of July. Remember that sister congregation and their new pastor in your prayers.

- ◆ The Reverend George Zehnder was ordained at Emmaus twenty-five years ago, in June of 1984. His congregation and family in Ohio are preparing a surprise party for 12 July, in celebration of his anniversary of ordination. Members of Emmaus are invited to send congratulations on this occasion: c/o Donna Robinson, 11427 Ferry Road, Chesterland, Ohio 44026
- ◆ The Altar flowers this morning have been provided by Dorothy Rummel to the glory of God, in loving remembrance of her mother's birthday.
- ◆ COLLECTIONS FOR 14 JUNE 2009: \$1912.00  
In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$1940 is needed each week.
- ◆ IN THE LORD'S SERVICE THIS MORNING: (ELDER) Robert Rhein; (USHERS) Don Pritz & Randy Fish; (ACOLYTE) Martin Horner; (ORGANIST) Sandra Rhein; (GREETERS) Carrol McCarty & Pat Nering.
- ◆ Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor      Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574
- ◆ Rev. Gifford Grobrien, Assistant Pastor      Home Phone: (574) 231 – 9572

## ***On the Epistle to the Galatians***

*“When I was a monk, if I had properly understood Paul’s statements, ‘The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit,’ and ‘these are opposed to each other’ (Gal. 5:17), I would not have tortured myself but would have thought to myself, as I do now: ‘Martin, you will never be completely without sin, because you still have the flesh. Therefore you will always be aware of its conflict, according to the statement of Paul: “The desires of the flesh are against the Spirit.” Do not despair, therefore, but fight back, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. Then you will not be under the Law.’*

*“I remember that Staupitz [Luther’s father confessor] used to say: ‘More than a thousand times I have vowed to God that I would improve, but I have never performed what I have vowed. Hereafter I shall not make such vows, because I know perfectly well that I shall not live up to them. Unless God is gracious and merciful to me for the sake of Christ and grants me a blessed final hour when the time comes for me to depart this miserable life, I shall not be able to stand before Him with all my vows and good works.’ This despair is not only truthful but is godly and holy. Whoever wants to be saved must make this confession with his mouth and with his heart.*

*“The saints do not rely on their own righteousness; they sing with David: ‘Enter not into judgement with Thy servant, for no man living is justified before Thee’ (Psalm 143:2); and, ‘If Thou, O Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?’ (Psalm 130:3). Therefore they gaze at Christ, their Propitiator, who gave His life for their sins. And if there is any remnant of sin in their flesh, they know that this is not imputed to them but is pardoned by forgiveness. Meanwhile they battle by the Spirit against the flesh. This does not mean that they do not feel its desires at all; it means that they do not gratify them. Even though they feel their flesh raging and rebelling against the Spirit and feel themselves falling into sins and living in them, they do not become downcast on that account or immediately suppose that their way of life, their social station, and the works they have done in accordance with their calling are displeasing to God. No, they fortify themselves with their faith.*

*“Thus there is great comfort for the faithful in this teaching of Paul’s, because they know that they have partly flesh and partly Spirit, but in such a way that the Spirit rules and the flesh is subordinate, that righteousness is supreme and sin is a servant. Otherwise someone who is not aware of this will be completely overwhelmed by a spirit of sadness and will despair. But for someone who knows this doctrine and uses it properly even evil will have to cooperate for good. For when his flesh impels him to sin, he is aroused and incited to seek forgiveness of sins through Christ and to embrace the righteousness of faith, which he would otherwise not have regarded as so important or yearned for with such intensity.*

*“And so it is very beneficial if we sometimes become aware of the evil of our nature and our flesh, because in this way we are aroused and stirred up to have faith and to call upon Christ. Through such an opportunity a Christian becomes a skillful artisan and a wonderful creator, who can make joy out of sadness, comfort out of terror, righteousness out of sin, and life out of death, when he retains his flesh for this purpose, brings it into submission, and subjects it to the Spirit. Those who become aware of the desires of their flesh should not immediately despair of their salvation on that account. It is all right for them to be aware of it, provided that they do not assent to it; it is all right for anger or sexual desire to be aroused in them, provided that they do not capitulate to it; it is all right for sin to stir them up, provided that they do not gratify it.*

*“In fact, the godlier one is, the more aware he is of this conflict. This is the source of the complaint of the saints in the Psalms and throughout Scripture. The hermits, monks, sophists, and all the work-righteous know nothing whatever about this conflict.”*

**(From Dr. Martin Luther’s Lectures on Galatians, A.D. 1535)**

# ***Walking with Our Savior this Week***

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Donuts Downstairs	10:30 a.m.
	Family Bible Class	10:45 a.m.

*Pastor Stuckwisch and family in Lockport, Illinois, for the installation of Samuel Wirgau as the Vicar of St. Paul Lutheran Church there*

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b><i>Vespers</i></b>	<b><i>7:00 p.m.</i></b>
	Bible Class	7:30 p.m.

<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	
	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

**THURS—FRIDAY** Indiana District Convention in Fort Wayne

<b>FRIDAY</b>	Individual Confession & Absolution	4:30—5:30
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	Family Bible Class	10:45 a.m.

*Ordination of Jeremy Latzke at Our Redeemer, S.B. 3:00 p.m.*

*You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home:*

*This Wednesday (24 June) is the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist  
Readings: Isaiah 40:1–5; Acts 13:13–26; and St. Luke 1:57–80*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Third after Holy Trinity  
Lamentations 3:22–33; 2 Corinthians 8:1–15; and St. Mark 5:21–43*