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*Worship Service - 10:00 a.m.*

*Sunday School and Bible Study - 8:45 a.m*





The devil, though defeated by the death, resurrection, and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ, remains a very capable and clever foe. He is smarter than we are. He's been watching us and taking notes for a very long time. He knows what we want, and he knows how to lure us away. And he does this by telling us what we want to hear. That's what makes it so difficult.

To us who are greedy, he says: "You are not greedy. You are prudent. You are frugal. You are a good steward with your money. God doesn't want you not to have all the things you want. He wants you to be happy. He wants you to have the latest and greatest toys for both young and old." So if you consider yourself to be wise in the way of money and finances, beware of who just might be telling you these things.

Satan is a liar. He tells us what we want to hear. He lures us away from repentance and confession and faith, so that we harden our consciences and place our souls in peril. We must not underestimate the enemy. We have all taken his bait. We have all failed in this. None of us can say that we have fought this temptation to hold back with everything we have and won.

And we must repent. Yes, God wants us to be happy. But this happiness is never at the expense of faithfulness. We have a calling. We are a member of His family, the church. That relationship places a duty upon us: to give a generous proportion of the first fruits of the income He provides.

Only God is true to His Word. Only God is true to His promises. His promises never fail. His Word endures forever. His mercies are new every morning. He is faithful. He provides everything that we need. He provides food and clothes, house and home, everything that we pray for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer.

There are a whole host of things that we have that we do not need. The question that we need to ask ourselves is whether these have come at the expense of our faithful, generous proportion of the first fruits of our income. If they have, then we must repent, turning away from our selfishness to Him who is faithful by giving His Son into death so that we are reconciled to Him and justified in His sight.

The devil will always tell you what you want to hear. But God tells us and gives us what we need to hear. With law and gospel, he cuts us to the heart, so that we will repent and believe His Word and promises. He is faithful. He is good. He will not forsake you, or leave you destitute. So believe and trust in Him. And you will not only be happy. You will be blessed.

Resource: LCMS website

## SEPTEMBER SUNDAY READINGS

Season	Elder	Liturgist	Date	Festival	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
	Gene Schroeder	Bill Ash	Sept. 4 (Prop. 18)	Sixteenth S. a. Pentecost	Deut. 30:15–20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1–21	Luke 14:25–35
	Thomas Posio	Philip Phelan	Sept. 11 (Prop. 19)	Seventeenth S. a. Pentecost	Ezek. 34:11–24	Psalm 119: 169–176	1 Tim. 1:(5–11) 12–17	Luke 15:1–10
	Rich Hentzen	Bill Ash	Sept. 18 (Prop. 20)	Eighteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 8:4–7	Psalm 113	1 Tim. 2:1–15	Luke 16:1–15
	Jim Oloff	Thomas Posio	Sept. 25 (Prop. 21)	Nineteenth S. a. Pentecost	Amos 6:1–7	Palm 146	1 Tim. 3:1–13 <i>or</i> 1 Tim. 6:6–19	Luke 16:19–31

Volunteers are needed as Ushers and Greeters, Please contact Richard H. or Thomas P.

### Alter Duties for September

DATE	DUTIES	MEMBER	FLOWERS
Sept 4	Communion Green Paraments Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Clean Brass Candle Snuffer	Madeline L. Suzette P.	In celebration of Hannah and Hylton R. birthday's
Sept 11	Holy Cross Day (Observed) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Check Acolyte Robes	Cora G. Charlyss L.	
Sept 18	Communion Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Naysha F. Charlotte S.	
Sept 25	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Check Acolyte Robes Check Alter Cloth	Ruth T.	In celebration of Frank and Mariann C. 57 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary



### **Celebrating September Birthdays:**

Sept 2 - Jim Oloff  
Sept 5 - Cora Griffith, Dennis Keiser Sr.  
Sept 6 - Bridget Lee  
Sept 7 - Lucile Jordan  
Sept 8 - Naysa Foster  
Sept 12 - Hannah Reber  
Sept 14 - Cathy Duckwitz  
Sept 18 - Troy Posio  
Sept 20 - Bob Miklos, Katie Rosenwinkel  
Sept 23 - Hylton Reber  
Sept 24 - David Tillitt, Kenadie Goodson  
Sept 30 - John Baker, Lacey Perry

### **Celebrating September Anniversaries:**

Sept 7 – Gary and Carol Thinnes  
Sept 25 – Frank and Mariann Childs



Sunday School will be offered to all God's children from two year old through senior citizens.

**Grades K-6** – will begin with some New Testament lessons that we did not finish last spring. Then we will go back to the Old Testament and study the stories from “The Twelve Spies in Canaan” through Joshua, Judges, Ruth and into the stories about David. A class

for the parents will be offered on the same topics so that parents and children can study the same lessons and discuss them at home.

**Middle School and High School** – A topic has not been selected yet – there are so many interesting options. Watch the announcements to find out which topic is chosen.

**Adult Bible Study** – The Sunday morning Bible class looking at the periscopes, the Old Testament, Gospel and Epistle lesson used in each Sunday Service will be suspended this fall. In it's place Gary Thinnes will be leading a class entitled: A Brief Introduction to the Lutheran Confessions. This Bible study is written for people who want to become more aware of the Lutheran Confessions. The study aims to show how the confessions fit into the history of the Lutheran Reformation and to give the class a taste of the Lutheran Confessions by having them read sample sections. Topics briefly surveyed include: the Apostle's Creed, the Second Article of the Apostle's Creed, Public Order and Secular government (the two kingdoms), Justification, the Real Presence in the Lord's Supper, the antichrist, adiaphora, and free will.

All times and locations for these bible studies will be announced.



Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) meets once a month during the school year for Bible study and to hold a business meeting. Our Bible studies this year will be looking forward to the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the reformation in 2017. All women are invited to the Bible study and business meeting. LWML is Hope's women's auxiliary. Our goal is to assist women in affirming their relationship with God so that they are enabled to use their gifts in ministry. We help organize the women who are for the altar and serve in various ways in the congregation as well as sponsoring activities in the congregation, such as the Holiday Fair to support missions and Progressive Dinner for fellowship. Each month is Mite Sunday and information is shared about the missions LWML supports.

*Ladies Lunch Out*

September 14 – Babe's

October 12 – The Grille (By Ammon Walmart)

November 9 – Panera Bread

December 14 – Smitty's

January 11, Jalisco's – (eastside of 17<sup>th</sup> street)

February 8 Firehouse Grill

March 8 – Perkins

April 12, MacKenzie River Plaza

May 10 – Olive Garden

**Calendar of events plus the Sunday announcements can be found at  
[www.allabouthope.org](http://www.allabouthope.org)**

***Submit newsletter items, pictures and information to [newsletterathope@gmail.com](mailto:newsletterathope@gmail.com), by  
the third Thursday of each month.***