

## SEPTEMBER, Anno Domini 2020



**Fellow children of God, redeemed from sin, rescued from eternal torment in hell by Jesus Christ to live in, by and for God:**

Some view September as a month of transition. Summertime vacations and days at the lake give way to new school years and a reset in some workplaces. College students have returned to campus. Area farmers shift gears from reaping barley and early wheat to harvesting edible beans, with soybeans, corn, sunflowers, and sugar beets to come. If not already, household schedules are further packed with activity. Another political season is in full swing, with some folks heavily invested in support of particular candidates or issues.

Even with all the changes wrought by the Coronavirus pandemic, we seek some sense of normalcy in our lives. Now that most are back home from vacations, activity also in our churches will ramp up, with resumption of Sunday School, and Bible and Confirmation classes. Christians, after all, have been called by the Lord to invest themselves foremost in a life filled with Christ, seeing how He has committed His all to us for our salvation!

Now would be a good time also to review your household calendar; note where you invest your time and energies during the week and on weekends. Does a review of your weekly schedules reflect a solid commitment to God and Jesus? Does it show that you set aside loads of time to interact with God our Father as His child[ren]? Or does it display neglect, that you put much before God? The answer may be at once self-condemning and humbling.

God grant us to re-examine our priorities and lead us by His Holy Spirit to refocus our time and energies so they are more in line with Jesus' clear instruction: "***Do not labor for that which perishes but for that which endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man gives you. For on Him the Father has set His seal.***" (John 6:27).

Restored by God in relationship with Him by Christ, and renewed by God the Holy Spirit, may we again live as the children of God upon whom He has set His seal of favor, uniting us to Jesus in this world and for heaven without end.

Alive by God's grace, and living in Jesus Christ our life and our Lord!

**In His love, † Pastor Kramp**



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**Orphan Grain Train** made 106 international and 113 domestic shipments to aid the needy worldwide in 2019. From our North Dakota Lutheran churches, we sent aid with clothing, mercy meals and more to Moldova, Liberia, and Nicaragua, nations on three continents. Orphan Grain Train has the highest 4 star rating from Charity Navigator and is 6<sup>th</sup> in the U.S.

## St. John and Trinity on Facebook

### Our Weekly Sunday Worship Services are broadcast on Facebook & Youtube:

Tune in Sundays at 10:30 a.m. for live-streamed Services from St. John sanctuary at: <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnhillsboro/> Or watch recordings there later or at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCLPiyS8NIJFJW2gbMEIa3Q/videos>.

**We thank Randy Rust** for his faithful Service on Sundays live-streaming Services at St. John. This has proved invaluable for those currently unable to gather with us in person, and to brothers and sisters in Christ elsewhere to join us online in worship on Sunday.

***If you would be willing to assist with airing of Services, giving Randy occasional help with this, please speak with Randy or Pastor about this.***

Thanks also to **Stacey Riemer** for her periodic posts to Trinity/St. John Parish Facebook page. Visit and **Like** the Facebook Page and spread the word.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS ON SEPTEMBER 13** at both St. John and Trinity. Starting times respectively will be at 9:15 a.m. at St. John and at 9:30 at Trinity. Classes are available for pre-schoolers age 3 and up (and potty trained) through eighth grade. And there's a class for high school youth and adults at St. John. Jesus said: "***Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. When a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built.***" – Luke 6:47-48; and: "***Let the children come to Me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God***" – Mark 10:14.

**Catechism Classes begin anew this month.** An orientation session for ALL students in 7th or 8th grade this year AND their parents will be held **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, at 6:30 P.M.** Pastor will share our schedule, curriculum, and expectations of students and their parents. **7TH AND 8TH GRADERS AND PARENTS – PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND!**



### **RECEPTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER:**

Christ instituted His holy Supper for His disciples' comfort and strengthening in Christian faith, and in body and soul. Holy Communion is observed in Divine Services the Second and Fourth weeks of the month. **St. John and Trinity members who wish to receive the Lord's Supper at other times or at home may call Pastor Kramp at: (701) 430-7117. Pastor will gladly arrange for you to receive the Lord's Supper.**



**The October–December issue is in.** Pick up your copy from the narthex table at St. John or from the table at the back of the sanctuary at Trinity. We thank St. John LWML for their contribution to aid with subscription costs.



**CONFIRMATION.** A recent survey of LCMS congregations revealed over 50% delayed confirmation until this Fall, impacted by Coronavirus. Our Parish is one of them. Six of our youth publicly profess the Christian faith as theirs in special Services. At St. John, Hillsboro: *Trinity Erstad, James Fortman, Kyle Haffely, Daniel Manthey, and Roman Salander.* At Trinity, Hope: *Esther Steinke.* Pray God keep each in saving faith, rejoicing their hearts by His Spirit in Jesus Christ on their Confirmation Day and in all of life. For in Jesus, God has shown each His love and mercy, gifting to them His righteousness, kingdom and everlasting life!

**HILLSBORO DAY OF SERVICE,** coming up on **Saturday, September 19,** is a great opportunity to give aid to Hillsboro neighbors in need of minor house repairs, winterizing, or yard work. A meal will be served to all volunteers after completion of their work.

### **NEW FLOORING AT TRINITY –**

New flooring was recently installed throughout most of the church building, replacing the 50+ year old flooring. Thanks to all who helped remove and reinstall pews or moved much furniture to enable flooring installation. And thanks to those who gave a fresh coat of paint to several walls, or who did other work. **Thanks be to God who moved so many to contribute monies toward floor replacement. Your generosity has been incredible!**



### **LWML NEWS –**

St. John LWML meets Saturday, September 12, at 9:30 a.m. June Schlichtmann will be Bible study leader. This important meeting includes election of officers for 2020-2021.

The LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League or Lutheran Women in Mission) frequently sings "*Serve the Lord with Gladness,*" a hymn in which we acknowledge that we glorify God and His name by serving the Lord. We remind you also to serve the Lord by saving and donating the items listed below which aid our neighbors in our region:

**Pop tabs,** which are donated to support the Ronald McDonald House in Fargo;

**Eyeglasses and cases,** which are forwarded to MOST Ministries;

**Toiletries – soaps, lotions, shampoos, toothbrushes etc.,** joining in the collective efforts of Churches United for the Homeless;

**'Our Family' UPC codes.** We donate these to support Grace Lutheran School, Fargo.

**At St. John:** please place donated items in the drawers of the plastic storage container located at the far (west) end of the church library/lounge.

**At Trinity:** please pass on your donations of these items to Pastor Kramp.

**LWML District Retreat** has been changed to a one-day event on **Saturday, September 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Concordia Lutheran Church, Jamestown. Theme is: "The Lord is My Rock and My Fortress and My Deliverer."

## **LCMS NORTH DAKOTA DISTRICT EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER –**

**9/5-7 – ND LCMS-U Fall Retreat.** College life is tough. You need Jesus. Join college students from around the state for Labor Day weekend to be encouraged and challenged in your calling as a student who is baptized into Christ. There will be:

- Bible studies exploring unique challenges for Christian students navigating university life;
- Times of worship to be nourished by God’s Word;
- Relaxation, campfires, and fun!

**\$85/person.** For more information or to register, contact Pastor Dan Suelzle, the campus pastor at Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel, Grand Forks, ND. [wittenbergchapel@gmail.com](mailto:wittenbergchapel@gmail.com).

**9/12 – Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads Quilt Craft and Culinary Arts Auction. Pie Social starting at 12:30 p.m. Auction at 1 p.m.**

This auction is a major fundraiser for us. People from all over the state have donated craft items, quilts and delectable baked goods to be auctioned. This auction isn’t about seeking bargains. We make donations and get to take some awesome items home. Shop for that new grandchild, or a special wedding coming up, or buy goodies to share with neighbors!

**9/13 (6 pm) – 9/15 (1 pm) – North Dakota Homeschool Retreat at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads – \$35/person (\$175 family maximum)** Bible Studies, Nature Walks, Wine Making, and more are planned for this fun retreat. Connect with other homeschooling families from across our state. Whether new to homeschooling or a veteran, we’d love for you to join us! Rev. Phil Hoppe (Peace, Finlayson and St. Paul, Bruno, MN) will speak about “Living Planted - live The Christian Life at Home,” and supply resources for devotions and teaching the Christian faith at home from an LCMS perspective. *There will be built-in family and adult times.* **To REGISTER, visit [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org) or Call 701-244-5225.**

**9/18-19 – Men’s Retreat at Shepherd’s Hill at the Crossroads.** Enjoy fellowship, music, thought-provoking Scripture-based presentations, good food, card games, skeet shooting, 3 meals, lodging, snacks, games, fireside chats, etc. Father & son duos are encouraged to come. Rev. Les Wolfgram, chaplain for ND Highway Patrol and a Crisis Care Chaplain for Burleigh and Morton Counties, will speak about the connection between Law Enforcement Agencies and the Christian. Begins with supper Friday at 6:00 p.m. & ends about 3:00 p.m. Saturday. **\$85/person. To REGISTER, visit [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org) or Call 701-244-5225.**

**9/25-26 – Wild Eats Weekend.** Join us for a short weekend of enjoying the bounty of late fall wild production. From meals that feature locally caught fish, to helping harvest and preserving nature's provision for winter, we will enjoy eating wild! All participants will take home a selection of items prepared during the weekend. Not sure what to do with it all? Techniques like hot water bath canning, dehydrating and (shhh!) fermenting will be used to keep the goodies late into winter. Due to supplies needed, please contact us in advance to reserve your spot! **\$85/person. To REGISTER, visit [shretreat.org](http://shretreat.org) or Call 701-244-5225.**

## MAIN STREET LIVING NORTH Programming for September 2020:

- **6:** Rev. Dan Voth, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “*You Think of Sin but Lightly?*” based on Matthew 18:1-20. This is the Life: “*The Sin of Sue Bradley.*” Misguided meddling leads to jealousy, threatening a loving relationship.
- **13:** Rev. Thomas Puffe, St. John’s Lutheran Church, Thief River Falls, & Zion Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message based on Matthew 18:21-35. This is the Life: “*Old Smiley.*” For 40+ years, Charlie Grebs was sure his “Happiness God” from the Orient brought him good luck. In less than a day, he realizes things aren’t always what they seem.
- **20:** Rev. Craig Fenske, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Grand Forks, ND, presents the message: “*Shocking Good News!*” based on Matthew 20:1-16. This is the Life: “*To Take a Life.*” A devoted son’s loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.
- **27:** Rev. Chris Rosebrough, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Warren, MN, presents the message: “*By Whose Authority?*” based on Matthew 21:23-27. This is the Life: “*Sharing the Gospel.*” Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.

“MAIN STREET LIVING,” a locally-produced TV program, includes a 30-minute worship service led by pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, followed by a 30-minute presentation of “This Is The Life.”

Programs are aired **Sundays at 9 a.m.** on Fox station: KVRR Fargo-Moorhead. Or view MSLN programs at: [www.mainstreetliving.com](http://www.mainstreetliving.com), and click on the box “North (Fargo).”

### **OTHER PROGRAMS AND DEVOTIONS**

**Issues, Etc.** offers weekly syndicated radio talk shows and podcasts. Programs feature expert guests, many topics, and extol Christ, hosted by LC-MS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Jeff Schwarz. Tune in via their website: <https://www.issuesetc.org/>

LCMS media ministry **KFUO Radio** shares Christ for you via chapel services, Bible studies, talk programs and sacred music. Programs are on demand at [www.KFUO.org](http://www.KFUO.org) or **@KFUOradio** on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Daily Chapel weekdays at 10 a.m. CT. Studies are aired on Sharper Iron, weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT, and on Thy Strong Word, weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT.

**The LCMS offers daily devotions at 9 a.m.:** [www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/](http://www.facebook.com/TheLCMS/) Archived video devotions by Synod President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison, First V-P Rev. Peter Lange, and LCMS Director of Worship, the Rev. Sean Daenzer, are also on: [www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL\\_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR\\_hYiKXw](http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0iVoFL_d4xe2e-Mwyoxh-rR_hYiKXw)

## September Birthdays

- 1 Jodie Soland
- 2 Stephanie Burrell
- 4 John Meyer
- 5 Lee Mooney
- 7 Brady Sand
- 10 Tyler Hanson
- 11 Bradley Johnson
- 13 Susan Flaten
- 14 Caleb Sand
- 15 Wayne DickHoff
- 15 Lydia Hall
- 16 Brittany Mooney
- 19 Betty Manthey
- 21 Ashley Henn
- 24 Ross Lougheed
- 24 Avery Rotvold
- 26 Raymond Schlichtmann
- 29 Chase Haffley

## September Anniversaries

- 15 Dan & Bambi Manthey
- 17 Clay & Jessica Jacobsen
- 22 Jim & Julie Ellingson
- 23 Curtis & Stacey Riemer

### Memorials at St. John

*In memory of Charlie Bohnsack*

Curtis & Stacey Riemer                      Portals of Prayer

*In memory of Shelley (Basol) Garcia*

Gary & Marsha Euren                      Immanuel Cemetery

*In memory of Dianne Schlichtmann*

Curtis & Stacey Riemer                      Immanuel Cemetery  
Marjorie Riemer                                  St. John

*In memory of Ruth Rust*

Curtis & Stacey Riemer                      Portals of Prayer  
Darrell & Kay Rotvold                      LWML Quilt Fund  
Dian Schlichtmann                              LWML Quilt Fund  
Ray & Sharon Schlichtmann                      LWML Quilt Fund  
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## Funerals

### Ruth Jean Rust

**B: 9/20/1930**

**D: 7/21/2020**

**F: 7/27/2020**

## St. John Treasurer's Report July 2020

General Fund	July	Jan. - July
Income	7,528.89	57,610.22
Expense	9,629.33	58,879.15
Net	(2,100.44)	(1,268.93)

## Attendance at St. John – Aug. 2020

Sun., August 2	26
Sun., August 9	18
Sun., August 16	30
Sun., August 23	19
Sun., August 30	27

**A Look Back:** 10 years ago - The stained-glass window committee had a display set up in the narthex of suggested window designs for the sanctuary at St. John. A meeting to discuss and vote upon the windows took place on Mission Festival Sunday, Sept. 26.

20 years ago - Pastor Dave Wagner from Beautiful Savior, Fargo, was our vacancy pastor. The LWML fall retreat was held Sept 23 & 24 at the Chieftain in Carrington.

**Last Call** for free coffee packets that are on the table in the lounge at St. John. Stop and pick some up on the way out the door.