



## “CHEERS & TEARS”

Cheers to our newest members: **KATHY BUMB  
ROBBIE, BREENNA & LUKA SMITH**

Cheers to the **BOARD OF PARISH FELLOWSHIP** for hosting the picnic.  
Everyone had a wonderful time!

Cheers to **ALAN & PAULA REININGA, ALAN LETTERMAN, JERRY KORFF, KANDI KORFF, HEATHER & IAN BENFORD, PASTOR, LINDA & LOIS TEMME, ARLENE & NORMA HARTMAN, BARB FENDRICH, KATHY BUMB, CHUCK & LINDA FELLWOCK** who have helped cleaned the church

Cheers to the following person, who celebrated a milestone birthday in August:  
**MILDRED ISAACS’** 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Cheers to the following couples, who celebrated an anniversary in August:  
**ROGER & PAT DENNIS**, who celebrated their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 15<sup>th</sup>.  
**WAYNE & KARON WATHEN**, who celebrated their 58<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

If anyone has a thank you of appreciation, please let Trisha know and she will put them in the next newsletter.

## THANK YOU

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, concerns, visits, and get well wishes during my recent stay in the hospital and recovering at home. Also thanks for all the Birthday wishes as I celebrated my 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. In Christ, Ken Fehd



Formally Worship for Shut-ins  
Can be seen Daily 7:30 AM & 7:30 PM WOW Channel 9  
Direct TV Channel 377 Sunday Mornings at 11:30 AM

### September 2, 2018 – Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:129-136; Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-20; Gospel: Mark 7:14-23  
“Stand Against the Devils” - Sermon Text: Ephesians 6:10-20 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III

### September 9, 2018 – Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 146; Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37  
“Perfect Healing” - Sermon Text: Mark 7:31-37 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

### September 16, 2018 – Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 116:1-9; Epistle: James 3:1-12; Gospel: Mark 9:14-29  
“Help My Unbelief” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:24 - Rev. Dr. Daniel Brege

### September 23, 2018 – Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 54; Epistle: James 3:13-4:10; Gospel: Mark 9:30-37  
“Let God Be God!” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:30-37 – Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer

### September 30, 2018 – Pentecost

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14; Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-18; Gospel: Mark 9:38-50  
“Belonging to Christ” - Sermon Text: Mark 9:38-50 – Rev. James Elsner

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# SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 4- JOHN BROCK              | 17- KELLY KORFF                    |
| 6- JOSHUAH KORFF           | 20- DANIEL HOFFHERR<br>JULIE KAHRE |
| 7- JIM RUFF<br>SILAS TEMME | 24- THERESA HOFFHERR               |
| 11- ANDREW HARTMAN         | 25- MARGARET CHEANEY               |
| 12- CARSON BROCK           | 27- KATHLEEN GILKEY                |
| 16- STEVE KAHRE            | 29- BENJAMIN KORFF                 |

**STEWARDSHIP:** In connection with the October 21<sup>st</sup> visit of our executive director of Lutherans for Life, the Rev. Mr. Michael W. Salemkink, to our Loyalty Sunday Banquet, we are throwing a Baby Shower! The proceeds are destined for the Evansville Christian Life Center. Baby wash – Baby lotion – Fragrance-free wipes – Bibs – Baby bottles – Baby towels – Pacifiers – Baby sox(newborn size) – Small baby rattles/toys – Pack n play sheets – Receiving blankets – Baby hats – Newborn onesies(boy or girl) – Newborn diapers – and Diapers(size 5 or 6) or items especially desired but all donations will be appreciated. There will be a cradle in the Narthex to collect this items for several weeks

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 5:00 PM - YOUTH GROUP SUPPER & GAME NIGHT:** Bring a side or dessert to the **TEMME’S HOME**. They will serve pulled pork with optional barbeque sauce. Also bring your favorite board game - - - or you’ll have to go along with Jon’s choices – “Secret Hitler” and “Ticket to Ride”.

**ZION CEMETERY REUNION DESSERT AUCTION:** Do you trace your lineage to an ancestor buried at Zion Lutheran Cemetery? Do you want to learn more about your family? Zion Cemetery Reunion Dessert Auction will be held on Sunday, September 23. There will be a free lunch sponsored by Thrivent Financial that begins at noon with the Dessert Auction beginning at 1:15 PM. This will be held at Zion Evangelical Church, 3533 Zoar Church Road in Elberfeld. The purpose of the Auction is to raise funds for the upkeep and improvements of Zion Lutheran Cemetery. Bring your favorite dessert, produce or snack for auction donation. If you have any questions please call **MARGARET PFENDER** at 812-484-6017

During the month of August, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **RAY LAUGHBUAM, JIM RUFF, ELLJEAN NICHOLS, KAROL ROBBINS, CHARLIE VANSTONE, GAYLE O’RISKY, TOM & DORIS TURPIN, AL ARENDT, WALT SOMERS, DONNA SENSMEIER, NEAL WATHEN, NINA THURMAN, GIL KAHRE, PAUL SCHNUTE, ALTON REININGA, MARGARET CHEANEY, LOIS KAHRE, KERRY KECK, ROBERT KRON, and WANDA MILLER.**

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Saturday, August 4.....	8
Sunday, August 5.....	94
Saturday, August 11.....	11
Saturday, August 12.....	93
Saturday, August 18.....	8
Sunday, August 19.....	88
Saturday, August 25.....	8
Sunday, August 26.....	83

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

	<u>Aug 5</u>	<u>Aug 12</u>	<u>Aug 19</u>	<u>Aug 26</u>
Nursery – High School (plus teachers & parents)	9	9	6	6
Adult Bible Classes	29	26	24	31
Music & Office	3	3	2	2
Total	41	38	32	39

# WHAT'S COMING UP

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20<sup>th</sup>. You can also submit items by emailing them to: [trisha@tldarm.org](mailto:trisha@tldarm.org)

**SARAH BIBLE CLASS:** Since it is a well-known fact that everyone’s life-long ambition is to become acquainted with the events of the reigns of the rulers of the Divided Kingdoms of Judah and Israel (930 BC thru 586 BC) – HAVE WE GOT A DEAL FOR YOU! Beginning on September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Sarah Bible Class is going to begin the slog from Solomon through Zedekiah. However! Fear Not! All Scripture is profitable, one way or another. Come and seek to find how this is the case. Besides which the teachings of the prophets who served during these reigns are to be inserted at appropriate points during the study. Class begins at 9:30 AM; Coffee, treats and fellowship begins at 9:00 AM in the CFR.

**YOUTH OF ALL AGES 0-99...**: Mark your calendars: **Sunday, October 14**, after church – **pizza & service project**. We'll wash down the folding chairs and tables in the gym – just in time for the Loyalty Banquet the following Sunday. Bring your own squirt gun for a little fun afterwards. Balloons will be provided.

**YOUTH CONFIRMATION**: Instruction classes for our youth will be on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM. Parents of our confirmation students are requested to attend the first meeting on September 6.

**CIRCUIT FORUM**: The Evansville East and West Circuits will meet for the triennial Circuit Forum on Sunday, September 9, at 3pm at the Lutheran Community Outreach Center in order to elect next summer's pastoral and lay delegates to the synodical national convention in Tampa, Florida, July 20-25. Please contact **PASTOR TEMME** if you would like to be nominated as a lay delegate from our congregation.

**GAME NIGHT**: Join us for clabber, cards, and board games on Sunday, September 23, at 6:00 PM in the CFR. Refreshments will be provided.

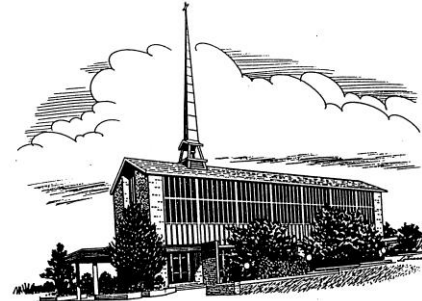
**LWML LADIES BREAKFAST & BIBLE STUDY** at Holiday Retirement Village dining room (1200 W Buena Vista Rd.) September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The breakfast is \$6 (cash only). We will continue our Bible Study on "Balance" afterwards. Come and enjoy the fellowship! Let Trisha know if you can make it. Mark your calendar for upcoming dates: Oct. 6 and Nov. 3.

To Everything  
there is a season,  
and a time  
to every purpose  
under Heaven.  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

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## NEWSLETTER



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### THE LAW OF GOD

Whenever we think of the Law of God we usually think of the Ten Commandments, that brief list in Exodus which God inscribed on the two tablets of stone on Mount Sinai. But the Scriptures, especially the books of Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, are full of God's laws. In His Law God commands us what we are to do and not to do. But some people will say that these laws are out of date and are culturally irrelevant for us today. "Come on," they'll say, "when was the last time you sacrificed a lamb on the altar or had the priest inspect your house for mold?" They seem to have a point. But Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished." Jesus says the Law still applies to us till the end of time. But then the Seventh Day Adventist will argue that if this is the case then we had better observe the Sabbath day on Saturday, which we don't. Well, which is it? Do God's laws apply to us today or not? The answer is "Yes," and "No." It depends. We first need to determine which type of law it is. For God gave three types of laws in the Scriptures: the moral law, the political law, and the ceremonial law.

The moral law stands for all time and for all people. When God created Adam and Eve, He wrote the moral law on their hearts. Even after the Fall, the moral law remains imprinted on the hearts and minds of all men through the knowledge of God and His laws in creation and in their conscience (Romans 1:20, 2:14-15). This is why mankind from every tribe and nation on the face of the earth during every era of history seeks to worship God. And if they don't know the true God of the Scriptures, they make one up, carve an image from wood, and bow down to it. This is also why even a three year old understands his crime when he takes a toy from another toddler, and even a person who is ignorant of the Scriptures will complain when someone else cuts in line or cheats on his golf score.

But because of sin, the moral law became fuzzy in the minds of men. So God wrote it down and expounded upon it in the Scriptures. He summarized it in the Ten Commandments: Thou shalt not worship other gods, no back talk to your parents, don't push, don't steal, don't lie, don't look, don't try to get your buddy's stuff (Exodus 20). Jesus summarized the moral law even further: love God, love your neighbor (Matthew 22:37, 39). Jesus was speaking of the moral law when he said, "Until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law." Then Jesus went on to expound on the moral law in the Sermon on the Mount. All of the moral law applies to us today with no exceptions.

The political law, also known as the civil law, was the state law of the Israelites. God gave it to the nation of Israel in the Old Testament, and it only applies to the Jews during that time period. The political law was based on the moral law. The political law provided a way to apply the moral law and govern two million people living in the Promised Land. It provided a way for the government God instituted to protect its citizens. It dealt with matters of personal property, building codes, health and safety, punishments that fit the crime, and restitution. But these types of laws come and go for each civilization. These laws all have their basis in loving our neighbor, but over time some laws become obsolete and new laws must be enacted. The nation of Israel in the Old Testament dealt with damages due to oxen and parapets around their houses while the nation of Israel today is more concerned with speed limits, computer fraud, and drug trafficking. The political law in the Bible provides a helpful model but does not apply to us today.

The ceremonial law regulated the worship practices of the Israelites in the Old Testament. It applied to the Jews until the coming of Christ in the New Testament. The ceremonial law provided a way for God to give His gifts to his people and a way for them to respond to Him in worship. The Temple sacrifices were Old Testament sacraments which atoned for sins and pointed ahead to the substitutionary sacrifice of Christ upon the cross. The festivals reminded the people of God's deliverance and provision. The Temple with all its articles and the priesthood foreshadowed Christ who is the new Temple and who is our priest now interceding for us. But all these ceremonial laws, even the Sabbath rest, were fulfilled in Jesus Christ. We are no longer bound to them. Instead, in His New Testament, Christ has given us new sacraments, Baptism and Holy Communion, in which God gives his gifts of forgiveness. The Old Testament ceremonial law no longer applies to us today.

So in answer to the question, "Does God's Law still apply to us today?" we must first determine what type of law it is. The moral law always applies. The political and ceremonial laws do not. In our upcoming newsletter articles we'll take a closer look at each of these three types of laws.

Pastor Temme