
Zion News and Notes

September 25, 2022

Calendar

Sunday, September 25

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School—PreK to Adult
- 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
- 2:00 p.m. Grand Island Circuit Forum (Trinity, GI)
- 2:00-4:00 p.m. Cheryl Langrehr visitation at Zion

Monday, September 26

- Cheryl Langrehr funeral at Zion (time tbd)
- 7:00 p.m. Zion Elders

Wednesday, September 28

- 6:00 p.m. Catechism Class

Sunday, October 2

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School—PreK to Adult
 - 10:15 a.m. Divine Service
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Prayers of the Church

+**Sanctity of Human Life**+ Following Supreme Court ruling prayer for states to protect human life +**Grieving**+ Harvey Langrehr and family (Cheryl's death to life in this world); Irene Meyer and family (death of brother, Archie Ambrose)+**Healing, Recovery, Strength**+ Irene Meyer's son, Russ (back surgery); Dave Kurz (rotator cuff surgery); Albert Schipman (pain management-injections in back); Sandy Royle (leg infection); Russ Kunze (surgery recovery); Skip Meyer (stents); Shirley Peters (cancer); Bobby Larsen (wound care) +**Military**+ Tyson Rasmussen; Kurt Morthole (Germany); Joseph Markvicka; Andrew Panter + **Missions, Outreach, and Christian Education**+ Global missions—China, Lutheran Church of Nigeria, Lutheran Bible Translators; Nebraska Dist.—Saint Paul Lutheran, Kenesaw, NE; Heartland Lutheran High School; Concordia, Seward and all our Concordias; Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne and Concordia Sem., St. Louis. *(Please remember these people in prayer during your home devotions. Call 687-6314 or email cnjem@kdsi.net if you have a petition to be included in the prayers.)*

Memory Verse Challenge—Week of Sept. 25, 2022

The church is encouraged to “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ...*” (Col. 3:16).. The LCMS invites everyone to join together memorizing a verse together each week.

Micah 7:7

But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.

On Jesus' Gift of Eternal Life

Q: *To whom does Jesus give eternal life?*

A: *God gives eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.*

- Eternal life is a present possession (John 17:3; John 3:16; Rom. 10:9; John 3:36)
- At the time of death, the soul of a believer is immediately with Christ in heaven. (Eccl. 12:7; Luke 23:43; John 17:24; Phil. 1:23-24; Rev. 14:13)
- At the Last Day the believers, in both body and soul, will begin the full enjoyment of being with Christ forever. (1 Cor. 15:51-52; Matt. 25:34; Ps. 16:11; Rom. 8:18; 1 John 3:2)

*Taken from Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, CPH: St. Louis, 2006 ed. , See Q190, pg. 170-172.

What I Wish My Non-Lutheran Family Knew About....Are you looking for a way to explain Biblical Lutheran teachings like Baptism, Closed Communion, The Lord's Supper, The End Times, Funerals and Worship to non-Lutherans? Issues, Etc., a radio-talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, interviewed Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller about these topics and more. You can listen to the entire series at your convenience at issuesetc.org

New Address: Our sister in Christ, Evelyn Kurz, has moved from Worms to Grand Island.

- New phone number: (308) 382-9131
 - New Primrose address: 3990 W. Capital Ave, Rm. 222, GI, NE 68801
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Heartland Lutheran High School

- The **Honoring His Harvest** event at HLHS is Sunday, November 13, with a 5 pm catered dinner and program. Featured speaker is Dr. Bernard Bull, President of Concordia University, Seward, NE.
 - **Fall sports** are in full swing! You can root on the Red Hornets in football, volleyball, cross country, and softball; check the school calendar for all upcoming events: <https://www.heartlandlutheran.org/general-5>. Thank you for your support!
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Winter Boutique 2022: The 2022 Winter Boutique will take place on November 12th in Zion Lutheran Gym. All proceeds will go to the church and gym. Anyone wishing to be a vendor can pick up an application in the narthex. Applications can be directed to Courtney Leth. If you have any questions, you can call her at (308) 380-4668.

Life Quote: “Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life, whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized, we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!” *Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Lutherans For Life regional director of Texas – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life* ● lutheransforlife.org

Hurting from abortion? Word of Hope can help. word-of-hope.org; 888-217-8679.

What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: “A manager.” That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner’s property on the owner’s behalf.

We are God’s stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God’s fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn’t belong to Him. “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13). So, let’s dive into the God’s Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.

-LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship
