



October 2024 newsletter

Sundays

Worship Service 9:30 am
Sunday School/ Bible study 10:30 am

Mondays

Spanish class 4pm

Tuesdays

Celebrate Recovery meetings 5-8pm

Wednesdays

Woman's Bible study 5pm
Confirmation class 5pm

1st & 3rd Saturday

Men's Bible study

2nd Monday

Bible study at Hickory Creek 9:30 am

Meetings

10/21 Church Council 7pm
Voter's meeting 7:30pm

Other meetings are listed on
the calendar on the last page

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. JOHN



Thank you to all who helped
with this fundraiser

10/20/23 Prayer Walk/Vigil
After Bible classes
Lunch provided

10/31/23 Trunk or Treat
5: -7pm

Birthdays

10/3 Mike Wachtmann
10/3 Edith Grady
10/7 Sandra Sutton
10/9 Susan Jaeger
10/10 Mike Holliger
10/18 Deb Sears
10/18 Sharon Mills
10/20 Anita May
10/28 Dennis Jaeger
10/31 Jane Irwin



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What God says about Communion/Lord's Supper

John 6:52–56 ESV

⁵² The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³ So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. ⁵⁵ **For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink.** ⁵⁶ **Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.** ⁵⁷ As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever."

1 Corinthians 11:23-32 ESV

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this **in remembrance of me.**" ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, **in remembrance of me.**" ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ **Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord.** ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ **For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.** ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ **But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged.** ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

Matthew 26:28 ESV

²⁸ **for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

Most people think that the Lord's Supper is sharing a meal with our Lord Jesus. After you have read "What God says about communion," I hope you now believe you are having a meal of our Lord Jesus who gave His Body and Blood to be food of forgiveness and remembrance of how and why Jesus Christ gave up His Body and Blood for us.

Our Lord Jesus Christ did not die on the cross to just give us food and drink. Christ gave Himself up to suffering and dying on the cross to forgive all of our sins. And this, Christ did out of the love of our God who brings salvation to all whom He calls. Though God calls all to be His adopted children, only those who listen to the Holy Spirit and believe will inherit eternal life. One also has to realize that eternal life is also eternal relationship with our benevolent and loving God.

The question that most people have is, "Why cannot everybody take communion?" First realize that one does not need communion to be saved and have eternal life and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. There are serious qualifications in God's word before one can take the Lord's Supper. Again Read "What God says about communion."

These qualifications are why we (LCMS) have Catechism for our youth, new members who do not know Christ, and new members who come from different denominations. Not all denominations teach correctly the seriousness of taking the true body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

Without the proper knowledge and teaching of the Lord's Supper we would be allowing people to take it to their judgement. This is not in our hearts to see one be judged. This also brings judgement upon the pastor serving the Lord's Supper.

James 3:1 ESV Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that **we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.**

This is not about us or you, but rather about what our God wants for all believers.

John 3:17 ESV ¹⁷ **For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.**

Pastor's Page

A little about Martin Luther. Reformation Sunday is Oct 27.

1 Timothy 4:5-10 NIV

⁵ because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

⁶ If you point these things out to the brothers, you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, brought up in the truths of the faith and of the good teaching that you have followed. ⁷ Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. ⁸ For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

⁹ This is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance ¹⁰ (and for this we labor and strive), that we have put our hope in the living God, who is the Savior of all men, and especially of those who believe.

In The Name of The Father and of the Son and of The Holy Spirit, and all God's People said, Amen

PETER, Denies Christ; **PAUL**, has God's people killed; **CONVICTS**, know God's Word by heart, **WE**, go to church every Sunday; **and God** accepts our pleas, our repentance, our apologies and **loves** us unconditionally.

In depths of a monastery a man stood in a cold dark room with his head bowed down he wept as he beat his body with a whip to punish himself for his sins.

Jeremiah 31:33 NIV ³³ "This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time," declares the LORD.

"I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts.

I will be their God, and they will be my people.

³⁴ No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," declares the LORD.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Martin Luther was a monk who constantly beat himself because he was a sinner and he was **taught** that this was the means of atonement, compensation, and self-punishment for his sins. Not by the Word of God, by man. **And then He started to read the very word of God, the Holy Bible.**

John 8:32 NIV

³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

Not only did he see that his self-inflicted punishment was wrong he also saw that the teachings of the church were no longer correct

The church at that time was not teaching the word of God, actually they were teaching the edicts and diktats of a man who ruled with greed for money who had a thirst for power and called himself the pope and declaring that he had the same authority over the Church and land as Jesus Christ.

Jesus had something different to say

John 14:5-7 NIV

⁵ Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

⁶ Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

The pope and the church at the time of the reformation sold penitence, that is, for a price you can buy your way out of or at least shorten your time in purgatory,

What question should we ask?

What truth will set us free?

Or

Who is the truth that will set us free?

Martin Luther, in front of a court who was trying to justify killing Luther, said, **“Here I stand”** knowing what could happen to him. Martin Luther made it clear that what the church was doing **was not the way, the truth, and the life per God’s Word.** Rather, Christ is the truth that sets us free.

Romans 3:19-28 NIV

²¹ But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²² This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. ²⁵ God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— ²⁶ he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

²⁷ Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. ²⁸ For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

God demonstrates His Justice through the sacrifice of His own Son, to show us it is He who saves those who were left unpunished from the past, **“so as to be just,”** and those in the future, **“and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.”**

John 11:25-26 NIV

²⁵ Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; ²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

I believe this, because I know I cannot save myself through my works or my decisions.

Rather, I have faith in the Word of God that says Jesus Christ is the truth that sets me free from the prison of my sin. **Praise and Thank God for his acceptance of me.**

John 8:31-36 NIV

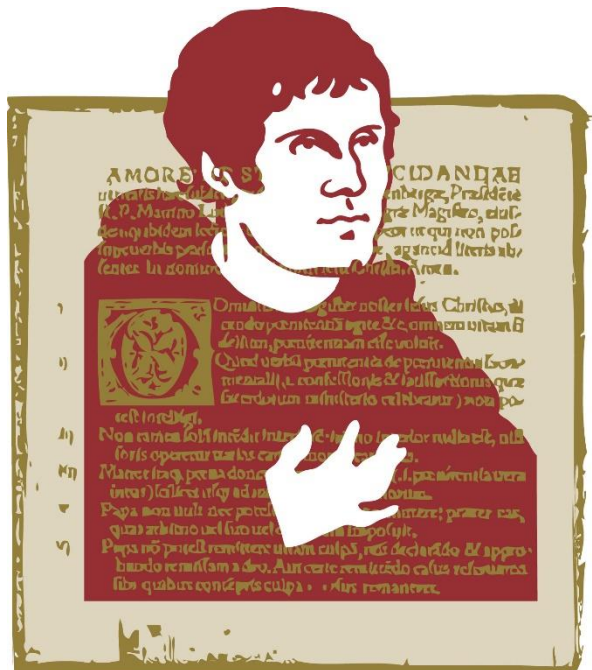
The Children of Abraham

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

³³ They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?”

³⁴ Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵ Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

May the peace of our Lord the truth, be with you all, Amen



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TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY OCT 31 5-7PM



HOT DOGS, CHIPS

COOKIES

CIDER & HOT COCOA

CANDY



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>C-Communion offered</p> <p>+Sacrificial Sunday- extra giving opportunity</p>		<p>1</p> <p>CR 5-8pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Lutherans 3:30pm Women's Biblestudy 5pm Conf class 5pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>FISH FRY 4-7pm</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Men's Bible study 9am</p> <p>Trustees 9am</p>
<p>6</p> <p>C-Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30 Life chain DTWN 1:45-3pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Spanish class 4pm Elders 6pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>CR 5-8pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Women's Biblestudy 5pm Conf class 5pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>C-Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Hickory Creek Bible study 10:30am Spanish class 4pm Education 6pm Finance 6:30 Tech & Com 7pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>CR 5-8pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Women's Biblestudy 5pm Conf class 5pm</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Bible study 9am</p>
<p>20</p> <p>C-Worship 9:30</p> <p>Sun School 10:30</p> <p>Prayer Walk/vigil</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Spanish class 4pm Church council 7pm Voters meeting 7:30pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>CR 5-8pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Women's Biblestudy 5pm Conf class 5pm</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
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