



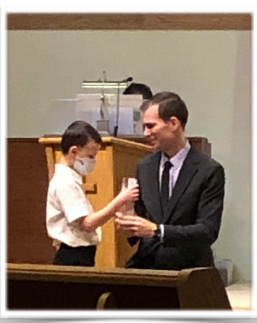
# CHURCH NEWS

## Confirmation Sunday!



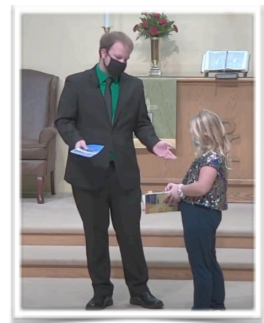
On November 1, Colton Braun, Aaron Dyrud, Isaac Mauch, Lauren Jones, Brylee Lingen, Tage Grahn, and Alexander Dyrdal confirmed their faith in Jesus Christ and the baptismal vows made by their parents and sponsors. Praise the Lord!

The crosses were handmade by Pastor Amiot this year. Each cross has the confirmand's baptism date burned into the top left corner and the date of Confirmation in the bottom right.



## Second Grade Bibles

Hudson Amiot and Aubree Lian received their second grade Bibles on October 25 and November 15. We rejoice in the distribution of God's Word and pray they will know the Lord even more as they read about Him for themselves.



# All Things Considered

My dad was more thankful than he was bummed. This is quite remarkable, given the fact that he had a terminal cancer diagnosis and there was not much more the doctors could do for him. I would ask him, "How are you, Dad?" He would answer, "All things considered, I'm doing great!" And then he would add, "All things' includes heaven."

As 2020 is coming to a close, how are you doing? Consider it all: consider the challenges and disappointments of the year; consider this year's blessings and provisions from God; consider the grief of losing loved ones to old age, to illnesses, to accidents, and to miscarriages; consider the way Jesus is your shepherd even in the valley of the shadow of death; consider losing in-person school, losing sports, losing fellowship time at work, church, and restaurants; consider with joy how God has blessed some with marriage, children, work, and a congregation to call home.

Take stock of this year. For some it has been unbearably heavy. As your pastor I mourn with you. Your congregation mourns with you. For others the year has had some challenges but overall it has been marked with blessings. As your pastor I rejoice with you. Your congregation rejoices with you.

When you are close to losing heart, if you haven't already, and when your soul is more

downcast than lifted up, consider all things. "All things" includes heaven. In John 16, Jesus compassionately acknowledges the troubles that you face and promises that the sorrow of this world will be turned into joy when He returns. "So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you." John 16:22

When the Apostle Paul faced affliction and a "wasting away" feeling, he wrote "So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

If 2020 has been awful, awesome, or somewhere in between, as your pastor I look forward to Christ's return with you. Your congregation prays with you, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus." If taking stock of the year includes considering all things, and if all things includes the promise of heaven and Christ's return, how are you doing?

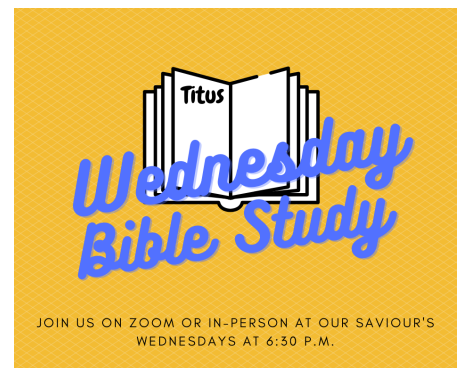
In Christ,

Pastor Alex Amiot

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John 16:22**

## Wednesday Bible Study

Join us in the book of Titus on Wednesday nights at church or on zoom. Just make a note that there will be no study on Dec 2, 23, or 30. We will meet Dec 9 and 16. The study will resume in the new year on Jan 6.



## Peterson Klopp Wedding



On Sunday, October 25, God joined Dennis Klopp and Sharon Peterson in marriage at Our Saviour's. A small gathering of family was present. The ceremony was live-streamed and is available on our YouTube channel. Congratulations, Dennis and Sharon!

## Westaker's Special Meetings

Our pastoral intern, Michael Onstad, spoke at Westaker Free Lutheran Church in Newfolden for their special meetings. His topic was the doctrine of vocation—how God calls us to roles in our families, congregation, and society to love our neighbors that we find there.



Video of his messages may be found by searching YouTube.com for Westaker Free Lutheran.

## Family WMF Christmas Program

Make plans now to join us for our annual WMF (Women's Missionary Federation) Christmas program! On Wednesday evening, December 2, at 7:00 p.m., we plan to gather to share in a short program of music and Scriptures to celebrate our Savior's birth. No potluck this year, but refreshments will be served.

The evening's offering will go to Sarah (Vigness), Ben, and Noah Hanan. Please plan to attend with your family!

## Meet the New Secretary



Rachel is new to the area after marrying Joel Mattson in June and moving up to Newfolden. She came from Minneapolis, where she taught piano, accompanied the AFLC School choirs, and was Children's Ministry Director at her church. Rachel loves drinking coffee, reading, playing piano, being outside, creating art, and trying new recipes.

Come say hello and ask her what her favorite memory is of growing up in a family of nine kids.

## New Prayer Chain Coordinator

If you have a prayer request, call our new prayer chain coordinator Kitty Rodahl (681-7025) or the church office (681-4643) to activate the prayer chains.



# Deep and Wide

Ellarie sang “Deep and Wide” at Reiner on November 8. Emmet was there to give moral support. When I hear this song I think of Ephesians 3:14-19, “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Thanks for singing, Ellarie! –Pastor Amiot



## How do We Christians Go? by Pastor John Lee

As lambs.

Jesus said, “Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves.” Luke 10:3

We aren’t like lean, opportunistic wolves. We don’t rely on human resources and man but on God and the Bible! We go in childlike reliance on Jesus – the Lamb of God who came to give His life freely to rescue us. He came as an available Servant-leader—not as a gentile Lord and benefactor. Our approach is a gentle availability to His callings on our life and a willing example both in life and death.

If you look at the following verses, you will see this Lamb-like sending, expressed as the disciples go without their connections, money, luggage, or food. They are not going out as beggars, hoping for scraps of mercy thrown to them as we sometimes think—but as sons of peace and amazingly, even declared worthy of their wages and salary—provided for by their heavenly Father. Each

one of us should marvel at the amazing provision that God has given and recognize all that we have as gifts, not entitlements, from God.

It has been wonderful too to see how the Lord richly (and unexpectedly) provides for my wife

Hannah and my girls in Brazil in the dear friends and spiritual family He gives to us and in the shelter and food and clothing and health. We Christians are truly blessed to know the One who can do exceedingly abundantly above all we ask or think.

So let us be so grateful to answer His callings on our lives and keep all He has done before us as we go like lambs.

—Pastor John Lee

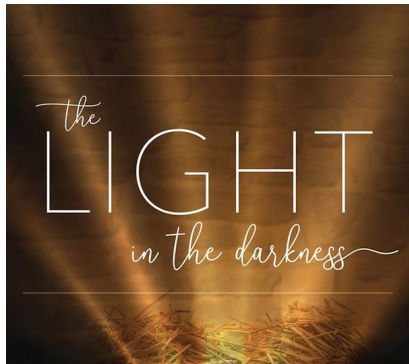
*Pastor John Lee, missionary to Brazil, will speak at our Missions Conference, February 20–21. This is his third devotional for our newsletter. John and Hannah are pictured with their four daughters.*



# Free Lutheran Bible College Christmas Concert

The Free Lutheran Bible College and Seminary will move its annual Christmas concert entitled The Light in the Darkness, to an online event debuting on December 11 at 7:00 p.m. Central Standard Time.

Visit their website for more information. <https://flbc.edu/2020/10/16/flbcs-to-hold-online-christmas-concert>



## Galilee Bible Camp

Dates for summer 2021 camps have been set!

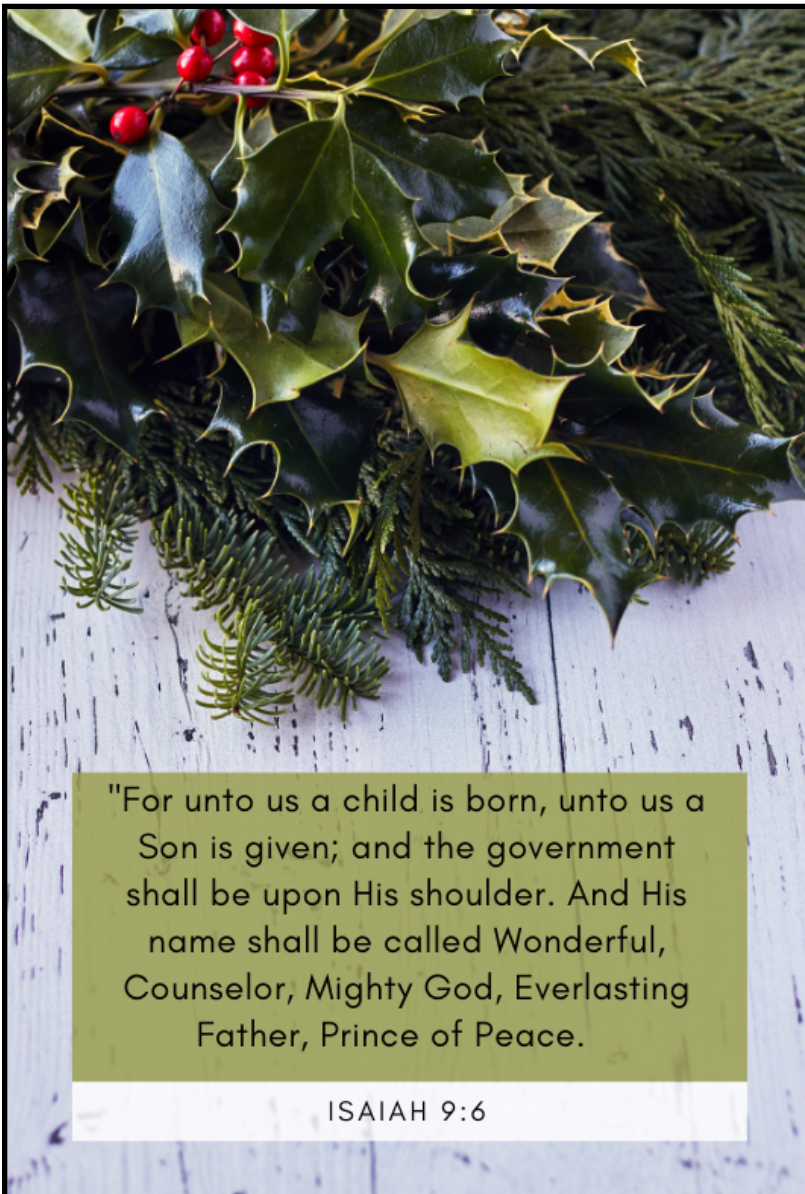
**Teen camp:** June 22-27

**Camp Sunday :** June 27

**Pre-Teen Camp:** Jun 27-Jul 1

**Family Camp:** Jul 14-18

The latest information will be at [galileebiblecampmn.org](https://galileebiblecampmn.org)



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6

## Christmas Eve Service

DECEMBER 24, 2020  
4 PM  
OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN

# Serving the Congregation in December

		<b>Auditors</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Greeters</b>
Flowers: Arlene Johanning	<u>December 6</u>	Don B., Dave W.	Isaac M.	Bob Giffen
Music: JoyAnn Dahl	<u>December 13</u>	Alex C., John S.	Steve D.	Harlan H.
Altar: Sandy C., Donna A.	<u>December 20</u>	Steve D., Darrold R.	Christopher D.	Jeff Dyrud
Communion: Steve, Jeff	<u>December 24</u>	Jeff D., Wayne P.	Brad M.	Pete & Deb C.
	<u>December 27</u>	Don B., Richard O.	Isaac M.	Tom Molskness

## December FLY News

<u>December 2, 9, 16</u>	<u>Sunday, December 13</u>	<u>December 23, 30</u>
Confirmation, 5:30 p.m.	Christmas Program	No Activities
FLY Bible Study 6:30 p.m.		Merry Christmas!

## Looking at December and Beyond!

Our Saviour's Christmas Program, December 13, 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 4:00 p.m.

Congregational Annual Meeting, January 23, 2021, 4 p.m.

District Midwinter Bible Conference, Pr. Terry Olson, Feb. 5-6, Greenbush

Missions Conference at Our Saviour's, Pr. John Lee from Brazil, Feb. 20-21

## Consider One Another (Pray, Write, Call, Go)

**VALLEY HOME, 523 ARNOLD AVE. S., THIEF RIVER FALLS**

*Don Brown, Ed Van De Streek, Carol Halvorson, Gordon Johnson*

**MINNESOTA GREENLEAF, 1006 GREENWOOD ST. E., THIEF RIVER FALLS**

*Irene Holmstrom, Jan Olson*

**THIEF RIVER CARE CENTER, 2001 EASTWOOD DR, THIEF RIVER FALLS**

*Hulda Sigerud*

**BEEHIVE HOMES OF MOORHEAD, 1006 CADDY AVE. MOORHEAD, MN 56560 ATT: RUBY N**

*Ruby Nygard*

*"[O Lord], do not cast me off  
in the time of old age; forsake me  
not when my strength is spent."*

**Psalms 71:9**

Do you know someone connected to our congregation that should be on this list? Call or email Pamela Pals in the office, 681-4643, oursavioursaflc@mncable.net.