

THE SON TIMES

Newsletter of Immanuel & St. Paul Lutheran Church-October 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

W3110 White Clay Lake Dr
Cecil, WI 54111

Potato Pancake & Chicken Soup Dinner

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Worship Service at 8:30 a.m.

Serving from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



Also serving homemade pies and cakes, wieners,
apple sauce, cheese, and real maple syrup

Adults \$13 - Ages 6-12 \$5 - Children 5 & under FREE

Thank you to all who have helped out at the parish! Thanks to those who served at the Elsie Gruenewald & Bill Wegner funerals; to all who worked at Charlies for IM; to the Ladies of St Paul & Immanuel for providing food at the Joint Circuit Winkel. Your efforts and time are so greatly appreciated by all!

Our next youth meeting will be Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm at IM. We will be planning on making the Carmel apples for the pancake meal fundraiser.



St. Paul has decided to cancel the rummage sale this year due to lack of volunteers to help with set up, take down and working the 3 days.

October 6 is LWML Sunday, where we recognize the work of what we can do here in our own little piece of God's creation. The ladies of Immanuel will be greeting you at worship. Don't forget to wear purple!



All ladies are invited to the Circuit 14's Fall conference on Sat. Oct 19 at Christ Lutheran in Hintz. Speak to Judy Meyer or Lynn Wickesberg for information.

The Circuit Forum, to elect the circuit visitor, will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 at 2 pm. The parish needs one person to attend with Pastor; please talk to him if interested.

Pastor will be gone Oct 21-23 to attend the NWD Pastor's conference. If you have an emergency, please call his cell.

Practice for the Christmas Cantata at Immanuel (Sunday, Dec. 8) will begin on Sunday, October 20 at 3 pm. Anyone from the parish is encouraged to come and sing with us. Questions? Speak to Tim Treptow.



On Sat. Oct 5, you are invited to attend the matches of the Green Bay Rugby Football Club (PC's team) at Barney Williams Park, starting at 1 pm. See PC for more info.

On Wednesday, November 20, we will be holding at Immanuel a Deer Hunter's service, with a chili supper, so that all who will be out in the field the next Sunday have a chance to worship. Service is at 6:30 pm.

Look for brochures for Operation Christmas Child and start getting your shoeboxes to the churches.

We are looking at volunteering for a Feed My Starving Children event in Nov or Dec. This would be an "all ages" event. Watch for info; talk to PC for info.

We will be holding our quarterly Voter Meetings this month. Immanuel will hold council on Sun, Oct 20 @ 2 pm & voters Sun, Oct. 27 @ 2 pm; St. Paul's will hold council on Mon, Oct 14 @ 6: 30 pm & voters Sun, Oct 20 at 11:00 am.



Baptism of Archer Lee Natzke- Sept. 14

Our next question is one that is key to understand our talk about God: *Why does theology or anyone's opinion matter-when God's Word is clearly printed in the Bible? (I'm going with that).* This is an excellent question as it actually is doing what it questions-theology. Theology is simply the "study of God;" we might say it more as "talk about God." And this is something we all do-we are all theologians whenever we seek to speak about God, concerning God, in praise or concern for the work of God. We do it in church; we do it at home; we do it in that conversation at the grocery store. So the world cannot escape being theologians because we all spend our time thinking and talking about God (whether we say we believe in Him or not!)

ASK THE PASTOR

Which is why "good" and correct theology is important. Yes-the Bible, alone, is God's Word and clearly presents what He has said and what He reveals for us to know, believe and understand. But the problem is that while God is clear, humanity is not, and because of our sinful nature we will default to read Scripture to fit our conceptions and desires. This is why Luther first said a reform was needed-the Roman church had misinterpreted and theologized the Bible to make it say what it didn't. And this has continued-this is why there are Lutherans and Baptists and Methodists and Amish and the thousand other bodies out there. They all are quite different in the way we read and view Scripture and theology, which means that not everyone is right. In fact, each of them would agree with the submitted question, "*I'm going with that.*"

But Lutheran's, from the beginning, have always sought to put safe guards on our reading of Scripture, because we acknowledge that sin is so prevalent that we might be wrong-this is why heresies came from people reading the Bible and interpreting according to their thoughts. So the Creeds were written to set the bounds and we place it around the sermon, as this is how the laity are to judge the pastor to be preaching according to the Word. This is what the Catechism is doing-setting down just what the chief parts are truly speaking. Pastors will use what scholars have written about the text to help them rightly discern Scripture according the Law & the Gospel. This is why all members of the Lutheran Church subscribes to the Book of Concord (which includes the Catechisms), a collection of statements that correctly expounds the Biblical answer to the questions and areas discussed and where we go to answer our questions. In fact, many American Lutheran Churches have UAC on their buildings-they were confessing that they subscribed to the Unaltered Augsburg Confession of 1530 (found in the Book of Concord). This was not only a confessional but also a theological statement.

So yes, read your Bible and read it diligently, carefully and faithfully. And remember that whenever you think about God you are doing theology. But it is good humility to always remember that I might be wrong in my thoughts, and why it is good to see what others have thought about the same thing and maybe I will have to change my thinking.