

New Hope Lutheran Church
The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
September 6, 2020



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**NEW HOPE IS A CONGREGATION GATHERED AROUND CHRIST
WE RECEIVE HIS FORGIVENESS IN WORD AND SACRAMENT;
WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED AND RISEN;
WE SHARE OUR BLESSINGS WITH OTHERS**

Wel come!

We're glad you've joined us as we gather to receive God's gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation. We don't gather because we're perfect. We're sinners who desperately need the forgiveness Jesus won for us and delivers today. To prepare for the Divine Service, pray the prayers inside the front cover of your hymnal. As you prepare for communion, please read the statement on page 9.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God
and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
My body, soul, and all I have
In this poor life of labor.
Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
May glorify Thy lavish grace
And help and serve my neighbor.
Let no false doctrine me beguile;
Let Satan not my soul defile.
Give strength and patience unto me
To bear my cross and follow Thee.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God
and Lord,
In death Thy comfort still afford.

3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfearing;
And in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me,
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my
prayer attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.

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Remember your congre- | gation,*
which you have pur- | chased of old,
 which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your | heritage!*

Remember Mount Zion, where | you have dwelt.

Do not forget the life of your poor for- | ever.*
Let the poor and needy | praise your name.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Have regard for the covenant, | [O Lord];*
 let not the downtrodden turn | back in shame.

Arise, O God, de- | fend your cause;*

 do not forget the clamor | of your foes.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high:
C and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
 We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
 we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
 O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
 O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
 O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
 Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
 Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
 For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
 Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
 art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and charity; and that we may obtain what You have promised, make us love what You have commanded; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

2 Chronicles 28:8–15

⁸The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the LORD, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, he gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.”

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the LORD in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*Congregation sings text in bold.*)

Psalms 77:14–15



You are the God who works | wonders;*
you have made known your might among the | peoples.

**You with your arm redeemed your | people,*
the children of Jacob and | Joseph.**

Epistle

Galatians 3:15–22

¹⁵To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: the law, which came 430 years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



Verse of the Day

Psalms 88:1

P Alleluia. O LORD, God of my salvation; I cry out day and night before you. Alleluia.

Alleluia

LSB 190



Holy Gospel

Luke 10:23–37

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



²³Turning to the disciples [Jesus] said privately, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you see!
²⁴For I tell you that many prophets and kings desired to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.”

²⁵And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,

by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
 whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
 who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 683 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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| <p>1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me
 No thought can reach, no tongue declare;
 Unite my thankful heart to Thee,
 And reign without a rival there!
 Thine wholly, Thine alone I am;
 Be Thou alone my constant flame.</p> | <p>3 This love unwearied I pursue
 And dauntlessly to Thee aspire.
 Oh, may Thy love my hope renew,
 Burn in my soul like heav'nly fire!
 And day and night, be all my care
 To guard this sacred treasure there.</p> |
| <p>2 O grant that nothing in my soul
 May dwell, but Thy pure love alone;
 Oh, may Thy love possess me whole,
 My joy, my treasure, and my crown!
 All coldness from my heart remove;
 My ev'ry act, word, thought be love.</p> | <p>4 In suff'ring be Thy love my peace,
 In weakness be Thy love my pow'r;
 And when the storms of life shall cease,
 O Jesus, in that final hour,
 Be Thou my rod and staff and guide,
 And draw me safely to Thy side!</p> |

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Sermon

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

☩ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

God's Word states that in the Lord's Supper Jesus offers His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins (Matt. 26:28), that partaking of this Supper together is a confession of our unity in faith (1 Cor. 10:16–17) and that the body and blood of Jesus can be received to one's harm (1 Cor. 11:27–32). Out of love for those who commune, New Hope Lutheran Church communes only those who

- 1. Have been taught and examined in the Christian faith,*
- 2. Confess their sins and trust in Christ for forgiveness,*
- 3. Have made a public confession of their agreement with us in this one Scriptural faith through membership in this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.*
- 4. Have spoken with the pastor prior to the service.*

If you are not a communicant member of New Hope or another LCMS congregation, you are invited to come up for a blessing; please cross your arms during the distribution.

Preface

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 195

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

Pax Domini

LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace.
Amen.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: 572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden

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| 1 In the shattered bliss of Eden
Dawned the day of sacrifice,
As our primal parents shuddered—
Sin had caused this dreadful price!
Faith embarked with this discernment:
Only God can cover sin,
As He took their leafy garments
And He clothed their shame with skin. | 3 What these sacrifices promised
From a God who sought to bless,
Came at last—a second Adam—
Priest and King of Righteousness:
Son of God, incarnate Savior,
Son of Man, both Christ and Lord,
Who in naked shame would offer
On the cross His blood outpoured. |
| 2 Days and months and years unfolding
Clearly showed what sin had wrought:
Fallen Adam's children learning
Lessons fallen parents taught.
All these sacrificial off'rings
Crested as a crimson flood:
Patriarchs and priests atoning
For their sins with cleansing blood. | 4 Lamb of God, once slain for sinners,
Host, who spreads this meal divine,
Here You pledge our sins are covered,
Pledge received in bread and wine:
"Take and eat; this is My body,
Given on the cross for you.
Take and drink; this cup of blessing
Is My blood poured out for you." |

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
Known by saints around the throne,
Where the Lamb, in closest union,
Lives to love and feed His own.
From His riven side forever
Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment
Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden's garden,
Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
Only You can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made garments;
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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Distribution Hymn: 637 Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you outpoured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and Himself the priest.

2 He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

3 Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

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Hymn: 555 Salvation unto Us Has Come

1 Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.

2 What God did in His Law demand
And none to Him could render
Caused wrath and woe on ev'ry hand
For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires
The spirit of the Law requires,
And lost is our condition.

3 It was a false, misleading dream
That God His Law had given
That sinners could themselves redeem
And by their works gain heaven.
The Law is but a mirror bright
To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,
Sin held its sway unceasing;
The task was useless and in vain,
Our guilt was e'er increasing.
None can remove sin's poisoned dart
Or purify our guileful heart—
So deep is our corruption.

5 Yet as the Law must be fulfilled
Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled,
Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the Law obeyed
And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made
And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad
And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead,
Your death is now my life indeed,
For You have paid my ransom.

7 Let me not doubt, but truly see
Your Word cannot be broken;
Your call rings out, "Come unto Me!"
No falsehood have You spoken.
Baptized into Your precious name,
My faith cannot be put to shame,
And I shall never perish.

8 The Law reveals the guilt of sin
And makes us conscience-stricken;
But then the Gospel enters in
The sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live;
The Law no peace can ever give,
No comfort and no blessing.

9 Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone
And rests in Him unceasing;
And by its fruits true faith is known,
With love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify;
Works serve our neighbor and supply
The proof that faith is living.

△ 10 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise
To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by His grace;
All glory to His merit.
O triune God in heav'n above,
You have revealed Your saving love;
Your blessed name we hallow.

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

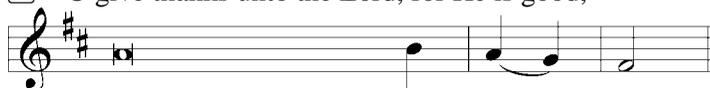
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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of
all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

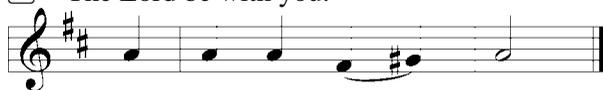
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Hymn to Depart: 421 Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

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| <p>1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing
 In Your holy wounds I find,
 Ev'ry hour that I am feeling
 Pains of body and of mind.
 Should some evil thought within
 Tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
 Show the peril, and from sinning
 Keep me from its first beginning.</p> | <p>2 Should some lust or sharp temptation
 Fascinate my sinful mind,
 Draw me to Your cross and passion,
 And new courage I shall find.
 Or should Satan press me hard,
 Let me then be on my guard,
 Saying, "Christ for me was wounded,"
 That the tempter flee confounded.</p> |
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3 If the world my heart entices
With the broad and easy road,
With seductive, sinful vices,
Let me weigh the awful load
You were willing to endure.
Help me flee all thoughts impure
And to master each temptation,
Calm in prayer and meditation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower,
Grant that in Your death I trust,
Knowing death has lost its power
Since You crushed it in the dust.
Savior, let Your agony
Ever help and comfort me;
When I die be my protection,
Light and life and resurrection.

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4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me
By Your wounds, Lord, is made
whole;
When I'm faint, Your cross revives me,
Granting new life to my soul.
Yes, Your comfort renders sweet
Ev'ry bitter cup I meet;
For Your all-atoning passion
Has procured my soul's salvation.



New Hope News and Notes



August 23, 2020 Stewardship

Giving:

General Fund: \$1,251 (Amount needed weekly: \$2,959)

Mortgage: \$20 (Remaining Debt: \$108,727)

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 8

First Day of Preschool

Wednesday, September 9

Bible Study, 6 pm (Gym)

Evening Prayer Service, 7 pm (Sanctuary)

New Testament Basics, 7:30 pm (Sanctuary)

Sunday, September 13

Divine Service, 8 am (Masks required)

Old Testament Game and Intro, 8:45 am

Divine Service 10 am (Masks optional)

(online and in the church parking lot).

New Testament Game and Intro, 11:30 am

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Birthdays: Darlene Fiedler – Sept. 6; Carter McConnell – Sept. 9; Joseph Hatchins – Sept. 10;
Marty Adam – Sept. 12.

Military personnel: Tristan Graft, Peter McKinney (son of Randy & Diana Buuck), Damon Topp (grandson of Randy & Diana Buuck), Nick Stephey and Denver Burkley (grandsons of Joey Septer), Ethan and Rodney Bearman (former members of our congregation).

Members and catechumens of our congregation: Cynthia Miller, Leona Meyer, Nancy Small, Adelia Hoffmeier, Thelma Yager, Keith Fuller, Marty Adam, Tammy Saalfrank, Carol Schumacher, Marilyn Kimmel, Michelle Bowman, Russell Sponseller, Jeani Klaus.

Friends and family of the members of our congregation: Susan Gaines, Alice Jacobs, Makenzie Webb (granddaughter of Carol Schumacher), Gracie Myers (granddaughter of Kent and Donna Myers), Terry Brown (brother-in-law of John Hartup), Johnny Johnson (husband of Candace Johnson), Jody Ford (friend of Randy and Tammy Saalfrank), Tom Bailey (father of Lori Bauermeister), Megan Dunham (daughter of Dave and Michelle Bowman), Bruce McBride (son-in-law of Connie Johnson), Charlie Kees (grandson of Randy and Diana Buuck), Michael Johnson (son of Marjorie Johnson), Chad Grieser (son-in-law of Duane and Jeani Klaus), Isabella Smith (great-niece of Lori Bauermeister), Beth Garman (friend of Diana Buuck), Gary Carnes (father of Karen Peck), Hadley Schumaker (great-niece of Lee Ann Siples).

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BEER & WINE TASTING - Saturday, September 12, 2020 – To benefit the Wyneken House – 11730 NW Winchester Rd., Decatur IN – Gates open at 5:30, Event will run 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 (Pre-sale) and \$25 (at the door). Enjoy Food, Wine and Beer Tasting, a large Silent Auction, and touring of the Wyneken Home at your leisure. The event will be held in tents and open air. Masks and social distancing will be recommended and a cash bar will be available. Contact Tina or Alice Bauermeister for tickets or information, or to donate a Silent Auction item OR Telephone/text 260-437-0420.

NOW HIRING: Wyneken Luth. School seeks individuals to serve in food service (Cook) and day-time janitorial. Contact Principal Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or principal@wyneken.org.

CIRCUIT YOUTH EVENT for high school youth on Sunday, Sept. 13, 5 – 9 pm. Join us and invite a friend for games, food, and fun at the Wyneken house. Contact Tina Bauermeister at 260-437-0420 to attend.

OUTDOOR REFRESHMENTS at the outdoor tent after church. Please join us!

CHURCH GROWTH - Our church “grows” as our members “**grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**” (2 Peter 3:18b, NKJV). Whether we grow in total numbers or not, we grow and are strengthened by our Lord through His Word and Sacrament. So that we may grow together as a church, I will offer a series of three studies – Old Testament, New Testament, and Didache (a topical study of Christian faith and life). Old Testament and New Testament will both be offered beginning September 13 Each study will consist of a series of classes that give you some of the basic tools needed to understand the Bible and how you live the Christian life. More information on this and other opportunities to grow in Christ will be coming soon! I pray that all our members will be able to attend and grow together as God’s people. -Pastor

SEPTEMBER VOTERS’ MEETING – SEPT. 27. The Church Council has decided to hold the September voters’ meeting on September 27 outdoors. Please make plans to join us as we hear a report on our *Blessed in Jesus* stewardship campaign and discuss an important new opportunity for outreach in our community.

“**The Pentecost season** is the longest season of the Church Year. It can be as long as 27 weeks, depending on the date of Easter. The liturgical color of the Pentecost season is green, denoting the growth of the branches as we are sustained and fed by the Vine....

“In the [eighth through the 18th Sundays after Trinity], we see the miracles of our Lord interspersed with His teachings regarding the Kingdom of God. Here we learn that the Kingdom of God is not like the Kingdom of the World, and we are shown the signs of both - the Kingdom of the World is marked by false prophets, unjust stewards, Pharisees and lepers; the Kingdom of God is marked by true Prophets, by repentance and faith, by healing and humility, and by love for God and neighbor....”

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