

Peace
through
Jesus
Know it. Live it. Share it.

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Prayer

Thee will I love, my life, my Savior,
Who art my best and truest friend.
Thee will I love and praise forever,
For never shall thy kindness end.
Thee will I love with all my heart –
Thou my Redeemer art!

(*Christian Worship* 476:2)

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 15, 2007

Worship Focus: *Sharing Jesus as we do good*

Order of Service: *Service of the Word*, p. 38

Hymns: 411, 570, 464, 494

God's Word

First Lesson Isaiah 66:10-14

Jerusalem represents God's people, the Church. The Good News of Jesus brings peace and comfort to God's people.

Psalms 66, p. 90

Praise your Savior-God for the good he has done for you.

Second Lesson Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

Paul urges us to do good to all. That's how the fruit of the Spirit shows itself in our lives.

Gospel Luke 10:1-12, 16-20

Just as Jesus sent out seventy-two others to proclaim God's kingdom of peace, so through us he sends out missionaries into his harvest field.

Sermon

Galatians 6:1-10, 14-16

Do Good to All, Especially to Fellow Believers

1. Bearing each other's burdens in humble, gentle love
2. Sharing all good things with those who teach you God's Word
3. Boast only in the cross of Christ as you anticipate the harvest

This Week's Kingdom Work

Wed. 7:30pm Worship: *Showing spiritual care for others*
Sun. 9:00am Worship: *Whose my neighbor?*

News & Notes

Pictures for fair booth: If you have any pictures for our fair booth, please contact Pastor Bitter.

Schedule change: On Sunday, August 12, our worship time will be 10:30am instead of 9:00am.

Notes from the Quarterly Meeting: After opening with prayer, the youth confirmands (Chanc Nack, Lauren Nelson, Sam Roth) were officially accepted as communicant members. The death of Jim Spencer (May 6, 2007) was reported.

Pastor reported that the average 2nd quarterly worship attendance was 70 and year-to-date was 65. Both numbers are lower than what we've had in recent years. The new VBS video format seems to have walked well and gave many of our teens an opportunity to be involved in leading VBS. Pastor has sent out letters to about twenty members/families who have not been in church for a long time. He plans to follow up on them. He also spent time getting a website running for the congregation. During the next quarter he plans to make twenty-five or so *Real Treasure* home visits.

The treasurer reported that the General Fund began the year with \$4,866.17 but ended the 2nd Quarter with a deficit of -\$214.30. On the other hand, we had \$5,183.90 given for missions for the first half of the year, which means we are on track for meeting our goal of \$10,000. He will distribute to the members a list of the expenses for the first half of the year.

The trustees are working on checking out the church gutters, finishing the exterior painting, and replacing the splash board in the parsonage kitchen and second-floor bathroom.

In new business, the faith booth with St. Paul's of Morris was discussed. Members are encouraged to sign-up to man the booth when the sign-up sheet is available. The voter's welcomed the idea of sharing the outdoor worship service at Pomme de Terre park with St. Paul's on September 9. Service time will be either 10:00 or 10:30. Pastor Bitter said that he is planning to be in Wisconsin on August 12 for his brother-in-law's installation as teacher.

The next quarterly meeting is tentatively scheduled for after church on October 14. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Website: Check out our new website for St. John's at <http://stjohnslutheran.freehostia.com>. Let Pastor Bitter know if you have any suggestions.

After Church Social: If you want to provide refreshments for after Sunday worship, the sign-up sheet is in the narthex.
July Ushers: Barry Nelson (capt.), Jason Brown, Jeff Flaten, Ryan Flaten, Dick Lubenow, Eric Zeltwanger
July Cleaners: Dick & Judy Lubenow; Tom & Elaine Mohr
Greeters for July 22: Dick & Polly Smith

WELS NEWS

CONVENTION COVERAGE COMES IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES

Decisions made at this year's convention will affect all WELS members; therefore it's important that members stay informed about what is happening at the convention. WELS Communication Services and WELS Web Services are preparing more ways than ever for WELS members to learn about convention decisions.

Joel Hochmuth, WELS' communication director, says, "My philosophy on convention communication is that we must include laypeople. We need to find ways to communicate not just what happens, but how what happens at the convention affects laypeople individually and in the congregations they attend. That's why we're trying new things like nightly video wraps of the day's main developments. We're also continuing to promote the live streaming of the convention itself. Laypeople can directly access all of these tools, at home, on their own computers."

All synod convention coverage and resources are available at www.wels.net/convention, including

- pre-convention information, including the *Book of Reports and Memorials* and its supplemental reports;
- a list of delegates, including e-mail links and floor committee assignments;
- official information such as approved convention resolutions, convention minutes, election results, and schedules;
- convention worship services, devotions, and essays;
- photos;
- delegate interviews conducted during the convention;
- daily news and headline news, both of which are also available as news services delivered to you via e-mail;
- links to video and audio coverage on Streams, WELS' Internet media network;
- links to chats and blogs involving convention delegates; and
- post-convention information, including *Proceedings*, the official record of convention business that is published following the convention.

A convention wrap-up and post-convention news will also be available in the October issue of Forward in Christ.