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From the Pastor's Desk by Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

Verse 1: A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious; He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious. The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.

Verse 2: No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be? The lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.

Verse 3: Though hordes of devils fill the land all threatening to devour us, we tremble not, unmoved we stand; they cannot overpower us. Let this world's tyrant rage; in battle we'll engage! His might is doomed to fail; God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.

Verse 4: God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

Written by none other than Martin Luther himself, this is perhaps the strongest song we have in our hymnal. Every year it is essential that we sing it on Reformation Sunday. But there is far more reason

to sing it than because of who the author is. The lyrics speak to the two most powerful opposing forces in the world: God and Satan. As you read the lyrics, you can see that the devil is always trying to deceive and devour us, to fight us, and steal us away from God. Luther does not shy away from this and neither can we. There are forces of evil in this world. There are demons and devils trying to deceive us and get us to turn away from God and the Truth.

Then we can read and sing that Christ stands for us. We are not in this fight alone. Not only are we not alone, but we aren't even the ones fighting the fight. Verse 2 starts off by saying that if we were to rely on our own strength, we would have no chance. But God sends His Son for us! And the end of verse 3, the fight is over: One little word subdues Satan.

What is this word? You are forgiven! You are forgiven of all of your sins in the name of Christ. These are the words that are forever true and put the devil in his place. You are a child of God. May you cling on to this promise so that you may have the kingdom forever!

This is most certainly true.

Pastor Maxwell Whitehead

November Calendar

Wednesday, Nov 01

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Nov 05

8:00 AM Council Mtg
 9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov 08

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Nov 12

9:00 AM Worship Service (Traditional)
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov 15

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Nov 19

8:00 AM Council Mtg
 9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 10:05AM SVLC Womens Mtg for
 Thank-offering designation
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov 22

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Nov 26

9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
 10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Nov 28

2:00 PM Bible Study
 3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
 5:30 PM Confirmation
 7:00 PM VCIS



November Worship Helpers

Sunday, November 05

Reader Kayla Larsen
 Acolytes Nora Rudd & Andrew Spangler
 Communion Helper Carston Mellem
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, November 12

Reader Janet Munkvold
 Acolytes Emily Ludens & Katie Spangler
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, November 19

Reader Amie Larsen
 Acolytes Kaleb Huber & Ryker Larsen
 Communion Helper Parker Christensen
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Annet Kropuenske

Sunday, November 26

Reader Faydra Christensen
 Acolytes Lincoln Mellem & Braxton Sorensen
 Live Stream Janet Munkvold
 Organist/Pianist Praise Band

November Ushers & Cleaners

November Ushers

- 🍁 Gordon & Pam Ludens
- 🍁 Michael & Sarah Ludens
- 🍁 Lyle & Ann Larsen
- 🍁 Landon & Lexi Larsen
- 🍁 Levi Larsen

Cleaners Oct. 29 - Nov 11

- 🍁 Pam Ludens,
- 🍁 Sarah Ludens,
- 🍁 Lynne Elcock,
- 🍁 Kari Novak,
- 🍁 Tammy Sorensen

Cleaners Nov 12-25

- 🍁 Sara Swensen
- 🍁 Gail Anderson,
- 🍁 Dawn Kludt,
- 🍁 Audrey Kost

Cleaners Nov 26 - Dec 9

- 🍁 Michelle Sorensen,
- 🍁 Susan Petersen,
- 🍁 Tammy Sorensen,
- 🍁 Haylee Sherard

November Scripture Readings

Nov 5 - Joshua 3:7-17, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13, Matthew 23:1-1

Nov 12 - Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, Matthew 25:1-13

Nov 19 - Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:1

Nov 26 - Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

Looking Ahead To December

Sunday, Dec 03

8:00 AM Council Mtg
9:00 AM Worship Service (Communion)
10:15 AM Sunday School
Christmas Party (Tentative)

Wednesday, Dec 06

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS

Sunday, Dec 10

9:00 AM Worship Service (Traditional)
10:15 AM Sunday School

Wednesday, Dec 13

2:00 PM Bible Study
3:45 PM Jr. VCIS
5:30 PM Confirmation
7:00 PM VCIS

Thank You
Volunteers
You are appreciated!



Tentative Christmas Party Date

is December 3rd
after church.



DEADLINE

The December Newsletter Deadline is November 22. Submissions after the deadline are not guaranteed inclusion into the newsletter. **Please submit all articles and information on time. Thank you!**



Our annual Thank-offering for Spring Valley Women will take place in church on Sunday, November 19th. Following church, we will meet to discuss where we would like to donate this year.

2023 CONFIRMATION CLASS
OCTOBER 29, 2023 • REFORMATION SUNDAY



Godwin Thomas Ayodele Johnson

Born: 12/9/2008
Baptized: 3/16/2014
Parents: Loren & Michelle Johnson
Sponsor: Shalece Beier
Confirmation Mentor: Belinda Holm

Verse: 2 Kings 2:5 “⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, “Do you know that today the Lord will take away your master from over you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know it; keep quiet.”

Jazmyne Jade Robinson

Born: 9/2/2008
Baptized: 10/27/2019
Parents: Andrew & Ambre Robinson
Confirmation Mentor: Kayla Mehlhaf

Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 “¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.”



Maxx Steven Holm



Born: 5/8/2009
Baptized: 4/10/2011
Baptized by: Pastor Steve Unzicker
Parents: Chad & Belinda Holm
Sponsors: Jeremiah & Toni Lindberg
Confirmation Mentor: Michelle Johnson

Verse: Galatians 3:28 “²⁸There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave[a] nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Olivia Faith Hanson

Born: 8/9/2009
Baptized: 10/28/2009
Parents: Neal & Jenny Hanson
Confirmation Mentor: Lexie Larsen

Verse: John 13:7 “⁷Jesus answered him, ‘What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand.’



Riley David Gall



Born: 5/11/2008
Baptized: 3/22/2009
Parents: Corey & Deanna Gall
Confirmation Mentor: Justin Rudd

Verse: John 3:16 “¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”



VCIS: A Ministry of the larger Viborg Lutheran Church

**Vocavit - Congregantur - Illustratus - Sanctificatus
Called - Gathered - Enlightened - Sanctified**



We are definitely called and gathered in this group!

Throughout the last month we have had more kids than ever before showing up to spend time together in fellowship. The original group of 12 kids have brought in more friends bringing our consistent total to 17 kids each week!

Every Wednesday we spend time either working on a service project, diving into the Word, or working on fundraisers to fund our 2024 Mission at Home and our 2025 YouthWorks Mission Trip.

Our service project this month has been in partnership with the Jr VCIS, our elementary programming. We have been working on scraping and repainting the little shed behind the Parish Hall trying to improve the space that we have been given to call our own. In the springtime, both groups will get a chance to paint the shed however their creative minds feel.

We also spent a Wednesday evening in Beresford at a Pray and Play dodge-ball tournament for Kobe Sherman! We took 15 kids to the event and had 3 teams participate. All involved had a lot of fun!

Diving into the Word has taken on a new angle! In the beginning of the month we talked about worship:

what worship is and how they felt about aspects of Sunday services. It was brought up that the kids wanted to choose a book of the Bible and dive into a chapter each week! Romans 1 is where we have begun. The kids have been very attentive when the Book gets opened! It has been a lot of fun sitting around the fire discussing God's Word.

And by the time you are reading this, we will have finished our 3rd Annual Haunted House! The kids have put in over 100 man hours to put it on and have had a lot of fun doing it. This has been a successful fundraiser over the last 3 years and each year we hear lots of buzz and excitement from kids around the community when October rolls around. We also have been putting the flamingos in yards again! It's always fun to hear the reactions the targets have the next day.

We are very grateful for the time and space that we have to gather together! We are grateful for the opportunity to serve, play, and learn.

If you would like to help support this group, food on Wednesday is always appreciated as well as financial support. If food or finances are ways that you would like to help out, let me know!

On behalf of the VCIS, peace be with you all!



Please Consider helping if you can. We are in great need of the following items...

- 🍂 Facial Tissue
- 🍂 Toilet Paper
- 🍂 Shampoo
- 🍂 Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
- 🍂 Lotion
- 🍂 Body Wash
- 🍂 Sauces -
- 🍷 Soy
- 🍷 Worcestershire
- 🍷 BBQ.
- 🍷 Ketchup
- 🍂 Canned Goods
- 🍂 Toaster Pastries
- 🍂 Cereal Bars
- 🍂 Granola Bars
- 🍂 Cooking Oil
- 🍂 Mayo
- 🍂 Salad Dressings
- 🍂 Spices
- 🍂 Peanut Butter
- 🍂 Jelly
- 🍂 Pastas
- 🍂 Rice (not instant)
- 🍂 Ramen noodles

We have a freezer for cold storage items as well (meats, cheeses, etc).

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