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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Turn, and Live!**

September 24 & 25, 2011

**AS WE GATHER:** Modern medical science is amazing, isn't it? While doctors and physicians don't have the answer to every disease or sickness or injury, it is remarkable—and wonderful!—how far we've come in recent decades. Many of us are beneficiaries of the advancements in medical science in today's world. What's so amazing to see, for example, is the way in which modern heart surgery can completely change a person's life. And now, often they don't even need to do invasive surgery—they just insert a tiny little wire mesh stent to fix a blocked artery. Even heart transplants are not that uncommon. More than one person has told me, when recovering from heart surgery, "It's like having a new heart!" And often people even feel as if they have a new spirit; they've been given another chance. They've been rescued from the disease that could have killed them!

Today's reading from the prophet Ezekiel also talks about the possibility of having a new heart and a new spirit. The Lord God speaks to the people of Israel about how the Lord gives a life-giving new heart and new spirit.

**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP:** God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them and give us a new heart and spirit. Keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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## **OUR MISSION AND MINISTRY**

**Thank you to all that made our 165<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a success. We thank our secretary, Mary Sprick for all the work she did in putting together our memorial table and extra bulletin work, our Evangelism Committee, Thrivent Financial, Choir and director, our**

**youth, elders, members who donated items and many others that made this day possible. Items of our history are still on the table in the southeast corner of our dining room. Please take a look.**

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** We pray God's blessing on Brandi Ratliff and Doug Brune who were married at our church this weekend, Saturday, at our church.

We pray for our many members and shut-ins and friends of Ebenezer who are in need of healing and compassionate care, especially – **Marlin Deppermann and Zachary Herbert and Darlene McDaris** as they are being treated for cancer; **Mathilde Ohse; Ardell Wagner, Ada Groppe, Beth Pelster, Hugo Nething, Ruth Marks, Edna Deppermann, Adeline Keune, Marie Adams, Eric Hohlt, Delores Roehrs, Ray and Irene Bargaen and all those we hold dear in our hearts.**

**We pray for our Missouri Synod, District, and Circuit Officials and the many agencies and workers of the Lutheran Church that minister to all the people in need and all our Missionaries serving around the world, especially the Missionaries that we support here at Ebenezer, Robin McCoy, the Rodewald family, and John Strasen.**

**We pray that the Lord would protect and lead the Leaders and Citizens of our nation. We pray that the Lord's Blessings will be upon all government officials as they make decisions that affect our whole country and we pray for the safety of all our law enforcement**

**people, EMT's, firemen, and our men and women serving in the Armed Forces around the world.**

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*To our members and guests – We are so glad you are here with us today! May the Lord refresh you with peace and love during our worship services. We ask that our visitors please sign the guest register near the Church entrance. Please join us here at Ebenezer for worship and fellowship again soon!*

**Cards and Prints:** The Ladies Aid is selling prints and cards of our church that was mailed to our members and also seen in the back of the church. 8 x 10 prints - \$10.00; Framed 8 x 10 prints – \$25.00. Card packages: 4 cards with envelopes all the same pose - \$5.00; 4 cards with envelopes with 4 different poses of the church - \$5.00; single cards with envelopes - \$1.25. Checks are payable to Ebenezer Lutheran Ladies Aid. Someone will be at the table after service in back of church.

**Newsletter:** The October Newsletter will be printed this week. Please get articles to our secretary, Mary Sprick, as soon as possible.

**The Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner is just around the corner – on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.** Help us make this project a success by volunteering for one of the tasks listed on the signup sheet in back of Church. We will be serving from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM and have shifts that spread the

work load into small chunks of your time so nobody is worked too hard. This is a fun project and helps us support the work of the Church!

**St. John's Lutheran Church at Beaufort** is having their 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pork Sausage and Sauerkraut Dinner on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Serving from 12:00 noon to 5:00 PM. Tickets are Adults: \$9.00; Children: \$4.00 Under 6: Free. Please see the poster on the bulletin board at the back of our Church.

**Concert in Memory of Robert Bergt** – There will be a special concert in memory of Robert Bergt, the late conductor and music director of Bach at the Sem concerts and artist-in-residence at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Sunday, September 25, 2011 at 3:00 PM in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus. A small reception is being planned directly after the concert on the chapel plaza. For those who cannot attend the concert, it will be broadcast on KFUE (850AM) and Classic 99.com on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 PM. For more information, call 314-505-7362.

**A note from Thrivent** – Thrivent is offering a smaller version of the annual Thrivent Financial wall calendar again this year as a free offer from Thrivent magazine. The 2012 wall calendar features unique photos taken by Thrivent members that illustrate a favorite Bible verse, similar to the “Words You Live By” section in the magazine. The 9 ½ X 12 ¼ inch calendar also includes principal Lutheran seasons and festivals. To order a free copy (limit one per member): Simply go to

Thrivent.com/magazine/calendar, or Mail the business reply card found in the August issue of *Thrivent* magazine. Orders must be placed by October 15<sup>th</sup>, and calendars will be mailed by the end of December.

On Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will welcome **Missionary John Strasen with Lutheran Bible Translators** here to our worship service.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup> our Men's Club and the men of our congregation have been invited to Bethlehem Lutheran Church for an evening of dartball and fellowship.** This will be held under their new pavilion (weather permitting) at 7:00 PM.

**Walther League Reunion** – Some of our older members may remember the Walther League in the days of our youth. Now there is to be a reunion –

**What: Reunion and reminiscing with  
Rev. Walter Schoedel**

**When: Sunday, September 25, 2011  
2-4:30 PM**

**Where: Meramec Bluffs  
1 Meramec Bluffs Drive  
Ballwin, MO 630321**

There is no fee to attend, but please RSVP to Sue Thompson at the Missouri District office at **[Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org](mailto:Sue.Thompson@mo.lcms.org)** 314-317-4556. Light refreshments will be served during this time of reunion of past Walther League members. Bring your memories and share in this afternoon of reminiscing and fellowship!

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Lutheran Senior Services.

**Those Serving Today**

**Organist Saturday – Laura Nichols**

**Organist Sunday – Ruth Marschel**

**Head Usher Saturday – Tracey Bade**

**Head Usher Sunday – Wilbert Baumann**

**Altar Guild – Judy Allmeroth and Diane Nicks**

**Acolytes Scheduled to Serve – Brian Nelson and Brent  
Thurman**

**Bell Ringer – Codie Brunkhorst**

**Our measure of love in giving last week – Weekly envelopes  
\$1565.00; Plate \$ 623.25; Sunday School \$ 27.50, Bequest from  
Kenneth Obermann \$560.00 Total \$ 2775.50**

**Attendance Saturday 18; Sunday 126. Sunday School  
attendance – Children 18; Adults 22.**

**This Week at Ebenezer**

**Wednesday – Confirmation 6:30 PM**

**Thursday – Ratliff/Brune Wedding rehearsal 6:00 PM**

**Basic Christianity Bible Study 7:30 PM**

**Saturday – 5:00 PM Worship with Holy Communion**