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## September 2020

### Worship Schedule

6:Worship 10am Online or In-person

*NOISY OFFERING!*

13:Worship 10am Online or In-person

20:Worship 10am Online or In-person

27:Worship 10am Online or In-person

All in-person services to be held outdoors weather permitting



Dear friends in Christ,

*Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one. [Isaiah 44:8 NRSV]*

Fear seems to pervade our lives right now. I can't even count how often I've had folks tell me they are afraid. Afraid of contracting COVID-19. Afraid of giving it to someone. Afraid of separation from family and friends. Afraid to lose a job or a business. Afraid of leaving their home. Afraid that Satan is having a field day because people are separated and "churches are closed."

But here's my take on it: Stop looking for what the devil is up to and look instead for what God is doing in the midst of the fear and unknown. God is busy during this pandemic and calls us to work alongside in support of God's mission.

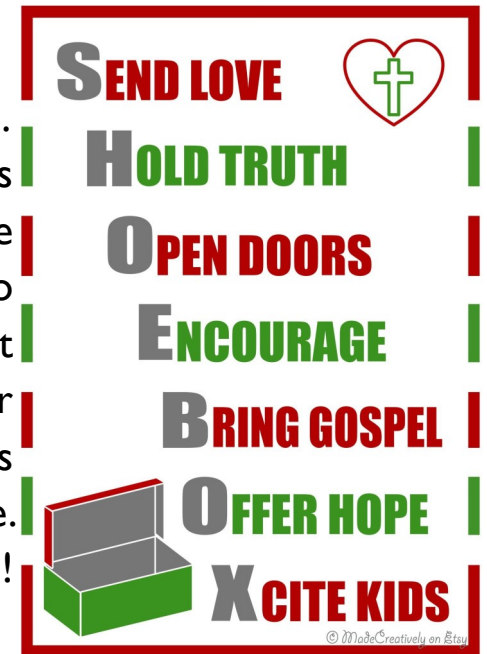
*We know that in everything God works for good with those who love [God], who are called according to [God's] purpose. [Romans 8:28 RSV]*

God is shaking up the ways we do things, urging us to be more creative and think outside the box, encouraging us to reach out to more people with the Good News in new ways, inspiring us to find other ways of developing and

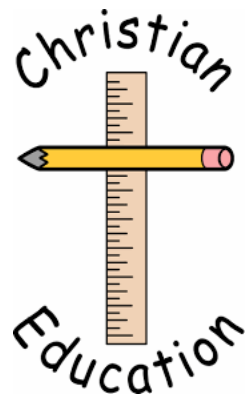


Thank you to Randy Steinwagner for donating the new handicapped parking signs in honor of Earl and Janice AShelley

Don't Forget...  
Shoebox Christmas  
is right around the  
corner! With back to  
school supplies out  
please consider  
donating any supplies  
to this cause.  
Thank you!



It is with sadness that we inform you that we will not be holding the Harvest Dinner in 2020. See you in 2021!



## UPDATE:

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Trinity's Sunday school and confirmation classes will remain on hold until October 7. Our council will be closely watching to see how school progresses over the course of the next few weeks in order to discern the best course of action for our congregation.

In addition, the council and Pastor Amy would like your feedback on this issue, so parents please watch your emails for a short survey about potential options for the education of our young people. If you do not receive an email survey by September 15, please let us know; it means we do not have an email address for you. A hard copy of the survey will also be available at church.

This start date may change if pandemic conditions change. Please keep attending worship, checking Facebook, and reading the newsletter for possible updates.

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If you would like to contribute to the "gas can" money for Randy, we'll collect on Sundays during worship.



nourishing relationships. No longer will we do things the same way we always have, for God is helping us find new tools to add to our toolbox of faith.

So when you hear your friends and family say they are afraid that Satan is winning, how will you respond? Well, you can either stoke the fire of fear or you can douse that same fire with Jesus' words: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

You see, as followers of the Resurrected One, we are uniquely situated to say, "Fear not!" We are Easter people—people of hope—and we can speak to the fear felt by so many in the world today. God worked wonders at a bloody cross and within a dark tomb. When everything seemed lost, God came through with a new covenant, a new promise in Jesus Christ.

It is this new promise that enables us to "...bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world." [Sacrament of Holy Baptism from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p231] God's word is always creating and creative, no matter what the circumstances are or how afraid we are. Thanks be to God that the Holy Spirit calls us to be part of this new work.

In His Service,

Pastor Amy

# READ PLEASE



**Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## **COVID 19 Stimulus Check Appeal for ministries of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin**

August 1, 2020

Friends in Christ:

Over the past few months our lives have changed dramatically. Daily routines have been disrupted, new challenges have arisen. In spite of Covid 19, the ministry of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin continues to be impactful, making a difference in the world for Jesus' sake. I am grateful for your generous prayerful and financial support of the work that we do together. **I invite you to join me and our synod council in continuing to support the synod's ministry with a special gift.** Perhaps you received a COVID stimulus check. For many this check was a blessing, a needed relief for those who had lost income. However, if you are able, I invite you to consider making a gift from those funds to support essential synod ministries. Consider these opportunities:

**Give a gift to your home congregation**

2- Cindy Hardrath, Sandy Cliver

5- Joanne Jablonicky

11- Tanner Uhlig

17- Hannah Trush

19- Doug Ayer

21- Jeris Suckow

25- Bradley Brinegar (Jr.)



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## **Please help us spread the word....**

Our food pantry has and will continue to remain open during the COVID-19 pandemic. If you know of anyone in need, please have them visit the pantry on Wednesdays from

5:30-7pm. Contact Cindy or Joe if there is an immediate need and they will gladly help! We are looking for adults to help work the pantry on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Cindy, Joe, Doug or Jennifer if you'd like to help out!





## Harper Rae Palecek

Born: March 24, 2020

Parents: Ella Hederer & Austin Palecek

Baptized: August 23, 2020

Sponsors: Derek Griepentrog, Annalyssa Garcia,  
Trevor Rybicki, and Destiny Anderson

We ask the congregation to keep the  
family in their prayers.

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**Give a gift that will keep on giving by donating to the  
Synod Endowment Fund**

**<http://nswi.org/endowment-fund>**

**Give to the ongoing work of the NWSWI**

**<http://nswi.org/giving>**

Give to the synod's general fund

Give to our companion synod in Malawi

Give to our synod's newest Latino/a ministry, Neighbor to  
Neighbor

**Give directly to one of our synod's ministries**

Bible Camps: Luther Park, Luther Point, Wapogasset,  
Amnicon Lutheran Campus Ministries: UW-Eau Claire,  
UW-Stout, UW-River Falls

**As a Synod, we are making a difference for Jesus' sake**

The synod's capital campaign, endowment fund and staff  
helped congregations upgrade technology and  
provided assistance as nearly every congregation in the  
synod went to worship and meetings on line during  
the pandemic.

The synod ministers provided additional education, sup-  
port, encouragement, and resources for both worship  
and faith formation to pastors, deacons, SAMS and  
congregations since March.

The synod has provided financial support to the Lutheran  
church in Malawi to help with flood relief and pastor's  
salaries during the pandemic.

The synod's justice team has been meeting and working  
on video resources on racial, gender, environmental  
and hunger justice issues. The synod is launching a  
NEW Latinx racial justice ministry called Neighbor to  
Neighbor that will focus on connecting with our  
American Latinx neighbors.

The Northwest Synod awarded small ELCA COVID 19 grants to our synod's Bible Camps and Lutheran Campus Ministries hit hard by loss of income during the pandemic.

Thank you for your faithful partnership in ministry in the past! I invite you to join me and the members of the Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council in making a special gift to support the synod that will benefit the ministries of every congregation in NW Wisconsin as we move forward together in God's mission for the sake of the world.

**Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson**

**The Northwest Wisconsin Synod Council**

Al Arndt, Vice President  
Julie Brenden, Secretary  
John Levi, Treasurer

**Apple River Conference**

Reverend Marilyn Crossfield  
Justin Swanson  
Kim Patterson

**Chequamegon Conference**

Carol Lekies  
Lyle Roe

**Chippewa Valley Conference**

Reverend Lucy Schottelkorb  
Arvin Solsaa  
Michelle Pride

**Dairyland Conference**

Reverend Rolf Morck  
Kathy Boe

**Heart of the North Conference**

Reverend Luci Sesvold  
Ed Peters  
Karyn Hullinger

**Lake Superior Conference**

Reverend Paul Simmons  
Tom Potterton

**St. Croix Valley Conference**

Marcia Lindseth  
Ralph Van Keulen

***Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12:1-2***