

Volunteer Opportunities

- ♦ Altar Guild
- ♦ Changing of the Banners
- ♦ Reading Scriptures
- ♦ Fellowship Coffee
- ♦ Ushers
- ♦ Acolytes
- ♦ Prayer Chain

For information, please see Carol Kirst

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The Redeemer Report

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Driving in Life

I really don't like driving very much but I especially don't like driving on the freeway particularly Highway 99. I have probably driven more in the last year than I have in a decade. There are several things that made me uneasy. First of all it seemed like half the drivers had to go faster than I was going. There was always someone weaving in and out of traffic. It seemed like some people thought driving was a race. Then there were all the trucks. So what has changed. I remembered something I was taught when I was learning to drive school buses from my trainer years ago. Constantly check all your mirrors as you drive. In other words always know what is going on around you. If you know what is going on around you, then when something happens you know what your options are. Maybe that is why I like Psalm 119:105. "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." How do we know the difference between the road to destruction and the road to life?

A Message From Pastor

How do we know when we have sinned and where we can seek forgiveness? God has given his Word as a means by which we can receive faith and know Jesus has paid for our sins and through which the doors of heaven are open to us. Mirrors in a vehicle seem like such a simple thing but they need to be appreciated and used for what they can do. God's Word is no different. Words on the printed page seem so simple but these words are life changing, life giving, and life sustaining both now and forever. In this month in which we celebrate the Reformation. The importance of God's Word needs to shine forth once again.



A lite supper is provided following the mid week Advent Service. The sign-up sheet is located on the kitchen counter

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 28th

Reformation Sunday

November 18th, Sunday

Thanksgiving Celebration
(Kitchen prep, November 17, Saturday @9am)

November 25th, Sunday

Decorating the church for Advent and Christmas (following church service)

December 5th, 12th, 19th, Wednesday

Advent Services @4pm

December 16th, Sunday

Advent Celebration (following church service)

December 24th, Monday

Christmas Eve Service @5pm

January 13th, Sunday,

Yearly Congregational Meeting
(following church service)

*Board reports due by January 9th.

The birth of a certain child two thousand years ago in Bethlehem prompted a poet in the nineteenth century to ask a very *uncommon* question in a hymn: "What Child Is This?" It was an *uncommon* question because it asked about the birth of a very *uncommon* child.

What Child Is This? The angel who announced this child's birth answered the question this way: "a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." The hymn writer answered it this way: "This, this is Christ the king." They both want to make known the identity of this child.

We will use the hymn "What Child Is This?" to guide our Advent and Christmas Eve worship this year. As our current church year draws to a close, we look forward to the beginning of a new church year. Once again may Advent be a time of reflection and anticipation concerning Jesus our Lord and Savior, born in Bethlehem, so long ago.



Midweek of Advent 1 12/5/2018

4pm

Sermon: "The Child Who Is Zechariah's Hope"

Isaiah 40:1-5; Hebrews 10:5-18;
Luke 1:5-25

Midweek of Advent 2 12/12/2018

4pm

"The Child Who Is a Virgin's Great Son"

Judges 13:2-7; 1 Peter 1:13-21;
Luke 1:26-38

Midweek of Advent 3 12/19/2018

4pm

"The Child Who Is John's Joy"

2 Samuel 6:12-23; Philippians 4:4-9;
Luke 1:39-45

Christmas Eve 12/24/2018 5pm

"The Child Who Is the Lord"

Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14;
Luke 2:1-14

What's going on...

Church Council Meeting

2nd Wednesday of the month
6pm-Fireside Room

Birthday Luncheon

3rd Thursday of the month
11:30am-Strings Family Restaurant

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

3rd Tuesday of the month
1pm-Fireside Room

Supporting World Vision-Lenah Katuku Mwikali

Women's Bible Study

2nd and 4th Thursday of the month
11am/Ask Carol F. for the current location. **"The Peace Makers"**

Men's Bible Fellowship

7pm - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month
6pm on the 4th Tuesday-Pizza Night
Fireside room; **"The Book of Genesis"**

Fourth Quarter Mission Outreach Building Blocks

The Serenity Garden

You may have noticed there has been some action in the garden! The fence has been moved and the irrigation is ready to go! It has been cleared of all dead weeds and trees. Now, we can get on with the planning of the landscaping. If you have ideas you would like to share, please contact Diane Amaral



Many thanks to the Kirst Family for arranging for the work and paying for it!
Thank you to all who have supported this project by baking and purchasing all those sweet treats during the LWML bake sales. Look for more to come soon!



Being A Christian is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from a patch and brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling face. (Psalms 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to shine for all the world to see. (Matthew 5:16)

Evangelism

If you are aware of someone who is ill or absent from church, and would like us to send a card or a note; please contact Betty Hartwig or Marlene Luhn. Diane Amaral notifies the Lodi New Sentinel with any information we would like published regarding the church.

Our Lord could carry out His purposes for our world without us. But in grace He has chosen to make us partners with Him. What an honor!
Please keep our church and loved ones in your prayers.

◇ Rod Bell
◇ Marlene Prudhel

Good News

Pastor is in his office on Wednesdays from around 11:00am -5:00pm. These times will vary with council meetings Lent Services, and Birthday luncheons. He will be on site, but also out of the office visiting our home bound