

# ***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 and other refreshments downstairs following the Divine Service; and we ask that you please sign the guest book at the back of the church.
- ◆ Following coffee & refreshments, our Family Bible Class continues a study of Second Samuel. Parents and children, youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in this class together.  
  
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.
- ◆ Acolyte training begins this morning and will be held for the next several Sundays, from 10:45 until 11:45 a.m. All current and aspiring acolytes should be in attendance. If you have a conflict, please contact Pr. Grobien.
- ◆ Today, the 15th of August, is appointed as the Feast of St. Mary, the Mother of God. In order that we not displace the regular observance of the Lord's Day, we will be gathered to celebrate that festival tomorrow evening, on Monday the 16th of August, in the Divine Service beginning at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ The Divine Service next Sunday, the 22nd of August will include a Baccalaureate for the recent high school graduates of our Emmaus family: Grace Ball, Eleanor Harrison, and Margaret Rhein. Please remember these three young ladies in your prayers, especially as they proceed with college plans.
- ◆ Remember that our deaconess-elect, Mrs. Sandra Rhein, will be consecrated and installed to the Office of Deaconess at Emmaus on the afternoon of Sunday the 29th of August, Divine Service beginning at 4:00 p.m. Plans are being made for a reception following the Service, for which we expect to have a number of visitors and guests. **Please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board outside of Pastor's study.**

Personal cards and gifts of congratulation to Sandra will certainly be appropriate. However, as a congregation, it has been suggested that designated gifts be gathered for the Kenyan Hymnal Project, in honor of Sandra's consecration and installation. If you would like to contribute in that way, simply place such a gift in the offering between now and the 29th, in a separate envelope marked for the Kenyan Hymnal Project. Thank you.

- ◆ Deaconess Leslie Haines of Fort Wayne heads *Lutheran Military Veterans and Families Ministries*, an organization that evangelically assists veterans returning from overseas conflicts with reintegration, post-traumatic stress disorder, and other issues. This organization was recently denied a major grant and is now in danger of shutting down because of loss of funding. If you might be interested in helping, you may contact Deaconess Haines at: Lutheran Military Veterans and Family Ministries, Inc., 1615 Vance Ave., Suite 3, Fort Wayne, IN 46805. Phone: (260) 755-2237. Thank you.
- ◆ As mentioned recently at our Sunday morning Family Bible Class, there will be a “New Member Information Class” beginning in September, meeting on Monday evenings (7:30 p.m.), following our usual Order of Vespers. This class will be a review of basic catechesis in the Christian faith and life, as well as a general survey of the Church’s liturgical life in the means of grace. Interested “seekers,” prospective new members, or anyone else of almost any age is welcome to attend the class. Each class will be about an hour.
- ◆ The Altar flowers last Sunday (the 8th) were provided by Eldon & Bernice Knepp to the glory of God, in celebration of their wedding anniversary.
- ◆ COLLECTIONS FOR 8 AUGUST 2010: \$1208.26  
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) Eldon Knepp; (USHERS) Erik Horner & Tobias Tribble;  
(ACOLYTE) Martin Horner; (ORGANIST) Anna Horner; (GREETERS)  
Marilyn Dulmatch & Betty Saenz.
- ◆ Rev. D. Richard Stuckwisch, Pastor Home Phone: (574) 233 – 0574
- ◆ Rev. Gifford Grobien, Assistant Pastor Home Phone: (574) 231 – 9572

## ***From the Lutheran Confessions***

### THE AUGSBURG CONFESSION

*“XX. Faith and Good Works. Our teachers have been falsely accused of forbidding good works. Their writings on the Ten Commandments, and other writings as well, show that they have given good and profitable accounts and instructions concerning true Christian estates and works. . . .*

*“We begin by teaching that our works cannot reconcile us with God or obtain grace for us, for this happens only through faith, that is, when we believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake, who alone is the Mediator who reconciles the Father. . . . The faith here spoken of is not that possessed by the devil and the ungodly, who also believe the history of Christ’s sufferings and His resurrection from the dead, but we mean such true faith as believes that we receive grace and forgiveness of sins through Christ. . . .*

*“It is also taught among us that good works should and must be done, not that we are to rely on them to earn grace but that we may do God’s will and glorify Him. It is always faith alone that apprehends grace and forgiveness of sin. When through faith the Holy Spirit is given, the heart is moved to do good works. Before that, when it is without the Holy Spirit, the heart is too weak. Moreover, it is in the power of the devil, who drives poor human beings into many sins. We see this in the philosophers who undertook to lead honorable and blameless lives; they failed to accomplish this, and instead fell into many great and open sins. This is what happens when a man is without true faith and the Holy Spirit and governs himself by his own human strength alone.*

*“Consequently this teaching concerning faith is not to be accused of forbidding good works but is rather to be praised for teaching that good works are to be done and for offering help as to how they may be done. For without faith and without Christ, human nature and human strength are much too weak to do good works, to call upon God, have patience in suffering, love one’s neighbor, diligently engage in callings which are commanded, render obedience, avoid evil lusts, etc. Such great and genuine works cannot be done without the help of Christ, as He Himself says in John 15:5, ‘Apart from Me you can do nothing.’*

*“XXI. The ‘Cult’ of Saints. It is also taught among us that saints should be kept in remembrance so that our faith may be strengthened when we see what grace they have received and how they were sustained in faith. Moreover, their good works are to be an example for us, each of us in his own calling. So His Imperial Majesty may in salutary and godly fashion imitate the example of David in making war on the Turk, for both are incumbents of a royal office which demands the defense and protection of their subjects.*

*“However, it cannot be proved from the Scriptures that we are to invoke saints or seek help from them. ‘For there is one Mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus’ (I Tim. 2:5), who is the only Savior, the only High Priest, Advocate, and Intercessor before God (Rom. 8:34). He alone has promised to hear our prayer. Moreover, according to the Scriptures, the highest form of divine service is sincerely to seek and call upon this same Jesus Christ in every time of need. ‘If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous’ (I John 2:1).”*

**(From the Augsburg Confession, 1530)**

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

**TODAY**                      **Divine Service of Communion**                      **9:00 a.m.**  
Coffee & Refreshments Downstairs 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Class / Acolyte Training                      10:45 a.m.

**MONDAY**                      **FEAST OF ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD** (*transferred*)  
**Divine Service of Communion**                      **7:00 p.m.**

**TUESDAY**                      *Pastor's Writing Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

**WEDNESDAY**                      **Evening Prayer**                      **7:00 p.m.**

**THURSDAY**                      *Pastor's Family Day (but do call in cases of emergency)*

**NEXT SUNDAY**                      **Divine Service of Communion**                      **9:00 a.m.**  
*with Baccalaureate for recent high school graduates*  
Coffee & Refreshments Downstairs 10:30 a.m.  
Bible Class / Acolyte Training                      10:45 a.m.

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

*Today (15 August) is the Feast of Saint Mary, the Mother of God  
Readings: Isaiah 61:7-11; Gal. 4:4-7; and St. Luke 1:39-55*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the Third in Martyrs' Tide:  
Isaiah 66:18-23; Hebrews 12:4-29; and Saint Luke 13:22-30*