

Look at the Week Ahead

Sun Sept 9	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion
	10:00 AM	Potluck
	11:00 AM	Rock'n the Church Practice
	6:30 PM	NA Meeting
Mon Sept 10	9:30 AM	Funeral for Mary Steinhouse
	7:00 PM	Boy Scout Meeting
Wed Sept 12	1:00 PM	Aging Services RSVP
	5:30 PM	Special Informational Meeting
	6:30 Pm	7 th & 8 th grade Parent Confirmation Meeting
Fri Sept 14	8:00 PM	AA/AI-Anon Meeting
Sat Sept 15	5:00 PM	Worship with Communion
	6:00 PM	Special Congregation Meeting

The Sunday School program is always in need of supplies. Sarah Kuchinka put together a wish list at Amazon if you wish to contribute - <http://a.co/g3TGAWO>. There will also be a giving tree outside the nursery beginning Rally Sunday. Contributions are entirely optional but very much appreciated! We have a unique group of 3rd and 4th graders this year - the class is approximately 70% boys! If there are any dads, older brothers, uncles, grandpas, etc. who would like to volunteer to help Emily Hoefs in that room once or twice throughout the year, that would be GREAT. Please let Sarah Kuchinka know!

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University starts TONIGHT at Holy Redeemer School! If you're interested contact Angie & Mike Budin at askluzac@hotmail.com OR (507)364-5974. You can also visit <http://www.fpu.com/1068252> for additional class details. Free child care available.

Women Of The Church will be having election of officers at our next meeting on Sunday, September 16th following the congregation meeting. We are in need of several officers, the current officers terms will be done. Please consider becoming involved in the WOTC by coming to our next meeting. Also, to be discussed at this meeting will be the annual fundraiser. We are considering changing from the egg bake to something else, please come share your thoughts and ideas. A few ideas: salad luncheon, sell tickets in advance with entertainment, a mother/daughter or grandmother/granddaughter tea, sell Christmas goodies, no fundraiser at all (just ask for a \$25.00 donation or some fee from all women of the church). Please come and share your ideas and consider becoming an officer.

Our thoughts and prayers to the friends & family of Mary Steinhouse. Her funeral service will be on Monday, September 10th at 11:30 AM on followed by a luncheon. There will be a visitation 2 hours prior to the service starting at 9:30 AM.

SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED WITH OUR SERVICE TODAY

Reader
Kathy Peterson

Head Usher
Kathy Peterson

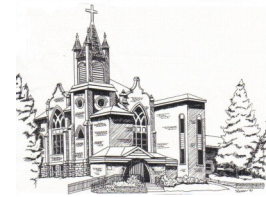
Ushers/Greeters
Kathy Derhaag
Myron & Peggy Hentges

Communion Assistants
Erin Krautkremer
Kathy Derhaag
Youth Volunteer

Acolyte
Gabrielle Davidson

Altar Guild
Kathy Petersen
Doreen Marcussen

Saturday's Service
Thank you to our volunteer ushers and others helping with this service.



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September 9, 2018
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Jason Pollington, Pastor 507-667-9000
Eric Schroeder, President of Congregation
Sara Kuchinka, Sunday School Superintendent
Melissa Gregor, Youth Ministry Director/Secretary
Kathy Heyda, Music Director/Organist
Roman Jindra, Custodian

16th Sunday after Pentecost

Rally Sunday, September 9, 2018

Prelude Music by the **St. Wenceslaus "Indigenous" Music Group**

Welcome & Announcements

Confession (read in unison)

Lord, we come before You in prayer today, asking for forgiveness. We have not loved as we ought to love, we have not given as we ought to give, and we have fallen short of the mark of truly being Your obedient sons and daughters. We recognize our sin and in this moment of silence, we privately remember our shortcomings in love and life. *(silence for reflection)*

Forgiveness (Pastor)

God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person of Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin that we might have new life. The distance between God and ourselves has been brought together by love made perfect in the sacrifice of Jesus. To those who believe God's word of truth, comes power to be the people of God. Praise God for the gift of love to us.

Gathering Song....."All Are Welcome"

Prayer of the Day (read in unison) Bulletin insert

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm Psalm 146

Song after the Psalm "Sing a New Song"

Second Reading James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17

Gospel Acclamation....."Halle, Halle, Halle"

Gospel Mark 7: 24-37

Children's Minute

Sermon

Hymn of the Day....."We Give Our Lives"

Nicene Creed (words included)

Prayers of Intercession & Peace

Offering....."Peace is Flowing Like a River"

Installation of Sunday school teachers

Great Thanksgiving P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Communion....."At This Sacrifice"

Blessing & Benediction

Sending Hymn.....Seven Days With You"

Postlude Music by the **St. Wenceslaus "Indigenous" Music Group**

Worship Offering Last Weekend: General Fund \$2,899.32 Restoration Fund \$340

~ \$3,471.00 is needed weekly to meet the 2018 General Fund budget

Attendance Last Weekend: Saturday 23 ~ Sunday 73

Remember in your Prayers... Peggy Schultz (Brenda Petersen's sister), Cathy Herrmann, Eileen Segna, Diane Schultz, Nancy Vollmar, Tom Trenda, Greg Vlasak, Rev. Bob Boda, Phyllis Swidorski, Amy Korthuis (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law), Nancy Creger, and Kathy Fellman (sister of Peggy Hentges).

Please remember in your Prayers the following who are serving our country: Matthew Astorino, Travis Ferguson, Cassidy Gilbertson, Shane Morris, Adam Smith, Adam Vlasak and Sam Westerhouse.

Thank you for the donation to the Youth in honor of the baptism of Oliver Alexander Mattson. Oliver was born on May 26, 2018 to Nate and Angela (Kaderlik) Mattson and received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, September 2nd.

There will be a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15th AND 16th, 2018 after the service to present information and discuss the bell tower repair.

A Special Informational Meeting with the Contractor will be held on **Wednesday, September 12th at 5:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. This is a time to ask basic information and to ask questions prior to the Congregational Meeting to be next weekend. If you can't attend the meeting, please fill out a slip with any questions or concerns you may have. Slips are available on a table in Hilltop Hall and can be placed in the basket on the table. Questions and concerns can also be emailed to stjohnelca@frontier.com no later than *Wednesday, September @12 PM*.

The St. Wenceslaus "Indigenous" Music Group

The music and singing for today's service is presented by "The St. Wenceslaus "Indigenous" Music Group." They are members of the Church of St. Wenceslaus in New Prague who want to share their musical talents with others, in an alternative sound. Singing is just another form of praying. They invite all to join them in singing throughout the service. We thank them in advance and are happy they are with us today to praise the Lord. Members include: Gary Pikal (concertina), Randy Fierst (rhythm guitar), Steve Skluzacek (trumpet), Rick Hanzel (bass guitar), Bob Pexa (drums), Mark Dvorak (keyboard).

Nicene Creed (read in unison)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen