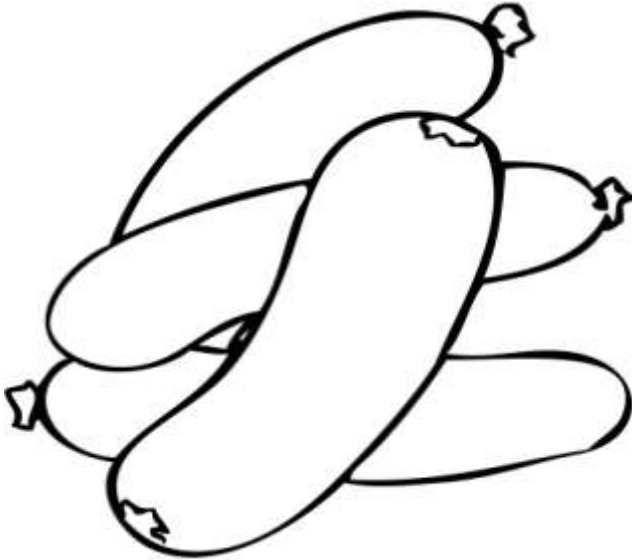


October Newsletter 2016



Pork Sausage Dinner October 23, 11:30 – 5:00

Ebenezer Lutheran Church – Port Hudson
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod
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From the Pastor's Desk:

As Luther, "Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other"

"I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame." (Psalm 119:46)

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. If you believe this gospel, if you stand upon it, and cling to it, you are saved. Trust in this is the dividing line. It defines, either positively or negatively, all men. It separates and divides Cain from Abel, Job from his so-called friends, Abraham from Abimelech, Isaac from Ishmael, Jacob from Esau, David from Saul, Daniel from Belshazzar, Joseph from Herod, Lazarus from the rich man, and the tax collector from the Pharisee. What defines men is not whether they are good or bad, but whether or not they believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

The problem with man is his heart. Our hearts are fallen and predisposed to think that we can impress God. We think that if we do all the right things God will reward us, and we will escape evil. We think that God will be impressed with our gifts, that our prosperity and goodness is evidence that God loves us or that it should motivate God to love us.

But we know better because God has blessed us with the faith of Abel, Job, and Abraham. We know that God's grace in Christ saves us, not our works.

We know that God is not impressed with our giving. He is not impressed when we give him that which is already his. God doesn't benefit from our giving and He doesn't need it. But our neighbor does need it. And God delights in us growing more and more like Him. He blesses us, and He invites us to

bleed one another with our giving: so that the Gospel may be proclaimed, so that the poor may be fed, so that all God's work through the Church may be done.

So consider God's priorities in comparison to your own. And be honest. Reevaluate where you are and where God has called you to be. Look into your own bank statement. Would any accountant think that the Church was your priority? He would see a spreadsheet filled with where your money actually goes: into house and clothing and cars, into eating out and beauty supplies and entertainment. Indeed, much of it wasted on frivolous things. But would he find great percentages going to the church? Figure up the percentage. Put it in relation to the proportion of your income. What percentage of your income do you give for the mission of the church: the preaching and teaching, the baptizing and communing, the help for the weak and poor brothers of Christ? Is it even enough for a deduction when you file your income taxes? The widow gave all she had and thought nothing of it. She was glad to do it. The rich man gave what to him was meaningless, trifle amount and desired a plaque in his honor. Why is it that the less we give the prouder we are and the more credit we expect?

All your works, even your monetary gifts, done in faith please God now for Christ's sake. No matter how great or small, frequent or infrequent. They are all washed and cleansed by grace through faith on account of Christ. Whatever you do from faith in God pleases him for the sake of the Son. So reevaluate your generosity in the light of the grace of Christ. Freely you have received, freely give.

**Prayer: The Word they still shall let remain
Nor any thanks have for it;
He's by our side upon the plain
With his good gifts and Spirit.**

And take they our life,
Goods, fame, child, and wife,
Though these all be gone,
Our victory has been won;
The Kingdom ours remaineth. (Martin Luther)



*Rev. and Mrs. William Zastrow along with
Mr. and Mrs. David Hiatt request the honor of your
presence at the marriage of their children*

*Mary Elizabeth
And
Nathan Patrick*

*On Saturday, the Eighth of October
Two Thousand and Sixteen at two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Ebenezer Lutheran Church-Port Hudson
9100 Highway YY
Leslie, Missouri*

*Please join us for a punch and cake reception immediately
following the ceremony*

Your presence is our present



**Cub Scout Pack 814 &
Ebenezer Lutheran Church
Invite you to**



October 29, 2016

6:00 – 8:00

**Ebenezer Lutheran Church
9100 Hwy YY, Leslie
East Parking Lot
(near cemetery)**

If you like to host a “trunk” or game, please contact us at
573-459-2046 or newhavencubs@gmail.com

Rev. Edward Engelbrecht

Rev. Ed Engelbrecht, former member of Ebenezer will be
conducting services for Pastor Zastrow on October 8 and 9. Pastor
Engelbrecht was an editor for Concordia Publishing House for

many years and loves to come back to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with us. October 8th and 9th is the weekend for Mary Beth's and Nate's wedding here at Ebenezer and there will be many activities for Pastor Zastrow and for this reason Pastor invited Pastor Engelbrecht to do services that weekend. We sincerely appreciate Pastor Engelbrecht for helping out with these Divine services of Worship!

Wedding

Mary Beth's and Nate's wedding will be on Saturday, October 8th at 2:00 PM at our Church. A reception for them will be here at Church immediately following the ceremony. THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED TO ATTEND!

Invitation from Faith Lutheran Church

Faith Lutheran Church in Washington, Mo is offering a special presentation on the religion of Islam by Professor John Loum of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. The presentation will be at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary at 1008 Bieker Rd. in Washington (top of the hill behind Dairy Queen on Hwy 47) on Thursday, October 13th. Please consider this special invitation to join this presentation. A time for questions will be offered. Light refreshments will be served in the church basement following the presentation. Dr. Loum is a former Muslim and will offer excellent insight into the religion of Islam and how we as Christians can relate with care and concern with the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. A free-will offering will be gathered to defray costs and support outreach efforts of Synod to Muslims. Sincerely, Pastor James Rhiver, Vacancy Pastor at Faith Lutheran Church in Washington.

Mercy Hospice Request

“Mercy Hospice is currently seeking volunteers to offer support and comfort to patients and families in our community. Volunteers are matched with opportunities to serve according to their

schedules, skills, comfort levels and geographic area. Volunteer opportunities include: caregiver relief, emotional support, Alzheimer's program, life review videos, bereavement support, Mercy Companions, administrative assistance, etc. The next free three week training will be Tuesdays October 18, 25 and November 1 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. For more information please contact Stephanie Marquart, Volunteer Coordinator at 636-239-8862 or stephanie.marquart@mercy.net."

Stephanie Marquart is seeking volunteers to serve in our community because of growth in their patient population. Mercy Hospice serves terminally ill patients and their families throughout the area. Volunteers are provided with free training before they are asked to serve any patient and family.

Ebenezer Sausage Supper

Our Sausage Supper on October 23rd is quickly approaching and as you may have seen, the work sign-up sheet is in the back of Church. Please consider making time in your schedule to help us out with this event. If you are not able to help, there is a section for that so we know not to assign you a job. There are also sections for those willing to work any job as needed, so everyone, please sign it somewhere. Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far. We appreciate everyone's help!!

The Sausage Supper Committee

Change of Date for Ladies Aid Meeting

The October Ladies Aid meeting has been changed from October 7th to October 14th at 1:30 PM. It has been changed for wedding preparations on the 8th.

Bell Ringer Schedule for October

October 2

Cody Adams

October 9

Jeff Hohlt

October 16

Tyler Kasmann

October 23

Corey Adams

October 30

Cody Adams

Usher Schedule for October

- 1: Adam Brune
- 2: Don Kappelmann
- 3: Craig Monzyk
- 4: Andrew Kassebaum
- 5: Donald Hoemann
- Alternate: Joe Kassebaum
- Head Usher: Marvin Kassebaum

Altar Guild for October

Marilyn Bade and Bonnie Gardner

**Monthly Treasurer’s Summary
August 2016**

Beginning checking balance	\$9,673.01
Receipts	\$11,310.66
Disbursements	\$10,795.58
Ending checking balance	\$10,188.09
LCEF savings balance	\$30,346.69
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$21,028.67
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$3,200.00
Year-to-date income less expenses	-\$17,933.86

October Birthdays

Richard Bunge	10-1
Christina Anderson	10-2
Judy Hubenthal	10-6
Jerry Gilbert	10-7
Clayton Rohlfing	10-8
Jackson Allmeroth	10-8
Margaret Zastrow	10-9
Kristen McCoy	10-10
Ashley Compton	10-10
David Menke	10-13
Alan Hilkerbaumer	10-14
Gretchen Brune	10-18
Nancy Quinn	10-18
Barbara Gilbert	10-19
Kennedy Siefken	10-20
Lee Kassebaum	10-24
Roland Walkenhorst	10-24
Porter Allmeroth	10-24
Lindsey Meyer	10-27
Samantha Brune	10-28
Douglas Compton	10-29
Amelia Angeles	10-30
Cynthia Moore	10-31

October Wedding Anniversaries

Rick and Ruby Bunge	10-1
David and Becky Summers	10-3
Bryan and Mary Adams	10-6
Craig and Kathleen Monzyk	10-7
Doug and Sarah Eckelkamp	10-8
Adam and Becky Brune	10-12
Keith and Tammy Wettling	10-15
Paul and Gretchen Brune	10-24
Sara and Michael Unnerstall	10-26

*If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or listed incorrectly, please let Mary know.
Thank you!*

An Invitation from St. John Lutheran Church

The LWML Evening Circle of St. John Lutheran Church at Drake, would like to invite you to our 10th Annual Lutherfest celebration on October 30th. Games will be played from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. A Special Church Service will be held with Holy Communion at 4:00 PM. The LWML will provide pork loin, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, hot dogs, applesauce, bread, and Root Beer. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish or dessert to share. RSVP would be appreciated by calling Becky @ 573-680-1271 or Kathy @764-3701. St. John Lutheran Church, 2840 Charlotte Church Road, Owensville, MO.
Please see the poster on the bulletin board at the back of Church for more information.

Very Important Congregational Meetings

Our Congregational Officer's Meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 PM in preparation for the Voter's Meeting which will be held on October 17th at 7:30 PM. Please plan to attend these very important meetings!!

Something Else to Keep in Mind

Our Annual Pork Sausage Dinner is on Sunday, October 23rd. The Set -up for the Dinner will be on Thursday, October 20th in the afternoon. Sausage Dinner Clean up will be Monday, October 24th.



October 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
2 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	3	4 Elder's Meeting 7:00 PM	5 Confirmation 6:30 PM	6	7 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM	8 Wedding Hiatt/Zastrow 2:00 Worship 5:00 PM
9 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00	10 Columbus Day	11	12 Confirmation 6:30 PM	13 Congregational Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	14 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	15 Worship w/ Holy Communion 5:00 PM
16 Sunday School 9:00 Worship w/ Holy Communion 10:00	17 Voters Meeting 7:30 PM	18	19 Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 PM Confirmation 6:30 PM	20 Sausage Dinner Set Up PM	21 Wedding Bowman/Reed 4:00 PM	22 Worship 5:00 PM
23 Sunday School 9:00 - Worship 10:00 Pork Sausage Dinner 11:30 – 5:00	24 Sausage Dinner Clean up	25	26 Confirmation 6:30 PM	27	28	29 Worship 5:00 PM Trunk or Treat 6:00 – 8:00 PM
30 Sunday School 9:00 Worship 10:00 Reformation Day Worship	31 Reformation Day Halloween					