

The AGAPE NEWS (#6)

A WEEKLY "BLOG-LIKE" NEWSLETTER FROM PASTOR ZEUCH

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH - CALGARY AB – October 19, 2020

Hello dear SMLC Family and friends!

How are you holding up these days? Remember, God is with you every day!

I had more than one member requesting to put the bible trivia and the "clean joke" BACK into the newsletter, so let's do that! Just keep reading and you will find it at the end. 😊

Happy reading and see you on Sunday (no communion).

A SMALL DOSE OF GOD'S WORD FOR YOU TODAY:

(From this upcoming Sunday's lectionary – the 21st Sunday after Pentecost)

PSALM 1: 1,2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers; ²but his delight is in the law^[b] of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

IN GERMAN:

¹Wohl dem, der nicht wandelt nach dem Rat der Gottlosen, noch tritt auf den Weg der Sünder, noch sitzt, wo die Spötter sitzen, ²sondern seine Lust hat am Gesetz des HERRN
und über sein Gesetz nachsinnt Tag und Nacht.

PREVIOUS BIBLE TRIVIA:

Last trivia question was: **When Jesus appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus, what language did He use to speak to him?**

The right answer is Hebrew. Thanks for all the answers and congratulations to those who sent me the right answer!

NEW BIBLE TRIVIA QUESTION:

What is the longest chapter in the bible and how many verses are there in this chapter?

That's a super easy one...Send me your answer!

NEWS FROM SMLC.

We repeat some of them every week for those who haven't read it before.

1 - WE ARE OPEN FOR WORSHIP! Please visit our website or read previous newsletters for more information

2 - FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY! It is heartbreaking but, we still cannot sing in church! Take the opportunity to meditate on the words of the hymns that are sung by our soloists.

3 - HOLY COMMUNION: Please read our new procedures for communion in our website. We highly recommend that families use a common plate or tray for the bread and even a common cup for the whole family. Next communion service is scheduled for **November 1.**

4 - PRIVATE COMMUNION: If you wish to have a private communion because you still don't feel safe coming to church on Sundays, please call our office and make an appointment with Andrea. You will meet me in the church sanctuary, and we will follow all health and safety protocols. Please bring a plate and a cup of your own.

5 – SMLC FOOD CUPBOARD: We will again be collecting non-perishable items for our Food Cupboard, if you are able to donate please put items in the marked box located in the Parish Hall. We have had several requests for food hampers, over the past months, should you or someone you know be in need please contact Pastor Zeuch. All requests will be kept confidential. In an effort to manage our food cupboard we have sorted and put out items in the basement that expired in 2019, please feel free to help yourself.

6 - RENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE: Presently, St. Matthew Lutheran Church rents the parsonage, the sanctuary and basement and parking lot spots. To review and implement current rental policies and oversee renters, we are seeking volunteers to join the committee. The service provided by the committee is vital to our congregation, since it directly supports our mission and ministry. If you are interested in using your knowledge and abilities, please contact Siegrid Robak at 403-503-9973.

7 – BIBLE STUDY: We offer bible study over “zoom” program, every Wednesday, at 7 p.m., except when there is a fifth Wednesday (that one will be free). Elizabeth Schieman is leading the study called “Life and Tomes of Jesus Christ” every first and third Wednesday. I am leading the study called: “Who are we, Lutherans”? every second and fourth Wednesday. The password to log in to zoom meeting for this coming Wednesday **is included in today’s email**. The bible study is meant for all members, please feel free to join us!

8 – ONLINE YOUTH BIBLE STUDY: Is offered every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on Zoom. Please call Liz 1 (306) 715-1191 to ask for the password to log in. Please encourage your children/grandchildren to participate.

9 – SOLOISTS: we know that we are NOT supposed to sing along in church, so we use soloists, members who volunteer to sing the hymns during service. If you think you may help us out by singing, let us know. We are searching for “hidden talents” out there!

10 - BIG THANK YOU! Since we are in the Thanksgiving month, I want to thank those who use their talents, time and treasures to keep our congregation going. This week I thank **Leo Hartfelder**. He has been a big support in the “ushering department” for many years. There is hardly a Sunday morning where I don’t see

him early at church, preparing for the German service. Leo has also generously helped in countless fellowship events like potlucks, stampede breakfasts etc and has donated so much of his talent by making the best sausages in town (many "sausage fundraisers")! Thank you, Leo, for your faithful service.

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy". Philippians 1: 3 & 4

BIRTHDAYS OF THE WEEK

Oct 19 (It's today!!) – Emilie Graumann

Oct 22 – Roseanne Warren

Oct 24 – Hildegard Feist

Oct 24 – Horst Fergel

NEW BIRTH (BAPTISM) ANNIVERSARIES:

Oct 20 – Olga Fink

Oct 20 – Peter Graumann

Oct 20 – Lily Krueger

Oct 20 – Evan Winstanley

Oct 22 – Ewald Becker

Oct 22 – Jenifer Becker

Oct 23 - Taylor Becker

If any name is missing, please let me know. We pray for you! God bless you all!

FEASTS, FESTIVALS and COMMEMORATIONS IN THE CHURCH YEAR THIS WEEK:

Oct 23 -St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Jesus and Martyr

Oct 25 – Dorcas (Tabitha), Lydia, and Phoebe, faithful women

You may look them up on the internet to find out more about those faithful women and men!

OUR CALENDAR THIS WEEK

- a) Youth online Bible Study on Zoom, tomorrow, Tuesday October 20 at 7 p.m.
If you are interested, please call Elizabeth 1 (306) 715-1191 to get the password. Please log in by 6:45 p.m.
- b) Online Bible Study on Wednesday, Oct 21 at 7 pm over zoom. Please log in by 6:45 pm to make sure all is working, so we can start at 7 pm sharp. The

bible study should be about 45 minutes. Please use the link sent to you in the email to find the password and log in.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Special requests:

Pray that God will bless our budget planning for 2021 as we plan our Mission and Ministry for next year.

Include your own intercessions...

Special thanksgiving:

Thank God for ALL the blessings He has generously given to you and your family. Count your blessings!

...(Include your own reasons to thank God)

Lord' in your mercy, Hear our prayer!

Please send me your prayer request if you have one, be it a special petition or a reason to thank the Lord. So I can share it here and we may pray together.

DIE DEUTSCHE ECKE! Gottes Word aus „Die Losungen“ (losungen.de)

Montag, 19. Oktober 2020:

Freu dich, wenn du einen Glückstag hast. Und wenn du einen Unglückstag hast, dann denke daran: Gott schickt dir beide, und du weißt nicht, was als Nächstes kommt.

Prediger 7,14

Wir wissen, dass denen, die Gott lieben, alle Dinge zum Besten dienen, denen, die nach seinem Ratschluss berufen sind.

Römer 8,28

Christliche Lieder auf Deutsch

Enjoy this song on YouTube: Welch ein Freund ist unser Jesus

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c_-q_bCEkrg

AND NOW...THE "CLEAN JOKE": :-D

"There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service," announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the auditorium for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst -- a visitor who had never attended their church before.

"My friend," said the pastor, "Didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?"

"Yes," said the visitor, "and after today's sermon, I suppose I'm just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting."

Thank you for taking your time to read our newsletter. "Talk to you" next week again, God willing. Feel free to read my previous Agape News in our website. God bless you all. Stay safe everybody.

**In His service,
Rev. Markus Zeuch, on Oct 19, 2020 Anno Domini**