

July 2016

First Impressions

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord...” (Psalm 33:12a)



The Monthly Newsletter of First Lutheran Church

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***“That which we have seen and heard
concerning the Word of Life,
we proclaim to you.”***

The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod Lutherans are part of the Christian Church established by Jesus Christ. We trace our history back to the time of the Apostles and the New Testament Church. While we take our name from Martin Luther, the 16th century reformer of the Church, our faith is in the Triune God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and centers in Jesus Christ as the only Savior of the World.



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Worship Times

Sunday 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship 2nd & 4th Sundays at

11:15 a.m. with live praise band

Communion on 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays

Mid-week Worship

Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. during Advent & Lent

FLC Statistics for JUNE 2016

Confirmed Membership.....	414
Baptized Membership.....	575
Child Baptisms.....	(1) Sawyer Timm
Adult Baptisms.....	(0)
New Confirmed Members.....	(0)
New Baptized Members.....	(0)
Transfers Out (Confirmed).....	(0)
Transfers Out (Baptized).....	(0)
Releases (Confirmed).....	(0)
Releases (Baptized).....	(0)
Deaths.....	(0)
Weddings.....	(0)

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Wedding Anniversaries for JULY

Joseph & Chandra Hause.....	July 1
Bob & Karen Schlueter.....	July 9
Nicholas & Courtney Hamilton.....	July 10
David & Carol Luukkonen.....	July 11
Charley & Leann Green.....	July 14
Matt & Donita Firman.....	July 17
George & Teresa Ayers.....	July 23
Gary & Lisa Hamilton.....	July 24
Doug & Jill Withey.....	July 29



Office Deadlines:

- Bulletin announcements are due no later than Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise advertised
- Newsletter articles and information are due no later than the 15th day of the month.

Happy Birthday!



Brian Knickerbocker.....	July 2
Tom Little.....	July 2
Michael McLane.....	July 2
Tammy Mullins.....	July 2
Ed Allen.....	July 3
Barry Goff.....	July 4
Ben Stambaugh.....	July 6
Jane Steinke.....	July 7
Daniel Longden.....	July 8
Zach LaGuire.....	July 9
Dylan Rasmussen.....	July 9
Pam Bardon.....	July 9
Nathan Lovaas.....	July 10
Hannah Clarke.....	July 11
Lucille Holz.....	July 11
Jill Vincent.....	July 13
Jake Kregel.....	July 13
Greg Wood.....	July 13
Sebastian Miller.....	July 13
Sue Smith.....	July 14
Tyler Allen.....	July 15
James McClane.....	July 15
Kenneth Stults.....	July 16
Gaberiel Pease.....	July 17
Natalie Crooks.....	July 18
Ryan Converse.....	July 19
Jay Gowell.....	July 19
Kathie McDaniel.....	July 19
Aaron Fell.....	July 20
Patrick Flynn.....	July 20
Marney Lovaas.....	July 20
Colleen Ells.....	July 21
Lindsay Murray.....	July 23
Andrea LaGuire.....	July 25
Steve Hackney.....	July 25
Garry Goff.....	July 25
Ann Firman.....	July 27
Dave Collins.....	July 28
Caleb Kregel.....	July 30
Reaghan Kregel.....	July 30
Hope Schmidt.....	July 31
Kaylee Firman.....	July 31

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month and you do not see your name listed here - please let the church office know so we can update our records. Church office: 517-543-4360 ext. 221



First Lutheran Schedule of Events for JULY 2016



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, CLASSES, AND REHEARSALS

Sunday Worship at 8:30 & 11:15 a.m. (Communion on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)
Contemporary Worship Featuring Live Praise Band - 11:15 a.m. only (on 2nd & 4th Sundays)
Coffee Hour - Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Studies - Sundays at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School - Sundays at 9:45 a.m. (Recessed for the summer)
Children's Choir Rehearsal - Sundays at 10:10 a.m. (Recessed for the summer)
Youth Choir Rehearsals - Sundays at 10:35 a.m. (Recessed for the summer)
Worship Service at Eaton County Medical Facility - 4th Sunday only, at 1:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDIES, CLASSES, AND REHEARSALS

Men's Bible Study at the Eaton Place Restaurant - Mondays at 7:00 a.m.
Bell Choir Rehearsal - Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. (Recessed for the summer.)
Youth Confirmation Class - Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. (Recessed for the summer.)
Adult Confirmation Class - (*See Pastor Olson)
Adult Choir Rehearsal - Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Recessed for the summer)
Wednesday Bible Study at First Lutheran - Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. (Recessed for the summer.)
Women's Bible Study - Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library (Recessed for the summer.)

OTHER EVENTS/SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICES FOR JULY

Church Offices Closed on Friday, July 1 & Monday, July 4 for the Independence Day Holiday
Eaton County 4-H Fair - Monday, July 11 - Saturday, July 16 (volunteers needed for the FLC booth)
FLC Community Dinner - Monday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran
FLC Quilting Group - Wednesday, July 13 & 27, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
FLC Council Meeting - Thursday, July 14, 7:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School at FLC - Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
Worship Service at Sensations Memory Care - Thursday, July 21, 11:00 a.m.
FLC Outing to Lansing Lugnuts Game with the Starfish Kids - Saturday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.
Post-Vacation Bible School Picnic - Sunday, July 24, following the late service (everyone invited)
Worship Service at Eaton County Medical Care Facility - Sunday, July 24, 1:30 p.m.
FLC Board of Elders Meeting - Tuesday, July 26, 6:30 p.m.
FLC Picnic and Softball Game - Sunday, July 31, 1:00 p.m. (approx.) at the Arends' home





Stewardship Newsletter Article for JULY 2016

“Is Your Eye Healthy?”

In our Lord’s parable of the vineyard workers, the vineyard owner says to those who worked the longest, “Or do you begrudge my generosity” (Matthew 20:15)? It’s an unfortunate translation. It’s not wrong, but it doesn’t give us the full picture. What the vineyard owner actually says is this: “Or is your eye evil because I am good?” Earlier in Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus said, “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness” (Matthew 6:21–23).

This statement comes right in the middle of our Lord’s teaching about giving. He said, “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Matthew 6:19–24).

Having an evil eye does not let in the light. Having an evil eye means that we are so focused on what we don’t have, that we are unable to rejoice in what God has given. An evil eye makes us distressed when we see others prosper. It makes us rejoice when others suffer. An evil eye makes us so love ourselves and our money, that we don’t want to share with others; we don’t want to give of what we have because we are so focused on keeping what we have and getting what we don’t.

Whereas a good eye is an eye that lets the light in so that our lives are filled with it. This light shines upon all that we have and reveals that it comes from our Father’s divine goodness and mercy. A good eye that lets in the light, unencumbered by the darkness, so that we have a good will, a benevolent disposition, and a genuine happiness to see others prosper and the desire to be part of it.

Jesus came to give you a good eye and to take away the darkness that fills your life. Christ our Lord, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven your sin, removed your evil eye and given you new eyes that let in His light and truth. “For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich” (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The reality is that you have all that you need and more. You have the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. You have house and home, all that you need for this body and life. So, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy. And you will see that your hearts will follow, just as Jesus promised.

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Volunteers are needed for the FLC booth at the Eaton County 4-H Fair:

Volunteers with smiling faces to greet the public and hand out church brochures, etc.

will be needed Monday, July 11 - Saturday, July 16.

Sign up with family or friends and make it fun. At least two volunteers are needed for each shift.

Available shifts are: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

A Sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board.

Questions? Please speak with Stacey Gingrich or Siobhan Carr.

The First Lutheran Church Offices will be closed on Friday, July 1 & Monday, July 4 for the holiday.

If you have an emergency during this time, please call Pastor’s cell phone at 517-231-2396.





Holy Week Camping in Marshall

The week of August 1 - 7, 2016 will be FREE camping for CHURCHES at
Quality Camping, Inc.

5575 US Highway 27 S., Marshall, Michigan 49068

If anyone is interested in camping during this week please
contact Vickie Gingrich 517-281-6223.

Vickie will need to know: your name, how many people will be camping,
and when you will be arriving.



We Celebrate with the Family of **Sawyer Joseph Timm**

Son of Blair and Laura Jo Timm

who was brought into God's Kingdom through the Holy Waters of Baptism

June 12, 2016



A BIG Thank You!

- Thank you to everyone that helped out with Father's Day Breakfast!
- Thank you to everyone who helped out with Swap Day including those who donated items and those who helped organize all the donated items!



Church Softball Game & Picnic

Everyone is invited to an FLC Softball Game
& Picnic with the Starfish Kids

at the home of Herm and Karen Arends -
3555 N. Cochran Charlotte, MI 48813

on July 31, 2016 following the 2nd worship service.

Please bring a dish to pass.



FLC Outing to a Lugnuts Game

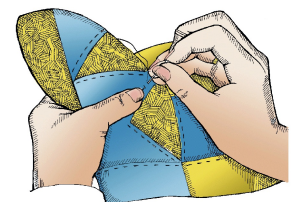
First Lutheran will be going to a Lansing Lugnuts game on Saturday, July 23, 7:00 p.m. with the Starfish Kids. Price per ticket will be \$3 on a first come-first serve basis with 80 tickets being available. A sign up sheet will be on the bulletin board. Questions? Please speak with Marj Huva.

FLC Quilting Group

The FLC Quilt Group will be meeting on Wednesday, July 13 & Wednesday, July 27
from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 11:00 a.m.

Anyone who would like to help is invited to attend - no sewing skills are necessary.

Donations of new or good-condition, used material and sheets are accepted on an on-
going basis. Please drop donations off to the old preschool room. Thank you.



QUILTING GROUP



Join us for Vacation Bible School

July 18-22, 9:00 a.m. - Noon

this year's theme is: "Cave Quest"

Gear up for an Adventure! Cave Quest helps ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of God's love, a love that takes us through dark times.

to register for VBS please go to: www.firstlutherancharlotte.org

VBS Celebration Picnic

Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday, July 24, following the late service for a VBS Celebration Picnic. Our VBS kids and families will be here with us on this day as will the Starfish Kids. The Starfish Kids will be cooking our food this day. Please bring a dessert to pass. Please label all dishes containing nuts to help protect those with nut allergies.

You Can Help the Needy in Our Community!

There are a variety of ways you can help the needy in our community and in our congregation...

The Good Samaritan Fund - this fund helps members of First Lutheran Church who find themselves in need of financial aid. For an application and explanation of requirements, please see the church office manager. All requests for help will go before a small committee for approval. All requests for help will be kept confidential. *To donate to this fund, please mark "Good Samaritan Fund" on your envelope and the dollar amount you wish to contribute.*

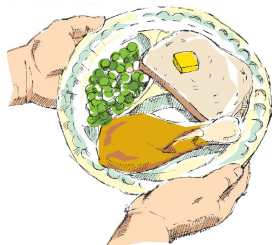
The Esther Fund - this fund is used by First Lutheran to help provide housing for the homeless in our community. *To donate to this fund, please mark your envelope "Esther Fund" and the dollar amount you wish to contribute.*

Helping Hands of Charlotte, MI - located at 600 S. Cochran Avenue, Charlotte, Helping Hands Food Pantry helps the needy in our community with emergency food and supplies. First Lutheran collects food and supplies for Helping Hands on an on-going basis. Food donations should be of a non-perishable nature and must be in-date and unopened. *You may drop off donations to the Helping Hands tote located in the First Lutheran Church lobby or coat room, OR you may drop donations off to helping hands directly. Helping Hands also accepts monetary donations and can turn each dollar donated into three dollars worth of food. Please mail donations directly to Helping Hands at 600 S. Cochran Ave., Charlotte, MI 48813.*

SIREN/Eaton Shelter - SIREN, our only local shelter, primarily helps homeless families with children, and victims of domestic violence, by providing them with temporary housing. There is a waiting list for SIREN Shelter. SIREN Shelter has an on-going need for financial assistance as well as donations of non-perishable food items, blankets (can be used but must be clean and in good condition), pillows (must be new), infant supplies (diapers, formula, baby food), cleaning supplies, toiletries, paper products, etc. *SIREN Shelter is located at 520 Robinson St., Charlotte, MI. You may drop donations off directly to the shelter at that location, or you may mail financial contributions to that address.*

A New Beginning Pregnancy Center - this Christian center located in Charlotte encourages women to seek an alternative to abortion by providing them with counseling and help. Donations of new-born sized diapers, sleepers, and Onezies are needed as well as in-date baby formula. *A donation box for these items is located in the First Lutheran lobby or coat room.*

Crosswalk Teen Center - Crosswalk Teen Center is an after-school program in downtown Charlotte that allows teens to participate in activities that focus on educational, everyday life, community connections, and expressive art to support and encourage teens between school and home. First Lutheran has helped support the center and you may help support them as well. *To make a donation please go to <http://www.crosswalkteencenter.org/> or to their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/CrosswalkTeenCenter>.*



First Lutheran Community Dinner

Monday, July 11, 6:00 p.m. at First Lutheran Church

This dinner is an outreach from First Lutheran to those who are in need or who are lonely in our community. All members of First Lutheran are invited to attend as well and encouraged to welcome those attending from our community. This dinner is free to everyone .

Volunteers are needed to help with the FLC Community Dinner. Cooks are needed at 4:00. Servers, greeters, and volunteers to pray with our guests are needed at 5:30 p.m. Clean-up crew is needed at 6:30. Questions? A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Questions? Please speak with Stacey Gingirch. *Note: this monthly dinner may be moved to the **third** Monday of the month beginning in August - please watch your bulletin for more information.*

End of Year Bill Payment and Reimbursements

Any bills or reimbursements to be paid from this fiscal year's budget need to be submitted (with the authorizing signature and green sheet) to Amy in the church office no later than **Wednesday, June 29, NOON**. Anything submitted after this date/time or with no signature or green sheet will be paid from next year's budget. Thank you.



First Lutheran is seeking to replace the carillon system.

First Lutheran's carillon system is thirty-two years old and no longer functioning properly. If you would like to contribute to the fund to replace this system and keep the beautiful chimes ringing from our steeple, just mark your Weekly Envelope "Carillon Memorial" and the dollar amount you wish to contribute.

LUTHERAN ADULT GATHERING...OCTOBER 14-16

Join brothers and sisters from throughout the Michigan District and around the country on Mackinac Island on October 14-16, 2016 to see the beauty of God's creation in the fall colors and learn again of His marvelous handiwork and His ongoing care of that creation. Activities include a champagne reception, delicious dining in the Grand Hotel, and a wide array of sectionals. The sectionals will help participants explore how to care for creation through community gardens, care of our own bodies, outreach to the needs of our neighborhoods, greater appreciation of the biological wonders of Michigan, and preparation of wills as a final act of stewardship. Cost is \$60/person plus lodging. For more information, or to register, visit michigandistrict.org/lag16.

Ushers to help with Worship Services are needed.

If you would be willing to help usher, please speak with Cleo Cortright (517) 231-5544. Thank you.



We are taking orders for memorial bricks for the church grounds.

To order bricks, please use the order form located on the credenza. Please use a separate form for each brick. Please place your order form and money in Nola Buck's church mailbox.

If you would like to borrow tables and chairs from the church, please sign up through the church office. Only tables/chairs located in **garage** are available for use off-site.

The FLC fellowship hall, kitchen, and old preschool room are available to church members to use for their events. To use any of these areas for a non-church event, please see the FLC office manager to make a reservation. Cost for use is \$150 deposit for FLC members (free for non-profit agencies, \$400 deposit + \$600 fee for non-members). Everyone using the church is responsible for cleaning after their event.

Congratulations to Our Graduates!

Our 2016 graduates are as follows:



Paige Goff - Daughter of Barry & Michelle Goff, Paige is a graduate of Charlotte High School. Paige participated in Volleyball, Softball, Band, LINK's, Marching Band, and was a member of the National Honor Society. At church Paige went on four mission trips and enjoyed helping with the Ham and Turkey Giveaway. She received the All Academic Award, the Coaches Award, the Teacher Award, the Oriole Award, and the Academic All-State Award. Paige plans to attend Grand Valley State University to obtain a degree in Elementary Education.

Kayla Knickerbocker - Daughter of Randy & Cheri Knickerbocker, Kayla is a graduate of Gannon University. She is graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She received a scholarship to play volleyball, earned Freshman of the Year in PSAC Conference, and was a four year participant in NCAA Tournament for Volleyball. Kayla has accepted a position in the Trama-Neuro ICU at UPMC Hamot in Erie, PA. After two years at UPMC Hamot, Kayla plans on travel nursing.

Cole Macias - Grandson of Al & Shirley Hirt, Cole is graduating from the Barrett's Honor College of Arizona State University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. Cole will be employed by Texas Instruments. He enjoys playing the guitar and is active in his church as an Altar Boy. Cole lives in Newport Beach, CA and serves as a lifeguard in the summer months.

Kyra McCune - Daughter of Scott & Rachel McCune, Kyra is a graduate of Olivet High School. Kyra was a cheerleader both sideline and all-star throughout high school and helped her team win several national awards. She will be attending Kellogg Community College with full-paid tuition for the Certified Nursing Assistant Program and additionally has received a separate scholarship from the Kellogg Foundation. Kyra plans to continue her cheer career as a cheer coach, along with working her current job in the healthcare field.

Nathan Moody - Son of David & Susan Moody, Nathan is graduating from Kellogg Community College with an Associate in Computer-Aided Drafting Design. Nathan enjoys building and driving diesel and stick-shift vehicles. He will be attending Ferris State University in the fall of 2016 to study Product Design Engineering.

Matthew Packowski - Son of Mark & Jen Packowski, Matthew is graduating from the University of Minnesota with a Masters Degree in Business. Matthew is graduating with Honors and will continue to work for General Mills in Minneapolis, MN after graduation.

Alex Reinbold - Son of Ted & Deb Reinbold, Alex is a graduate of Charlotte High School. He participated in Tennis, Golf, Band, Drama, Quiz Bowl, and is a member of the National Honor Society. At church Alex was an enthusiastic Vacation Bible School Group Leader. He is the Valedictorian of his graduating class, and received the All-State Tennis Award as well as All-State Academic Award. Alex will be attending Spring Arbor University in the fall to study business and will be playing Tennis for Spring Arbor.

Hope Schmidt - Daughter of Paul & Angela Schmidt, Hope is a graduate of Charlotte High School.

Miranda Shafor - Daughter of Jerry & Amy Shafor, Miranda is a graduate of Pottersville High School.

Congratulations! The congregation of First Lutheran wishes you blessings over your future endeavors.

Another Great Old Hymn

“Standing on the Promises”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Thro’ eternal ages let His praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love’s strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit’s sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit’s call,
Resting in my Savior, as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

*Chorus - Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing
I’m standing on the promises of God.*

- R. Kelso Carter
(submitted by Norene Fell)

The FLC Altar Guild is in need of ladies to help with the altar.

If you would be willing to become a part of the Altar Guild, please contact Wendy Jorgensen (517) 726-0491. Thank you.

Join us for a special sermon series this summer: “Your Questions...God’s Answers”

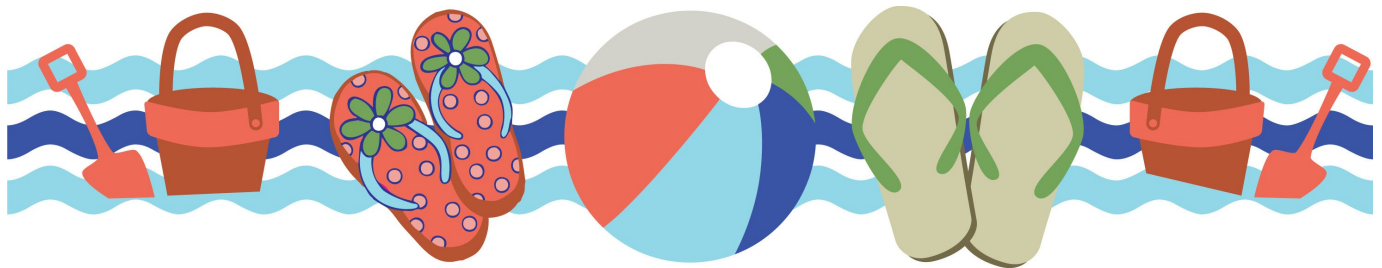
Pastor has received many interesting questions which he will give the Biblical answers to in his sermons this summer. Please come hear what the Bible has to say about many common questions (and some not so common) that you yourself may have wondered about.

Volunteers are being sought for the Eaton County Right to Life booth at the Eaton County 4-H Fair

July 11 - 16.

Please call Jan Goelz 543-3808.

Volunteers will receive free admission to the fair the day of their scheduled shift.



**The Staff of First Lutheran
wish you a Safe and Blessed Summer!**

“We are a MISSION Driven Church!” Matthew 28:19-20

by Rev. Timothy W. Olson (edited from a July 2004 newsletter)

Are you a mission driven person?

Below I have come up with an acronym for MISSION. It is my hope that we will focus our attention as a church on the mission of the Lord. It is not a mission that we have designed or created, but one that the Lord has given us in Matthew 28:19-20, “Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” The Great Commission reminds us of our calling as God’s people. Everything we do as a church has to be focused on this. This is why the Bible really makes it clear that we are a MISSION driven church. The following will help explain the mission of the church better:

M: Mission—The mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations by baptizing them and teaching them everything God has commanded (Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8). The church is not a social club for the in-crowd, but a place where the mission of the church is always actively being done by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:16).

I: Intentional—We actively pursue this mission to bring the lost into our congregation. Jesus says, “Go...” St. Peter writes, “Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...” (1 Peter 3:15b). We need to go out of our way to make sure that HIS mission is part of everything we do.

S: Showing—We look at ways that we can show people Jesus in our lives. Jesus says, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

S: Savior—We have to make sure that what we are doing clearly reflects Jesus to the world (John 3:16). St. Paul wrote, “For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Corinthians 2:2).

I: Into—Literally, we have been baptized into Christ. “...don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?” (Romans 6:3). Jesus says, “I am with you always” (Matthew 28:20). Just as the Lord went with the children of Israel in the Old Testament in a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night, so the Lord goes with us through His Word and Sacraments. For this reason we are one body in Christ, as St. Paul says, “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it” (1 Corinthians 12:27).

O: Outside—Jesus tells us to make disciples of “all nations”. This includes people that are living outside of our church. We encourage and build one another up inside the church with the Good News of the Gospel, so that we can go outside the church and bring more people to our church to hear the saving message of the Gospel. We also send monies to missionaries overseas so that the gospel may be heard where we cannot go on our own.

N: Neighbors—You might be wondering who your neighbor is. Jesus clearly tells us in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) that our neighbor is anyone who has a need. This means that everyone around you is your neighbor, not just the members of your church or your family or your friends. Jesus’ definition of neighbor really includes everyone.

This is the MISSION that God has given us as a church. God grant us a willingness to share the precious message of the Gospel with the world. God goes with us so that our neighbors will hear the saving news of God’s love in Jesus Christ. As Jesus said to his disciples and to us, “...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

On August 19 and 20, you will have the opportunity to be part of a training that will help you discover what you’re here on earth to do. It is called “Awaken Seminar” and Dan and I will lead you through this process. Please let us know if you can attend. It is from 7-10p.m. on Friday (August 19) and from 9a.m.-3p.m. on Saturday (August 20). Pray about it. Think about it and ask Dan or I about it. It is a great opportunity to discover what God has in store for you to do in His mission field (the world).

Worship Services

Sundays 8:30 & 11:15 a.m.

Contemporary Worship at 11:15 a.m. on 2nd & 4th Sunday

Mid-week Advent and Lent services at 7:00 p.m.



What We Believe

Scripture Alone

We believe that the Holy Scriptures in their entirety are the inspired and infallible Word of God and that they alone are the only source and norm of faith and life for the Christian. We believe that the Bible is complete and requires no additions from any other source and that it clearly reveals God's plan of salvation for mankind.

Faith Alone

We believe that man was originally created holy by God but later rebelled against God and is now, by his nature, spiritually dead and blind. Only when man is brought to faith by the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God is it possible for man to be saved. Faith is God's work - not man's work - and comes only by hearing the Word of God. Man is justified before God by faith alone and not by good deeds.

Grace Alone

We believe that we are saved by grace alone and that man cannot earn his way into God's favor. Grace is the undeserved love of God who sent His Son Jesus into the world to take our place under God's law and to suffer and die to pay the penalty for our sins. Whoever trusts in that redemptive act of Jesus Christ will not perish but have everlasting life.