



WEEKLY NEWS

*Capitol Drive Lutheran Church -
A congregation
Sounding the Love of Christ
by caring for the poor
and vulnerable
in our community*

Capitol Drive
Lutheran Church
Sounding the Love of Christ

September 25, 2022
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We welcome your offerings today which may be placed in baskets near the west entrance. Your offerings will be used as part of our legacy gifts for the following ministries:

- ELCA World Hunger
- The Gathering Place/Blessing Box Food Ministry
- Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Service
- GMS Meru Diocese Partnership
- GMS/Outreach for Hope Urban Internship Fund

Please see the Capitol Drive Lutheran YouTube channel to see a video of today's service; it will be published later in the week along with the "Sounding the Love of Christ - 90 Years" video slide show. You can find our YouTube channel by typing "capitol drive lutheran church milwaukee" in the Search Bar.

Week of September 18, 2022

SUNDAY Attendance: 31

OFFERING:	\$	1,279.55 (Sunday offering)
		725.00 (Automatic deposits)
Total:	\$	2,004.55

P. J. McCaffrey (1971-2022): Visitation at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 1350 Hwy 175, Hubertus, WI 53033 on Friday, September 30, 2022 at Noon until time of Service at 2:00 pm. Refreshments and fellowship to follow.



The Family of Pr. Bill Mains; Victims of gun violence in Milwaukee and across our nation; The Citizens of Ukraine and their supporters; Everyone affected by Covid-19, including the families of 1.05M+ Americans lost; Everyone who is suffering from depression and other mental health afflictions; Mike Herold; Sr. Pat Daley (friend of Pr. Jon); Paul Wegner (colleague of Linda Jaeger); Trish Gagnon, (friend of Deb Pipkorn); Patricia Loth; Eva Lotz; Nicole and Danari Byrd (Marie Byrd's daughter and grandson); Sherri Holt (friend of Linda Jaeger); John Katrichis.

Gloria Beal sends handmade cards of comfort, condolence, or congratulations. Please call (414-282-0111) or e-mail her (glowrm64@hotmail.com) with your requests to send a card.

Prayer for the Week

Source of all goodness, we know we have been blessed with abundant opportunities. Everything necessary for life in all its fullness has been made available to us. You have dealt wondrously with us. Pour out on us now, we pray, an extra measure of your spirit to expand our vision, enlarge our dreams, and help us to speak and live your truth.

All-powerful God, we have become so comfortable with our advantages that we forget who makes them possible. We are so eager for riches that we wander away from faith. We consider ourselves more worthy than others to enjoy your bounty. We look down on people less industrious or differently gifted than we. We turn away from the plight of neighbors who need our helping hand. O God, forgive our misplaced priorities. Have mercy on us and melt our hardened hearts so we may participate in the joy of your realm here and now. Let us give thanks with glad and generous hearts

Instructing God, teach us to see the face of your Son on every person we meet. Instruct us to see Jesus in every one of our encounters, knowing that every person is your daughter or son, your creation. Amen.

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The Week Ahead

Sunday, September 25* **Worship at 9:30 AM**
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Final Worship Service at CDLC

Monday, September 26

Tuesday, September 27

Wednesday, September 28

Thursday, September 29

St. Michael and All Angels

Friday, September 30

St. Jerome

Saturday, October 1

Sunday, October 2
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

* Of Special Note:

Listen to our final Sunday worship service on our website.
The Focus of the Moment: *Statim finis.*

Sunday, September 25 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Listen to our final worship service, including the sermon by Bishop Paul Erickson, on our website: www.capitoldrivellutheran.net.

Monday, September 26 - Revelation 3:14-22

Some in the media once deemed apathy a key social ill. Thus, for English class two friends made a movie about apathy and repeatedly asked, “who cares?” Apathy - being “neither cold nor hot” (v. 15) - was the Laodicean church’s problem. Laodicea, an affluent banking center where expensive black cloth was manufactured and eye ointment was produced, nevertheless had a poor, lukewarm water supply. The Laodiceans would have understood the images of being spit out like bad water, donning white robes, and putting salve on their eyes as analogies for the changes they needed to make. A call to heed the letter’s counsel comes in another analogy: “Listen [“Behold” in some Bible versions]! I am standing at the door, knocking.” Apathy was not an option. Jesus called the Laodicean believers to repent and answer his knock. This analogy is captured in a children’s song, “Behold, Behold,” that includes knocking, sitting-down, and standing-up motions. Kids sing it earnestly—not at all apathetically! May our faith not be apathetic either. *Persistent God, keep me from being apathetic. Help me answer your call and be hot on fire for you. Amen.*

Tuesday, September 27 - Psalm 62

This psalm’s wording may remind you of an oft-told fictional story. Briefly, a flood is coming. A person of faith prays to God to be rescued. Sequentially, three rescuers arrive to save the person; each time the person turns them away, saying, “God will save me.” Finally, the person drowns. In heaven they ask God why God didn’t save them. God replies, “I sent you three rescuers. What more did you want?” Often we’re adamant that we’re trusting God alone. However, we may be relying on how *we* think God’s response will look. That’s not really faith, is it? Instead, we’ve decided we know what God will do; we’ve put God in the proverbial box of only doing things in certain ways that coincide with *our* way and plan. God’s plan may be to use ordinary people, science, technology, nature, and so on to intervene. A confirmation pastor once said a miracle isn’t necessarily something fully supernatural; it can be God using typical means, but exactly when they are needed. *Awesome God, forgive me for boxing you into my plan. Grow my faith to trust in you alone. Amen.*

Wednesday, September 28 - Luke 10:17-20

Today if the seventy returned boasting, Jesus might say, “Don’t get too full of yourself.” Relying on what we do is risky. First, there’s always someone who’s done more and better. Second, folks—frequently our children—likely are unimpressed with our deeds and happy to say so. Often, when we’re “full of ourselves” or want to feel successful, we minimize other people’s accomplishments. Finally, our works never seem to be enough; we’re like to despair when we fail or fall short. Paul admitted this; he said, “For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do” (Romans 7:19). Martin Luther struggled with his failure to live a godly life. Then he read Paul’s words, “The one who is righteous will live by faith” (Romans 1:17), and realized we’re justified by grace alone through faith, not by our works. *God puts us in right relationship with God. As Jesus said,*

“Rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” It’s not what we *do*; it’s whose we *are*. *Gracious God, thank you for making me right with you and not leaving it up to me to do. Amen.*

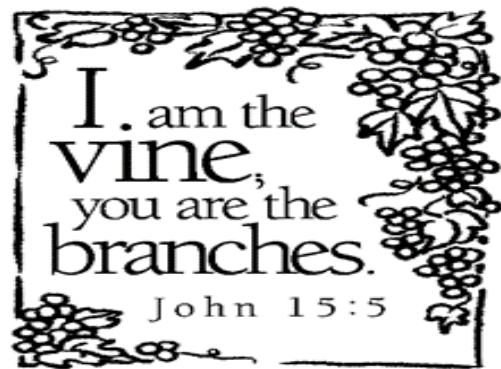
Thursday, September 29 - Revelation 12:7-12

St. Michael and All Angels

Sarah Clark, an ELCA pastor in Minnesota, writes: “It might feel like this story of Michael and the dragon is an irrelevant fairy-tale, but in many ways it is not. The dragon showed up in my neighborhood in May of 2020. Eight miles from my house, a white police officer knelt on George Floyd’s neck for almost nine minutes, killing him. People nearby yelled at the police to get off. Floyd begged for his life. But the dragon would not move. In response, the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul erupted in violence. Curfews were imposed. Bullets were fired. Black Hawk helicopters circled our spring yards. Buildings burned. People around the world marched for justice. Wherever injustice flares, dragons live. Not real dragons, but real and terrifying **hate**. The poetry of Revelation matters today. Wherever God dwells, the dragon cannot win. God’s love comforts, heals, rebuilds, and reforms. Let us be like Michael, loving—despite dragons—in the name of God.” *Transforming God, embolden my voice and grow courage in me to fight injustice with you. Amen.*

Friday, September 30 - Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

We can microwave a cup of *instant* coffee in a minute or get *fast* food from a drive-through. We can get car maintenance or gas in a *jiffy* or *kwik*—however it’s spelled. We can receive *urgent* care in clinics. It seems many of us have an impatient need for speed. We can be impatient with big issues also. Like Habakkuk, we’re tired of seeing violence, wrongdoing, trouble, destruction, and contention. We want righteousness and justice to prevail, and we want them *now*! Can we join together in Habakkuk’s fervent cry, “O Lord, how long” (1:2)? Yet God’s answer to Habakkuk is likely God’s answer to us. God says, “Wait for it.” Patient waiting is countercultural in our speed-driven society. Yet God calls us to faithfully watch and wait for the realization of God’s vision of justice and righteousness. Even as we wait, we can work to “do justice” (Micah 6:8), knowing we have God’s promise that “it will surely come.” *Faithful God, help me serve as I patiently watch and wait for your promised justice. Amen.*



God bless you all, faithful prayers and readers.

This is the final issue of Weekly News.

Thank you to all who have served in the various liturgical functions over the 90-year history of CDLC.

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP	September 4, 2022 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 11, 2022 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 18, 2022 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	September 25, 2022 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	
Presiding Minister & Preacher	Pr. Paul Ihlenfeld	Pr. Jonathan Breimeier	Pr. Mary Martha Kannass	Pr. Bill Mains Bishop Paul Erickson	
Assisting Minister					
Lector	Linda Jaeger	Jim Katrichis	O B Beal	Katrichis, Beal, Jaeger	
Musician	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	Robert Gee	
Communion Assistant				Brian Luttamus Deb Pipkorn	
Cross Bearer				Marlene Smith	
Altar Guild	Carol Hess	Carol Hess	Carol Hess	Carol Hess	
Council Members	Linda Jaeger, Deb Pipkorn, Brian Luttamus, Chris Kosma, Dan Lehenbauer, Bonnie Lund, Rose Sorrles				

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Worship services have returned to in-person events. All are welcome. We make audio recordings each Sunday and they can be found on our website.

Donations to Ukraine thru Lutheran World Relief
Highlight everything below, then copy and paste it into your browser.

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September Birthdays at CDLC

September 9 Col. Harland Sanders
September 11 John Kosma
September 16 Lauren Bacall
September 19 Amy Beal
September 21 Stephen King
September 24 Christine Kosma

Please help to replenish the supplies for the Blessing Box. The Box is being emptied quite often, especially at this time of year. If you have any questions about what items are needed, please do not hesitate to contact Steve O'Connell (his phone number is listed above). God bless you and thank you very much for your kind generosity.

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sunday morning worship has resumed in the sanctuary.

<p><u>August 28, 2022</u> Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p> <p>St. Augustine of Hippo</p>	29	30	31	<p><u>September 1, 2022</u></p>	2	3
<p><u>September 4, 2022</u> Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Paul Ihlenfeld</p>	5	6	7	8	9	10
<p><i>LABOR DAY</i></p>					St. Peter Claver	
<p><u>September 11, 2022</u> Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Jon Breimeier</p> <p>PATRIOT DAY</p>	12	13	14	15	16	17
		St. John Chrysostom	<i>Holy Cross Day</i>			Hildegard of Bingen
<p><u>September 18, 2022</u> Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Mary Martha Kannass</p>	19	20	21	22	23	24
			<i>St. Matthew, Evangelist</i>	9:00 AM: Quilters		
<p><u>September 25, 2022</u> Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost</p> <p><u>9:30 AM In-Person WORSHIP</u> Pr. Bill Mains, Presider Bishop Paul Erickson, Preacher</p>	26	27	28	29	30	<u>October 1, 2022</u>
		St. Vincent de Paul		<i>St. Michael and All Angels</i>	St. Jerome	