



Be Strong and Courageous

Do not be afraid

and

Do not be discouraged,

for the LORD your GOD

is with you wherever

you go.

Joshua 1:9

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When Jesus says to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,” He means the requirements of support and loyalty to the secular government. But what does it really mean to render “to God the things that are God’s”? What things? The question put to Jesus was meant to trap Him as either a supporter of or a traitor to the hated occupying Roman government. Jesus’ response makes it clear, as the Apostle Paul wrote, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God” (Rom. 13:1). At the same time, it is to God alone that we owe our praise and worship for His mercy and grace by which He saves us from sin and gives us eternal life. Such faith is the fitting tribute to God.

Pre-packaged Communion - Please call the office by 1:00 pm on Friday if you wish to receive communion this way on Sunday.

2021 Offering Envelope Boxes are in your church mailbox.

Church Council The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 6:30 pm. The next Elders meeting is Monday, January 4, 6:30 pm.

Church Christmas Decorating is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 28. Sign up sheets are in the hallway. Box lunches may be pre-ordered for \$10 each. **We are seeking donations of 4 porch pots (ordered from our School fundraiser at \$36 each) for our entrances (4 have already been donated).** Let the office know by Monday at noon if you would like to donate.

The Evangelism Committee’s name has changed to **Mission and Mercy Team** (M&M team.) Yes, we will have M&M's at each meeting. We meet the first

Wednesday of each month at 1 pm. Many activities are planned, the first is making holiday bags of fruit and snacks for Kettering international students.

We are also supporting Franklin Avenue Mission, Mercy House, Forgotten Man Jail Ministry, and crisis pregnancy diaper drive and more. We would love for you to join us! Many hands and hearts are needed. Contact Pastor Dunseth or Sherl Kah for more information.

Wellspring Christmas Caring Program - In an effort to keep everyone safe, they have changed their donation program and are asking for financial gifts so that they can continue to help families maintain Christmas traditions. They will purchase gift cards for their families with the funds.

You may send a check payable to Wellspring Lutheran Foundation and note that it is for Christmas Caring. Mail to: Jill Haiser, Executive Director; Wellspring Lutheran Foundation; 4100 Pier North Blvd., Suite A; Flint, MI 48504. **Note that your acknowledgement will come from Wellspring.** You may also give on their website: wellspringlutheran.com

Spirit Dinner/Auction Date Change - We have changed the date to Saturday, April 17, 2021 at Flushing Valley Golf Club.

Bueche’s Receipts - the Kids 2021 campaign is in effect September 21, 2020 to April 18, 2021. We can only use receipts that say “Kids 2021” near the bottom of the receipt. Please turn them into the office or the mail slot near the pastors office.

Life Notes - “To be sure, our God Father does not give the vocation of a large family to everyone. (And, of course, any quantity of family and offspring He bestows is a great benefit.) But we need not despise proliferation the way the world does. Indeed, we may appreciate and assist our brothers and sisters who engage in this holy (and delightful!) calling. And we may also raise our young ones to cherish procreation and adoption more than any personal preferences or material possessions. The blessings of children always outweigh even the burdens!” *Rev. Michael W. Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans For Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

In our Prayers - Members: Gail DesGrange, Pastor & Joanne Walsh, Bill Carah Hospitalized: Val Carah

Thanksgiving: Successful surgery for Karen Brohn (daughter-in-law of Lois)

Family & Friends: Wayne Domke, Laura Havrilscak, Pastor Randy Schultz, Frances Bubin Missionary: Pastor Khonin

Active Duty Military: Nathan Seibt, Spencer Worden, Tyler & Ashley Wiles, Pastor Chad Boggs, Jacob Ellis