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FROM: US!
TO: YOU!



The Pastor's Corner

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ANDY

Over the course of the last few weeks, I have prepared some sermons about what it means to be Lutheran. It has gone over pretty well, and hopefully some of you have heard some new things that have made you ponder. In the weeks to come we will start digging into the "7 Deadly Sins," which sounds fun and will probably end up being a lot of work.

This is what I like to do though, take ideas, life happenings, and random thoughts and turn them into something meaningful and useful (hopefully). I don't always have the right words to say in every situation, but I do have the Gospel, which is really all we need. Especially in this day and age.

So often I leave the house expecting the worst. Somebody bad is always looking just out of sight: bad news from the doctor, 3-year-old accidents, infant accidents, problems at church, marriage problems, you name it it's always waiting to strike.

That's the law. It's there to kill, to control, to blame, and to hold captive.

What I have to give is the Gospel. The good news of Jesus Christ. It's there to heal, to resurrect, to comfort, and empower. As Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, "We all fall short of the glory of God." However, we also all have the Gospel, and hopefully that's good news for you today!

Take the time out of your busy schedule to uplift other people.



Prayer Corner

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE WORLD, AND ALL THOSE IN NEED!

We continue to lift all who are experiencing life difficulties in our prayers, especially: Dick Hillman, Elizabeth Olson, Mary Forfang, Kathy Phelps, Lois Boroski, Paulette Gatheridge, Galen Schultz, Ricky Carlson, Wes Wallenberg, Colleen Kaml-Kukowski (sister of Mary Olson), Paul Peterson, Dylan Witcherman, Ashlynn Lyberg, Pat Burton, Anthony Stewart, Gary Burton, Ally Jo Monda (Shannon Hunstad's daughter), Corey Plaine, Kayla Sjostrand Thompson, Wyatt Brusseau, Tom Swanson, Terri Christopherson, Sandy Alper, Dale Van Dale, Owen & Janet Swenson, Landon Labine.

We continue to pray for those serving in our Armed Forces, our Law Enforcement, our Fire Departments, and our First Responder Units.

We continue to lift those who have lost loved ones, especially the families of: Megan Hanson, Laura Schrankler, Gary Gorvin, Virginia Coffield, Owen Swenson, Rosemarie Steen

***If you are your loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, don't
hesitate to reach out!***

"...pray without ceasing..."

1st Thessalonians 5:17-19



Sion Highlight Reel

A SNAPSHOT OF OUR LIFE TOGETHER!



**Worship @
Sikar!**



"The Lord has done great things for us; We are glad."

Psalm 126:3



Leadership Corner

COUNCIL MINUTES FROM JULY 13, 2022

Present: Faye Schmalz, Sadie Wallenberg, Judy Swenson, Cindy Christopherson, Shirley Swenson, and Todd Nelson

Absent: Pastor Andy, Norma Nelson, Curtiss Sjostrand

No devotion as Pastor Andy was absent.

Secretary Report.

Prior minutes were reviewed, Cindy moved to approve them, Faye seconded.

Treasurers Report was presented; Cindy approved and Judy seconded.

Voted to approve pre-paying for propane; did not set an amount.

Committee Reports

- Church grounds: Weather stripping for the north door is in, just needs installed.
- Maintenance & Technology: No report.
- Youth: VBS went well.
- Outreach: No report.
- Women's Ministry: No report.
- Worship: Lutefisk dinner has been moved to October 23.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

"With upright heart he shepherded them and guided them..."

Psalm 78:72



"Fall Into Fall Ministry"

DATES TO REMEMBER!

As you are reading this, chances are it's September, which means it's basically fall! It might not feel like it, it might not really look like it either, but here in the church there's no time to wait. We are rolling out our fall happenings whether we are ready or not! Here are some of the important dates/events that are coming up faster than we can believe!

- September 3: Lake Bronson Food Pantry Grand Opening!
- September 6: First Day of School!
- September 11: "Backpack Blessing" Worship!
- September 14: Confirmation Starts!
- October 5: Family Fun Night Version 2.0!
- October 23: Lutefisk Dinner!
- November 6: Confirmation Worship (10th Graders) [Tentative]!
- Coffee @ Senior Housing (Coming Back)
- Lancaster Harvest Fest

Remember you are invited to anything we have going on!

"...use whatever gift you have received to serve..."

1 Peter 4:10

Ministry Spotlight.

SHINING A LIGHT ON OUR CHURCH PARTNERS AND ORGANIZATIONS.



Lutheran Advocacy Minnesota

Lutheran Advocacy-MN (LA-MN) and its citizen advocates work for justice in the areas of hunger, poverty, and care of God's creation. LA-MN is a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the six Minnesota ELCA Synods. We seek to live into the ELCA vision to "Step forward as a public church that witnesses boldly to God's love for all that God has created."

We work with and through synods, congregations, campus ministries, church members, and others to create and use networks for advocacy. Lutheran citizen advocates write personal emails, make calls, and meet with their state legislators (or members of Congress) to impact decisions.

Learn more at www.lutheranadvocacymn.org

"The Holy Spirit is given to each of us in a special way..."

1st Corinthians 12:7



*The Future of Sion Lutheran.... **begins now!***

CALLING ALL THINKERS, DREAMERS AND SCHEMERS!

Calling all members of Sion Lutheran Church!

Your input is essential in formulating a new plan/direction for the life of our congregation and community!

Here's what we need:

- 1. Small groups (6-8) People**
- 2. About 30-45 minutes**
- 3. Open to conversation about Sion Lutheran**
- 4. Ideas about what you want Sion to be like.**
- 5. That's it!**

It's fast paced, important, meaningful work that we should be excited about. The future is wide open, and it's time to "grab the bull by the horns!"

So, come, as you are, open to possibilities and prepared for some fun!

(Contact Pastor Andy to schedule a meeting!)

...I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Acts 2:17



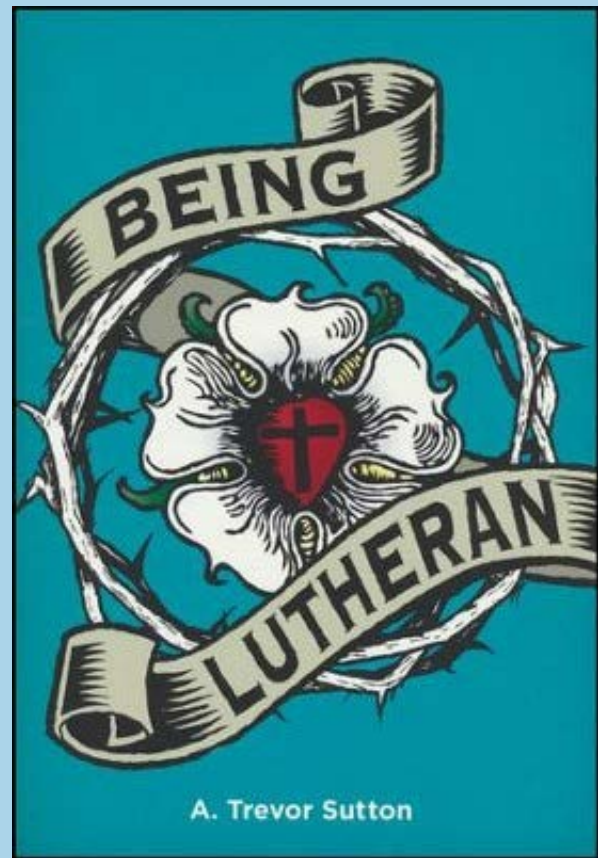
In ***September & October*** we will explore the "7 Deadly Sins" and how they can destroy our love of neighbor and burden our relationship with God!

We will explore in the following order: Pride & Greed, Lust, Envy, Anger, Sloth, Gluttony!

TOPICAL SERMONS

In ***August & September*** we will explore what it means to be a Lutheran. Answering the question, what does it mean to be a Lutheran?

The focus will be on the pillars of the Christian faith, as viewed through a Lutheran Lens: The Bible, Prayer, Baptism, & The Eucharist (Communion)!





Making Connections!

FIND US ONLINE, IN-PERSON, OR SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN!

Watch us on



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"Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD..."

Psalm 95:1-2



Reach Out!

OPEN COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

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SEPTEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1	2	3 HannaHRays Pantry Open House @ 11am
4 Coffee: KLMN Worship @ 9:30 Pastor @ Nursing Home	5 Labor Day! Office Closed!	6 First Day of School! Pastor Text Study @ 10am	7	8 Pastor Moses Project @ 2pm Frozen Meal Distribution @ 5pm	9	10
11 Coffee: OQR Worship @ 9:30 (Backpack Blessing) Family Meeting @ 10:30	12	13 Pastor Text Study @ 10am	14 Confirmation @ 4pm Council @ 5:30pm	15 Pastor Moses Project @ 2pm	16	17
18 Coffee: P Worship @ 9:30 Pastor @ Fall Conference	19 Pastor @ Fall Conference	20 Pastor @ Fall Conference	21 Confirmation @ 4pm	22	23	24
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