

Here We Grow!

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The 14th Sunday after Pentecost + Back to School
26 August, A.D. 2018
Ps 92.1-15; 2 Pet 3.13-18; Mk 7.1-9

Introduction

Psalm 92:1-4

Why do we sing for joy?

2018-19 Theme Verse (2 Peter 3:18)

¹⁸ . . . grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To HIM be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

CCT: Christ calls us out of self-focus and to _____ in His grace and knowledge.

The Self-Focused Nature and God's Promise

"There is no growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ without _____."

Psalm 92:6-7

That "stupid man" is also within whom? (Rm 6, 7; Eph 4; Col 3)

Why is it important to recognize this in ourselves?

1 Peter 3:21

²¹ Baptism, which is the fulfillment of The Flood, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body [i.e., in this life you still

have an old sinful nature] but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Faith is _____.

The example of Abraham...

Genesis 15:6

⁶ And Abraham believed the LORD, and He counted it to him as righteousness.

The Purpose of a Lutheran Church and School

1. To receive the _____

What is the Gospel?

2. To learn *Vocation* (the life of _____)

What is the "Baptismal life"?

The Purpose of Lutheran Education

Why a little boy started to draw...

St. Paul's at 150

LIFE TOGETHER

Bible Study Opportunity



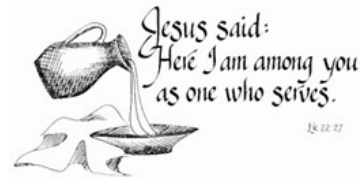
Service and Servanthood:
What Piece of the Puzzle
are YOU?

Wednesday Nights
Sept 5 – Oct 31
6:15 pm – 7:15 pm
Room 219

Led by Kurt and Cheryl Oelsner

We are all parts of one body; called to be servants for Christ. But what does that mean, exactly? In this study, we will dig into Scripture while looking at the best role model of servanthood - Jesus - to answer questions such as:

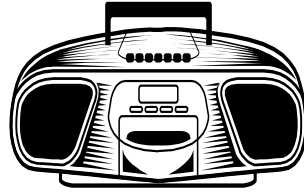
- What is service?
- What is being a servant?
- Why should we serve?
- How should we serve?
- Who should we serve?



In addition, we will explore practical ways to practice service and servanthood in our lives.

All you need for this study is your Bible and your willingness to participate.

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Oct. 21	Mar. 17	May 19	Aug. 4	Nov. 17
Jan. 6	Mar. 24	May 26	Aug. 18	Nov. 24
Jan. 20	Mar. 31	Jun. 2	Sept. 8	Nov. 28
Jan. 27	Apr. 7	Jun. 16	Sept. 22	Dec. 1
Feb. 3	Apr. 14	Jun. 23	Oct. 13	Dec. 8
Feb. 10	Apr. 21 (6am)	Jun. 30	Oct. 20	Dec. 15
Feb. 17	Apr. 21 (8am)	July 7	Oct. 27	Dec. 22
Feb. 24	Apr. 28	July 14	Nov. 3	Dec. 29
Mar. 10	May 12	July 28	Nov. 10	

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NAME _____

DATE- 1ST CHOICE _____ 2ND CHOICE _____

Please dedicate to (i.e. in memory of, wedding anniversary, to the Glory of God, in honor of...etc.)

Upper Left Corner. What does an “eye” or “hand” often signify in Christian art? What does this mean in the painting?

The buoy in Fowler Lake. What is a buoy? Of what does the buoy remind the artist? What does the buoy teach us?

St. Paul’s sanctuary. What is *not* pictured? What does that teach us? What does the cross teach us?

Conclusion

2 Peter 3:18 (ESV)

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How is this painting a service? What can this service teach you about *your* call to serve?

To CHRIST be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

Blessings & greetings from your Capital Campaign Committee!

As a result of God's blessings, our congregation's hard work (through Him) and our congregation's commitment to the campaign, we have made a difference! St. Paul's practices tithing, based on **Malachi**

3:10 ~ *Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.* Praise God! As of August 13th, here is a breakdown of funds dispersed and funds still outstanding:



- † Collected toward paying down principal of our mortgage:
\$500,000
- † Pledges outstanding:
\$451,196
- † Internationally - Dominican Republic:
\$15,528
- † Regionally - LHSAGM (Lutheran High School Association):
\$17,597
- † Locally - Family Promise:
\$12,905
- † Administration and Consulting Fees:
\$48,085

For those of you who have completed your commitment, we thank you! If you have not completed your commitment, please do! For those that still would like to tithe (gifts large or small at a stretch level a member would feel comfortable with) above and beyond your normal giving, the official end of the campaign is Friday, August, 31st. This is an important endeavor we as a congregation have accepted. Please prayerfully consider the importance of stewardship and give unhesitatingly with a generous heart.

In Christ,

Dr. Pete Sheild