

*St. Peters Lutheran Church
Missouri Synod
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Our Mission Statement:

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!"*

Psalms 105:1



Having No Fear in the Face of COVID-19

“Have no fear little flock; Have no fear, little flock, For the Father has chosen To give you the Kingdom; Have no fear, little flock!” (LSB 735:1 Have No Fear, Little Flock).

Zimmermann here in his hymn sets the tone for all Christians taking us to the Luke 12:32 text, “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” Where Jesus is teaching us not to fret about the things of this world. Whether we have food, clothing, house, home, wife, children or anything else should not cause us anxiety. We should not fear losing them or even our lives. God has chosen us, Christians, to give the Kingdom of Heaven too.

“Have good cheer, little flock; Have good cheer, little flock, For the Father will keep you In His love forever; Have good cheer, little flock” (735:2)

Zimmermann leads us to move away from fear and anxiety over our earthly lives to cheer by reminding us the Father will unceasingly keep us. Not losing track of us or leaving us in the way of harm and danger but has given the Kingdom to us and will bring us into the Kingdom safe and sound.

“Praise the Lord high above; Praise the Lord high above, For He stoops down to heal you, Uplift and restore you; Praise the Lord high above!” (LSB 735:3)

What a reminder! God did not stay in heaven far above. Aloof from His fallen and hurting creation. God came in flesh and blood, humbling Himself to be like man to bring forgiveness and healing to our sick and ailing bodies and minds. When God came down to

His creation in Jesus Christ, He brought the healing of all illness, sickness, and even death.

We do not need to fear even a sickness like COVID-19. The world has driven fear of this disease into our heads. We are to be afraid of getting, dying, and spreading it. We are to change everything in our lives to avoid these. It is to a point where we are to be separated from everything important. Here is where Christians stop listening to the world. Stop living in fear of what can only kill the body. Jesus tells us to not fear those who can only kill the body but the one who can kill the body and the soul (Mt. 10:28). If we continue to let the world tell us what to fear, we will fear the wrong things. We will be foolish in the eyes of the Lord. Being foolish in the eyes of the Lord brings to us His wrath and punishment the death not only of the body but of the soul eternally.

It is time to be done fearing COVID-19. It is time to stop coming to church because the world has told us we could get COVID-19 at church. We are called to obey the command of the Lord to come to His house and receive His blessings of forgiveness and eternal life, and not the world. We stopped coming to church because of COVID-19 and dressed it up as protection of the neighbor and now that has become our idol. Our god to worship as given by the world. If we are to be loving, then we must stay home and avoid any place where large crowds may gather. Except when that involves rioting, protesting, shopping, or anything else the world deems to be essential to life. The world will never see the church and God’s gifts as essential. As Christians need to repent of letting the world decide for us if the church is essential and hear God’s Word tell us

over and over it is essential to eternal life, and we do not live in fear of anything that can kill us in this world because we have eternal life in Christ Jesus.

Zimmermann reminds us why we do not have to fear COVID-19 and death. God did not stay in heaven. God did not leave us to disease and death. God sent Jesus Christ into the world to have victory over all disease and death for everyone. We boldly come to church knowing even if we die we die to eternal life with God in heaven.

Before you scream, STOP! If someone is sick, they should stay home. If someone is high risk, we can balance that risk with God-given reason and knowledge. We do not have to be blind and ignorant. We are not denying the virus is real or that it can and does kill people. We can use good reason to help protect people. But this should not become our idol. Our driving force in this life. Finally, we should fear, love, and trust in God above all things and not in a virus, the government, or doctors more.

If fear of COVID-19 has replaced your fear of God simply repent. Turn away from it and turn back to the one true God who has stooped down to you. He has forgiven you and gives you the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Return to church and receive those blessings weekly that your faith is strengthened in the fears of this life.

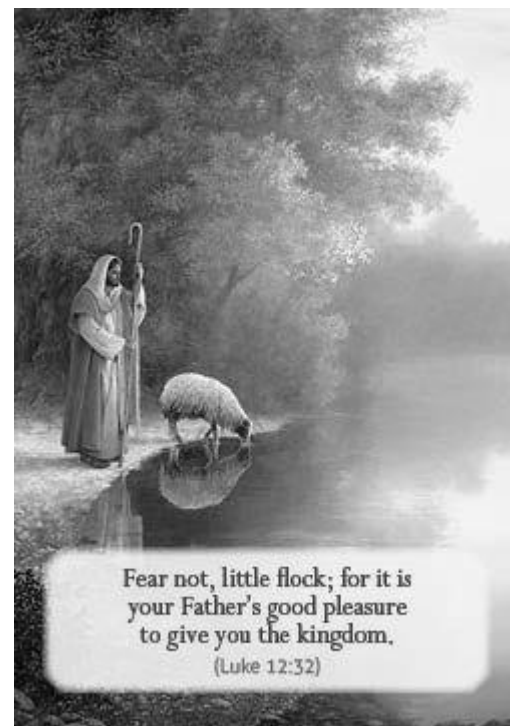
“Thankful hearts raise to God; Thankful hearts raise to God, For He stays close beside you, In all things works with you; Thankful hearts raise to God!” (LSB 735:4).

Our fear turns into thanks when we see God has forgiven us our sins, healed us of our illnesses, and delivered us into the Kingdom of Heaven

through the waters of our baptism. We continue to be thankful for God’s enduring presence in our lives working for our good in all situations. Zimmermann one final time draws us away from the fear of COVID-19 by pointing to God both on high and on the cross. God will be the only savior we have in the face of sin and the face of COVID-19. No doctors, no vaccine, no government is going to ultimately save our lives. None of them can do anything to eliminate fear or comfort those who have lost loved ones. Only God can lift us up and save us.

Have No Fear Little Flock draws us to the hope we have in God. This reminds us of why we do not need to fear COVID-19. And emboldens us once more to gather around God’s Word and Sacrament to receive the blessed gifts of forgiveness and eternal life.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Welton



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The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter article – September 2020

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10).

God bids us to be faithful in the tasks He calls us to do. He calls us to be members of a family (husbands and wives; fathers and mothers; sons and daughters). He calls us to be members of society (those who govern and those who are governed). And He calls us to be members of His family, the Church (those who preach and teach and those who hear and learn). Each of these callings from God places a duty on us.

As members of a family, husbands are given the duty to die for their wives as Christ gave His life for His bride, the Church; while wives are given the duty to respect their husbands and submit themselves to them as the Church does to Christ. Fathers and mothers are to raise their children in the fear and admonition of the Lord, teaching them the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Scriptures concerning Baptism, Confession, the Office of the Keys, and the Lord’s Supper. Children are to honor their parents throughout their lives, and even when their parents are no longer alive, serving and obeying them, loving and cherishing them, and speaking well of them.

As members of society, God calls those who govern to bear the sword, that is, to punish those who do evil (those who live contrary to God’s will) and to reward those who do good (those whose lives are lived in conformity with God’s will). Those who are governed are to obey their leaders as to the Lord Himself, for their leaders bear the sword of God’s temporal justice for a purpose.

As members of God’s own family, the Church, He calls those who preach and teach to do so in faithfulness to His holy Word. To preach and teach the Law of God to convict the hearts of hearers of their sin and to encourage, admonish, and exhort them to do good works in accordance with God’s will. They are to preach and teach the Gospel, the full forgiveness of their sins accomplished by Christ and received through faith, not by works. They are to administer the means of grace in accordance with the Gospel and the Word of God. They do all this for the young and old alike, for those who are near and far off. Those who hear and learn are to submit themselves to their preachers and teachers. They are support them by their prayers and their gifts.

Each of these callings from God place a duty on us. They make a claim on our presence; on our prayers; and our time, talents, and treasures. So, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might” (Eccl 9:10). Pray for your family, your government, and your church. Give of yourself by means of your time, your talents, and your treasures to your family, your government, and your Church. That is what it means to be faithful in the tasks that God has given us. That is what it means to do it with all your might.

VBS 2020

Sunday, August 9

Kids: 30

Youth helpers: 7

Adults: 15

Monday, August 10

Kids: 35

Youth helpers: 7

Adults: 17

Tuesday, August 11

Kids: 36

Youth helpers: 8

Adults: 17

Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped make our “Rainforest Explorers” VBS a success!!

~ Board of Education ~



Men and Women of the Congregation:

The Board of Education is asking for your help

Sunday school teachers needed for:

Pre-school & Kindergarten

5th & 6th grade

Music

Starting Sunday, September 13

Sign-up sheet on the back table of the Narthex

Contact:

Scott Feige, Sunday school Superintendent

605-480-1701

Jason Fischer

605-480-1974

Loren Lindholm

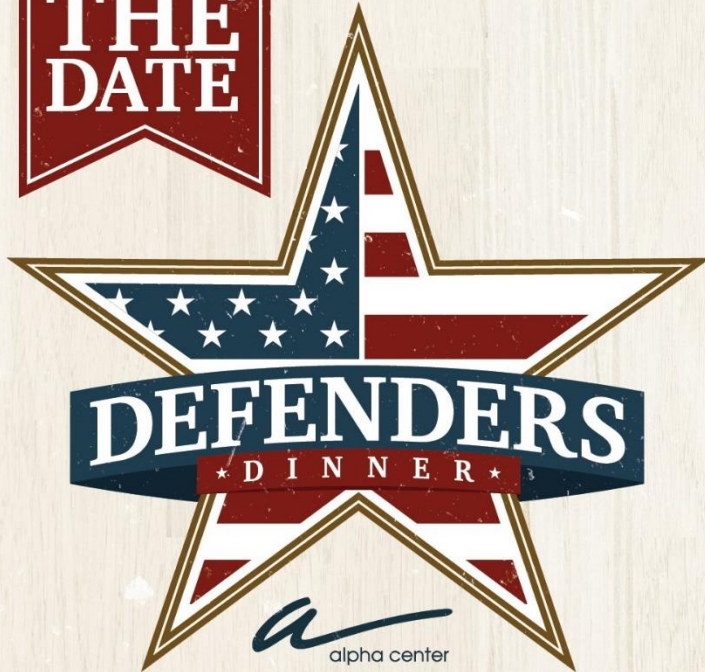
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It takes a big
heart
to help shape
little
minds.

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TEACH
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**CHANGE
THE
DATE**



**MONDAY
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020**

**Sioux Falls
Convention Center**



featured speaker

Melissa Ohden

DEFENDING ALL LIFE ★ ALL THE TIME

Featured Speaker: Melissa Ohden

In 1977, Melissa survived a failed saline infusion abortion. Despite the initial concerns regarding Melissa's future after surviving the attempt to end her life at approximately seven months gestation, she has not only survived but thrived. With a Master's Degree in Social Work, she has worked in the fields of substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence and child welfare. In 2012, Melissa founded The Abortion Survivors Network (ASN). Since ASN's inception, Melissa has been in contact with over 250 abortion survivors. She has testified before the United States House of Representatives and Senate and the Australian Parliament. She is the author of *You Carried Me: A Daughter's Memoir*, which was released in January 2017. Melissa, her husband and their two daughters live in Kansas City, Missouri.

Melissa spoke at Alpha Center's 2016 Liberty Dinner and much has transpired in her life since then. We are thrilled to have her back to share the rest of the story.

Register at: www.alphacenterfriends.com

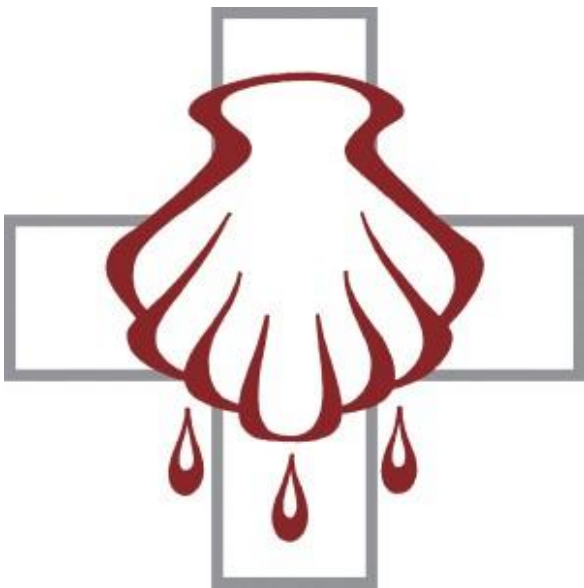
TO READ THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR: SUGGESTED BIBLE READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING
September 1	1 Chronicles 29:10 - 13	Job 31 – 33
September 2	Psalms 86	Job 34 – 36
September 3	Psalms 87	Job 37 – 39
September 4	Psalms 88	Job 40 – 42
September 5	Psalms 89	Proverbs 1 – 3
September 6	Psalms 90	Proverbs 4 – 7
September 7	Psalms 91	Proverbs 8 – 10
September 8	Psalms 92	Proverbs 11 – 13
September 9	Psalms 93	Proverbs 14 - 16
September 10	Psalms 94	Proverbs 17 – 19
September 11	Psalms 95	Proverbs 20 – 22
September 12	Psalms 96	Proverbs 23 – 25
September 13	Psalms 97	Proverbs 26 – 28
September 14	Psalms 98	Proverbs 29 – 31
September 15	Psalms 99	Ecclesiastes 1 – 3
September 16	Psalms 100	Ecclesiastes 4 – 6
September 17	Psalms 101	Ecclesiastes 7 – 9
September 18	Psalms 102	Ecclesiastes 10 – 12
September 19	Psalms 103	Song of Solomon 1 – 4
September 20	Psalms 104	Song of Solomon 5 – 8
September 21	Psalms 105	Jeremiah 1 – 3
September 22	Psalms 106	Jeremiah 4 – 6
September 23	Psalms 107	Jeremiah 7 – 9
September 24	Psalms 108	Jeremiah 10 – 12
September 25	Psalms 109	Jeremiah 13 – 15
September 26	Psalms 110	Jeremiah 16 – 18
September 27	Psalms 111	Jeremiah 19 – 22
September 28	Psalms 112	Jeremiah 23 – 25
September 29	Psalms 113	Jeremiah 26 – 28
September 30	1 Chronicles 29:10 – 13	Jeremiah 29 - 31

SEPTEMBER BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

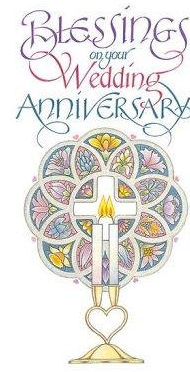
September 1, 2013 Kaleb Eugene Lindholm 22920 462nd Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 2, 1956 David Carl Beeck 117 Silver Creek Drive Wentworth, SD 57075
September 3, 2006 Brock LeRoy Eppe 22983 460th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 5, 2010 Abigail Eppe 22983 460th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 6, 1998 Austin Cole Tammen 46215 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 7, 2003 Kenneth Daniel Lindholm 22920 462nd Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 8, 1951 Tom Edward Baumberger 46019 234th St. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 10, 1944 Dannie Johnson 23704 465th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 10, 2006 Olivia Jean Lindholm PO Box 134 Wentworth, SD 57075
September 11, 1960 Roger James Broghammer PO Box 21 Colman, SD 57017
September 17, 1967 Glenn Alan DeGroot PO Box 241 Volga SD 57071
September 17, 2000 Daniel Leslie Voy PO Box 241 Volga SD 57071
September 17, 2000 Lizabeth Delfs 610 6th Ave. Chester SD 57016
September 19, 1971 Jeffrey Lynn Arneson 48025 226th St. Flandreau, SD 57028
September 20, 1992 Jackson Ray Mendel 4908 W. 16th Place Sioux Falls, SD 57106
September 22, 1968 Peggy Marie George 46552 243rd St. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
September 22, 1996 Jake Alan Hemmer 47436 238th St. Dell Rapids, SD 57022
September 26, 1976 Danielle Eppe 22983 460th Ave. Wentworth, SD 57075
September 29, 1985 Jill Elizabeth Feige 45955 230th St. Wentworth, SD 57075

Happy Baptismal Birthday! From your brothers and sisters in Christ
"Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved"
Mark 16:16a



SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Jenna Baumberger September 4, 2010
Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Peg George September 5, 2009
Mr. & Mrs. Matt & Kayla Tweet September 7, 2013
Mr. & Mrs. Jon & Danielle Gehrels September 7, 2019
Mr. & Mrs. Jeff & Connie Brown September 11, 1998
Mr. & Mrs. Dale & Kathleen Dorow September 12, 1964
Mr. & Mrs. Ted & Carolyn Lindholm September 17, 1971
Mr. & Mrs. Jerry & Julie Gehrels September 19, 1981



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 1, 1979 Lori Beth Lindholm	September 3, 1996 Jake Alan Hemmer
September 4, 2011 Jayden Delfs	September 5, 1979 Jeremy Patrick Lindholm
September 6, 1968 Peggy Marie George	September 8, 1966 Russ Claussen
September 10, 1957 Diana Lee Maas	September 13, 1983 Ryan Daniel Lindholm
September 14, 1985 Jill Elizabeth Feige	September 16, 2012 Brendyn McManus
September 18, 1948 Connie Kay Hess	September 19, 1958 Cynthia Louise VanPelt
September 19, 2004 Jackson Heidelberger	September 20, 1953 Debra Lee Reck
September 23, 1993 Nicole Elizabeth Backus	September 27, 2010 Landen McManus
September 28, 1939 Arlyn Gene Tammen	

