

Welcome to Worship

Sunday, September 8, 2013

RALLY



The Reading

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; **and there was light.** ⁴And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. **And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.***

*⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷**So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so.** ⁸God called the dome Sky. **And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.***

*⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." **And it was so.** ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." **And it was so.** ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. ¹³**And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.***

*¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." **And it was so.** ¹⁶God made the two great lights — the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night — and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. ¹⁹**And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.***

²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living

creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹**So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good.** ²²*God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth."* ²³**And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.**

²⁴*And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind."* **And it was so.** ²⁵**God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.**

²⁶*Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."*

²⁷**So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.**

²⁸*God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth."* ²⁹**God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.**

³⁰*And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food."* **And it was so.** ³¹**God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.**

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude.

²**And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.** ³*So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.*

⁴**These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.**

***The Gospel**

John 1:1-5

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

TABLE PRAYER

Creating God, you are creating new and wonderful things that reflect your grace every day. Make us aware of how you are calling us to take part in creation, using our gifts and abilities! May we live each day within your life-giving grace! Bless now the food we are about to eat. For it is yet another sign of your constant care for all of us. Amen

Large Print Bulletins are available on the display rack or from an usher.

PRAYERS OF HEALING & STRENGTH

Prayer for	Submitted by	Prayer for	Submitted by
Phyllis Berninger	<i>K Barta</i>	Chase Lykken	<i>S Kubesh</i>
Justin Lothert	<i>Classmates 2011</i>	Diana Adkins	<i>B Hennen</i>
Loraine Smith	<i>S Schlomann</i>	David Louis	<i>A Boen</i>
Leslie Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>	Judy Hanson	<i>J Hanson</i>
Maddy Travers	<i>K Barta</i>	Mary Page	<i>J Page</i>
John Lothert	<i>C Lothert</i>	Bob Sagedahl	<i>D Sagedahl</i>
Millie Larson	<i>K Larson</i>	Tonia Otto	<i>P Aalderks</i>
Leanne Miller	<i>K Grasmon</i>		

Kevin and Rebekah Howell – Paraguay Missionaries
Jens Gylland, Anders Gylland, James Whitcomb and Logan Pautzke – deployed to Afghanistan

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Beginning a new year of faith and service opportunities!

Adding loved ones to the Prayer & Praise Lists:

-Please gain permission.

-Fill out a request form: found in the pews, office, or at crossofcalvary.net

-Names will remain on the list for a maximum of one month.

VOLUNTEERS for September

Communion 8:30—S Whited 10:30—G Blem

Ushers 8:30 — M Grund, J Grund, D Gross, D/K Bratsch
10:30— D Senger, D Steffel

Altar Guild M Klinghagen, B Wertish

Acolytes Abby Sigurdson, Eva Larson



Coffee Hour and Altar Flowers – sign-up on the board

THIS WEEK

08 Sun	Worship/Rally	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Baptism – Helmer	10:30am
09 Mon	Library reserved	6:00-8:00pm
10 Tues	Men’s Bible Study	6:15 & 7:00am
11 Wed	1st Communion Class/WOW	3:15pm
	Confirmation Meal	5:45pm
	Confirmation Class	6:30pm
14 Sat	Worship	5:30pm
15 Sun	Worship	8:30 & 10:30am
	Sunday School	9:30-10:20am
	Altar Guild – Library	5:30
	Girl Scouts	6:30pm

DEADLINE for the bulletin

Thursday, by noon.

COMING UP

Sept 15	Altar Guild meeting and the October Follower deadline
Sept 17	Office closed – staff at Synod Meetings
Sept 18	Committee and Council meetings
Sept 22	Communion, Blue Jeans Sunday
Sept 23	Ruth Circle



Sept 24 Assemble the *Follower*
Sept 26 Dorcas Circle
Sept 29 Kingery Baptism



Coffee Hour. Youth groups will again be doing coffee starting **September 15th**. Until then, coffee hour is open to other groups for fund raising. Keep an eye on the Coffee Hour List for openings for your group.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - Pastor and the staff are always available, day and night, to take calls for emergencies and pastoral care. Simply call 523-1574. The answering system will direct you to the number for the staff member needed, and emergency numbers can be found there. Never feel as though you are bothering Pastor or the staff. We are here to serve as a comfort and as a resource.

PASTORAL CARE: Pastor is available and eager to make visits whenever there is an illness or a hospitalization, here or in the cities. Have a family member or friend **notify the church**, so Pastor can be made aware of the need. You may also request that hospital staff call the church on your behalf.

Additional volunteers are needed. Laurie is happy to meet with you to show you how easy it is to run the screen. Give it a try!

September



- **Sept 11** – WoW and First Communion classes begin – Take bus #2
- **Sept 13** – Confirmation class football game and Sock Wars
7-10 pm 8th & 9th grade
- **Sept 23** – Confirmation Banquet
- **Sept 28-29th** – 30 Hour Famine, noon-noon
Registration due by the 23rd

A New Look for Serving the Church and Others.

VOLUNTEER	COMMITTEE	COUNCIL REPS
	Equipping the Congregation	Eric Skeie Sandy Whited Cindy Johnson
	Outreach	David Torgelson, Marie Rauenhorst
	Administration	Gordy Blem, Todd Gay, Dave Altmann, Michelle Jensen, Keith Larson
	Youth Ministry	Natashia Johnson

Committees will meet at 7pm, one Wednesday evening each month, on the same night Council meets.



Pastor Matt's Podcast!! *The Faithful 15 is a weekly, 15-minute podcast that will recharge and regenerate you to go out and live your life in faith and discipleship. To listen visit www.crossofcalvary.net*

A FEW GOOD MEN???

Looking for help loading and unloading the dishwasher for funeral luncheons.

Please contact Marlys.

Fall Craft Retreat

Oct 31-Nov 2

Look for registration information in the bulletins and in the Narthex.

Blue Jeans Sunday

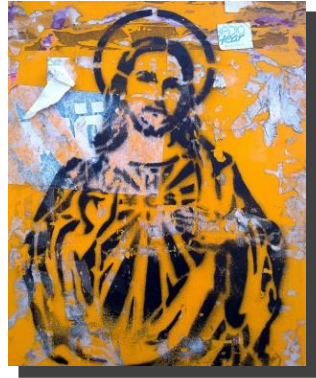
September 22

Beginning at 9:30

Gather with our Faith Family and lend a hand to clean the church and grounds. Various chores will be listed throughout the building. Wear your jeans, stay for as long as you can. More hands and friendly faces make the work go quickly!

Show Me Jesus -

from Sarah Hausken—
SWMN Synod Youth Ministry
Coordinator



I had an interesting experience at a Lutheran Youth Organization meeting this summer. The majority of the youth and many of the adults on our board shared that in general they do not connect with God during worship in their congregations. They love the community in their congregations and they want to worship God, but they do not feel fed. Again at Family Bible Camp, adults conversed about what they want from worship. They want to fill the God-sized hole in their lives with Jesus.

I recently read an article on the Living Lutheran blog about connecting with all generations in worship written by our very own Pastor Laura Aase of River of Hope Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. My parents also attend River of Hope regularly and have shared with me the way the congregation uses all sorts of methods for people of multiple ages and personalities to encounter Jesus in worship. So I've asked Pastor Laura to lead us in exploring how worship (at whatever time and whatever setting it's offered) can do what all people long for it to do: to SHOW ME JESUS.

Open to ALL who would like to lean more... the SWMN Synod Fall Youth Workers' Retreat will focus on this topic. Whether you're a pastor, paid youth minister or volunteer, you are called to show people Jesus. I hope you will consider joining us for this time of continuing education with your youth and family ministry team.

The retreat will be held on Tues, Oct. 1 at Zion Lutheran Church, Buffalo Lake from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Snacks and lunch are included. Carpooling is an option.

Please see Laurie, Chelsey or Sarah for more information/registration before Sept 20th.

ON THE COMMUNITY BOARD

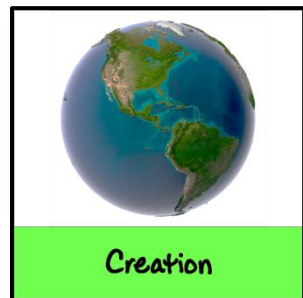
- **Lutheran Social Services:** Looking for individuals to serve as respite volunteers. Stipends and Education Grants available.
- **Harvest Festival is Sept 18** at Our Savior's in Sacred Heart
- **5th Annual Apple Harvest Fest** is Sept 22 at Parkview Village
- **Renville County Senior Expo** is Thurs, Sept 26th
- **Willmar Walk to End Alzheimer's** is Oct 5th
- **Women's Bible Study** - Wed mornings, at the Master's Coffee Shop at 8:30 a.m. to pray and study the Bible together. We will be having a short, 5-week book study starting Sept 11 using Ann Voskamp's book 1000 Gifts. Ann Voskamp invites us to slow down, to learn how to live the full life of eucharisteo (with grace, thanksgiving, joy) regardless of circumstances. Contact Claire Lund for the book(\$8).
- **Woodland Centers to provide "Youth Mobile Crisis Service"** for Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Lac Qui Parle, Renville and Swift counties. Information is on the Community Board or call 320-231-9158.

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Key Verse: "So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

Time: before 2500 BCE

Background: This account of creation is a poetic myth that informs us about God's relationship with creation. God is a gifted artist, who pours heart and soul into all that God creates. Like an artist, God is intimately attached to creation, especially to humankind. Humans were created in the image of God, so each human born reflects the beautiful nature of God back to the world.



Whether or not the story is to be literally interpreted is up to you. We can, however, take from the story that God has fingerprints on everything that we can see, feel, hear, taste, and even conceive or dream. Nothing in God's creation is accidental.

Community: What is your community doing to nurture and care for creation? This includes the planet: growing fields, lakes, rivers, seas, and skies. It includes animals, sea creatures, birds, and insects. It also includes all people. Research one thing this week that your community is doing to nurture creation, and become involved.

At Home: What is one change you can make this week to take better care of yourself. Is it for your emotional, physical, or spiritual health?

Read This Week:

Sunday, Sep 8, *Creation*, Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Monday, Sep 9, *A Second Account of Creation*, Genesis 2:4b-25

Tuesday, Sep 10, *The First Sin*, Genesis 3:1-13

Wednesday, Sep 11, *Punishment*, Genesis 3:14-24

Thursday, Sep 12, *Cain Murders Abel*, Genesis 4:1-16

Friday, Sep 13, *Beginnings of Civilization*, Genesis 4:1-26

Saturday, Sep 14, *A Son Promised to Abraham and Sarah*, Genesis 18:1-15

Next Week: Sunday, Sep 15, *Binding of Isaac*, Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

SEPTEMBER 8, 2013

taking GOD'S STORY home



SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK

So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women.
God gave them his blessing. – Genesis 1:27-28a (CEV)

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Creating God, each day you look at what you have made. "It is good," you say. Thank you for creating human beings in your image. Help me live into that image. Guide my daily life, that in my conversations, my prayers, my devotions, and my serving, I may be fruitful and say along with you, "My work is very good." Amen. (Genesis 1)

A BLESSING TO SHARE

Mark each other's foreheads with the sign of the cross:

Blessed child of God, may you know the presence of God's goodness and reflect it in your life each day. Amen.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These readings are provided to help you reflect on today's Bible reading (Monday – Wednesday) and look forward to next Sunday's reading (Thursday – Saturday). Try to take time each day to read the assigned verses: *What connections do you notice? What words or images stand out? What seems important to remember?*

If your household includes younger children, try using a child-friendly Bible like *Spark! Picture Bible* (Augsburg Fortress) or *The Jesus Storybook Bible* (Zondervan; available from the Vibrant Faith Ministries online store, www.vibrantfaith.org).

Today	Genesis 1:1—2:3	The creation
Monday	Genesis 2:4-25	Another account of the creation of humankind
Tuesday	Psalms 8	A psalm (or hymn) of praise for creation
Wednesday	Genesis 3:1-24	Separation between husband and wife
Thursday	Genesis 4:1-16	Separation between brothers
Friday	Genesis 11:1-9	Separation between nations
Saturday	Genesis 9:8-17	God makes promises
Sunday	Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14	God makes good on promises

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Every single day we experience the goodness of God's creation. *From where you are sitting right now, how many parts of God's good creation can you see? What things are the result of humankind's creative energy, which comes from being created in the image of God? (For example, would you include your car or house as part of God's good creation?)*

DEVOTIONS

Try shaping a time of devotion around the following basic pattern:

- **Gathering Prayer.** Light a candle to help you focus on the presence of Christ in your midst. Pray the "Prayer for the Week."
- **Caring Conversations.** Take a moment to discuss the ideas and questions in "Caring Conversations."
- **Daily Bible Reading.** Read aloud the Bible passage suggested for the day. *What questions do you have about this reading? What do you want to remember from this reading?*
- **Blessing to Share.** Bless each person, using "A Blessing to Share."

SERVICE

In Genesis 1:28, God's blessing comes with a job description for human beings: "Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth." *What if "bring it under your control" and "rule over" were understood to mean "care for"? What might your household do this week to intentionally care for creation?*

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The Christian tradition of Sunday morning as a time of renewal, joy, and worship echoes Genesis 2:1-3, which reports how God rested on the seventh day of creation. We also remember Sunday morning as the time Jesus rose from the grave.

Begin Fall with a renewed commitment to your household's faith practice. Choose a ritual such as lighting a candle to mark a time of prayer and Scripture reading, blessing one another each day, praying a table prayer before the evening meal, or doing a kind deed for a neighbor or for creation each week. Don't be discouraged when you fall short of your intention. Hear God's grace-filled invitation to rest for a moment and then to begin again.