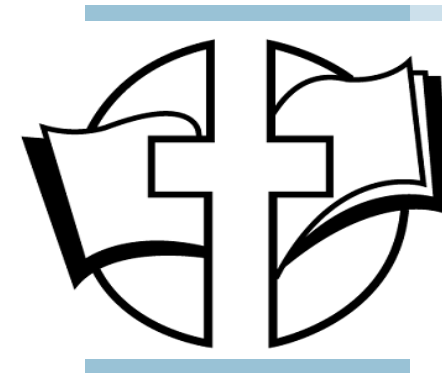


<u>October Birthdays</u>	
Nathan Mlsna	10/4
William Rahmlow	10/4
Vincent Schwartzenberger	10/7
Dale Jessie	10/9
Gale Jessie	10/9
Tyrone Laufenberg	10/10
Isabel Neumann	10/14
Eric Markhardt	10/23
Gary Johnson	10/23
Karen Noard	10/28
Richard Selin	10/29

October Wedding Anniversaries	
Gale + Karen Jessie	10/6
Bill + Karen Yahnke	10/9
Benjamin + JoDee Leisso	10/12
Garrett + Maggie Jessie	10/17
Denis + Candy Janke	10/21



The Messenger

October 2020

Take Out the Trash!

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible.
This month's favorite Bible verse is: **1 Peter 5:7**

"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

If you were asked to write down your top-ten favorite places, it's hard to imagine a landfill making anybody's list. There's nothing pretty about a landfill. There's nothing attractive or inviting about a place where trash is piled high and deep. It's no fun to be at a landfill; all you can do is watch the pile get bigger. And you certainly wouldn't want to take home any souvenirs!

But in 1 Peter 5:7, God is inviting us (if it can be said this way) to treat him like a landfill. "Pile it up!" he says. "Keep it coming! I can take it! Cover me with it!"

What kind of trash is God asking us to cover him with? *Anxiety*. Worry about the future. Stress of the present. Burdens from the past. All the things that pile up and make life feel like an endless slog through a murky, mucky swamp. All the things that press

hard and cause pain, on the inside and the outside.

God says, "Throw it all on me!" He wants to take away all those burdens. He wants to remove the guilt from the sins of the past. He wants to hold us up under the stress of the present. He wants to assure us about the future.

But, as ugly as it sounds, he does this by taking our burdens onto himself. In fact, he already has taken our burdens when Jesus Christ bore the sins of the whole world. He carried all of them when he died on the cross. He didn't drop anybody's burden of sin. He didn't leave anybody out so that now they're stuck carrying their own.

Do you know people who help others so much that they hardly have any time left for themselves? You can marvel at how

much they give of themselves, how many burdens they carry for other people. But if you would ever ask them how they can possibly do so much to help others, the answer might come back so plainly, "I just love them."

God's attitude toward you is so full of love—so overflowing with love—that no matter how many of your burdens you pile on him, his love will still spill out for you through Jesus. So take out the trash! Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.



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We are a Christ Preaching Church! We believe, teach and confess that Jesus is God's own Son, who came into the world to be the Savior of all people so that through his sufferings, death and resurrection, we might have forgiveness of sins and eternal life.

We Are A Bible Teaching Church! We believe and teach that the Bible is the true and divinely inspired Word of God, the sole authority for Christian faith and life.

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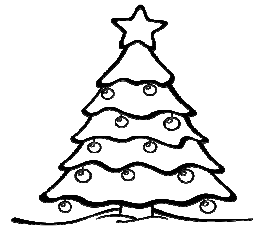
OCTOBER WORSHIP UPDATE



AFTER ITS LAST MEETING, THE CHURCH COUNCIL DECIDED THESE THINGS CONCERNING WORSHIP DURING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

- ◇ Monday evening worship services WILL continue. We will have service at 6:30 pm in Black River Falls on Monday, October 5, 12, 19, 26. (Please note: if you have concerns about getting together in large gatherings, this would be an excellent opportunity for you to still gather around God's Word and receive Holy Communion in a much smaller gathering)
- ◇ Facebook Live will continue. It will be made live during the Black River Falls service each morning. That means **8 a.m.** It will continue to be uploaded to our YouTube channel later those Sunday mornings.
- ◇ For the month of October we will continue with services that include more speaking and less singing.

KEEPING IT ON YOUR RADAR
 Christmas Crafts for Kids will be held Saturday, November 14.



October Meetings and Events

Ladies Aid

Thursday—October 1 @ 12:30 p.m. in Cataract

Child Protection Ad Hoc Meeting

Saturday—October 3 @ 9 a.m. in Black River Falls

Elders Meeting

Tuesday—October 6 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

Property Meeting

Thursday – October 8 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

Youth Group

Sunday—October 11 @ 2 p.m. in Black River Falls

Ladies of Faith

Tuesday—October 13 @ 6 p.m. in Black River Falls

Church Council Meeting

Thursday—October 15 @ 6:30 p.m. in Cataract

Congregational Voters Meeting

Sunday—October 25 @ 1 p.m. in Black River Falls



YOUTH GROUP SERVICE PROJECT

At our youth group meeting in October, Pastor is hoping to have our youth participate in a service project. Weather permitting we will help members with a fall clean-up in their yards. Please watch the bulletin and your email for more information. We will probably extend our “meeting time” that day in order to accommodate for the clean-up...and perhaps a bonfire.



RECHARGE



Recharge: The word is very common for many people that use a cell, phone because one way or the other the battery of the phone requires the restoration of the power supply. The Word recharge could mean among other things, “Revive or renew”

My soul rejoices even in the middle of so many world troubles such as diseases of many kind, being reminded to thank God all the time because He has given us both hidden and open blessings. Our lives today can be likened to the children of Israel in the Book of Deuteronomy 8:2-5 and v 15-16. In many cases we see issues or problems as some curses upon our lives. God reminded the children of Israel how much He loved them and cared for them and He cares for us even now.

Our story title brings us to appreciate the good work that is being done at the Mwembezhi Lutheran Mission Rural Health Center in Shibuyunji Zambia. The “recharge” has brought about fresh look for the clinic building, it has given hope to so many people, going by the good comments from staff, contractors that we hear from the general members of the communities. The clinic building is be recharged. This work is the answer the Lord has given the people of Zambia, all stakeholders, CAMM, individuals in the USA, members of staff at the clinic have played a role to recharge the clinic building. Much work, will be expected by the staff at the center to maintain and cherish the building and the surrounding area so that sick people get to be healed and receive comfort from the Lord our God before being attended to by the medical personal.

It is important in this journey of life to take time and reflect as Christians and possibly recharge our Christian life and learn to bless others just like we have been blessed ourselves. The Israelites were reminded what to do when they enter the Promised Land (Deuteronomy 26:1- 10). I honestly enjoy this scripture in Psalm 85:1- 13 especially vs 6.

In conclusion, the calling we have received is tough, but God knows why He has particular calls for us, in fact we have done nothing that can repay the good things God has done for us in this life, therefore let us use to the best our abilities all that he has entrusted us with, Just like 1 Peter 4: 10 “*Each of you should use whatever gift you received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.*” God is willing to give us a new start regardless of how much we think we have sinned against Him. God’s work for His children was prepared for all Christians before they were called. Ephesian 2:10.

Thank God that he has given us an opportunity to live in this day, we can try and look through life and recharge, just as the clinic has been recharged.

Alisad Banda

Clinic Admin- Zambia

For more information about CAMM go to their Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/camm.wels



EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ENJOY A FIRE WITH FiSH!

The FiSH social group invites your whole family to a campfire on Saturday, October 10, from 6-8 p.m. in Black River Falls. We’ll have hot dogs, apple cider and s’mores (Diener-sized). Bring a lawn chair if you can.



decided that our congregation will support their mission by sending them \$500 as well as taking a door offering for their mission.

⇒ We will be showing a special video on CMO offerings in January before the budget is distributed to members.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm with Pastor leading us in the Lord's Prayer

The next Council Meeting will be held in Cataract October 15th at 6:30.

Recorded by Garrett Jessie

CALLED TOGETHER FOR BLESSING BIBLE STUDY

As Christians, we have been called to faith, called and gathered into God's Church for two reasons:

1. To be blessed by our heavenly Father's love
2. To be a blessing to others in a sinful world

Here is wealth – unlimited spiritual wealth. And it is in and through the Church, in which Jesus is the Head, that this wealth is given to us and the world.

In Christ's Church we are "called together for blessing" – here we find the promises of his grace and love; here the sin that separated us from God has been removed through the sacrifice of his own Son on the cross for us. Here we learn the results of his call to faith: **"You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light"** (1 Peter 2:9).

These blessings call for a response. A faith born of God's grace and the Spirit's power shows itself in dedicated service to God by sharing all the blessings it has received.

HOW WILL WE RECEIVE THOSE BLESSINGS?

HOW WILL WE BE A BLESSING TO OTHERS?

This is our Family Stewardship Bible Class. As in the past, we are asking that all communicant members of Faith gather for this hour with their fellow Christians, already in this way being blessed as we commit ourselves to serve the Lord.

WHEN: This is a one-lesson Bible Class that the church council is asking every communicant member to strive to attend. It will be offered three separate times.

⇒ Wednesday, October 21 @ 7 pm in Black River Falls

⇒ Sunday, October 25 @ 11 am in Cataract

⇒ Tuesday, October 27 @ 6:30 pm in Black River Falls (this day will be streamed on Facebook Live and then uploaded to our YouTube channel)

A LOOK AT LUTHER

When you think of October, what do you think of? Many might think of Halloween. But how many think of the Reformation? October 31st is often times referred to as the beginning of the Reformation. Over the course of future months, we will take time in each of our newsletters to take a look at the life of Luther and how God used him to be a blessing to us today.

LUTHER'S BIRTH, CHILDHOOD AND SCHOOLING

Nine years before Columbus discovered America, a boy was born whom the Lord would use to teach many people the truth about Jesus and the way to heaven. This boy's name was Martin Luther. Perhaps you know a little about his life and the days in which he lived.

Many people who lived when Luther was a child did not know that Jesus alone saves from sin. The Church was ruled by the Pope, who taught the people many things that were wrong and harmful to their souls. He did not teach the truth as it is taught in God's Word. So God used Martin Luther to bring to light the wonderful truths of the Bible and help lead people back to the Bible.

Martin Luther was born in the town of Eisleben, Germany, on November 10, 1483. The part of Germany in which he spent most of his life is called Saxony. His parents, Hans and Margaret, were poor people. The father worked in the mines, and his mother had a hard time taking care of her family. The wood that she needed to cook the meals, she had to pick up in the forest and carry home on her back. But both parents were God-fearing people, and they served the Lord. They had their son baptized on November 11, the day after his birth. Because this was the day on which the great missionary St. Martin was honored, the boy was named Martin.

When Martin Luther was about seven months old, his parents moved to the town of Mansfeld where the father could earn more money in the mines. Here the family grew until Martin had three brothers and four sisters. The parents were very strict in rearing their children. Martin learned to obey his father and mother, and he honored them as long as he lived. He was very thankful for everything they did for him.

Martin was a bright and good boy. His parents wanted him to go to school and learn all he could so that he would some day be able to earn a better living than his father. Before he was five years old, he was sent to a school for boys in Mansfeld. Because he was so small, his father or someone else often carried him to school.

The schools in those days were not like our schools today. Only very few children went to school. The teachers did not know much about teaching, and many of them had no love for children. When the pupils did not know their lessons, the teachers would whip them. One day Martin was punished fifteen times for not knowing a lesson that he had not been told to study. Still Martin studied hard, for he was eager to learn. Much time was spent in learning the Latin language, which was used by the learned people of that time. Martin did not get to learn the Bible lessons and the Catechism as they are taught in Lutheran schools today. He did not learn to know Jesus in Sunday School classes. Instead, he was taught to pray to Mary and other saints instead of to Jesus. Whenever he heard the name of Jesus, he was afraid because he thought that Jesus only punishes people for their sins instead of being their loving Savior.

When Martin was fourteen, he was sent to a school at Magdeburg, a great distance from home. His father was still too poor to pay his board. So Martin, like other poor boys of that time, had to sing for his daily bread before the houses of the people in the city. Some people would turn these boys away and give them nothing. Martin often went to bed hungry. One day he and some other boys sang Christmas carols near the house of a farmer. Suddenly they heard a man call out in a rough voice, "Boys, where are you?" They were so frightened that they ran away. But the farmer had a kind heart. He called them



back and gave them some food. Martin stayed only a year at Magdeburg because he became very ill and his father called him home.

Martin's parents had relatives in Eisenach, which is near the famous Wartburg. Eisenach had a fine high school, and here Martin studied hard for three years. The relatives did not do much for him, so he had to help himself again by singing for bread in the streets. Such a life was bad for his health and his studies. Finally, a kindhearted woman named Ursula Cotta, took him into her home. Martin won her heart with his good behavior and fine voice. In her house he received the food and motherly care he needed. He never forgot her kindness. Now he could give more time to his studies. He did so well that he finished high school with high honors and his teachers advised him to go to college.

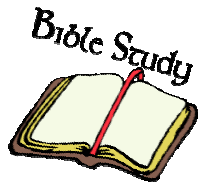


OCTOBER BIBLE CLASS ON THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

Welcome to a study of one of the most profound books of the New Testament. If you are looking for a model to follow, a cause with which to identify, you'll find it here. If you are looking for some serious study, for solid food instead of baby food, you'll enjoy this study. This first-century letter to the Hebrew Christians is heavy on theology and is filled with all kinds of practical applications for Christian life in this century. But above all, it points us to the fulfillment of faith – Jesus Christ – the one who saves us and empowers us to live the new life!

This study will begin on Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. in Black River Falls.

**Oct 28 at 6:30pm
Black River Falls**



CONGREGATIONAL VOTERS MEETING

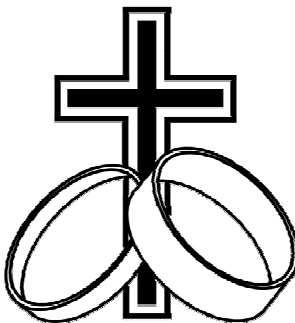
**Oct 25 at 1pm
In BRF**

Please mark your calendar and set aside time for this important work. Our next congregational voters meeting will be Sunday, October 25, at 1 pm at our Black River Falls Campus.

Coming in October - Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. The link to subscribe is found at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/marriagemoments/>.

An email will also be sent out with that link and reminders will be placed in the service bulletin. An introductory video about what these videos will be like can also be found at that link.



Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes SUMMARY

September 22, 2020

ATTENDANCE & CALL TO ORDER

- ⇒ Pastor Neumann, Garrett Jessie, Dale Jessie, Dave Spaude, Kirk Geotzka, Brad Rahmlow, Scott Templeton, Brad Markhardt
- ⇒ The meeting opened at 6:00 pm with Pastor Neumann leading us in a bible study on Responsibilities in a Precious to the Flock Bible Study.

ELDER'S REPORT

- ⇒ Elders presented for discussion key findings from the Bible Study Survey. The two main findings were a slightly shorter duration bible study and creating an online bible study.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- ⇒ We will have a Stewardship emphasis this October around the theme "Called Together for Blessing." There will be 3 opportunities to attend a special bible study on stewardship. The bible classes will be held on October 21st in BRF, 25th in CAT, and again on the 27th in BRF.
- ⇒ Council felt it of great value to show a video after church on a new resource, "Marriage Moments" available from the WELS. There will also be reminders in the bulletins to take advantage of the resource.
- ⇒ Council discussed more details regarding acquiring a volunteer secretary. The position will encompass roughly 5 hours per week. Council will review the job responsibilities and summary of qualifications at the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- ⇒ Brad presented a financial report showing a net gain of \$21,419.45 through the end of August. Moved/Seconded/Confirmed (MSC) to accept financial report for August, 2020

SPECIAL REPORTS

- ⇒ Council reviewed the Outreach Committee Report supplied verbally by Brad Markhardt.
- ⇒ Property Committee
 - ⇒ A cleaning service will be coming to clean the church in Cataract at a cost of \$250. MSC
 - ⇒ Applying for the PPP loan forgiveness is being put on hold to wait for a decision on potential guaranteed forgiveness.

OLD BUSINESS

- ⇒ Council reviewed our current worship services and decided...
 - ⇒ Worship Services will continue to look the same with no hymnals in the pews and reduced singing.
 - ⇒ The third church service on Monday nights will continue to be held through the month of October.

NEW BUSINESS

- ⇒ A mission church in Roscoe IL has is having financial struggles during this pandemic. We have