

NEWSLETTER OF COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN
CHURCH
AND BRAMMER STUDENT CENTER

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR

At Home Away from Home

Dear Family in Christ,

Family Vacation and Church

My family and I could not attend church at College Hill on Sunday, July 16th since we were in Wisconsin for a little weekend getaway. I searched the internet (LCMS Church Locator) to find an LCMS church to attend and I happened to come across St. Peter's Lutheran Church in the small town of Arlington, Wisconsin.

We arrived a little late that Sunday morning (funny story behind that!), but just in time to witness a baptism. After the baptism, the service continued with something very familiar to us: Divine Service on page 184 in the Lutheran Service Book! Everything was pretty much identical to what we do here at College Hill! The same hymnals, the same service, the same hymns, the same vestments (robes), even the preaching was the same as the pastor proclaimed Law and Gospel. He reminded us that God works good in the midst of suffering and that suffering hits all of us even though we are Christians who believe in Jesus! He reminded us that Jesus suffered for us, giving us the hope of eternal life.

We were away from our home church, but we were right at home at St. Peter's that morning. We joined the gathered faithful and belted out the hymns and canticles, boldly confessed the Creed, listened to the preaching of God's Word, and received Christ's body and blood for our much-needed forgiveness.

College Hill- Home Away from Home

In a similar way, students from many different places attend College Hill Lutheran Church and feel right at home with the familiarity of the service. It is the same as what they grew up with. They know it by heart. They know what to expect.

Admittedly, not all our churches are as similar to the situation I described above. However, most of the students who come to church here recognize the hymnals, the hymns, the parts of the liturgy, the Law and Gospel preaching, and the Sacrament of the Altar. On top of all of this, they find other people and other students who believe the same as they do!

Many students will join us on Sunday, August 20th at 10 a.m. for the Divine Service with classes beginning on the 21st. Some of them will be away from their home churches for the first time—away from their homes and families for the first time! I hope you will join us to welcome them and to join with them in that old, familiar liturgy. And, perhaps, in College Hill Lutheran Church, they will find a place where they feel right at home.

Ever in Christ,
Pastor Wegener

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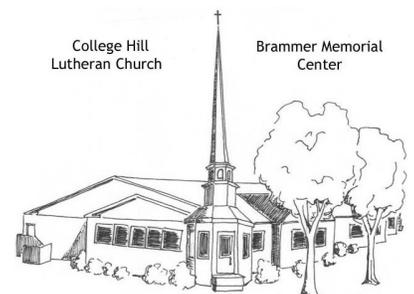
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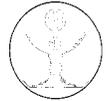
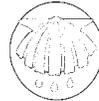
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The Word of the Lord

Remains Forever - 1 Peter 1:25



Catechesis Corner

TEN COMMANDMENTS + **CREED** + LORD'S PRAYER + BAPTISM + CONFESSION + LORD'S SUPPER

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household

THE CREED: The Third Article

Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

* NOTE: This is a continuation of the Third Article due to the length and the number of terms.

Learn the Terms related to the Third Article of the Creed

pastors and teachers Two names or titles often given to the called and ordained ministers of the Word that describe the *one* Office of the Ministry and how it functions in the Church—"to shepherd" the people of God by "teaching" the word of God (Ephesians 4:11).

minister The title means "servant" and is a common title for all those who have been called and ordained to preach the Gospel and administer the sacraments of Christ in the Church.

missionary A minister who is sent out to other lands to preach the Gospel to people who do not believe in Jesus Christ.

deacons The New Testament name given to those servants of the Church who were appointed to tend to the temporal needs of the congregation, so that the ministers of the Word could give themselves fully to the duties of their office—preaching and teaching the Gospel, judging doctrine, remitting and retaining sins, and administering sacraments.

the inspiration of Scripture That God breathed His Holy Spirit into the apostles and prophets who wrote the Holy Scriptures, so that their writing is God's Word—the authoritative and inerrant revelation of God to man.

Pentecost The day the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the apostles in order that the Gospel might be proclaimed in all the earth. The signs and wonders associated with this day continued to accompany the ministry of the apostles, just as they accompanied the ministry of Jesus and bore witness to His authority from the Father. This event took place fifty days after the resurrection of our Lord.

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the holy Christian Church “The assembly of all believers [in Christ] among whom the Gospel is preached in its purity and the holy sacraments are administered according to the Gospel” (*The Augsburg Confession*, Tappert, VII, 32:1).

the communion of saints The “holy fellowship in the forgiveness of sins” in which all believers in Christ participate.

the resurrection of the dead That the bodies of all the dead will rise on the Last Day and be reunited with their souls—unbelievers to condemnation and the torment of hell, believers to incorruption and immortality with Christ.

the life everlasting The immortal, incorruptible, eternal life with Christ in which there will be no more sin, curse, sorrow, suffering, or death.

(Peter Bender, *Lutheran Catechesis: Catechumen Edition, Second Edition*; 314-15)



FORMER STUDENT FROM COLLEGE HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH ORDAINED AND INSTALLED

The Rev. Thomas Cowell was ordained and installed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Burt, Iowa as Pastor and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Algona, Iowa as Associate Pastor on Sunday, June 25th. Thomas, who was known around here as "TJ", and his wife, Hannah, were both students at UNI who attended College Hill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANNUAL BAKED GOODS FOR VINTON LUTHERAN HOME

Now's the time to get out your favorite recipe and plan to bake items for the yearly Ice Cream Social at the Lutheran Home in Vinton. It is the annual fund raiser held by the Auxiliary to secure items for the Home. Our baked goods are sold and the proceeds added to those raised by sale of pie and ice cream as well as other special items. Please package your cookies, bars, or cupcakes in small servings such as 3 or 4 cookies or bars for example. The date for us to deliver the baked goods is Saturday, AUGUST 5th as the Social is Sunday the 6th. Please have your baked goods at the church by 10am on Saturday. Your baked goods will be very appreciated. We're counting on you to continue CHLC's reputation as "bakers and sharers".

THERE IS A NEED FOR HOSTS AND HOSTESSES

for After Church Fellowship. Please check your calendar and choose a Sunday to volunteer.

LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS

reserving Thursday, December 7th to attend the Women's Seventh Annual Christmas Dinner at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club.

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN

The many persons of the United States that are suffering due to extreme weather conditions and those overseas in dire circumstances want to thank you for your donations to Orphan Grain Train. Thank you also to Marv Farr for delivering the donations to the OGT collection site in Clemons, IA. The gifts are so needed and so appreciated.

DONATIONS SENT TO FAVORITE CHARITIES

Eleven women met for dinner, a social time and to gift individual favorite charities from the treasury of Evening Guild/LWML. What a good time to allocate \$150 to each of the following causes presented by the ladies. Each brought a stamped envelope for mailing the check to the selected charity. They were NE IA Food Bank, Lutheran Home at Vinton, Molly Christensen, a girl student to attend school in Haiti, Lutheran Family Services, and building a home for widows in Kenya. As you can see the interests and desires to help were diverse and it pleased all in attendance to involve Evening Guild/LWML this way.

‡ LADIES, EVENING GUILD, LWML ‡

Can you believe it? Time to start a new year of our ladies' group. We will be meeting on Thursday, Aug. 24th at 7pm in the fellowship hall. Looking forward to having a good time together once again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH EDUCATION

Beginning September 6 at 6 p.m. and continuing throughout the academic year on Wednesday evenings we will be providing an opportunity for our whole congregation and guests to study the Holy Scriptures together. **Younger Children** will be taught stories from the Bible, the Church year, the catechism, and enjoy crafts. **Middle School Children** will study Bible stories and the Small Catechism in detail. **High School Students** will learn about other religions and other denominations from the Lutheran perspective. **Adults** will study and discuss theology in light of the Scriptures and the Catechism. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to invite your unchurched friends to learn more about our church too!!! Please come and join us whenever you can. ***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; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.—Psalm 1:1-2***

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christian Education is an important part of our Church Life. Sunday School Kickoff is coming in September! Please give some consideration for teaching our youth. We will have 4-5 classes that are in need of instructors. Preschool, Kindergarten, Upper Elementary and Junior High, (hopefully a 7th grade class and a 8-9 class.) Please contact Nancy Neessen or Pastor Wegener for more information or to Sign Up!

WEDNESDAY VESPERS

Vespers resumes Wednesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m. “*Vespers*, meaning ‘evening’ (from the Latin *vespera*), was originally known as *lucernarium*, as candles or lamps were lit in the course of its liturgy. Vespers was originally part of the night office, but by the time of St. Benedict (ca. AD 480-543), it was transferred to the early evening or late afternoon. Along with Matins, Luther retained Vespers as a daily office of preaching, praise, and prayer. In structure, Vespers is very similar to Matins, as both services provide for praise of God in psalmody, hymns, and canticles; the opportunity for the reading and proclamation of God’s Word; and space for the prayers of the faithful.” (*Treasury of Daily Prayer*, p. O-11)

MATINS

Matins will resume on Tuesday, August 22nd at 9 a.m. and will be prayed every week Tuesday through Thursday in the church proper. Matins, which means “of the morning,” is the name given to an ancient prayer office originally attached to the office of Lauds and conducted at the break of day. As the Christian prays Matins, he or she receives the new day as a gift from God’s hand with praise, thanksgiving, and intercession. God’s Word is read, thus the opening of the day is “made holy by the word of God and prayer” (1 Timothy 4:5). The petitions of Matins seek God’s blessing, protection, and guidance as the Christian prepares for the duties of the day. Anyone may come on any day. (*Treasury of Daily Prayer*, p. O-1)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FALL WORSHIP SCHEDULE RESUMES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. WE RETURN TO OUR REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 20TH. THE SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

9:00 A.M.	BIBLE CLASS & SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 A.M.	DIVINE SERVICE
11:15 A.M.	WELCOME BACK POTLUCK

WOW IT'S POTLUCK TIME AGAIN

Summer time is over and it's back to school time for our college students. We are so happy to welcome them back to College Hill. The Return to Campus potluck will be Sunday, August 20th immediately following worship service. As usual the main entrée will be furnished, pulled pork sandwiches and hot dogs, and the congregation is asked to provide the accompanying dishes. Please plan to bring two dishes per family or one dish for a single attendee. The drinks will be furnished and usual table settings in place. Along with your potluck sharing please wear your best smile and say "Gee, it's good to see you. Welcome to College Hill."

AUGUST 6-BBQ WITH THE BOILEAU'S

Some of you may remember Jim and Christa Boileau and family. They moved two years ago but will be in town for a family wedding. They will be attending church with us in the morning and then we will head out to Pastor and Heidi's for a BBQ. Please bring your own meat to grill, side dish, dessert (if you want) and your own beverages. Table service will be provided. You may also bring lawn chairs and swimsuits if your kids want to get wet. Please rsvp if you plan to attend. They'd love to see all of you there!

KEY CARDS

Anyone who has a key card for the church needs to sign their name and key card number on the sheet of paper on the back table in the fellowship hall by August 13th. After that date the key cards not signed in will be deactivated. If you no longer need your key card please turn it in to Keith Macomber or the office. Thank you.

FUNDRAISER

Adam Schroeder is selling Colorado peaches to earn money for his trip to the LCMS Youth Gathering in Minneapolis, in 2019. The peaches are picked just before peak ripeness and trucked to us within 3 days. The peaches come in cases of about 30-40 peaches and can be purchased by the case (\$28) or half case (\$14). Please call Adam or Rhonda Schroeder at 319-415-1798 if you are interested in ordering peaches. Arrival date for the peaches is August 23. You will be called and notified when they will arrive. You will need to pick up the peaches within 24 hours of their arrival from the Schroeder's home: 2218 Minnetonka Dr. Cedar Falls. Thank you for your support.

Learning the Liturgy

The Salutation

The following is from an essay on the liturgy titled, "With Angels and Archangels," by Rev. Dean M. Bell.

A particular detail appearing several times in a novel is noted. Similarly in music, a repeated theme attracts our attention. The liturgy is no different. With its economy of language, things repeated in the liturgy take on special significance.

The Salutation is not an ecclesiastical equivalent of "Hi, how ya doin," - "Fine, how 'bout you." The liturgy has no time for such meaningless pleasantries. Rather this versicle and its response, occurring as it does three times, alerts us that something of unique importance is about to happen. The first use of the Salutation comes just before the Collect of the Day. This prayer, which we shall discuss shortly, summarizes the common petitions of the faithful on that Sunday. Secondly, we find the Salutation introducing the second major portion of the liturgy - the Service of the Sacrament in which the living Jesus unites Himself physically with His people. Finally, we find the Salutation at the very close of the service – just before the Benediction when God once again places His name over the faithful. Repetition denotes significance, and the significance of the Salutation comes in this; we are alerted that something especially important is about to happen.

But there is more here. This is formal language. It is not so much prayer as it is proclamation. The pastor is describing what exists. The Lord, by His choice, is with His people. He deals with them through the words and actions of His pastor. That any man should stand before the people of God – stand between them and God's altar and presume to speak to them for God – this can happen only because God allows it. We recognize the pastor as speaking and acting at God's direction. God has chosen this man to do these things. Thus, the Salutation finds its basis in a pastor's ordination. He has been called by God to do what God directs him to do. The congregation recognizes this by its response: "And with thy spirit." Here both congregation and pastor are reminded that he has received the gift of the Holy Spirit. St Paul speaks of this in writing to Timothy: "Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands . . ." (1 Tim. 4:14) He expands upon this later: ". . . I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline." (2 Tim. 1:6) While no Lutheran would contend that ordination bestows an indelible character upon a pastor, it is very difficult to argue that ordination is simply a human rite in which nothing spiritual occurs. No, the pastor stands before his congregation as God's chosen spokesman and on that basis speaks and acts at God's behest. God has gifted him for this work. ✠

THE LIBRARY BROWSER

"No effort or expense should be spared to provide good libraries or book repositories... For if the Gospel and the arts are to be preserved, they must be set down in books and writings (as was done by the prophets and apostles themselves...)"

– Martin Luther (Luther's Works, Vol. 45:373)

The MUST Read Book of the Month

Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions

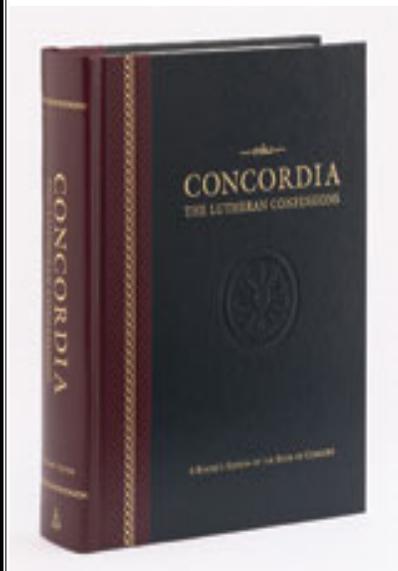
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The book is currently on the table below the bulletin board in the narthex and will be available to check out on September 1st. If you desire to purchase a copy, please contact the church office at 266-1274. Thanks! Enjoy!

About Our Library- We have children's books, novels, videos, Bible commentaries, devotionals, reference books, and much more in our library located in the lower level of the Brammer Student Center. Please take an opportunity sometime to browse the selection of books and videos. If you find any that interest you, check them out. Checking out items is easy. You will find simple directions on a plastic box on a tray near the shelves.

August 2017 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 6 Jeff & Brandi Sharkey and Family
- 13 Rick & Cindy Howard
- 20 Zach & Cherisse Wilson and family
- 27 Madeline Bruce & Doris Mauer

USHERS

- 6 Tim Gamble & AJ Wegener
- 13 Alex Shepard & Douglas Lilleskov
- 20 C J Ackles & Keith Macomber
- 27 Ervin & LaVada Dennis

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- 6 Johanna Baedke & Keith Macomber
- 13 Cherisse Wilson & Nancy Neessen
- 20 Suzanne Riehl & Roger Russell
- 27 Douglas Lilleskov & Janet Fort

REFRESHMENTS HOSTS

- 6 TBD
- 13 TBD
- 20 Welcome Back Potluck-Evangelism Bd
- 27 TBD

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Tim Tjarks

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6 Micah Wilson **13** Javan Wegener **20** Adam Schroeder **27** Keller Wilson

ALTAR GUILD

- 6—13 Mark & Jean Ann Flanscha
- 20—27 Carolyn & Keith Macomber

Thank you for your help in serving the Lord and College Hill Lutheran Church



August Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

3	Cooper Fort	15	Oliver Mason	28	Tani Van Clark
4	August Mason	18	Danielle Mason	31	Mary Otis
6	Cindy Howard	22	Jason Dove		
	8	Pastor & Heidi Wegener	19 years		
	10	Sheri & Clint Orth	54 years		
	15	Bev & Bob Bolte	58 years		
	21	Ervin & LaVada Dennis	57 years		
	30	Matthew & Brittany Hosford	10 years		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>August 2017</i>						
PENTECOST 8 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Divine Service /Holy Communion 11:15 a.m. Refreshments 1:00 p.m. BBQ at Pastor & Heidi's	7 7 p.m. Lay Ministry Meeting	8 Language Study at College Hill	9	10 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study	11 LCMSU Peer Training	12 LCMSU Peer Training
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