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Sunday

Worship

9:00a

**(Fellowship
AFTER)**



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MidCounty Ministerium

**Food
Pantry**



Joint Worship on Reformation Sunday
Sunday, October 29th

Come for Fellowship **PRIOR to our
Worship at **ST. STEPHEN's** at **10:30a****

**Bring an item (or 5) for the
Mid-County Ministerium Food Pantry!**



**Wear
RED to
celebrate
the day!**



5 Tena Roubal, Matt Thoune
6 John Beardsley
7 Rose Klatt
8 Carol Klein
9 Chelsea Christophersen
20 Gail Schmidt
21 Doug Klein
23 Gloria Bogdan

9 Josh and Hailey Schultz
10 Al and Carol Lindner
23 Scott and Sarah Krzych
24 Jim and Sandy Gill

*We invite you to pray for those serving in the military:
Jordan Baril, Jay Chapple, Ken Dams, Trish Dams, Brent Jurmu, Jared Jurmu*

We continue to hold the following in prayer:

Benjamin Hollister
Karen Raether
Ronnie Anderson
Tom Wenger

Callan Johnson
Louie Tauscheck
Tammy Parrett
Tony Hofer

Jenna Perras
Rob Boe
Tim Bruce
Zeke Gill

We offer the comfort and hope of the resurrection to the family and friends of

+Deanna Thill+

+Darwin Diehm+

+Nancy Diehm+



Hospitalized? Welcome a visit? Contact the Office at
906.753.4932, or reach out to **Pr Brenda** directly at
720.989.8218 (call/text), and we'll make it happen!

Thank you for holding the friends and families of our Congregants in your prayers. Contact the Office with any corrections.

HONORING our Neighbor's Faith

Rev. Brenda L. Greenwald

Dear Church, I am so very **excited** to walk through this upcoming, Faith Formation experience with all of you! I came across this helpful book years ago, while working with my Teaching Parish in California, and have since enjoyed reading the updates in the Revised Edition. There is SO MUCH to unpack together.

We often carry **pre-conceived notions** about other denominations, or “flavors” shall we say. This text book, published by Augsburg Fortress, allows us to dig into the nuances of our **OWN** faith while exploring the distinctions of our **neighbors**.

Per usual, this is one of those **classes** where you can **attend** any or all of the sessions. They all connect together, but ultimately, they can stand-alone, meaning...even if you have to miss one or more sessions – **still come when you can!**

Pr Brenda

Session 1: Saturday, OCTOBER 21: Lutherans of Different Stripes

ELCA, LSMA, WELS, LCMC, LCMS

Session 2: Saturday, OCTOBER 28: Full Communion Partners

Episcopal, Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian, Reformed, UCC

Session 3: Saturday NOVEMBER 4: Christian Landscape

Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Assemblies of God,
Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jehovah's Witnesses

Session 4: Saturday, NOVEMBER 11: World Religions

Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Confucianism, Atheism/Agnosticism

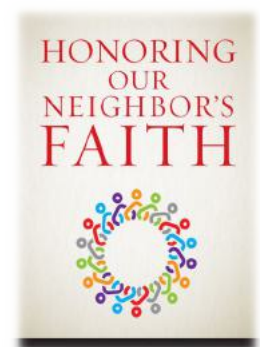
SATURDAYS from 8-9a at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church

We're trying a **SATURDAY MORNING** class to accommodate those who **work**, those who love to get an **early**-start on their weekend, and those who don't like to **drive** at night.

Come! Join your neighbors!

TAN BOOK (REVISED EDITION) - \$17

While we are (lightly) covering **22 faith practices** in class, the book goes on to cover an addition **dozen**, all with factual information and comparison charts to our practices in the ELCA. We have ordered **10 workbooks** for this course, so see Pr Brenda FIRST if you are interested in this class. If ordering on your own, be sure to order the **TAN** book with the people in a circle on the front (*and not the BLACK book*), as the **TAN** BOOK contains the most up-to-date info.





We tackled 2 projects this year for **God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**: Celebration Bags for the Food Pantry folks and Packing the School Kits to send off to Lutheran World Relief.



Top the Tater 2023 was a **HUGE** success!

Over **\$1300** raised for **Eagle's Wings Ministry**, which helps people in particularly, challenging times in their lives.



Couldn't have been a **success** without the willingness of so many **volunteers**!



Our **JOINT COUNCIL** meets twice a year to decide upon Joint Worship dates (as far out as Easter 2024!), compensation packages, shared expenses, and how to continuing supporting one another as sister congregations. **Pictured:** Pr Brenda, Bob Berglin, Judi Freis, Cheri Leiphart, Sue Skowronski, John Starzynski, Wendy Hanson, Keith Olson, and Carol Klein. **Chat** with any of these fine folks about any questions!

After the great success of our **Top the Tater** in September, we are excited to announce that our **next, delicious event** is **JUST** around the corner!



Mark your calendars and invite your friends to:
The Annual Sauerkraut Dinner
Thursday, October 26th from 4:30-6:30p



We look forward to filling the **Fellowship Hall** with folks who love to enjoy a delicious bowl of sauerkraut, and we'll need **YOUR** help to make this a festive and fun event.

Be on the lookout for sign-up sheets, and **spread the word** to anyone and everyone! **Let's get cookin'!**

And while we're on the topic of **dinners**, be sure to mark down **WEDNESDAY, October 18** in your calendars – that's the date of the **Annual Chili Supper** over at St. Stephen's! **4:30-6:30p.**



Dwelling in the Word

October 2023: Ezekiel 37: "Dry Bones"



37 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

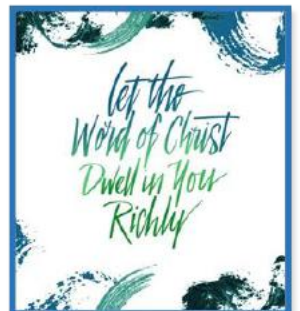
¹¹ Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³ And you shall know that I am the LORD when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

1. What catches your attention?
2. What questions does this passage raise for you?
3. Where might God's Spirit be nudging you in this passage?

Join the whole Northern Great Lakes Synod in Dwelling in the Word.

Visit <https://bit.ly/DwellNGLS> for monthly Scripture passages that you can use to begin your meetings: Council, quilting, Faith Formation, Women's Group - whatever meeting you have, begin with this brief devotion and Dwell in the same Word together.

Also, you are invited to join the **Synod Council** (*Pastor Brenda will be there*), via **Zoom**, to Dwell in that monthly Word the first **Thursday** of every month. The Zoom link will be on the Synod website.



May our Synod be blessed as we listen to God through Dwelling in the Word!

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Daily Bible Readings, Year A

*Year A focuses on the Gospel of **Matthew**. The semi-continuous Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second, New Testament, readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.*

Sunday Oct 1 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 | Psalm 25:1-9 (6) | Philippians 2:1-13 | Matthew 21:23-32

Prayer of the Day: *God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – Oct 2	Judges 14:1-20	Philippians 1:3-14	Psalm 28
Tue – Oct 3	Judges 16:1-22	Philippians 1:15-21	Psalm 28
Wed – Oct 4	Judges 16:23-31	Matthew 9:2-8	Psalm 28
Thu – Oct 5	Jeremiah 2:14-22	Colossians 2:16-23	Psalm 80:7-15
Fri – Oct 6	Jeremiah 2:23-37	Philippians 2:14-18	Psalm 80:7-15
Sat – Oct 7	Jeremiah 6:1-10	John 7:40-52	Psalm 80:7-15

Sunday Oct 8 – Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7 | Psalm 80:7-15 (14, 15) | Philippians 3:4b-14 | Matthew 21:33-46

Prayer of the Day: *Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – Oct 9	Ezekiel 19:10-14	1 Peter 2:4-10	Psalm 144
Tue – Oct 10	Isaiah 27:1-6	2 Corinthians 5:17-21	Psalm 144
Wed – Oct 11	Song of Solomon 8:5-14	John 11:45-57	Psalm 144
Thu – Oct 12	Isaiah 22:1-8a	1 Peter 5:1-5, 12-14	Psalm 23
Fri – Oct 13	Isaiah 22:8b-14	James 4:4-10	Psalm 23
Sat – Oct 14	Isaiah 24:17-23	Mark 2:18-22	Psalm 23

Our **Confirmands** got off to a bouncing start as **Kenzie, Dalten, and Brock** warmed-up for their final year of study.



That's one, good-looking Tater!

Sue crocheted a festive spud, complete with a formal Top Hat to celebrate our **Top the Tater** event!

Sunday Oct 15 – Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 25:1-9 | Psalm 23 (5) | Philippians 4:1-9 | Matthew 22:1-14

Prayer of the Day: *Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – Oct 16	Exodus 19:7-20	Jude 17-25	Psalm 34
Tue – Oct 17	Amos 9:5-15	Philippians 3:13-4:1	Psalm 34
Wed – Oct 18	Song of Solomon 7:10-8:4	John 6:25-35	Psalm 34
Thu – Oct 19	Judges 17:1-6	3 John 9-12	Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Fri – Oct 20	Deuteronomy 17:14-20	1 Peter 5:1-5	Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]
Sat – Oct 21	Isaiah 14:3-11	Matthew 14:1-12	Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Sunday Oct 22 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45:1-7 | Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13] (7) | 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 | Matthew 22:15-22

Prayer of the Day: *Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*

Mon – Oct 23	Daniel 3:1-18	Revelation 18:1-10	Psalm 98
Tue – Oct 24	Daniel 3:19-30	Revelation 18:21-24	Psalm 98
Wed – Oct 25	Daniel 6:1-28	Matthew 17:22-27	Psalm 98
Thu – Oct 26	Numbers 5:5-10	Titus 1:5-16	Psalm 1
Fri – Oct 27	Deuteronomy 9:25-10:5	Titus 2:7-8, 11-15	Psalm 1
Sat – Oct 28	Proverbs 24:23-34	John 5:39-47	Psalm 1

Sunday Oct 29 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18 | Psalm 1(2) | 1 Thess. 2:1-8 | Matthew 22:34-46

Prayer of the Day: *O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Amen.*



Mon – Oct 30	Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25	James 2:8-13	Psalm 119:41-48
Tue – Oct 31	Deuteronomy 10:10-22	James 2:14-26	Psalm 119:41-48



Church Council Minutes

August 30, 2023 - Council Meeting



MEMBERS PRESENT: Wendy Hanson, Judi Freis, Sue Skowronski, Carol Klein, Pastor Brenda Greenwald
DEVOTIONS: Judi
MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 9:15 a

AGENDA APPROVAL	Motion to Accept: Judi	SECOND: Sue	CARRIED
SECRETARY'S REPORT	Motion to Accept: Sue	SECOND: Judi	CARRIED

PASTOR'S REPORT: June, July, August of 2023 *Pr. Brenda Greenwald*

CALENDAR ITEMS

- ☐ **Baptisms**
 - +**Benjamin** Pierce Hollister (6/18/34) at St. St.
 - +**Lainey** Dee Beardsley (7/30/23) at Church Picnic
 - +**Dorothy** Davis - conversations in progress, baptismal date pending
- ☐ **Funerals**
 - +**Margaret** Galbraith+ (6/13/23) burial at Bethesda w/ TX family
 - +**Bill** Durrow+ (6/30/23) service at Thielen Funeral Home
 - +**Bill** Durrow+ (7/1/23) burial at Mellen Township
 - +**Rich** Sunila+ (7/6/23) service at Anderson Diehm Funeral Home
 - +**Carol & Mike** Mitchell+ (7/18/23) double burial Cedar Creek Cem
 - +**Rich** Sunila+ (7/19/23) burial at Stephenson Cemetery
- ☐ **Heads-up**
 - Top the Tater** (9/14/23) at Gethsemane - 4:30-6:30p
 - Blessing of the Animals** (10/1/23) - Parsonage Backyard - 12:30p
 - BOXCAR** Loading (10/14/23) - Quilts/School Kits - 9a-11:30a
- ☐ **Ordination**
 - Celebrated **4 years** of Ordained Ministry (7/14/23)
- ☐ **Vacation**
 - Pr B:** Gone from 1:15p on Sun., Sept 17th until 7:55a on Tues. Sept 26th
 - Pr Nick** Johannes will lead worship on Sunday, September 24
 - Pr Linda** Forray will provide emergency coverage.
- ☐ **Wedding**
 - Cassie** Vetort/**Jordan** Kinney (9/16/23) at Bethel for Pr Scott

MINISTRY MOMENTS

- ☐ **Confirmation Fall**
 - Coursework prepped, welcoming back **3** students
- ☐ **Digital Ministry**
 - Groundwork (cables) are **in**, ready to purchase equipment!
- ☐ **Food Pantry**
 - Dire need of funds that will **SUSTAIN** the pantry; Pr B writing grants
- ☐ **Fortune Lake**
 - Prepared/completed **2 quilts** for the Annual Fall Fest
- ☐ **The Harbors**
 - Worship** on 6/29/23 for Pr Linda/Pr John
- ☐ **Hospice**
 - 2 members in full, **hospice** mode. Remember their **families**, too.
- ☐ **Menominee Health**
 - Worship** on 5/23/23, 7/25/23
- ☐ **Membership**
 - 2 New** Members (7/23/23 at G), **3 more** in October (St)
- ☐ **NGL Synod**
 - Council:** Retreated at FLLC in June, Dwelling in Word Prep
 - Devotions:** Prayfaithfully...again (7/23-7/29/23)
 - Assembly:** Council, Seed Sower's Luncheon, Sat. Morn Prayer/Worship
- ☐ **Roubal's**
 - Worship** on 6/4/23; BINGO, COVID; Hymnals, Leadership Issues
- ☐ **Visitors**
 - PLEASE watch for **new** faces. Make an effort to **greet**.
- ☐ **Visits**
 - In Homes: 20 At Hospital: 2 Retirement Homes: 9 In Office: 16
- ☐ **Volunteer**
 - Gunnar** Roksvold (St.St. grandchild) was ridiculously helpful-YAY!

TREASURER'S REPORT/FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT *(printed reports for May, June, July)*

Motion to accept ALL financial reports was made by Judi.

SECOND: Carol

CARRIED

MINISTRY TEAM LIAISONS

- Property - Furnaces at the church and parsonage will be serviced on 8/31; clean-out of the attic has progressed thanks to Pastor B and the young man, Gunnar Roksvold, who needed some service hours!
- WELCA - children's bibles have been purchased and placed in the pews, and food was provided for the blood drive.
- Fellowship - Sunday fellowship continues; served refreshments at the Blood Drive.
- Worship/Music - Worship in the Park/picnic was well attended and folks enjoyed the games/fellowship!

Motion to accept the Ministry Team reports was made by Pastor B.

SECOND: Judi.

CARRIED

OLD/ONGOING BUSINESS

1. Blood Drive – 26 units were collected (our goal was 25)!! We have been asked to host another drive on January 3, 2024.
2. Top the Tater update: supplies have been ordered, ads have been sent, sign-up sheets are out
3. HVAC Fundraisers: Sue had an update on a Brat Fry at Gary's – we do the grilling and serving, we serve their (Gary's) brats, we sell for \$3 – Gary's gets \$1, we get \$2.

Decided to table until Spring. The total amount now in the HVAC fund is \$1500.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Council Action needed for the membership of Howard Klein - Motion was made by Carol to move Howard Klein from inactive to active status;
Motion was seconded by Judi. Motion **Carried**.
2. Snow Removal Quotes/Procedures - Wendy has written up a format for Snow Removal Expectations to be available to any interested in the job of clearing snow from the church parking lot and at the parsonage. These will be available to members if you know of someone who might be interested!
3. Discipleship Ministries: Council discussed the Living Trust and what amount should be maintained in the Digital Ministry, Eagle's Wings *(formerly known as Catastrophic)* and Social Ministry Funds.

Motion was made by Carol to maintain \$5K in the Digital Ministry Fund, \$10K in the Eagle's Wings Fund, and \$5K in the Social Ministry Fund.;

SECOND: Sue

CARRIED

NEXT STEPS

- **Next Gethsemane Council Meeting:** October 18, 2023 9:15 am
- **Devotions:** Wendy

Motion to adjourn was made by Pr Brenda; time adjourned 10:19am

Meeting closed with the **Lord's Prayer**. **Respectfully submitted, Carol Klein Secretary**





FORTUNE LAKE
A place of grace in Crystal Falls, MI

FALL FEST IS OCTOBER 7

JOIN US ONLINE OR IN-PERSON!

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp's **Annual Fall Fest** will be conducted **Saturday, October 7**. We are so excited to provide members of your congregation and community an opportunity to support our ministry here at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp - and have a lot of fun in the process! ***fortunelake.org***

As we did last year, we will have **two events** running simultaneously:

- **ONLINE Auction** began Sept. 26 and goes *through* October 7th
- **LIVE Auction** will be held here at camp at 11a on October 7th

ALL MORNING

In the **Chapel**: Draffle Ticket Sales / Country Store

FROM 9:30 - 10:30a CT

- In the **Dining Room**: Continental Breakfast and Bake
- In the **Chapel**: Country Store (hand-made crafts) and Quilt Preview



STARTING at 11a CT

In the **Chapel**: Opening of the LIVE Auction



Fall Classes Open for Registration

Join the **Conversations about the Church, Community, and World**

Go to **<https://nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation>**
for details and to sign-up for classes.

Contact: Deacon Lori Ward - **lori.ward@nglsynod.org** - 615-519-1969.

Embracing God's Future without Forgetting the Past:

A Conversation about Loss, Grief, and Nostalgia in Congregational Life by Michael Girlinghouse
a book study with Bishop Katherine Finegan, Northern Great Lakes Synod
Mondays for four weeks, October 2-October 23; 5-6 p.m. Eastern; 6-7 p.m. Central

Stewards of Children: The movement to make your faith community a safe space

with Pastor Kari Vadis, Trinity, Rhinelander
Thursday, October 19, from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Eastern; 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Central or
Thursday, October 19, from 6 – 8:30 p.m. Eastern; 5 – 7:30 p.m. Central

Stewardship of Animals

 with Cindy Sjoquist, First, Gladstone

Tuesdays for three weeks, October 3-17; 6:30 – 8 p.m. Eastern Time, 5:30 – 7 p.m. Central
Meeting in-person at First Lutheran, 1212 Minneapolis Ave., Gladstone, with Zoom option



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