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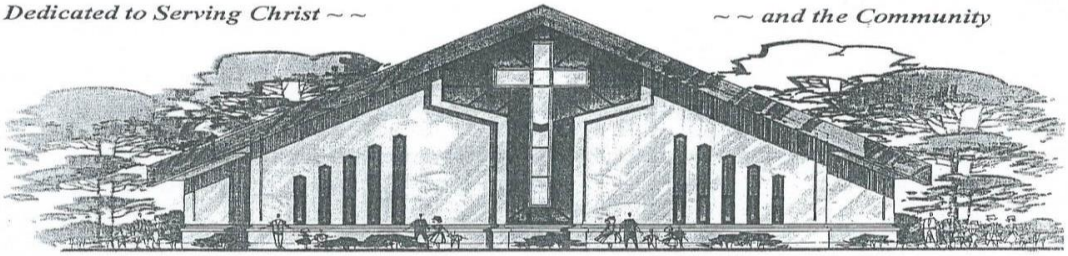

Summer 2019 NEWSLETTER

The Promise of Home

There are some words of Scripture I don't remember memorizing, yet they are just there in my mind. I can quote them without looking, even though I don't remember committing them to memory. They are the words of Jesus, **"In my Father's house are many rooms, if it were not so I would have told you, but I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back to take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."**

I suppose it is because of the imagery. The thought of going home, to a room prepared for me, gives my mind a great deal of comfort, especially since recently, I got to do just that.

It was during my pastor's conference in May. The conference was in La Crosse and it was just a couple hours from home. Since we had the rest of Tuesday afternoon and evening free, I made the trek home. There was just something about driving into that familiar driveway and plopping down my bags in that familiar home that was already prepared for me. My bed was already made. The table was already set with cookies on the counter for me. I was home. And I have to admit in that moment, I felt some of the weights of the world suddenly lift off of me. I was in my safe space. There would be no judgments or deadlines or stresses on this night, but just the loving comfort of being with my parents, in the home that I love.

I think it is what makes Jesus' words so powerful if we contemplate them. Jesus is promising us home. He is promising us a place prepared. A place prepared by what He would do a few short hours after those words. His death. It was Jesus' way of telling the disciples he was about to prepare a place for them through what they were about to witness happen to him, yet it would be for a purpose. It would be for the purpose of preparing a place for them and us in His Father's house. It would be events that would unsettle his disciples as they would watch him go away in death, yet he did not leave them without hope. He left them with the promise that He would return for them, so they could be where He was.

It, of course, was something the disciples didn't understand at the time, but I have to believe they were words of Jesus his disciples clung to in the months and years to follow when things didn't always go perfectly for them; when the going of discipleship for Jesus got tough, when they found themselves in prison or before angry crowds or facing the real possibility of imminent death.

I have to believe those words were the ones they clung to in their minds that they would be okay either in life or in death because Jesus had promised them they would be taken by Him into His Father's house. All He tells them to do before these words is this. **"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me."**

Jesus just simply tells them to continue to believe and trust in Him and His Father and they would have what He promised them.

It is that Gospel message that seems to simple. It would seem too simple that simply believing in Jesus as our Savior from sin's eternal punishment and death's finality gives us that future, yet that is the beauty of what Jesus came to be for us. He came to be the one who would prepare that room for us with an act of love that even our own parents couldn't match. He made the bed of our paradise with His hands pierced for our transgressions. He set the table of our eternal joy with our Father in heaven because He became the Lamb that was slain so we could have a seat at that table. He went through the anguish of that day, so we could one day be free from all the stresses and deadlines and hardships and cares of this world.

It does seem too amazing when you think about it, but I know every time I do it lifts my spirit. Every time I think of the promise of home. Amen.

Pastor Chris Lockie

Our Worship & Our Gifts to the Lord

"Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary I am the Lord."

Leviticus 19:30

		Worshipped		Communed		Offerings	
		2019	2018	**2019**	2018	**2019**	2018
June	2	**202**	175	**147**	136	**5825**	5413
June	9	**155**	147	**120**	118	**5479**	6746
June	16	**131**	143	**118**	112	**9015**	4181
June	23	**113**	159	**74**	126	**5108**	4521
Averages		**150**	156	**114**	123	**$ 6356**	$ 5215

Men's Softball July Schedule

Monday July 1st 9:00 pm (NE)
Monday July 8th 6:00 pm (NE)
7:00 pm (SE)
Monday July 15th 9:00 pm (NW)

All games are played at Cliffside Park

Come on over and cheer on our team!

A full schedule is on the board above the information table just off the narthex.

Preschool & Child Care

ANIMAL SAFARI: We have a had a fantastic time so far this summer learning about Jesus And different animals we might see on Safari. Take a look around our savannah (the gym) to visit our lions, zebras and tigers and read what each animal can teach us about Jesus. Our weekly puppet shows have also been a big hit! Child Care continues throughout the summer and is open from 7 am to 6 pm serving children ages 2 ½ through 9 years old.

Please spread the word to those who may be interested.

REGISTRATION: We still have some openings in 3K, 4K and child care for the upcoming school year. If you or someone you know may be interested, have them contact our Center at popscc.racine@gmail.com or call (262)-639-1277 for registration information.

M-W-F (4 year olds) 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
T-Th Mornings (3 year olds) 9:00 am - 11:00 am

CHILD CARE: Please remember that we are not a drop-in child care. You need to have a reservation so that we can meet the state child: teacher ratio. We are unique in that you pay only for the hours you schedule in Child Care. Please also keep in mind that we need twenty-four notice for all reservation, changes in schedule or cancellations.

FYI: we recently had our license revised to accept children through age 9.

PRINCE OF PEACE Vacation Bible School is Coming soon!

July 22 – 26. The Theme this year Is *ROAR. If you haven't yet registered Visit our church website:* *www.princeofpeaceracine.com* *Click on the VBS 2019 link*

Jesus Time

Encourage your child to keep the Bible story pictures in the JESUS BOOK brought home from preschool.

"Train up a child in the way he should go, and wen he is old, he will not depart from it"
Proverbs 22:6

This & That

VBS will be held at Prince of Peace from July 22nd –July 26th. The Theme this year is "Roar"

Swim Suits

During the summer months, we spend a lot of time outside in our wading pools, running around in sprinklers and playing with water.

Please send a swim suit and towel to keep at our center if they will be attending during the summer months.

Please also sign the sunscreen permission slip on the child care counter by the computer.

•Don't forget to like us on Facebook!

POP VBS 2019

Monday July 22nd
Thru Friday July 26th
9:00 am to noon
4340 Six Mile Rd
Racine, WI 53402

Our VBS is open to all students that will be ENTERING 3 Year Old Preschool through 6th Grade in the Fall of 2019. Please note that ALL children are REQUIRED TO BE COMPLETELY POTTY TRAINED.

A $12 donation is requested per attendee, but not required. You can send your donation via PayPal to email address: poprummage@gmail.com. This donation helps off set the cost for craft supplies, the CD we give to each family, the snack costs, and any other handouts given to the children.

YOUTH GATHERING UPDATES

- We will update you soon on the amount we earned from the change jars.
- FLOCKING - Now that warm weather has arrived (maybe?), we can resume flocking. Forms and pricing can be found on the Youth table in the narthex. Want to find out who flocked you? There's a form for that. Want to make sure you don't get flocked? We sell insurance for that!
- Please keep an eye out for future Dine and Donate dates at Papa Murphy's on Douglas Ave. in Racine.
- Fundraising updates: We earned $1325.69 from the Spaghetti Dinner. A huge thank you to everyone who donated items, sold tickets and attended or purchased carry-out. We earned $225.00 from our Papa Murphy's Dine and Donate in April, and we earned $560.00 from MACS Macaroni and Cheese. We can't thank everyone enough for their support. We are almost to our goal and we're getting excited to go on our trip which is now just a few weeks away!

PRINCE OF PEACE
7TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

This year's Car Show will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 8 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. If you or anyone you know would like to enter a vehicle in this year's show, you can pre-register if you'd like by filling out the form on our website or grabbing a form from the Welcome Center. Registration is only $10.00. You can also register the day of the show also. Trophies are awarded in various categories. We'll have a bake sale, concessions, Silent Auction and a coloring contest for the kids. Be sure to join us for a day of fellowship and fun!

Our 3rd annual Health and Safety Fair will be held on Saturday, August 17th from 8 A.M. until noon in conjunction with our 7th annual Car Show. We will have approximately twelve vendors. Lots of good information for everyone from stroke prevention, to how essential oils can help in everyday life to fire prevention etc. This is a free event! Be sure to join us!

In Need of Help

We are in need of someone who would be able to record Pastor's sermon, and up load the recording each week.
The church will supply the camcorder.
If this is something that interests you, please let Pastor Chris know.

We are also in need of someone to Download the weekend services into the computer for viewing on our screens. If this is something you may be interested in, please see Pastor Chris.

Lutherans For Life

July 7 – Pentecost IV

Our enemy has no answer for compassion. The Lord Jesus Christ has lifted and carried all our burdens. His saving love overcomes every power of sin and death. In life issues, we get to bear the crosses of brothers and sisters, neighbors and strangers (Galatians 6:2). And in the process we have the chance to show the sanctity we speak and share the blessings of life.

July 14 – Pentecost V

The Good Samaritan's mercy didn't lead him to end a life, even though the Jericho-going fellow lay before him half dead already (Luke 10:30). God Himself doesn't snap His fingers to erase human ailments. Getting involved the way Jesus does and accompanying others in their hurts proves more costly and complicated than putting them out of our misery. But why settle for just arranging a funeral when we can gain a friend instead?

July 21 – Pentecost VI

Carrying a surprise pregnancy to term brings troubles. Safeguarding marital sexuality can detract from attractiveness. Enduring chronic pain sometimes interferes with social acceptance. Speaking truth in love may interrupt a lucrative career. Still, the Gospel life with Christ gives far more than it deprives. Peace in forgiveness, comfort from faith, joy in fellowship, hope of heaven – His words and ways never deny us these needs (Luke 10:42).

July 28 – Pentecost VII

The "my body, my choice" philosophy doesn't deliver freedom. It actually enslaves you to self and sin, isolation and anxiety, and ultimately it demands death (Colossians 2:8). The crucified Christ Jesus brings God into our deadness to rescue from oppressive autonomy. Whoever hides behind His promise and waits upon His working is rising into an everlasting life.

Lutherans for Life

August 4 – Pentecost VIII

Some folks are so poor that they only have money. This seems the case with Jesus's rich fool (Luke 12:20). But who needs bigger barns when you've got neighbors? Sure, giving birth and raising children costs a lot. Caring for incapacitated persons also has a high price. Yet what better place to invest our energies and abundances than in priceless human lives like God does? We already own what rich folks are still saving for--community!

August 11 – Pentecost IX

"We don't have money to support this embryonic life. We don't have stamina enough to maintain this elderly life. We need abortion and assisted suicide." But He who sends mouths also sends meat (Luke 12:24, 28). Even with limitless resources, we couldn't preserve a single sparrow. Only God can sustain or cease life. If He invites us into the privilege of providing for somebody, He Himself will ensure neither they nor we go without.

August 18 – Pentecost X

God's Word about human worth from fertilization to final breath sometimes divides (Luke 12:51). Looking after the least of these may set us against popular opinion, our own sense of reason, and even loved ones. But only the surgical sword of Gospel grace sets us free from calculating value by works. The Almighty's redeeming compassion slashes a path and builds a bridge to abundant, everlasting life—for us and every human being.

August 25 – Pentecost XI

A complicated pregnancy certainly qualifies as the day of trouble (Psalm 50:15). So does an incurable illness or chronic pain. Abortion and assisted suicide summon death to solve the difficulties. But He who possesses cattle on a thousand hills (Psalm 50:10) gives Jesus for redemption. He urges us not to settle for incomplete remedies, however immediate. Appeal instead all the way to the top: "Call upon me and I will deliver you."

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
7 Worship/Communion Praise Service 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Family Education Hour 10:15 am	8	9	10 6:00 Pickleball	11	12	13 VBS BUILD Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
14 Worship/Communion 9:00 am *(SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING)*	15	16	17 6:00 PickleBall	18	19	20 VBS Set Up Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
21 Worship/Communion 9:00 am Fellowship 10:00 am Family Education Hour 10:15 am VBS SETUP	22 VBS 9 to noon	23	24 6:00 PickleBall	25	26	27 Worship/Communion 5:00 pm
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Sunday Morning Bible Class: Pastor's Class : "Know our differences: A study on the other denominations of our Christian faith."

11:00 Tuesday Morning Bible Study:.

For Other Bible Study Opportunities: See the sheet on the Welcome Center.

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