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October 4 – 10 am Worship
with Holy Communion

October 11 – 10 am Worship
LWML Sunday

October 18 – 10 am Worship
with Holy Communion

October 25 – 10 am Worship
Reformation Sunday



Sunday Morning Worship
Service
with
Pastor Oddi

KNIM 1580 AM or 95.9 FM
10:00 am to 10:30 am

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“Social or Physical”

Social or physical? Consider that questions and the implications of how that question is answered. Is it to be social or physical? Well, I guess it all depends on the context, and as of yet, I haven't given you much, if any at all.

At the start of this Covid-19 pandemic we were advised to be socially distant from one another, at least six feet apart, in order to help contain the spread of this virus. Just lately, I have heard people talk about being physically distant from one another. When you stop and think about it there is a difference. When you look up the definitions of these two words, “social” and “physical”, this is what you find: Physical – “Relating to the body as opposed to the mind” and “involving bodily contact or activity.” Social – “Relating to society or its organization” and “needing companionship and therefore best suited to living in communities.”

Aside from the very obvious fact that God has made us physical beings, He has also made us social beings. He has purposely made us “needing companionship and therefore best suited to living in communities” as the definition talks about.

This Covid-19 pandemic has caused a great many disruptions in how we live our lives and how we relate to one another. When I first entered the pastoral ministry if anyone had told me that I would be preaching, teaching, and conducting worship services while wearing a facemask; and distributing the Sacrament of the Altar while wearing a mask and wearing gloves, I would probably have considered it to be a joke. But of course, it is far from a joke. It is a very serious matter. It can quite literally be a matter of life and death. However, whether we are masked or not, wearing gloves or not; what is not affected is the fact that we are still hearing the Word of God and the Gospel and that we are still receiving the Body and Blood of Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine in the Sacrament.

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Our Faithful Servants



October 4 – Pam Shannon
 October 11 – Pam Shannon
 October 18 – Nancy Jenkins
 October 25 – Nancy Jenkins



Church Cleaning Sponsors

October 4 – ?
 October 11-Jeanette
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 October 18 – ?
 October 25 - ?

Lawn Mowing Sponsors

October 4 – Cynthia
 Carmichael
 October 11 – Jim Cronin
 October 18 – Bob Henry
 October 25 – Richard
 Oltman



Every Sunday morning at 8 am, Pastor Oddi leads a "Live" Bible Study-you can view it on the church Facebook page

Social or Physical continued from page one We can no longer greet one another with a hug or a handshake. We can no longer sit closer than six feet from each other outside of our families. But, as the Body of Christ, the Church with the Lord Christ as her head although we may be physically distant from one another we are not socially distant. We are together in Christ. We worship together, whether in person or by means of the wonders of God's gift of technology. We pray for one another, whether we are in the same room or not. When we partake of the Sacrament we join together with our brothers and sisters the world over, and with believers of all times.

Although, for the time being at least, we are required to be physically distant we remain socially close, close as the one body of Christ, His Church. There are many things that each of us can do to maintain this social closeness. Do you know someone who is ill, pray for them, call them and pray with them. Do you know someone who is lonely and alone and this has been exacerbated by the pandemic, give them a call and let them know you are concerned for them, send them a card to brighten their day, and of course pray for them.

If you have not been able to join us for in person worship, and have not been able to receive Christ's Body and Blood here in the sanctuary, call me, your pastor, and I will be pleased and privileged to serve you where you are, as well as to pray for and with you, and to bring you the comfort of God's Word of grace and promise.

Yes, we must be physically distant, but that does not mean that we have to or should be socially distant. We are Christ's, we are the Church, we love, care for, and support one another. Keep one another in prayer, call one another, send out cards; there are ways we can stay socially connected. We praise and thank God that He is neither socially or physically distant from us His people. We have His present and sure promise that He is with us, and His promises are always sure.

Matthew 18:19-20, "Again I [Jesus] say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 28:20, [Jesus said] "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

He is here with us, always. He is NEVER distant from us, whether social or physical. He is right here by our side in every circumstance and every need, masks and gloves are not hindrance to Him. Amen and Amen.

God's blessings - Pastor Dave





- Oct. 1 – Joe Richardson
- Oct. 2 – Mark Bohlmann
- Oct. 3 – Cheree Abbott
- Oct. 9 – Ken Suvanto
- Oct. 10 - Jonathan Rogers
- Oct. 17 – Glady Strauch
- Oct. 17 – Virginia McNair
- Oct. 20 – Mike Mandrick
- Oct. 22 – Pastor Oddi
- Oct. 28 – Leanna Roush



October 18th
Ken & Kathy Suvanto

October 20th
Jeffrey & Kirsten Maronde



**Newsletter deadline
for November
newsletter is
October 25th.**

Lutheran Campus Center News

We will have our first Public Square activity
September 29 & 30;

a booth outside the Student Union with
information on abortion and
pro-life candidates to vote for. They can also
register to vote.

We have been leading up to this event by
learning about our role as Christian to be vocal
when it comes to issues such as Right to Life,
how to answer questions and inform lovingly in
such conversations and a bible study on what's
God's word says about taking
the life of a baby.

October 4th is the Right to Life Pro-life chain
in downtown Maryville from 2 to 3 that we will
take part in.

We are looking forward to Pastor D sharing two
Bible Studies on Jesus' prayer life that he has
just written

and then we'll have a study on
**THOU SHALL HAVE NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME;**

all the different gods we are tempted to have
in our lives.

I'd like to thank Vanessa and Marcia for
both bringing a meal to the LCC on a Sunday
night. **DELICIOUS!!!!**

Thank you for your prayers and support!



The LWML met on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the church.

Secretary Twyla Hazen opened the meeting with prayer and continued to lead the meeting.

Minutes from the June 30 meeting were approved as printed and distributed via email.

Virginia McNair presented the treasurer's report which was filed for future review.

The grand total from our Rummage sale at the church is \$1454.95. This included monies from items sold from last year's sale. We will decide at our October meeting which missions will receive our contributions.

We voted to pay for the new altar cloths from our Love Gift monies. They look lovely.

We decided to continue meeting each month in the basement if necessary so we can social distance. We will no longer have refreshments. Members signed up to lead devotions.

We will plan to celebrate LWML Sunday. We usually plan for the 2nd Sunday of October but Twyla will speak with Pastor to make sure that is best.

We will plan to order Christmas ornaments for our Sunday School students to give out after the Christmas program. We will check with Lesley to look through the book where she has ordered them in the past.

Phyllis Abbott brought to our attention some information concerning the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FAC) organization. A representative spoke at a Church Council meeting recently. We might want to consider gifting them some from our garage sale proceeds. Some of the money goes to area high school chapters. Jefferson has a chapter. Twyla Hazen will see if Maryville High School or the Maryville Middle School have chapters.

Twyla Hazen will come up with an agenda and lead the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned with members standing and saying together the Lord's prayer.

A September to Remember!!!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in our 2020 GivingTuesday challenge! Because of you, \$90,726.48 was given for mission work! This means LWML, through your generous gifts, greatly exceeded the matching amount of \$10,000 made possible by a generous family. That brings the total to \$100,726.48 given to support the 2019-2021 LWML Mission Goal. **Thank you for making this a September to Remember!**

October's Mission Grant focus is on Lutheran Women's Missionary League Grant #15 — Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers Mission Training Center, Africa

In villages across Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia, most local congregations are led by helpers and evangelists. Others are led by seminary-trained and ordained pastors. Both groups are eager for opportunities to study enabling them to better serve the congregations God has entrusted to their care. The Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers mission grant will provide funds to help cover the cost of lodging, food, and transportation as they travel to and from their classes. For more information, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-15.



A PLANTING PARABLE

Jesus had to explain his Parable of the Sower to the confused disciples.

Directions: Use the word bank to answer the clues. Then fill in the correct words below to complete Matthew 13:23, NIV.

WORD BANK: sow, soil, wither, root, thorn, crop, seed, farmer

1. Plant part that absorbs water
2. Contains what's needed to grow a plant
3. To plant
4. Sharp part of a plant
5. What is harvested
6. To dry up and shrivel
7. Person who plants
8. The earth a plant grows in

"But the 2 falling on good 8 refers to someone who hears the word and understands it.

This is the one who produces a 5, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was 3 n."

MATTHEW 13:23, NIV

Answer: root, seed, sow, thorn, crop, wither, farmer, soil, seed, soil,

Puzzle!

Beginning at the arrow and moving clockwise, write every other letter on the spaces below to discover what Jesus says about his friends.



"Y _____

_____."

JOHN 15:14, NIV

Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command." John 15:14, NIV



