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***The Year to Come***

I haven't written a newsletter article since May. That really hasn't been my intention. I usually combine June and July, but now it's August., and I never got the June/July one done. Such is the way my life has been. In the midst of everything else going on, the newsletter tends to be what I don't get done. I'm sure there are some of you who rarely get the newsletter read and never missed it, but I think it can be a helpful way to stay connected, especially for the folks who can't get to church. So, I'm back at it.

Typically my August newsletter outlines the upcoming year's plans for worship, education and service. I don't have a lot of detail on how the year's plans are shaping up, but will review how things went last year and talk a bit about the coming year in general terms.

Last year in honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, we took a break from the lectionary for most of the year to preach and teach through Martin Luther's Small Catechism. I enjoyed the change of pace and enjoyed preaching the series. I especially enjoyed thinking about what the catechism has to say to us in the midst of our own contemporary situations.

This year in worship we'll return to the Narrative Lectionary. This year is Matthew's year. We'll start with some Old Testament, and in Advent move into Matthew's gospel. I've found the Narrative Lectionary invaluable for preaching and teaching the whole arc of the biblical story.

Last year, one Sunday a month we had "All Congregation Sunday School." Adults and kids learned together through a mix of videos, readings and hands on activities. It was also a part of the confirmation program. I plan to continue All Congregation Sunday School this year, but am thinking to do it twice a month. I'm still working on the logistics, but it will be a Bible year. We have two younger children who need to learn the basic Bible stories. The challenge will be to make these learning sessions real learning for all ages. My goal is for the adults and young adults who take part to feel like they are learning and growing in their own faith, as well as being a part of teaching the younger kids and confirmation kids. I don't have a lot of detail, but I do know that we will rely quite a bit on an online source called "The Bible Project."

Service projects got a bit of a short shrift last year. We did the Christmas gift give away at the Center for People in Need, but then Sam got sick and that kind of took me out of doing more than the basic minimums of my job. That tells me we may need to think a little bit more about how to be intentionally involved in service and outreach to the communities we live in. It can't be all on one person to arrange, be it pastor or other member. We will likely gather a group of folks who are interested in service and outreach to meet once, maybe in September, with the idea of setting some service and outreach goals and dividing up responsibility for making arrangements.

I am looking forward to the coming year. It will hopefully be a more "normal" year for me, but we never get that guarantee. I have greatly appreciated that this is a congregation that pitches in to do what's needed, whatever happens in the pastor's life.

## ***Confirmation***

In June, Carlos Olson, Gareth Mills, Connor Nielsen and Jace Lickliter attended Confirmation Camp at Carol Joy Holling Camp. The pictures below are from the group team building activities.

Pastor Kris worked with them to film a video of the whole biblical story, from Genesis to Revelation. The video will be edited and shown as the intro to our Bible year at the first All-Congregation Sunday school on Sept. 9.



**Trust Lift**



**How do we work together to get everyone on top of that box?**

Confirmation in 2018—2019 will again be a combination of the All-Congregation Sunday school with an additional meeting once a month, probably on a Wednesday evening. In addition, there may be some family/home/community activities scattered through the year. I plan to meet with parents and students later in August to talk about the upcoming year. More info will be coming.

## **August Calendar**

August 1	9:00 am—Quilting
August 5	10:30—Worship with Holy Communion
August 12	10:30 am—Guitar worship
August 15	9:00 am—Quilting
August 19	10:30 am—Worship with Holy Communion
August 26	10:30—Worship

Pastor Kris will be on vacation August 24—28. Pastor Glenda Ferguson will cover for emergencies. Her number is 402-443-5503.

## ***Looking ahead***

Kick-off for Sunday school will be September 9. It will be an All-Congregation Sunday school with learning activities for all ages.

Potato Bake—The Potato Bake will be Sunday September 23 from 5—7 pm. There will be some prep work the day before at the church and we will set up Sunday afternoon. The community building is not available on Saturday. We are exploring the possibility of sharing the third that goes to a community outreach to something in Davey. Otherwise, funds will go to youth activities and the general fund.

## ***August Helpers***

Lector—Judy Hornung, Jerri Daugherty and Gareth Mills  
Communion Assistant—Harsch  
Ushers—Mike and Brandon Unverferth  
Cleaners—Wk 1/2—Rhonda Madsen  
Wk 3/4—Jon and Sharon Mumgaard  
Altar—Linda Sestak