



PASTOR'S CORNER

Names. Names are important. Have you ever taken the time to learn what your name means? Have you heard the story of why your parents gave you your name? Have you told your children how you decided on their name? Last month in worship we heard the stories of the 2nd creation story (Genesis 2:4-25) where God created human kind from dust and gave them names. We also heard part of the story of Abraham and Sarah when they received the promise of child and named him Isaac. (Genesis 10:1-15, 21:1-7) We also heard about Jacob as he wrestled with God. (Genesis 32:9-30) And finally we heard part of the story of Moses (Exodus 1:8-2:10, 3:1-15) when he was born and named.

In each of these stories, names matter. The names of these individuals meant something to the story. There was an article in Christian Today by Joseph Hartropp titled "Why Names Are So Important in the Bible and So is Yours". It is as follows:
Today marks the publication of the Oxford Dictionary of Family Names in Britain and Ireland, which features new studies on the meanings and origins of nearly 50,000 surnames. Names are deeply important to human beings, a crucial way of understanding not just the world around us, but each other. A surname roots us in history and family tradition, while first names establish more particular identity and personality; you may become quite attached to your name, or you may wish you were called something else.
But does it really matter what your name is? Do you become what you're called, or are you called what you are? The Bible is full of names, and those names are full of meaning. Turning to Scripture may help us see whether we determine our names, or if they determine us.

A story of origins

The book of Genesis is full of names enriched with

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October

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meaning. The word 'Genesis' means 'beginning'; the first book of the Bible is a book of origins, and we see many stories where people's names are rooted in how they began. Consider the first man we meet in the Bible: Adam. The name 'Adam' is so common in Western society now that one might not think to enquire about its meaning. However, the Hebrew word Adam doesn't simply mean 'generic first human' but is rather likely derived from the Hebrew word Adamah meaning 'ground'. Adam was formed "from the dust of the ground" and so, his name (and the general Hebrew name for 'man') is rooted in how mankind began.

Genesis goes on to explain the names of many of the Bible's most famous characters. "Many sons had father Abraham" says the children's song, and indeed Abraham's name (an extension of his old name 'Abram') means 'father of many'. God made a radical promise to childless, 99-year-old Abram that he would be a "father of many nations". This new name embeds God's mighty promise to Abraham into his very identity.

Other names aren't quite as deep, but still relevant. Sarah and Abraham's first-born child is named 'Isaac' because Sarah says, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." (Genesis 21:6) Isaac's child 'Esau' is so named simply because his name means 'hairy', and Esau is indeed hairy. His brother Jacob is so named because Jacob means 'he grasps the heel', which is a Hebrew idiom for 'he deceives'. In this case, Jacob really is named after what he will become.

Many other interesting names abound beyond Genesis. David means 'beloved' in Hebrew, which is appropriate because he was Israel's favourite King, albeit a deeply flawed one. Many other classic names from the Old Testament have God rooted in them – just look out for the 'El' (Hebrew for 'God'): Daniel, Nathaniel, Samuel, Elijah, Elisha etc.

Fast forward through Scripture, and of course Jesus is given many names. He is the Christ, which is not his surname, but rather the royal title for the Jewish Messiah – New Testament scholar N.T. Wright translates 'Jesus Christ' as 'King Jesus'. His first name is a common Jewish name 'Yeshua', which is derived from the word meaning 'to rescue/deliver'. As Matthew's Gospel explains it: "You shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21) Matthew also describes Jesus as 'Immanuel', which means 'God with us', because, familiar though it may be to us, Matthew was highlighting the radical truth that Jesus the Messiah was indeed God himself dwelling with mankind. Who do you think you are?

So, names have great symbolic import in Scripture. Sometimes though, there is a time for re-naming. In the prophecy of Hosea, God tells Hosea to marry a prostitute, Gomer, and name her children 'Lo-Ruhamah' and 'Lo-Ammi', which mean 'not loved' and 'not my people' respectively. Gomer and the children represent Israel's infidelity to God, but in the story God ultimately remains faithful and restores Israel, saying: "I will say to those called 'not my people,' 'You are my people.'"

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October Scripture

Oct 6	Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9	Steve Jensen	Zaylie Crossfield
Oct 13	Ruth 1:1-17	Zaylie Crossfield	Claudia Balcom
Oct 20	2 Samuel 5:1-5;6:1-5	Brooke Chappellear	Don Swanson
Oct 27	1Kings 12:1-17;25-29	Carol Medchill	Emily Crossfield

Deuteronomy 11:18-21 New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

18 You shall put these words of mine in your heart and soul, and you shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and fix them as an emblem on your forehead. 19 Teach them to your children, talking about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. 20 Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates, 21 so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give them, as long as the heavens are above the earth.

Transit II

**Wednesday
from 6 to 7:30pm**

**October
2, 9, 16, and 23
no meeting on the
30th**

Faith Formation

**Faith Formation meeting
Wednesday Oct 9th
6pm-7pm.
3rd & 4th graders and
parents.**

**Presentation of Bibles
October 20th , during
worship.**



The fisherman Simon is renamed 'Peter' by Jesus. 'Peter' means 'rock', and he is to be the rock of Jesus' Church (Matthew 16:18). Ironically, Peter shows himself to be quite lacking in the stability and integrity one expects from a rock, often completely misunderstanding Jesus, and denying him three times. But despite his failings, Jesus continues to trust him to fulfil his calling (John 21). Saul was a fierce persecutor of Christians, so when he became a follower of Jesus himself, a name change seems appropriate. Saul (Hebrew name) also had the Latin name 'Paul' and so it seems he used the new moniker as a symbol of his change, as well as his mission to the Gentile; 'Paul' being a more familiar name to a Roman Gentile audience.

Historically, many Christian parents name their children with biblical names, perhaps as a sign of the spiritual heritage in which they hope their children to grow up. Some Christians today take naming very seriously, and may have their name legally changed in adulthood as a symbol of a particular moment of transformation or the realisation of new identity. Naming is one of the great privileges given to Adam in the Garden of Eden, the power to define the world in certain terms, to label reality and determine people's perceptions of it. To ask what your own name is, is really to ask: 'Who am I?', or indeed: 'Who will I become?'

So I encourage you to take time this month to talk about your names. Find out the meaning of your name. Share with someone the story of why you were given your name. Who you were named after. Talk about how your name fits or doesn't fit. And as you talk about your names, remember that above all you are a child of God, and though your name has meaning, your identity is rooted in Christ. Blessings as you discover the meaning of your name and the conversations you will have. I look forward to hearing what you discover.

Peace and Joy in Christ,
Pastor Marilyn

Laketown Workers

Cleaning - Anne
Newsletter - Patti

Oct 5 - Bazaar

WELCA News

Oct 2 - 4:30pm Lefse Making; Unit meeting to follow at 6:30pm

Oct 16 - 6:30pm Circle Meeting
Marsha Sandstrom, Hostess

Annual Parish Bazaars

Laketown Annual Bazaar
Oct 5th from 10 to 1

Circle of Love Bazaar Oct
19th from 10 to 2

Living our Faith
Our Vision is that; "All people are Fed, Clothed, and Cared for in Christ's Love."

First Lutheran Church Our Library

This is the last of the History written about our Church Library. So many willing hands to put it together.

Our library is a member in an association.

Beulah Nelson and Charlotte Nelson are still librarians and assesion, catalog and buy add books. Each fall the filing committee of Ruby Swanson, Mary Jo Arndt, Leona Brekke and Beulah Nelson go through the library shelf list to check on any lost books, repair any needs, and maintain order. Since 1990 a literacy program helping at least 6 adults has been added by our library staff.

We owe a great deal of gratitude to Dr. Helen Sornson and Margie Malmberg for the foresight of giving us such a lasting memorial to their parents.

We are in hopes that you folks will be reading this winter and keep our library busy with checking out the many books we do have.

Happy Reading,
Betty and Carol

Pies

The Apple Cores/Corps have been on the move and making progress on filling the freezers with delicious pies from the abundance the Lord provides. This will continue until our goal has been archived which is, the trees are bare and pies are in the freezer. At this writing we will have reached our goal of 1600 pies or will finish either the 1st or 4th of October.

It has been a great time of sharing in the Fun and Fellowship as we make use of the abundance the Lord provides.

So, keep taking orders for our tasty treats (pies) so that everyone that wants our tasty treats will get as many as they want, we will reserve 200 of our tasty treats for the Bazaar (October 12th).

Watch the November Newsletter for the final count of how many tasty treats (pies) were made.

For more information contact your Cores/Corps Captains Betty Larson 715-648-5242, Maxine Olson 715-483-9485, Joyce Emerson 715-825-4849, Donnis Nagel 715-648-5302, Steve Jensen 715-483-3715

The Circle of Love Bazaar is just around the corner. We will be looking for help setting up, , working, clean-up and items for the bazaar on Saturday, October 19th. Please contact Liz Williamson or myself.

Thanks, Jennifer Erickson



Thanks, Praise and Prayers

As God's beloved children, let us pray that the light of Christ shine on the nations, the church and all those in need.

Loren & Beulah Nelson, Maurice Christensen and others we name before God today.

Sometimes in our busy lives we forget to stop, reflect upon our blessings, and take the time share our compassion and empathy with others. Since there has been very little room in the past few bulletins to pray for family and friends who need our immediate attention, let's do it now

There are a number of ways to add someone to the prayer list. Call the church office and leave a message; make a note of it on Sunday morning with your name and name of person and give it to Pastor Marilyn or put it in the offering plate. We will keep the person on the prayer list for 6 weeks. If you would like the person to continue on the prayer list, just let us know and they will be added/kept on the list for another 6 weeks. There is no limit to the number of times a person can be put on the prayer list. Thank you for your help and for lifting one another up in prayer.

Please Note!

Please remember to have family notify the church office if you are in the hospital. The privacy data laws do not allow the hospital to notify the church of your admittance.



Thank You

Thank you for the confirmation necklaces.

Brooke and Tyler Chappelle

BECOMING GOD'S CHILDREN

We become God's Children by his grace when we confess that Jesus is the way the truth and the Life (John 14:6). As the Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 2:8-10;

8For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. 10For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Becoming a Child of God we are to take on a servant's attitude. We are told how to do this and to whom in Jude 1:20-25

20But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. 21Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. 22Be merciful to those who doubt; 23snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. 24To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

And again in Hebrews 13:1-6;

1Keep on loving each other as brothers. 2Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. 3Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. 4Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. 5Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." 6So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?" (NRSV)

As we continue on our Journey as a Congregation and Parish with Pastor Marilyn we each as a Child of God need to live The Way we should go in our own life as well as the life of our Congregation and Parish. We need to ask ourselves, Am I/are We walking daily as Children of God (Romans 8:17)? What am I being shown as a Child of God to do as part of this Journey and beyond? We are ALL to work together ("God's Work-Our Hands")

in telling the World about God's Love and showing God's Promised Blessings towards all people through his son Jesus not just the pastor.

We have only 9 weeks remaining in the season of Pentecost (Green) until the 4 weeks Advent (Sunday December 1st) begins and the Altar Paraments change to Blue as we prepare to celebrate Jesus's first coming. A reminder that October 27th is Reformation Sunday a RED letter day in the Christian Church. Remember to wear RED that Sunday.

"God's Work-Our Hands"
Together in Christ,
Steve Jensen

**WE'RE
HIRING
A CHURCH
CUSTODIAN**

**FOR THOSE INTERESTED
CONTACT PASTOR
MARILYN FOR
DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION
AND FURTHER
INFORMATION**

HANDY HELPER - HELP WANTED! **A CALL TO SERVICE "GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS"**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Here are your Handy Helpers for 2020.
January, 2020 - Kevin Lehman - 715-557-0968
February, 2020 - Stan Olson - 715-483-9485
March, 2020 - Brian Hanson - 715-483-1882
April, 2020 - Brian Hanson - 715-483-1882
May, 2020 - Richard Luring - 715-648-6041
June, 2020 - Richard Luring - 715-648-6041
July, 2020 - Bill Lindahl - 715-483-3518.
August, 2020 - Ron True - 715-648-5321
September, 2020 - Chuck Svoboda - 715-648-3118
October, 2020 -
November, 2020 - Steve Jensen - 715-483-3715 C-715-557-0382
December, 2020 - John Tewalt 715-483-9498

Subs - John Tewalt 715-483-9498

As you can see, we are in need of someone to serve October 2020 as well as having others available to fill in as needed. Any one can do this and if you are able to only do it for a month that is fine. Here is the list of duties:

- Check and fill altar candles and eternal light every week
- Check flowers, plants, water, remove as needed
- Assist or fill in for janitor as needed
- Assist or fill in for grounds keeper as needed
- Change Church Signs as needed
- Check and change furnace filters and water filter as needed
- Check and maintain the faucets and plumbing fixtures
- Operate the heating and cooling system for the season
- Operate the sound and recording system as needed
- Assist with setting up and taking down for special events as needed
- Assist with Set-up of the Christmas tree for decorating
- Change light bulbs
- Recycling

Please consider assisting to provide service in this area. Faith and Care groups have faithfully sought to fulfill other areas of services as much as possible but maybe this service can be fulfilled by you. I will train everyone on what has to be and how it is done as the Handy Helper.

I would encourage Families to become active in these groups and services, just as Doctor Luke writes in the book of Acts;

Acts 6:2-5(NRSV)
2And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait at tables.* 3Therefore, friends,* select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, 4while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.' 5What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch.

And the Apostle Paul writes in;

1 Corinthians. 3:9(NRSV)

9For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

What better way for us to share our faith with our family while building the future of our Congregation, but in service to one another.

If you are interested in being a Handy Helper please call me 715-483-3715.

"God's Work-Our Hands"

Together in His Service,
Steve Jensen

10 SEPTEMBER 2019
FIRST COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Call to order by president Chuck Svoboda at 7:05

Devotions & Visioning time: devotions were led by Pastor Marilyn. Council took time to share their joys and concerns

Pastor's Report was presented

Secretary's Report was presented. Jen made a motion to approve, Marley seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report was presented. There were some questions regarding expenditures. The motion to approve the report was made by Marge, seconded by Carley. The motion carried.

Sunday School Report- Jump start is on the 22nd.

W/ELCA Report was presented by Jan. Circle on the 18th. Faith and care meeting on the 23rd. Asking to update contact information. Marge, Carol and Jan are going to the leadership conference. They will be making lefse on Oct. 2; 4:30 lefse , 6:30 meeting.

Committee Reports

Property and Maintenance

Parsonage survey has been completed

Worship, Mission, Education, Evangelism, and Ministry

We exceeded our goal at the last blood drive. Thank you to donors, and helpers. Next blood drive in Dec 9th from 12 to 6.

Old Business

Advertising for Custodian- Maxine made a motion to put an advertisement internally in the newsletter, the motion was seconded by Jen. The motion was carried.

Fundays Success - Made \$480.81

Pie update continues. 900 have been made so far.

New Business

Action to cover budget. Maxine made a motion to put the "Financing our Mission" in the bulletin starting the 22nd of Sep.

Marley made the motion to allow Liz to move \$5000 from a CD into the checking account contingent upon the discussion Pastor Marliyn and Chuck with Liz . Carley seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Congregational Constitution amendments per Churchwide assembly. Need to create a committee to review the amendments to the model constitution. Maxine made the motion , Jan seconded. The motion was carried.

Council replacements. Need to start looking for people to replace the outgoing council members.

New church directory. This will be done for for the 150th ann. We will be offering several options for people the get their photo.

November joint meeting. Will check with Laketown on Oct 1. Potential date in Nov. 12.

Annual review of members list.

Next meeting October 15

**LAKETOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH
NEWSLETTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

August 15, 2019 – September 15, 2019

Weekly offerings	Offering	Budget	Budget Comparison
Offering August 18	\$729.00	\$655.00	74
Offering August 25	\$1,226.00	\$655.00	571
Offering September 1	\$865.00	\$655.00	210
Offering September 8	\$435.00	\$655.00	-220
Offering September 15	\$247.00	\$655.00	-408
Totals	3502	3275	227
Year-to-Date	\$24,047.00	\$24,246.00	-\$199.00

Submitted by: Gary Johnson – Laketown Lutheran Church Treasurer

Sunday offerings

	August	Need weekly	Difference
08/04/19	\$2,060.00	\$1,915.00	\$145.00
08/11/19	\$1,115.00	\$1,915.00	-\$800.00
08/18/19	\$1,396.00	\$1,915.00	-\$519.00
08/25/19	\$1,448.00	\$1,915.00	-\$467.00
Online Giving	\$543.60		515.45
Total	\$6,562.60	\$7,660.00	-\$1,125.55

Summary

	Collected	Budget	Difference	Last Year	Expenses
January	\$ 4,803.40	\$ 7,660.00	\$ (2,856.60)	\$ 4,539.41	\$ 6,984.83
February	\$ 5,701.45	\$ 7,660.00	\$ (1,958.55)	\$ 5,002.75	\$ 7,172.65
March	\$ 7,789.40	\$ 9,575.00	\$ (1,785.60)	\$ 5,946.10	\$ 11,133.04
April	\$ 8,171.00	\$ 7,660.00	\$ 511.00	\$ 4,962.50	\$ 7,380.47
May	\$ 6,247.15	\$ 7,660.00	\$ (1,412.85)	\$ 8,058.01	\$ 8,062.85
June	\$ 5,261.79	\$ 7,660.00	\$ (1,412.85)	\$ 5,021.40	\$ 8,269.03
July	\$ 7,104.60	\$ 9,575.00	\$ (2,470.40)	\$ 5,586.65	\$ 10,123.32
August	\$ 6,562.60	\$ 7,660.00	\$ (1,125.55)	\$ 7,298.39	\$ 4,525.56
September				\$ 5,224.40	
October				\$ 7,386.00	
November				\$ 5,054.40	
December				\$ 8,605.30	

\$51,641.39 \$65,110.00 -\$12,511.40 \$ 72,685.31 \$ 63,651.75

Submitted by: Liz Williamson



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Laketown Lutheran Church

We seek to know and love God, share His love and word, strengthen our faith through the Holy Spirit, and as servants of Christ serve those in need.



First Lutheran Church

As part of God's family we seek to grow in our faith, provide spiritual education to our congregation, and reach out to others.

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