

Announcements

YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

- **Wednesday, 8/20**, 7-8pm: Tie Dye Fun (see emails for further info.)
- **Weekend of 8/23-8/24**: Blessing of the Backpacks during worship. This year's backpack tags are awesome (and with a timely message).
- **Wednesday, 9/3**: First day of Confirmation 7:00-8:00pm. (dinner served at 6:45pm). *More information for 9th grade confirmands coming in the near future.*
- **Saturday, 9/13**: MS/HS Lock In at Saint James, hosted by Lutheran Lakeside staff. This is back by hugely popular demand! Register here:



Confirmation for the Rest of Us every Wednesday from 6-7:15. Pizza, BYOB & Great Conversation! Join us when you can!!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ² But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Luke 12:22-34

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke. **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And which of you by worrying can add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider

the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith! And do not keep seeking what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that seek all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ’s call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Global Refuge and other means of support and advocacy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

What's Happening

August 6-8

- Wednesday 10:30 am Chair Yoga
- Wednesday 6:00pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us!
- Wednesday NO ABIDE
- Thursday NO WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP UNTIL SEPTEMBER

August 9-15

- Saturday 5:00pm Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 9:30am Worship In-Person & Facebook Live
- Sunday 10:30am Fellowship
- Monday 9:00am In-Person Bible Study
- Monday 10:30am Chair Yoga
- Tuesday 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group at HyVee
- Tuesday 9:00am Online Bible Study ([Connect Here](#))
- Wednesday 10:30am Chair Yoga
- Wednesday 6:00pm Confirmation for the Rest of Us!
- Wednesday 6:00pm State Fair Themed Scavenger Hunt for 6th-12th Graders.
Meet at Saint James.
- Thursday NO WOMEN'S COFFEE GROUP UNTIL SEPTEMBER

Celebrations August 9-15:

Birthdays: Anna Toot, Marilyn Kofmehl, Cathy Benziger, Nocona Dayton, Jack Griffin

Anniversaries: Carol & Terry Warmbier, Tommy & Ginger Yates, John & Michelle Brown

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