



Announcements

August 18 & 19, 2018

Today's radio broadcast is sponsored by Tom & Marlene Nordby.

Prayer List: John Doyle, Curt Sorum, Sierra Waege (granddaughter of Dorothy and Harlen Barck), Brian Brandt, Susan Atkinson, Tonya Ormberg, Rob Yant, Pat Leary, Casey Porisch (great nephew of Karl & Shirley Porisch), Lois Dellwo (sister of Linda VanOverbeke), Vi Thomasson, Brian Gelster & Family (deployment), Val Krogstad, David Valentin (son of Jim & Joanne), Darlene Newman (sister of Janet Landby), Marilyn Green (sister of Shirley Anderson-Porisch), Jenifer Klein's sister, Carla, Judy Benton (mother of Karen Meister), Ken Wilson, Don Ebbinga (father of Mary Mortland), Dave Koster, Bruce Lamprecht and family at the death of his brother, Woody.

Thank you for serving!	5:30pm	9:30am
Acolytes	Macie Murphy	Dylan Larson, Sydney Larson
Greeters	Bill & Kathy Engler	Jason, Amber, & Leo Swenson
Ushers		Glenn & Connie Olson
Lectors	Karen Murphy	Stacy Frost
Communion Assistants	Karen Murphy	Stacy Frost, Dave & Diane Taylor
Music	Susan Jones	Susan Jones
Coffee Servers		Brian Kruse
Video and Projection	Dan Marks	John Marshall, Janet Landby
Altar Guild	Kathy Brandt, Sue DeSaer, Valerie Krogstad, Jill Schroeder, Kathy Tjosaas	
Van Driver	Dan Marks	

Sunday August 19

9:30am Worship

Monday August 20

Parish Visitor Articles Due

1:00pm Quilting

6:30pm Beginning Experience

Tuesday August 21

9:00am Senior Coffee

10:15am Staff Meets

Friday August 24

12:00pm Office Closes

Saturday August 25

Blomme/Palmer Wedding

5:30pm Worship - Blessing of the New School Year

Sunday August 26

9:30am Worship - Blessing of the New School Year

News & Notes

Hy-Vee Cards are available for purchase in the church office! Proceeds go to the 2019 Senior High Mystery Mission Trip.

Seasonal Decorating opportunity Do you enjoy decorating for the holidays? If so, we could use the help of a few staff that would like to co-coordinate the seasonal decorating in the Sanctuary. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

Volunteering for Meals on Wheels is a great way to make a huge impact in a short amount of time. First Lutheran has the opportunity to deliver meals Sept 4-7 and 10-14. Each route takes 30-45 minutes beginning at 10:45. For more information or if you would like to volunteer- please sign up on the Social Ministries bulletin board or contact Dorothy Krogen @ 612-710-0390 and cwkajk@hotmail.com

Shetek Lutheran Ministries Young at Heart Retreat August 24-25. A retreat for those 55+, spend time in Christian community; enjoying good company, good food and lodging, and hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Shetek staff will be on hand to lead camp activities and to ensure that you enjoy a comfortable stay. Call 507-763-3567 for more info.

Today's Readings

Ephesians 2:11-22

11 So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called 'the uncircumcision' by those who are called 'the circumcision'— a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— ¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace,

¹⁶and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²²in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling-place for God.

"The word of the Lord"

Response: ***Thanks be to God!***

Luke 14:1, 7-24

14 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place", and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.

¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' ¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

15 One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, 'Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!' ¹⁶Then Jesus said to him, 'Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. ¹⁷At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, "Come; for everything is ready now." ¹⁸But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, "I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my apologies."

¹⁹Another said,

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"I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my apologies." ²⁰Another said, "I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come." ²¹So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." ²²And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." ²³Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. ²⁴For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner." '

Response after the announcement:

Glory to you, O Lord.

Response after the reading:

Praise to you, O Christ.

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