

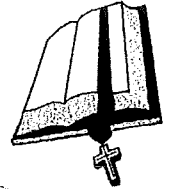
My Father's Business

www.divine-word.com July 2018 divinewd@divinewd.com

Pastors: Scott Wolfram & Jim Roecker

Email: pastorwolfram@gmail.com / pastorjimroecker@gmail.com

Office: 715-341-2915 ext: 1,2 or 3



Luther's Large Catechism - The Apostle's Creed

This summer we will look into Luther's Large Catechism, especially the Apostle's Creed. May God bless us as we refresh ourselves on the meaning of these words we confess!

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

This portrays and sets forth most briefly what is the essence, will, activity, and work of God the Father. For since the Ten Commandments have taught that we are to have not more than one God, the question might be asked, What kind of a person is God? What does He do? How can we praise, or portray and describe Him, that He may be known? Now, that is taught in this and in the following article, so that the Creed is nothing else than the answer and confession of Christians arranged with respect to the First Commandment. As if you were to ask a little child: My dear, what sort of a God have you? What do you know of Him? he could say: This is my God: first, the Father, who has created heaven and earth; besides this only One I regard nothing else as God; for there is no one else who could create heaven and earth.

...This article refers to the Creation: that we emphasize the words: Creator of heaven and earth. This is what I mean and believe, that I am a creature of God; that is, that He has given and constantly preserves to me my body, soul, and life, members great and small, all my senses, reason, and understanding, and so on, food and drink, clothing and support, wife and children, domestics, house and home, etc. Besides, He causes all creatures to serve for the uses and necessities of life sun, moon, and stars in the firmament, day and night, air, fire, water, earth, and whatever it bears and produces, birds and fishes beasts, grain, and all kinds of produce, and whatever else there is of bodily and temporal goods, good government, peace, security. Thus we learn from this article that none of us has of himself, nor can preserve, his life nor anything that is here enumerated or can be enumerated, however small and unimportant a thing it might be, for all is comprehended in the word Creator.

Moreover, we also confess that God the Father has not only given us all that we have and see before our eyes, but daily preserves and defends us against all evil and misfortune, averts all sorts of danger and calamity; and that He does all this out of pure love and goodness, without our merit, as a benevolent Father, who cares for us that no evil befall us.

Now, since all that we possess, and, moreover, whatever, in addition, is in heaven and upon the earth, is daily given, preserved, and kept for us by God, it is readily inferred and concluded that it is our duty to love, praise, and thank Him for it without ceasing, and, in short, to serve Him with all these things, as He demands and has enjoined in the Ten Commandments.

Here we could say much if we were to expatiate, how few there are that believe this article. For if we believed it with the heart, we would also act accordingly, and not stalk about proudly, act defiantly, and boast as though we had life, riches, power, and honor, etc., of ourselves, so that others must fear and serve us, as is the practise of the wretched, perverse world, which is drowned in blindness, and abuses all the good things and gifts of God only for its own pride, avarice, lust, and luxury, and never once regards God, so as to thank Him or acknowledge Him as Lord and Creator.

We ought, therefore, daily to practise this article, impress it upon our mind, and to remember it in all that meets our eyes, and in all good that falls to our lot, and wherever we escape from calamity or danger, that it is God who gives and does all these things, that therein we sense and see His Paternal heart and his transcendent love toward us. Thereby the heart would be warmed and kindled to be thankful, and to employ all such good things to the honor and praise of God.

FINANCIAL REPORT – May 2018

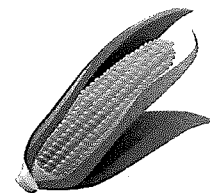
- Plate and envelope giving in May totaled \$22,423. For the 12 months ending in May, plate and envelope offerings are 4.6% above last year's.
- General fund cash income from all sources, including transfers, came to \$29,500 in May. Cash general fund expenses required \$27,000. Combining these yields a positive monthly general fund operating cash flow of \$2,500.
- Cash income to designated funds came to \$3,289 for the month. Cash disbursements from designated funds totaled \$3,598.
- One twelfth of the annual WELS Campus Ministry grant of \$15,000 (\$1,250) and Siebert grant of \$20,000 (\$1,667) were transferred to the general fund during May.
- Some \$840 was received for the bathroom remodel, bringing the amount available in that fund to \$16,925.
- Although not paid in May, an invoice was received from Stud Brothers Construction for the bathroom remodel project. The invoice covers demolition \$1,270, electrical \$945, plumbing \$3,327, wall patching \$725, tile floor \$3,244, vanity tops \$1,028, stalls \$2,640, and accessories \$924, for a total of \$14,103.
- Snow removal for the season came to \$5,135, well above the \$3,500 budgeted.
- Checks totaling \$512 were issued to five individuals from the teen fund. The teens had an opportunity to offset their trip expenses by selling extra car wash cards.
- Total Cash on Hand is \$97,490 including \$35,659 general fund and \$61,831 designated funds.
- From Synod DW received a monthly \$1,250 multi-site ministry subsidy plus \$2,911 CMC subsidy.
- Divine Word made its normal \$2,500 contribution to Northland Lutheran High School as well as its \$3,115 monthly contribution to the Synod missions fund.
- DW made its monthly CEF loan payment of \$4,059 (\$2,238 interest, \$1,821 principal). Long-term debt (DW + TW) now stands at \$749,451.

Board of Stewardship

Attachments: Monthly & Yearly Offerings, Balance Sheet, Budget Report

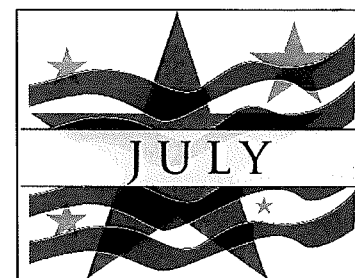
Serving the Lord in July

Ushers		
<i>Sunday 8:00am</i>		<i>Monday 6:30pm</i>
Paul Bartel	Todd Huebner	Tom & Mary Jeske
Matt Hunger	Kris Huebner	
Jon Krull	Sammi Huebner	
Jordan Hunger	Gary Glock	
Jake Hunger	Chad Dillingham	
	Porter Dillingham	



Greeters @ Divine Word		
	<i>Sunday 8:00am</i>	<i>Monday 6:30pm</i>
<i>July 1/2</i>	Dan & Didi Mortenson	Perry & Tracy Pieper
<i>July 8/9</i>	Mari Dockter	Dick & Pam Onstad
<i>July 15/16</i>	Steve & Maggie Fochs	Troy Espe
<i>July 22/23</i>	John & Tammy Cordrey	Dale & Lois Lawrynk
<i>July 29/30</i>	Lynne Patrick	Trace & Kathy Pelky

Church Cleaners	
<i>July 1-7</i>	Onstad/Camlek/Evenson
<i>July 8-14</i>	J&K Schultz/Wolfram/Rozek
<i>July 15-21</i>	Hermanson/Jacobson/Hoyord
<i>July 22-28</i>	Huebner/Jeske/Leitel
<i>July 29-Aug 4</i>	Craig/Pieper/Shuda&Ernst



Counters	
<i>July 2</i>	Jerry Rozek
<i>July 9</i>	Lona Sexton
<i>July 16</i>	Nancy Jirschele
<i>July 23</i>	Pam Onstad
<i>July 30</i>	Ann Glock

Organists	
<i>July 1/2</i>	Emily Warnke
<i>July 8/9</i>	Lynn Seifert
<i>July 15/16</i>	Deb (Sun)/Ann (Mon)
<i>July 22/23</i>	Karen Curtis
<i>July 29/30</i>	Lynn Seifert

Communion Assistants @ Divine Word	
<i>July 8/9</i>	David R/Doug A/John C/Jon J
<i>July 29/30</i>	Matt H/Dick O/Steven F/Mark S

Ushers @ The Word	
<i>July</i>	Massey Family & Mickowski Family

Communion Assistants @ The Word	
<i>July 8</i>	Jon Gumm
<i>July 29</i>	Don Stieve

Musicians @ The Word	
<i>July</i>	Denise Charkowski

Greeters @ The Word	
<i>July 1</i>	Tom & Betty Sweeney
<i>July 8</i>	Dean Curtis
<i>July 15</i>	Bill & Kathy Huss
<i>July 22</i>	Todd & Kris Huebner
<i>July 29</i>	Mary Schultz

Date	Attendance	General
<i>May 27 & 28</i>	106 + 99 = 205	\$4,549
<i>June 3 & 4</i>	127 + 7W	\$6,771
<i>June 10 & 11</i>	111 + ??	\$6,895
<i>June 17 & 18</i>	119 + 101 = 220	\$6,635



JULY 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00am Worship (DW) 9:15am Bible Study (TW) 10:09am The Word Worship 11:30am Lunch (TW) 12:15pm Cong Mtg/Voters Mtg re: second called worker	2 6:30pm Worship (DW)	3 7:30am Women's Ministry Breakfast (Wooden Chair) 6:30pm: Men's Study (DW) 6:30pm: Property Board Mtg (DW)	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY 10am: Meet for the 4th of July Parade (TW)	5 9:30am: Women's Study (DW) 6:30pm: Child Discipleship Board (DW)	6 8:15am Stewardship Mtg (Paradise Café) 5:00pm Strobel/Landolt Rehearsal (DW)	7 Church Cleaners July 1-7: Onstad/Camlek/Evenson 2:00pm: Landolt/Strobel Wedding (DW)
8 8:00am Worship w/communion (DW) 9:15am Bible Study (TW) 10:09am The Word Worship w/communion 11:45am: Elders Mtg (DW)	9 6:30pm Worship w/communion (DW)	10 6:30pm: Council Meeting (TW)	11 Noon: OWLS Mtg (TW)	12 9:30am: Women's Study (DW)	13 5:00-8:30pm: Vacation Bible School (DW)	14 Church Cleaners July 8-14: J&K Schultz/Wolfram/Rozek 9:00am-Noon: Vacation Bible School (DW)
15 8:00am Worship (DW) 9:15am Bible Study (TW) 10:09am The Word Worship	16 6:30pm Worship (DW)	17 6:30pm: Men's Study (DW)	18	19 9:30am: Women's Study (DW)	20	21 Church Cleaners July 15-21: Hermanson/Jacobson/Hoyard
22 8:00am Worship (DW) 9:15am Bible Study (TW) 10:09am The Word Worship	23 6:30pm Worship (DW)	24 6:30pm: Men's Study (DW) 7:30pm Outreach Bd (DW)	25 LIFE Group Swimming at Bill and Kathy Huss Home 6:30pm Adult Discipleship Board (TW)	26 9:30am: Women's Study (DW) 6:00pm: College Night for Fox Valley area students (Appleton)	27	28 Church Cleaners July 22-28: Huebner/Jeske/Leitel 11am: Charkowski Vow Renewal (TW)
29 8:00am Worship w/communion (DW) 9:15am Bible Study (TW) 10:09am The Word Worship w/communion	30 6:30pm Worship w/communion (DW)	31 6:30pm: Men's Study (DW)	AUGUST 1	2	3	4 Church Cleaners July 29-Aug 4: Craig/Pieper/Shuda&Ernst