

Holy Communion

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." - 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Often we have a hard time believing that we are loved. Men and women who have a keen awareness of their flaws will wonder if anyone can really love them. So we have a need to not only hear that we are loved, but also to receive tangible assurance of that love.

If we need that assurance from our fellow human beings, how much more do we need that assurance in our relationship to God?

God knows us so well. He knows how we feel. He knows what we need. Not only does he tell us in his Word that he loves us, he also gives us personal assurance of that love.

How does he do that? He does so in what Christians call *Holy Communion* or *The Lord's Supper*. In this special meal Jesus gives us bread that isn't just bread. He tells us, "This is my body." He also gives us wine to drink that isn't just wine. He says, "This is my blood."

Now before anyone gets grossed out, this isn't some kind of weird cannibalism. It's bread and wine that looks, smells, and tastes like bread and wine. Yet, in a way that we can't perceive or comprehend, Jesus tells us that with the bread and wine, his body and blood are really present in this Supper.

Here's why this is such a great gift. You may think, "I know that Jesus forgives all those other people out there, but I'm not really sure that he can forgive me." In Holy Communion, Jesus comes to you personally and says, "I love you. Your sins are all forgiven. You want proof? Here's the price I paid for you on the cross. This is my body which was sacrificed for you. This is my blood which I shed for you."

Whenever we receive the Lord's Supper, we remember Jesus' saving, self-sacrificing love for us, and we personally receive not only assurance of that love, but we also receive his forgiveness.

OCTOBER 2017

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR LOPAHS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 (Pentecost 17)

- 9am Worship with Holy Communion
- Our Liturgy: Service of Word and Sacrament, CW page 26
- General Theme: Joyful Generosity
- Specific theme: Luke 12: 27-34 "Where Your Treasure Is"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8 (Pentecost 18)

- Liturgy: Divine Service I, Worship Supplement, page 15
- General Theme: Joyful Generosity
- Specific Theme: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-20 "Joyful and Generous"

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15 (Pentecost 19)

- 9am Worship with Holy Communion -
- Liturgy: Communion 'booklet'
- Text/Message: Mt 21: 28-32 "Which Child Obeyed Father?"
- Harvest Fest: Day School sing
- 10:15am the Sunday School hour: 1/3 lesson, 1/3 singing, 1/3 games
- 11:30am Harvest fest meal

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 (Pentecost 20)

- 9am Worship
- Liturgy: Service of the Word CW page 38
- General Theme: Joyful Generosity
- Specific Theme: 1 Corinthians 16: 1-2 "First and Proportional"
- Deadline for items for the September newsletter

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 (Pentecost 21)

- 9am Worship
- Liturgy: Morning Praise, Hymnal page 45
- General Theme: Joyful Generosity
- Specific Theme: Philippians 4: 14-20 "Regular and Intentional"
- October newsletter in your mailbox
- WELS Connection

REMEMBER: MONDAY NIGHT WORSHIP 7PM

While you may be busy or gone over the weekend.....
please remember....there is Monday night Worship at 7pm!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

A while back, one large 'blowout' Reformation Festival was being planned for the WELS. Yes, at the end of October, EVERYONE was supposed to head for Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for a mega-Reformation festival in a huge stadium setting. But the cost of having such a service was not wise stewardship. And so, instead, all areas of WELS throughout the country were encouraged to have their own local celebrations as best as they can.

WE HAVE THE BLESSING of being so close to Martin Luther College. Yes, each Reformation we hold a special joint service there. But this year, we know it will be very special. As soon as we have details about this service, we will share them. **In the meanwhile, we know that the area Reformation festival - celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation - will be on Sunday afternoon, October 29th, 3pm, at the Chapel of the Christ at MLC.**

We will do all we can to encourage a good attendance - that includes perhaps transportation. Let us consider how we might help one another attend this moving service.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

OCTOBER 31, 1517!

THE DAY LUTHER NAILED THE 95 THESIS TO THE CHURCH DOOR,
BEGINNING THE REFORMATION

500 YEARS AGO TODAY!

So, on October 31, 2017:

- We are planning a Special Reformation Anniversary Chapel Service at 8:30am. We invite the congregation, parents, grandparents, the community to join with the Day School children for this ½ hour of celebration and worship.
- We are also considering a treat for those present,
- And viewing a new Luther film (about 25 minutes)
- And help Pastor ring the church bell 95 times at noon

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

On Thursday, October 5th, 2pm. at Ladies Aid, we invite everyone to join us in the fellowship hall to view:

Rick Steves' "Luther and the Reformation" 2017: The one-hour public television special commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Filmed on location in Germany and in Rome, Rick Steves traces the dramatic events of this grassroots movement that changed the course of history. Today, on the 500th anniversary of this pivotal event in European history, Rick Steves travels the footsteps of Martin Luther - distilling the story of that bold monk, the chaos of the Reformation, and the larger political, economic, and theological context into an engaging, inspiring, and enlightening hour.

On Saturday, October 28th, our PTO is sponsoring this year's **TRUNK OR TREAT**. We hope to duplicate the good success of last year's event. Look for more info and updates in church bulletins and school news.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Heritage Foundation Board Meeting
August 6, 2017

Members present: Jim Garrison, Steve Sodeman, Norm Emerson and Kathy Rathman.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Garrison at 10:25 a.m.
The Secretary's report was read and approved.
The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Old Business:

1. Signatures by all 5 board members has been completed at the Wells Federal Bank.
2. \$5,000 was placed into the checking account from Lace CD # 969966. The remaining money, plus interest is now in LACE CD # 970960.
3. The Heritage Board voted unanimously to renew old WFB CD's 1432 and 1433 at a new interest rate of 2.00% for the period designated by WFB. We agree and declare that these two WFB CD's 1432 and 1433 along with another WFB CD# 29906 shall remain as collateral with Wells Federal Bank of St. James, MN for the St. Paul's Lutheran Church loan that has a limit of \$42,500. We understand that their current payment rate is 4.00%.

New Business:

1. There were no requests.
2. Motion made, seconded and passed to authorize Steve Sodeman to draft a Heritage Board information letter on the activities of our Board.
3. Motion made, seconded and passed to request of Pastor Lopahs and Jim Rentz, who manage the Student Assistance Fund (CEF CD # 105822), to allow the Heritage Board to invest and manage this money for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10, at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman Emerson, Secretary

Evening Guild Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2017

Call to Order/ Welcome 7:00 P.M.

Devotion: 19 Minutes with Luther. Study on the Third Commandment.

Roll Call 16 Members Present

Secretary's Report: Approved as printed

Treasurer's Report – Designated Funds - \$3,946.23

Undesignated Funds 1,255.71

Savings Account - \$693.25

Pastor Notes: Thank you for everybody that helped for the church picnic. Adult choir starts September 6. Luther film will be shown on September 7. All church leaders will meet on September 21.

Committee Reports

LWMS – Fall Rally October 21. St. Mark's Mankato, MN

MLC – October 14- Auxiliary Meeting

Banner Committee- New banners are in church

Potluck Dinner- December 10 Pastor Schroeder

Treasure Haus- Changeover for Fall Clothes was on August 20

Old Business:

Accordion window shades – On Hold

Mats by Back Door- Marlys took care of

Church Picnic – 140 people attended

Ladies Bathroom- will get started this fall.

New Business

Bake Sale Sunday September 1: Proceeds will go to the purchasing of the new freezer. Matching funds have been requested from the Heritage Board.

Birthdays:

Mavis Nommensen September 16.

Janelle Munsterman September 18.

October Lana Sander and Rhonda Miller

Kitchen Cleaning:

September: Sue Renz, Nanci Oskerson and Rhonda Geistfeld

October: Clarice Fastenau, Cheryl Brown and Samantha Runge

Servers for October: Beth Wessel and Lynn Wagner

Next Meeting October 3

Adjournment 8:00 P.M.



St. Paul's Lutheran Pioneers October 2017 Newsletter

Sign-up for Pioneers: It is not too late to join us for Pioneers! We will be studying "Nature" this year. **The cost for each boy or girl is only \$20 for the whole year! (Less than \$1.70 a month)** What a bargain-an inexpensive and fun way to learn new things and spend time with friends. *Still not sure? Join us for our meeting on October 1st or the district event on October 8th to find out more about Pioneers. Invite your friends to join us too! Registration forms are available from one of the leaders or at the meetings!*

Thank You! A big thank you to the Pioneers and parents who worked for the Steak Fry at the VFW on Sept. 9th! We raised a total of \$300 with our work that evening and the sale of brownies and ice cream. The money will be used for our projects, crafts and meetings this year.

October Meeting: Our next Pioneer meeting will be held on Sunday, October 1st, starting after Bible class at about 11:30. Our meal will be provided by the **Overson and Rathman families**. Our nature topic of the day will be fall, including crafts about trees, leaves and pumpkins. We are hoping to have a nature "tree" walk around church and a leaf craft. Come and join us! ☺

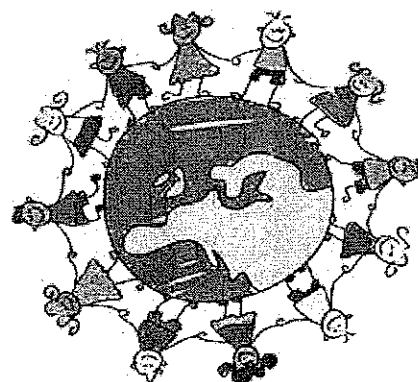
Meal sign-up: We are again asking for parent volunteers to serve a meal before our monthly meetings. We will need 2 volunteers for our November meeting and one family to assist the Klinkners for our December meeting. There are also openings for 2018 meetings. The sign-up sheet will be available at our meetings. Two families usually serve together. Thank you for supporting our Pioneer program!

Fall District Event to Minneopa State Park-October 8th: All families of the congregation are invited to join us for this State Park visit. We will meet at the church parking lot at 1 p.m. to carpool to Minneopa State Park. Drivers will be needed. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex so we can plan for transportation to the park. We will gather at the waterfall side of the state park where we will have the opportunity to hike, play games, and have a devotion, snacks and fellowship. There will also be a chance to drive through the bison area of the park. Each family is asked to bring a snack to share. Each car will need to purchase a day permit for \$7 at the entrance if you do not have a MN State Park Pass.



October 28th- "Rake the Town" Service Project: *We are again planning to have a "St. Paul's team" of rakers help with this event on Saturday morning, October 28th!* Our Pioneers plan to join together with St. Paul's Youth In Action members. We meet at our church parking lot, usually around 8:45 a.m. and get our assignments for yard work. Many hands working together make this project go quickly. Please bring rakes if you have them. Gloves are also helpful. The groups are usually done before noon. Adults will be needed to assist with driving and supervising our rakers! ☺

Kids Care Project: We are collecting coins/money for our mission project this year, which is "Feeding Jesus' Lambs in Nepal". We will learn more about this program at our meetings. Collection boxes are available for your donations, which can be brought to any meeting. We hope to earn money by selling dessert at the Legion's chicken fry when we work on Saturday, March 3rd!



Upcoming Events:

- November 12th - Pioneer meeting
- December 3rd - Pioneer meeting

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ASSISTANCE FUND

Thank you to all of you who brought offerings and special gifts to this special Fund! ! Dollars raised at St. Paul's Annual Spring Banquet last May, 2017, plus matching funds from the Heritage Foundation and other organizations has made it possible to make \$4,548 available to the 7 member students St. Paul's has attending Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School this school year. (These offerings were given between July 1, 2016 & June 30, 2017) As the current policies & by-laws state, **half** of these dollars **will be 'saved'** in order to build up the Fund and **half will be shared** equally by each of the member students to help them with their tuition expenses if they request them – Tuition has risen to \$6,900 per year per student. Six of the seven requested the shared funds.

For your information, St. Paul's students who are attending MVL are: TaShawn, Ana & Tia Parker, Shelby Haseman, William Sanders, Julia Flitter & Collin Fast.

There are also several other students who are not members of St. Paul's congregation who are also attending MVL. They are Kaelyn & Max Johnson, Carlos Ramirez and Haley Ditch. What a tremendous blessing to see these young people continuing their education both in God's Word and in all of the academics.

As we thank you for your financial support, please continue to support these young people in your prayers. Pray that they grow in their faith, that they continue to build good Christian friendships and that they use their God-given abilities in the best way possible as they study and live to glorify their God and Savior.

MVL SCRIP Another way you can support any of these 11 students is by purchasing MVL Scrip.

Scrip is "Substitute money" – usually in the form of pre-paid gift cards used as a credit card.

*Say you want to purchase something at the local NAPA store. You can purchase a gift certificate through the MVL Scrip program for, let's say, \$25. You order a \$25 gift certificate from the MVL Scrip Program, you receive \$25 worth of merchandise when you go to the NAPA store **and** 4% of that \$ 25 is returned to MVL – part of that 4% will go to the student or students you wish to designate and part of that 4% will go back to MVL. (for Tuition assistance, General Fund, any future student – you decide where.) [Hardee's in New Ulm, Sleepy Eye & Mankato return 35% of each \$ 5 Scrip card.]*

"All of the white milk that is served at St. Paul's Lutheran School is purchased at a Kwik Trip store for under \$3 a gallon with a KT Scrip Card. 5% of the cost is returned to MVL – part to a student designated from St. Paul's and part to MVL." (FYI: All chocolate milk is purchased locally.)

If you would like to see what businesses participate in SCRIP – there are hundreds of businesses, please pick up a sample order form from the counter in the entryway. You will notice that the percentage of what is returned varies from 2% to 35%.

If you would like to try ordering Scrip, you may place orders with your payment into my church box by Monday morning and I will return with your orders filled by Friday of the same week. If you would like to support any one of these 11 students attending MVL from this area, pick up a form and join in. I will help you get started if you wish.

Since May of 2016, I have been volunteering at MVL to assist with this Program on Friday's. So, let me know. Call or email if you have any questions.

James Renz, MVL Bus Driver since 1997
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AUGUST 2017

General Fund			Building Fund		
Beginning Balance		(\$3,909.39)	Beginning Balance		\$ 6,665.03
Income			Income		
General Offerings	\$ 31,396.55		Offerings	\$ 245.00	
Interest Income	\$ 0.4		Loan repayment-General Fund	\$ 4,000.00	
Youth Program	\$ 5,497.24		Interest	\$ 0.44	
Thrivent Choice/Match	\$ 10,000.00		Total Income		\$4,245.44
Reimbursements	\$ 55.00				
Tuition			EXPENSES	\$ 275.81	
Total Income		\$46,949.26	Cress Ref. (Freezer)	\$ 5,600.00	
			Ending Balance		\$ 5,034.66
EXPENSES					
Church and School	\$ 6,803.03		Benevolent Fund		
Insurance	\$ 4,353.28		Beginning Balance		\$ 690.83
Member Loan Interest	\$ 294.15		INCOME		
Office Supplies	\$ 930.87		Offerings		
Personnel			Interest	\$10,143.58	
Church/School	\$ 21,105.71		Total Income		\$10,143.58
Youth Program	\$ 4,556.37		DISBURSEMENTS		
Prop. & Main.	\$ 54.99		Bulletin	\$ 59.85	
Utilities	\$ 1,922.68		St. Paul's School		
Total Expenses		\$40,021.08	StP Student Assistance	\$ 130.00	
			Sound Technology	\$ 120.00	
Money Borrowed		\$ -0-	Video Technology		
Ending Balance		\$ 3,021.79	Memorials		
Beginning Total Indebtedness		\$72,072.49	Operating Loan Principal	\$ 205.00	
Operating Loan Balance		\$37,967.49	Operating Loan Interest		
Member Notes		\$33,000.00	Tone Chimes		
9/17/17 Total Indebtedness		\$70,967.49	MVL	\$ 1,114.00	
			WELS	\$ 8,557.98	
			Lutheran Chapel		
			WELS CEF		
			WELS Multi Language		
			LIMA		
			Belle Plaine		
					\$10,186.83
			ENDING BALANCE		\$ 647.58

AFTERNOON GUILD – September 7, 2017

St. Paul's Afternoon Guild met September 7 at 2:00 p.m. We sang "Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear" (CW 282) and Pastor Lopahs led the Bible study on the third commandment. We keep this commandment by gladly hearing and learning God's Word both at church and at home. Pastor talked about several Luther movies to be shown at church. He also mentioned updating the "wish list" which lists various items needed at church.

President Mary Lopahs opened the business meeting. Roll call was answered by 12 members. The secretary read the minutes of the August meeting. The treasurer reported a balance of \$492.10. The secretary's report and treasurer's report were approved. Several thank you notes were received.

Committee Reports

LWMS: Clarice reported that Pastor Daniel Kramer will be the speaker for the fall rally on October 21 at St. Mark's in Mankato. He is the pastor of Peace in Jesus Vietnamese congregation in Boise, Idaho.

Cards – Lila sent 6 birthday cards, Norma sent 3 get-well cards, and Clarice sent 5 worship cards. Sue reported that greeting cards, including sympathy cards, are available.

Treasure Haus - Sue Renz said that sales each month are more than last year. Janay Exe is the new manager. Credit cards can now be used.

MLC – The Ladies Auxiliary meeting will be held Saturday, October 14, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The fall musical, "Camelot," will be November 3, 4 and 5.

CAMM - Clarice did not read the CAMM newsletter since it was in the newsletter. Donations for CAMM are always needed.

Old Business

Church Picnic – This was well-attended and very enjoyable.

Floor Mats - The new floor mats at the back doors are a great improvement over the old.

New Business

Club Choice – School children will be taking Club Choice orders.

Bake Sale – Evening Guild will have a bake sale on Sept. 10 to help pay for the new freezer. Proceeds will be matched by the Heritage Fund.

Fall Schedule – Sunday School begins on September 10.

Bibles for Third Graders – We purchased nine Bibles at a cost of \$190.18.

Miscellaneous

Group 2 serves the next event. . . Birthdays: Mavis Nommensen (9/16), Donna Miest (9/18), Millie Beck (9/26). . . September Altar Guild: Mary Lopahs and Clarice Fastenau. . . October Altar Guild – Lana Sander and Rhonda Miller . . . Having "potluck refreshments" for our meetings was suggested. We will discuss that at the next meeting . . . Thank you to Norma Kurtzweg for providing delicious refreshments today and to Mary Lopahs for serving them.

Next Meeting – October 5 at 2:00 p.m. Louise Knickrehm will serve refreshments.

Mary's Thought for the Day: "Counting your blessings builds up your thank account."

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clarice Fastenau, Secretary

MONTHLY REMINDER OF SERVERS, October 2017

Deacons

Oct 1	9:00 am	Tim Flitter
Oct 8	9:00 am	Howard Swanson
Oct 15	9:00 am	Kevin Foss
Oct 22	9:00 am	Jan Miller
Oct 29	9:00 am	John Munsterman

Greeters: Please arrive 20 minutes before service begins.

Oct 1	9:00 am	Paul/Melissa Jacoby
Oct 8	9:00 am	Jared/Katie Christensen
Oct 15	9:00 am	Steve/Sue Sodeman
Oct 22	9:00 am	Mary Soucek
Oct 29	9:00 am	Mary Lopahs

Kitchen Cleaning: Clarice Fastenau, Cheryl Brown, Samantha Runge

Flowers: Mary Lopahs

Kitchen Supplies: Mary Lopahs

Kerry Candles: LaDonna Quick, Joyce Coleman

Altar Guild: Lana Sander, Rhonda Miller

Recorders:

Oct 1	Sanders
Oct 8	Flitter
Oct 15	Freitag
Oct 22	Foss
Oct 29	Lundberg

Ushers

Please arrive 20 minutes before service begins to hand out bulletins.

Oct 1	9:00 am	Scott Sanders, Travis Kiecker, Chad Lange, Kirk Kratovil
Oct 8	9:00 am	Jared Christensen, Tim Flitter, Dale Lange, Dan Gratz
Oct 15	9:00 am	Scott Hoffman, Bryan Rathman, TaShawn and Garrett Parker
Oct 22	9:00 am	Joseph Parker, Ben Foss, Willie Sanders, Paul Jacoby
Oct 29	9:00 am	Gene Brown, Andrew Ekstrom, Norm Emerson, Kevin Foss

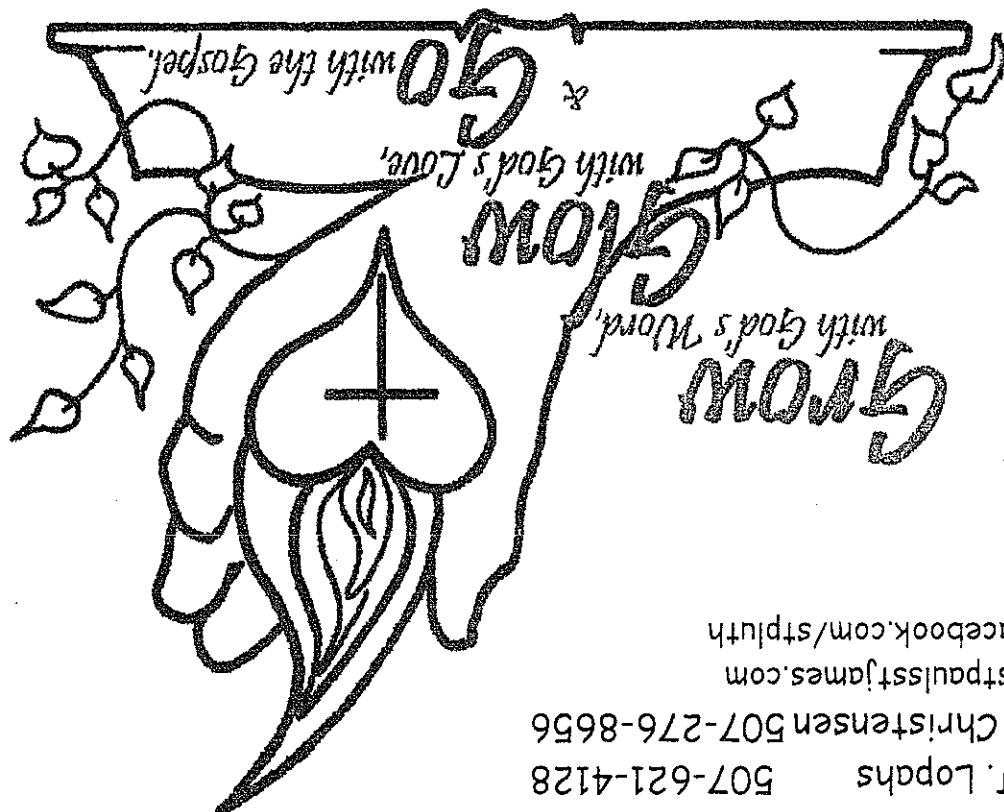
St. Paul's Church and School

October 2017

HC=Holy Communion ABC = Adult Bible Class SS = Sunday School PSCC = Public School Confirmation Class BIC = Bible Information Class

1	9 am Worship/HC 10:15 SS, Jr. Teen, Sr. Teen 10:15 Adult Bible Class 10:15 Heritage Board 11:30 Pioneers meeting MVL Dad's Belgian Waffles 9:00-1:00 3 pm MLC Wind Symphony	2	7 pm Worship/HC 7 pm Messy Monday	3	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Class 7:00 Evening Guild	4	Day School Early Dismissal 9:30 Ladies' Bible Class 4:00 Public School Confirmation Class 7:15 Adult Choir practice	5	2:00 pm Afternoon Guild showing Luther Film. Congregation is invited to attend too.	6	8:15-10 Doughnuts with Dad Pastor's Day Off	7	Treasure Haus MLC Ladies Aux meeting
8	9 am Worship 10:15 SS, Jr. Teen, Sr. Teen 10:15 Adult Bible Class 10-12 Daycare open house 1:00 pm Pioneers Fall District event @ Minneopa	9	Pastor's Day at MVL 7 pm Worship	10	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Class 3:30 pm Pleasant View/HC	11	Day School Early Dismissal 4:00 PSCC 7:15 Adult Choir practice	12	10:30 am Brandt Ridge 11:00 am Prairie View	13	Pastor's Day Off	14	
15	Harvest Fest 9 am Worship/HC 10:15 SS, Jr. Teen, Sr. Teen 10:15 Adult Bible Class 11:30 Harvest Fest Meal	16	7 pm Worship/HC	17	Day school Fall pictures 9:00 am Ladies' Bible Class	18	11:30: Day school dismissal--Club's choice delivery 9:30 Ladies' Bible Class 4:00 PSCC 7:15 Adult Choir practice	19	No School --MEA Teachers' Conference 5:30 Church Elders 7:00 pm Church Council	20	MEA--No School Teachers' Conference Pastor's Day Off	21	Luther Women's Missionary Society Fall Rally at St. Marks, Mankato
22	9:00 am Worship 10:15 SS, Jr. Teen, Sr. Teen 10:15 ABC *Newsletter deadline*	23	Treasure Haus workday 7 pm Worship	24	9:00 am Ladies' Bible Class 3:30 pm Pleasant View	25	Day School Early Dismissal 4:00 PSCC 5:00 PTO meeting 7:15 Adult Choir practice	26		27	Pastor's Day Off 1 pm newsletter assembly	28	Trunk or Treat
29	9 am Worship 10:15 SS, Jr. Teen, Sr. Teen 10:15 Adult Bible Class WELS connection 3 pm Reformation Rally at MLC	30	Treasure Haus workday 7 pm Worship	31	8:30 Special Reformation Chapel Service 9:00 am Ladies' Bible Class	<p>Each Sunday: 6:30 am "Time of Grace" cable Ch. 9. 8 am Lutheran Chapel service on KNUJ 860 AM 9am Sunday Worship, and 7pm Monday worship HC 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month, Each Friday, our service is shown at 1pm on cable Ch. 7 or 8.</p>							

Online course: Luther's Lasting Impact every Wednesday, October 4 through November 8, 6pm and 8pm. wels.net/interactive faith



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