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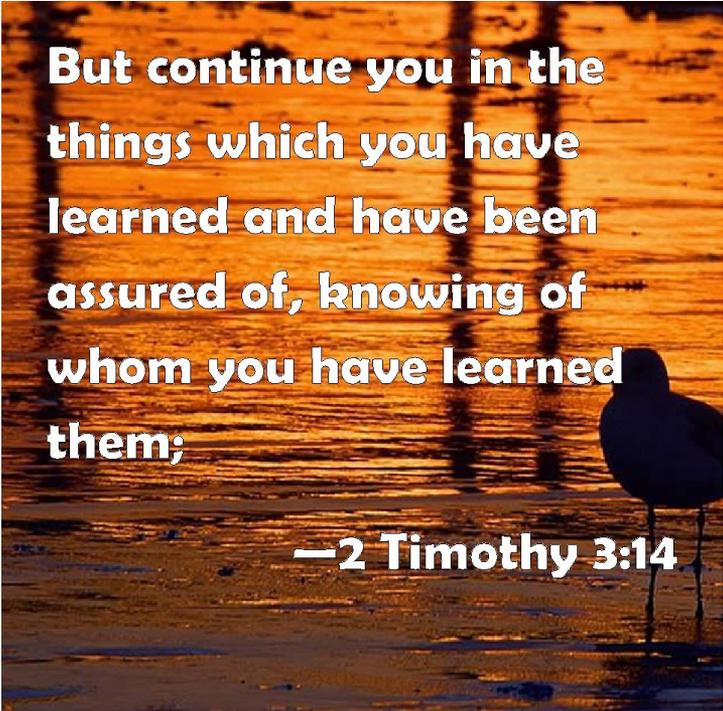
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## ***OCTOBER 2022 NEWSLETTER***



**But continue you in the things which you have learned and have been assured of, knowing of whom you have learned them;**

**—2 Timothy 3:14**

## **From Pastor Dave;**

Fall works with falling temperatures, falling leaves, ducks falling from the skies, and failing light as our days get shorter. It is a season that brings on frost and the first twinge of winter. It is complete with pumpkins, hot cider, pies, soup, and the remembrance of REFORMATION.

Garden clean up is starting, or at least, I need to. Summer plants are tired and fading away. But, we all do look forward to a cooler season. There is also a special blessing in the remembrance of the Reformation. That moment in history has shaped us all and formed not only our church history, but our theology and practice as well.

Martin Luther's "**Sola's**" are the foundation of what we believe.

**Sola Gratia;** - that we are saved by grace alone;

**Sola Fide;** -through faith alone;

**Sola Christi;** - and that faith in Christ alone.

The final Sola—is **Sola Scriptura;** - that the scriptures alone serve as our source and norm of all that we believe, teach, and confess.

It might seem that the Reformation was a long time ago and has little relevance for today, but we still continue to see much confusion in the Church at large regarding salvation by works, by the quality of repentance, and general confusion about prosperity preaching. Key words of the Reformation are from

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

***“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith, and this not from yourselves, it is a gift of God, not by works, so that no one can boast.”***

We are who we are as a church body because of the faithfulness of the reformers who lifted high the cross of Jesus and helped us all to know the grace and love of God in Christ. As a church body, we continue that same focus and mission; lift it high!

## **Bible Study on Ephesians;**

We will have a way to go in Ephesians. We in are chapter 4 or 6, but it has been very good. Ephesians is one of Paul's 4 "captivity letters" - written in Rome when he was under house arrest before his release and return to Jerusalem. From there he wrote, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

This has certainly been a good way to get accustomed to the writing and themes of Paul. We meet on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. You can come and join is with us at any time.

## **Recognition for Pastor Joel Hiesterman;**

Pastor Joel has been selected by the Fort Bissel Historic Committee, to be the Phillipsburg, "*Man of the Year!*" On **October 9**, a reception in his honor will be held at the **Fort Bissel** area from **6:00—7:30 p.m.** There is the hint of pie and ice cream also to be offered. This is quite an honor as many serve in our area, but Pastor Joel has been a faithful and central figure in Phillipsburg for his entire career and more. He has served the area in many ways, as a pastor, as a community leader, fireman, counselor, years involved in hospice work, PCRC, High Plains Mental health; - and so much more.

Plan to attend the reception in his honor as we recognize his work and leadership through the years.

## **Voters Meeting and Pot Luck dinner;**

On **October 30;** *following the morning service. This Voters meeting is our Annual one with setting the **2023 church budget** and the **election of officers.***

*If you are not yet a voting member of the church and would like to become one, tell Pastor Dave or President Adam Synoground.*

### **Contact Information**

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## **Oct. 10th Church Council Meeting. 7:00 p.m.**

Agenda; the reports of officers and boards;  
Stewardship will present a proposed budget  
We consider again election of officers  
Always before us; 150th Anniversary of congregation.  
Constitution Revision process

**Reformation Sunday;** Our morning service on Oct. 31st will be our remembrance of the Reformation and its impact on our church and faith today.

*Ein prosit der gemutlichkeit!*

## **Wedding this month!**

Eva Arment and Conlee Hugunin will have their wedding service on October 22nd here at First Saint John. We look forward to the day of their vows before God, friends and family. May God bless their planning.

**Attention Ladies!** Join us for some [Fall Fellowship](#)—[Saturday, October 15, 9:30 am](#) in the Parish Hall. Rolls, fruit, coffee, juice and maybe some bubbly will be available. We will enjoy fellowship together and then have some altar guild training and discuss communication within our ladies groups.

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* Hebrews 10:24-25



Ladies—Have you seen this on your device? What is it? We will learn how we can use it the morning of Saturday, October 15. Or talk to Kristi Reneberg if you have questions! 785-476-5058

**LWML Sunday** will be held on **Sunday, Oct. 9th.** We will accent the mission and ministry of the LWML in the morning service. We give thanks to God for the mission and ministry of these faithful women of our church body and of our congregation who have served in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, (LWML).



The preschool quilts the ladies have made for new Pre-school students will also be displayed on the altar rails through the morning service.

This year is the **80th Anniversary of the LWML.** We give thanks to God for their witness, mission mindedness, and faithful service through those 80 years and beyond. Pastor Joel Hiesterman will lead the special LWML service.

**Pastor Gone;** Pastor Dave and Susie will be gone to Estes Park, CO, Oct. 2—9th. PD will lead the morning services on the 2nd, and leave shortly after. Rev. Joel Hiesterman will lead services here at First Saint John, and at First, Phillipsburg. Thankfully, El Dean will take the Franklin service on Oct. 8th.

It will be good for us to finally get away for a little bit. We have been real short on any vacation time for quite a while. There's just something about Mountain air!



***Do you want to put something in the Bulletin or Newsletter? If you do, e-mail Trina, the Parish Coordinator at [pc1stjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:pc1stjohn@hotmail.com).***



**The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is an official auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.**

## **Mission Statement**

As Lutheran Women in Mission, we joyfully proclaim Christ, support missions, and equip women to honor God by serving others.

## **Vision Statement**

The LWML is the leading group for LCMS women where each woman is welcomed and encouraged to use her unique God-given gifts as she supports global missions and serves the Lord with gladness.

## 2021–2023 Primary Focus

- **Proclaiming Christ** *Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all peoples!* (Psalm 96:3).
- **Supporting Missions** *And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation* (Mark 16:15).
- **Equipping Women** *Now may the God of peace ... equip you with everything good that you may do his will* (Hebrews 13:20–21).
- **Serving Others** *As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another* (1 Peter 4:10a)

## Beliefs

As an auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, our beliefs are in line with the statements found on the LCMS website at [lcms.org/about/beliefs](https://www.lcms.org/about/beliefs)

## Object

Mission Education, Mission Inspiration, Mission Service, Financial Grants for Mission Needs

## Motto

*Serve the LORD with gladness!* (Psalm 100:2).

## Stewards of our God-given Relationships

In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve in His image (Genesis 1:26) to be in relationship with Him and others. Because of their sin, we no longer live in God's perfect image as holy and sinless people, but, as He is relational, we, in spite of our sinful condition, are made to be in relationships. In order for us to be in relationship with our heavenly Father, He sent His only Son, Jesus, to redeem us through His life, death, and resurrection and bridge the gap our sin had created. God chose us in Christ "*before the foundation of the world*" (Ephesians 1:4).

From Jesus, we learn about relationship building. In the early days of His ministry, Jesus gathered to Himself His disciples, the Twelve who would sleep at His side, share their food with Him, hear and try to understand His words, and seek to emulate Him, their Rabbi and Master. The relationship between Jesus and His disciples involved quality time together, the opening of hearts to one another, trust and forgiveness, and interdependence.

Just as He called His disciples into relationship with Himself, so He initiates that closeness with us. He calls us with His Gospel words, "*Come to Me...and I will give you rest*" (Matthew 11:28). He invites us, "*Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men*" (Matthew 4:19). He abides with us (John 15:4); He shares His Heavenly food with us (Matthew 26:26-28); He speaks to us in His Word and through His called servants (Hebrews 1:1-2); He presents us to His Father as holy in His sight (Colossians 1:22).

Secure in our relationship with Jesus, we come to understand both our identity and purpose as His stewards, and, as a result, we are transformed into people who live as faithful stewards. Equipped by His Word and empowered by His transforming love, our stewardship is no longer limited to specific acts occurring here and there, but encompasses our entire lives.

God calls us into a relationship in which He is Lord, and we are willing to do and be anything He chooses. Joyful in our relationship with our Lord, we no longer “*live according to our sinful nature*” (Romans 8:4 NIV). Instead, our hearts and minds are set on doing what the Spirit desires for us. He makes us “*renewed in the spirit of [our] minds*” (Ephesians 4:23), so that, in love, we reach out to all people as brothers and sisters for whom Christ died, building relationships that last into eternity.

Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.”

**Genesis 1:26**



***Do you need to use the PAC?***

***Staci Foreman***

***cell: 785-476-5066 or email:***

## **Looking for Ways to Serve?**

- Talk to Pastor Dave about reading during the service
- Help out in the kitchen
- Decorate a bulletin board!
- Clean, sort, and go through the toys in the play rooms
- Donate toys, coloring books, etc. to the church
- Invite others to church!

Have other talents? Please don't be afraid to share! We would love to see God working through you.



 **Be sure to like us on Facebook at:  
1st. St. John Lutheran /  
Kensington, KS**

# **Priority Goals from the 2022 Church Planning Event:**

1. Parking Lot Improvements
2. Develop Tech Teams & Responsibilities
3. Teens For Christ Financial Support;
4. Worship Team; Lay Participation in worship.
5. PAC Maintenance/Monitoring Team;
6. Special Sundays; Lake Sunday
7. Choir/ Music Team

## **Additional suggested projects:**

Daycare offered during Sunday School & Events  
Business Management Position  
Remodel Bathrooms/ Fixer-uppers projects  
Promote Leader Transition  
Schedule Work Days for Clean up

### **October Servants:**

Elder: Mike Wangerin  
Head Usher: Ryan Rietzke  
Altar Guild: Dixie Rietzke, Alice Rietzke, Kim  
Rietzke, Tiffany Rietzke

## **2022 Church Officers**

President - Adam Synoground

VP - Jamie Reneberg

Secretary - Brooke McDowell

Treasurer - Kim Rietzke

Financial Secretary - Joann Brooks

## **Church Board:**

### **Education** -

Connie Synoground

Annie Adams

Alyce Peterson

### **Elders** -

Mike Wangerin

Jeff Levin

Vincent Rietzke

### **Evangelism** -

Trina Schrag

Hannah Barnes

Danielle Rietzke

### **Stewardship** -

Rick Baumann

Lauren Webb

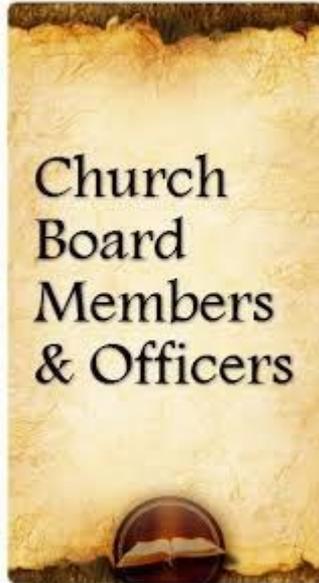
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### **Trustees** -

Alan Bates

Seth Peterson

Jerry Webb



***Council Meeting  
October 12, 7:00 pm***