

Called by Christ to Serve

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church & Lighthouse Preschool

Aberdeen, SD

October 2022

A Season of Change

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: ² a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; ³ a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; ⁴ a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; ⁵ a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; ⁶ a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; ⁷ a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; ⁸ a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Fall is a time of change. As we enter October the leaves begin to change, the weather begins to get colder, and children are starting new grades, sports, and new chapters in their life. Fall is a season of change and change happens whether we want it to or not. Your kids grow up and leave the house, you begin to lose a step, maybe you begin to consider retirement, or maybe you are getting ready to move either permanently or for the winter. Fall is simply a time of change.

That is why this passage from Ecclesiastes is powerful because it reminds us that there is a time for everything in this life, even for the things we do not want to think about. There are even times to weep, to mourn, to die, to lose, and everything else. There is a time or season for every matter under heaven and what great comfort this should give us! Even as you face change that you do not want to think about or even as you face change that is bitter-sweet you are reminded that God is in control of all things! God is not explicitly mentioned anywhere in this passage, but he does not have to be. For we know as God's children that he is in control of all things. That he is with us every step of our lives and with us through every change in our lives, whether good or bad.

And what great comfort this passage gives us because it allows us to simply be human as God created us to be. I cannot count how many times people have said, "I know we shouldn't mourn or cry" at funerals and I completely disagree! Christ cried at the tomb of Lazarus and as Ecclesiastes tells us, "A time to mourn" and "a time to weep." We should mourn and weep when the situation calls for it. Just like how we should celebrate and dance when the situation calls for it. These verses remind us what it means to be human. It means first and foremost to realize that we are not in control. Just like we have no control over the seasons, but to realize God is and that he is with us every step of the way. It also reminds us that God has given us the capacity to weep, to rejoice, to mourn, and to dance and so we do because that is how God created us and what it means to be human according to God's Word.

So, as you go through changes in this life never forget this passage. It might be a time to seek, or a time to dance, or a time to mourn and that is okay! For there is a time and place for all things under heaven. However, never forget that God is with you through all the good, the bad, and even the ugly. For he created you and loves you so much he sent his Son down to die for you. Yes, there was even a time for his Son to die for you. Thanks be to God for that! Amen.

In Christ,

Pastor Smith

Five Loaves Supper



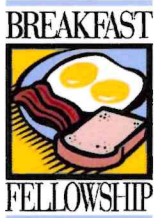
October 5th at 5:15 pm. Menu: Spaghetti with meat sauce and garlic

Prayer Service

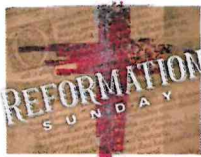


A **Prayer Service** is scheduled for Sunday, October 9th at 12:30pm. Prayers will be offered for the fall harvest.

Up Coming October Events:



LWML Sunday: October 2— A Breakfast will be served in the Fellowship Hall. Free-will donation.



Reformation Service: October 30th at 3:00pm at Redeemer Lutheran in Doland, SD.



October is Pastor's Appreciation Month! Please express your gratitude to Pastor Bobby and Pastor Smith for the prayers, visits, Bible Studies, worship services, and leadership to St. Paul's.



Vocal and Bell choir practices TUESDAY'S . Vocal Choir will meet at 6:45pm and Bell choir will start at 7:30 pm. Please note that the practices have switched from Wednesday nights to TUESDAY nights. No previous experience is necessary for either group. Anyone who would like to share their love of music with their brothers and sisters in Christ is welcomed!

OCTOBER USHERS:

EARLY:

Paul Zinter - Head Usher
Terry Ellingson

LATE:

Dennis Stoeber, Head Usher
Edna Stoeber



Lighthouse Preschool News

Teaching God's children about their Creator, Savior, and Friend while preparing them for a lifetime of wonder, learning, and service.

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Called to Serve

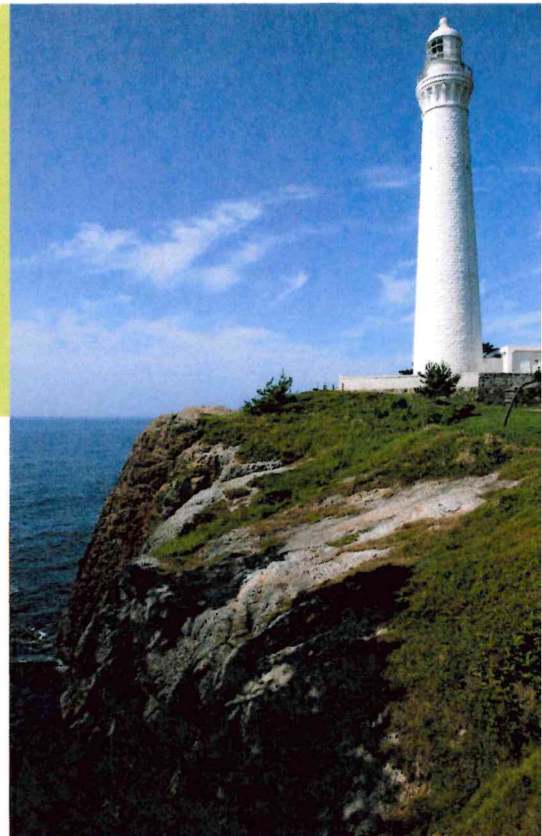
What does it mean to be "Called to Serve?" Ephesians 2:10 reads, *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."* Through faith we are called to help those in need, whether it be food, shelter, time or talents.

At the preschool we remember to set aside time to serve others. In the past, we have made care packages for elderly church members. Other times we have collected monetary donations to purchase animals and items for Lutheran World Relief to send to poor families overseas. We have also taken up collections for our preschool families in need when an unexpected medical emergency or other situation occurs. Most often, we serve through prayer, asking God to look after those we care about.

How can you serve others? Are you able to donate your time or talents to the preschool, church or community? Maybe you can make a meal or special care package for someone in need. However you choose to serve, do so with a thankful heart, not expecting anything in return.

"Don't forget to do good and to share what you have because God is pleased with these kinds of sacrifices,"

HEBREWS 13:16.



Upcoming Dates:

Oct. 8- Gypsy Day parade 9:00!

Oct. 10- No School

Oct. 21nd- P/T Conf.

Reminders:

Do you have a Thrivent Membership and are willing to take a Thrivent Action Team Money Card out to help us with a project? Please let Jenelle know!

Lighthouse Preschool News (Continued)



Learning about communication and social skills! Building a wall with blocks to keep the animals from escaping the zoo!

Things to know:

Please save your Ken's and Kessler's receipts! We are able to turn these in for money for the preschool! Also, please begin saving pop tabs. We will use these to serve others by donating them to the Ronald McDonald House for families in need.

We will be marching in the Gypsy Day parade on October 8th! We are asking for donations of candy that the kids can toss out. We are also still in need of a couple adult volunteers to walk with us as well! Please let Jenelle know if you can help.

Check It Out!

Jesus Door-2-Door went canvassing in Aberdeen, SD on September 17, 2022!

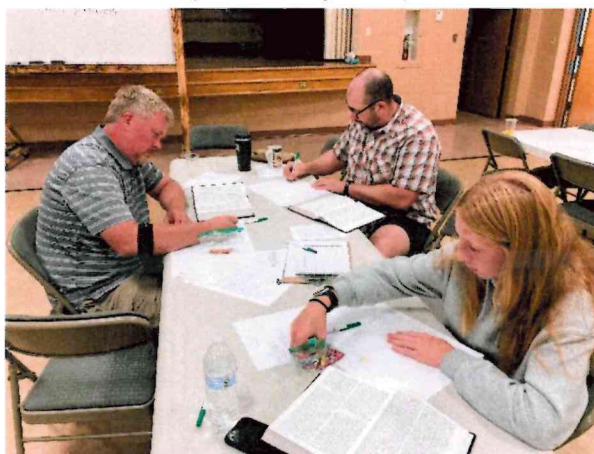
We had 13 people representing 2 LCMS congregations go canvassing in Aberdeen, SD. We knocked on 135 homes. 64 people answered the door, and of those, 37 took our survey. We left gospel and congregational literature at the 71 houses where no one was home. When we asked, "Are you familiar with St. Paul's Lutheran Church?" 24% answered "No." When we asked, "Do you currently go to church?" 22% answered "No."

When we asked, "Where do you believe you will go when you die?" 33 said "heaven" but only 13 of those believed they would get there on account of the work of Jesus Christ. 1 said, "I don't know." And 3 did not answer the question. Through our canvassing efforts, we discovered 1 individual who desired a follow-up conversation about our congregation and the gospel of Jesus Christ. To God alone be the Glory.

(JD2D group)



(Bible study time)



Events and Information

- Youth Group is on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month from 5-7 PM
- Youth Group Half-Nighter on Sunday, October 9th!
 - 5pm-1am
 - Join us for faith, food, and fun!
 - \$10 registration fee
- College Visit at Concordia Nebraska, November 3rd-5th
 - Do you have a high school student that would be interested in visiting CUNE? Contact DCE Michael Leapley to register!

St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)
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Rev. Samuel Bobby (605) 415-5578
Rev. Jacob Smith (586) 556-6077



Every Sunday:

Divine Service @ 8am
Bible Study @ 9:30 am
Sunday School @ 9:30 am
Divine Service @ 10:45 am

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
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2 9:15 am LWML Breakfast Coin Banks	3 7:00 pm Elder Mtg	4 6:45 pm Choir Pract. 7:30 pm Bell Practice	5 10am Bible Study 5:15 Five Loaves Supper 5:15 Women's Bible St. 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation	6 9am Good Cheer Circle 7pm Altar Guild mtg	7	8
9 12:30pm Prayer Service 5pm-1am – Youth 1/2 night event	10 Office Closed	11 6:45 pm Choir Pract. 7:30 pm Bell Practice	12 6:00 am Men's Bible St 10 am Bible Study 5:15pm Women's Bible St 6:15 pm Worship 7pm Confirmation 7pm Adult Bible Study	13 9am Quilting 11:30 am LWML lunch and meeting	14	15 Jesus Door 2 Door – Gettysburg
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