

### FROM THE PASTOR

Have you ever wondered why certain warning labels exist? Some of these seem so completely obvious that you wonder why manufacturers even bother to put them on their products – other than to protect themselves from potential lawsuits. Take, for example, the warning labels on a hair dryer, "Do not use in the shower," or on an aerosol can, "Caution: Do not spray in eyes." The warning label on a laser pointer reads, "Caution: Do not stare into beam." My personal favorite is the warning label on a portable stroller: "Caution: Remove infant before folding for storage!"

Seriously, who needs these warnings? And yet, behind these obvious warnings lies real danger. The warning labels on alcoholic beverages for pregnant women and for those who would consider driving after consumption are quite obvious. But great harm comes to those who completely ignore this warning label.

The Scriptures contain many warnings about false teachers and false teaching. In Deuteronomy 18:20, the Lord says, "A prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death." Jeremiah 23:16 says, "Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord." God takes false teaching very seriously.

In Matthew 24, Jesus says, "Watch out that no one deceives you . . For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and great miracles to deceive even the elect" (24:4, 24). St. Paul writes to young Timothy, "The time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths" (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

Sadly, that time has come. From non-Christian religions like Islam and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons), to the worldview that says there is no God and all life in the universe came about by random chance, there is much that runs counter to the truth of God's Word. Beware of the false teaching that says that an unborn child in the womb of its mother is just a blob of tissue and not a living being that should be protected. Beware of the false teaching that says people who identify as gay and lesbian were born that way and that same-sex marriage is pleasing to God.

It is contrary to the Word of God to say that you can choose your own gender since the Scripture teaches that the Creator God has made them male and female. Be especially wary of any false teaching regarding heaven and salvation. Some claim that all roads lead to heaven, that all religions will get you there.

Some believe that we can earn or merit a place in God's kingdom by our good works. But the Scripture is very clear. We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone. He has done everything necessary for our salvation and we give Him all the credit and all the glory.

So, don't use your hair dryer in the shower. Don't stare into a laser beam. And by all means, take the baby out of the stroller before you fold it up! Most importantly, search the Scriptures to know the will of God and to avoid false teaching. The Word of God offers true and lasting hope and comfort for all who believe!

Yours in Christ, Pastor Steve Voigt

# **Official Acts**

<u>Funeral</u> Gerald Bobholz February 8, 1936—July 31, 2024 Service was held at Schmidt-Bartelt Funeral Home in Menomonee Falls on August 8.

Susan Wendt November 14, 1941—September 3, 2024 Service was held at Covenant Lutheran on September 9.

#### <u>Ushers</u>

#### 9:30 a.m.

Keith Rosynek Bryan Meyer Dale Meyer Leann Meyer Marcia Rosynek Michael Weiss Tim Wrangell Rick Winn Everett Dassow Bob Schultz Tim Wallinger

#### <u>Altar Guild</u>

Sue Dettmann Jane Buck Angela Nummerdor

#### <u>Greeters</u>

**October 6** 9:30am—Jim Williams & Bob Schultz

**October 13** 9:30am—Brian & Kaye Maletzke

October 20 9:30am—Keith & Marcia Rosynek

**October 27** 9:30am—Adrian & Linda Krueger

### **SPECIAL GIFTS**

Birthday Fund	\$100
DCF Grant	\$1,740
Helping Hands Food Pantry	\$60
Misc	\$140

### **MEMORIALS**

Susan Wendt Memorial—\$420

## Church Info & Staff

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 414-464-2410 WEB SITE: covenantlutheranmke.com E-MAIL: covenantlutheran@sbcglobal.net FACEBOOK: Covenant Lutheran Church **OFFICE HOURS:** Mon. - Thurs.; 8:30am - 2:30pm PASTOR: Steven Voigt pastorvoigt@sbcglobal.net DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH: Karen Winefeld **CHURCH SECRETARY:** Alyssa Gottsacker FACILITY MANAGERS: Steve Dasher & Jim Richter CHOIR DIRECTOR/ORGANIST: Bill Laesch

## **CECC** Info

EARLY CHILDHOOD PHONE: 414-438-9712 E-MAIL: covenantkids1@sbcglobal.net EARLY CHILDHOOD HOURS: Mon. - Fri.; 6am - 6pm Director: Joely Douyette

### Nominations for Mission & Ministry Council

At the Annual Voter's Meeting on Sunday, December 8, we will be electing a Vice-President, Treasurer, and 2 at-large members of the Mission & Ministry Council.

If you would like to be included on the ballot for one of these positions or would like more information, please speak with Phil Murphy, Chairman of the Nominating Committee (262-827-8542) or Pastor Voigt.

#### Estate Planning & Will Preparation

The Lutheran High School Association of Greater Milwaukee is now offering help in developing an estate plan. Do you have an estate plan (a will or living trust) that specifies how you want your money and other assets distributed after your death. Only 42% of U.S. adults have an estate plan in place.

For a fee of \$500 you can meet with Craig Mellendorf of SFC Estate Coaching who will collect information and develop a plan for your estate AND then meet with an attorney to put in place your will or living trust. This is a fraction of the cost you would incur if you went directly to an attorney to develop your estate plan.

You worked hard for the assets you've accumulated. Make sure you are the one to determine who gets what, when, and how. You can even find out how to reduce or eliminate taxes by leaving a charitable contribution.

To get started, call Andy Locke at the LHSAGM (414-421-9100). If you have questions about the process, please speak with Pastor Steve or Sherry Voigt who recently completed their estate plan with Craig Mellendorf!



# Birthdays

October 1 Margie Valdes **October 2** Julie Pergande **October 3** Alyssa Gottsacker Joe Winefeld **October 6** Audrey Wilde **October 8 Jacen Riley October 9 Brandon Smith** October 11 **Terry Engel** October 13 **Henry Weiss October 15** Christy Irvine Phil Murphy lysyn Thao

**October 16** Alex Rasch October 17 Brian Maletzke **October 19 Caleb Nummerdor** October 24 **Richard Jobe** October 25 **Ruth Baer** October 30 CJ Conrad Annalise Kerby Gertrude Suckow October 31 Joel Johnson Jim Keck **Dave Valdes** 

### Anniversaries

October 2 Jimmy & Dawn Degnan October 5 Brian & Kaye Maletzke October 8 Ken & Diane Rasch October 13 Jordan & Chelsea Gonzales October 22 October 26 Joel & Beverly Johnson October 28 Richard & Diana Lafford October 30 Ben & Kelly Winefeld October 31 Rick & Karen Winefeld

October 22 Alex & Alyssa Gottsacker Phil & Traci Murphy

# October 2024

Sun	Mon	Fue	Weal	Thu	fri	Doil
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6 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School 1:00-2:30pm LifeChain 20th Sunday After Pentecost	7	8	<i>9</i> 8:30am NW Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	<i>10</i> 10:00am Bible Study	<b>11</b> 7:30pm AA Meeting	12 2:00pm Boatman/ Wallinger Wedding in Delafield, WI
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20 8:30 Bible Study 9:30am Worship 10:30am Bible Study 10:30am Choir 10:30 am Sunday School	21	22	23 8:30am NW Chapel 7:30pm Dartball	24 10:00am Bible Study 6:00pm Trunk or Treat	25 7:30pm AA Meeting	26 2:00pm Peterson/Peters Wedding
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# UPCOMING EVENTS



2024 Milwaukee Area LifeChain Sunday Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00-2:30 p.m. ABORTION KILLS CHILDREN

During the past thirty-four years over 100,000 people have stood in LifeChains in Milwaukee, Waukesha, and other Wisconsin cities. Across America, Canada, and other countries, millions of people have also held our now familiar signs.

www.MilwaukeeLifeChain.org

Donations of wrapped candy are needed for Trunk or Treat. If you are unable to shop and would like to contribute, monetary donation are greatly appreciated.

We will also need volunteers at the event to pass out candy.

We are looking for rummage donations and bake sale items!

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LWML ZONE 4 FALL RALLY Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.

> Immanuel Lutheran 13445 Hampton Road, Brookfield

The mission speaker will be Abigail Grosnick who is a student in the church work program at Concordia University and was our District Young Women's Rep at the national convention in 2023.







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