



You can watch this program on Sunday morning at 10:30 AM on Direct TV Channel 377

**November 6, 2022**

All Saints Day Psalm 149; Daniel 1:1-4; 17-21; Matthew 5:1-12  
 “Conversational Witnesses” - Sermon Text: Daniel 1:17-20 Rev. Michael Zeigler

**November 13, 2022**

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost Psalm 98; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 21:5-28  
 “Redemption Draws Near” - Sermon Text: Luke 21:5-28 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

**November 20, 2022**

Sunday of the Fulfillment Psalm 46; Colossians 1:13-20; Luke 23:27-43  
 “The Great Triumph” - Sermon Text: Colossians 1:13-20 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

**November 27, 2022**

First Sunday in Advent Psalm 122; Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 24:36-44  
 “Caught in the Flow” - Sermon Text: Isaiah 2:1-5 - Rev. William Mueller

**BIRTHDAY SURPRISE CARD SHOWER**

**WILMA FEHD** will be celebrating her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her family is throwing her a surprise card shower. If you would like to send her a card or well wishes, her address is: North River Health Campus; 901 E. Baseline Road, Villa 906; Evansville IN 47725. Remember this is a surprise and she doesn't know about it.

During the month of October, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **MIKE & KULA WATHEN, RON KORFF, KARON WATHEN, MEVELYN FEAGLEY, GARY GANN, AL & GLORIA ARENDT, ARLENE HARTMANN, DON & ALICE KECK and HELEN MARIE WORTMANN.**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS/SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
Saturday, October 1 .....10	
Sunday, October 2 .....63	21
Saturday, October 8.....9	
Sunday, October 9 .....51	12
Saturday, October 15.....11	
Sunday, October 16.....85	Loyalty Dinner
Saturday, October 22.....11	
Sunday, October 23.....51	13

# 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)

**BIBLE CLASS:** In November, **PASTOR TEMME'S** class will continue the study of the Gospel of Luke of Jesus where Jesus teaches in parables and calms storms. **ALAN LETTERMAN'S** Class will continue with the book of Daniel.

**THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:** This year we will again hold our Thanksgiving worship on Wednesday evening, November 23, beginning at 7:00 PM. Bring one of your favorite pies to share for fellowship after the service.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC CONCERT AND DINNER:** Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season with a music concert and dinner on Sunday, December 18, beginning at 3:30pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to hear and sing sacred music of the season with our choir, bells, and orchestra of brass, strings, and woodwinds, followed by a dinner in the parish hall. Pick up free tickets for your family and friends and sign up in the narthex to make reservations for the dinner.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY:** All men of the congregation are invited to join us on Saturday, November 5, at 8:30 AM in the parish hall for breakfast and Bible study. Invite your friends and neighbors.

## PRESCHOOL

Our preschool enjoyed a visit from Scott Township & a trip to Mayse Farm last month.

Our annual wreath fundraiser begins on November 1. All orders are due on Monday November 14 by 9:00 AM. Please see the table in the narthex for order information.  
All orders will arrive the first week of December.

Mark your calendars for our annual Christmas Program on December 14 at 6:30 PM.  
Our program will also be live streamed on Facebook for anyone unable to make it in person.

**BOARD NOMINATIONS:** In preparation for our election of church officers and board members at our next voters meeting on November 20, our congregation members are encouraged to submit names for nomination by November 6. If you would like to serve or make a nomination, you may speak to one of the members of the nominating committee (Charlie Jackson, Alan Letterman, Kris Kahre, and Pastor Temme). A list of the current officers and board members and their term of service is in the narthex.

**HIGHER THINGS** is excited to announce the 2023 summer conference theme on apologetics, *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, July 18-21 and Trinity University, San Antonio, July 25-18. [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org) *“And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.” (1 Cor. 15:14)*

**THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY** The Lutheran Cemetery Association is having its annual Fall Fundraiser. We rely on your donations to help with general grounds maintenance & upkeep. Please prayerfully consider making a donation this year. Make checks payable to “Lutheran Cemetery Association “ & mail to PO Box 23281, Evansville, In. 47724

**SALEM CHURCH OF DARMSTADT** has invited our congregation to join them in going to the Derby Dinner Playhouse to see “Irving Berlin’s White Christmas” on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. This musical is based on the popular classic movie. The cost is \$70 per person which includes dinner, show, tax, gratuity, and deluxe motor coach transportation. The bus will leave Salem parking lot at 8:00 AM and return around 5:00 PM. If you are interested in going, please contact ROBIN SCHMIDT at 812/499-5097 by **Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**.

## THANK YOU

We would like to out a “BIG Thank You” to the Board of Stewardship for the great luncheon on October 16<sup>th</sup> after church. The skit was so good in remembering many of our members long ago who were Marthas and served our church in many capacities throughout the years. It was a fun and interesting skit that Cleoramae Stunkel put together with Valerie & Bob Eberhart, Kathy Bumb, Diana Dunkelbarger and Linda Sue Korff. We want to thank you also for the gifts given to us in appreciation of our years of service. What a day for fellowship with each other!

Hazel English, Dottie Kahre, Linda Rae Korff, Liz Krietemeyer & Karon Wathen

Thanks to Pastor Temme for his visit before my surgery, his calls and his prayers after my surgery. Also, thanks to him for his transportation. Thanks to Kathy Bumb for her transportation in picking me up from the hospital and taking me to doctor’s appointments. Thanks to Barb Fendrich for all the good food she made and brought to me and my family when I couldn’t cook for 2 weeks. Thanks to Liz Krietemeyer for the beautiful cards and gift. Also, thanks to the prayer chain for the many prayers for me and my whole family. Especially for Mike and Kula when they had their wreck by being hit by a drunk driver.

I thank God for watching over me and my whole family and so many people that have us in their prayers and asking how we are doing and offering to help us anyway they can.

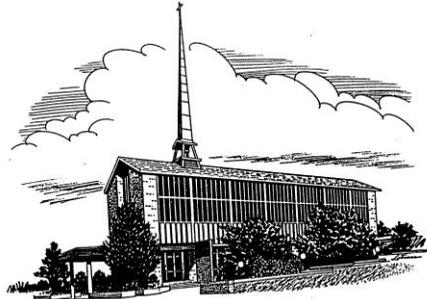
Hopefully all of us will heal and get back to being healthy. Thanks be to God!

God Bless, Karon Wathen

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### THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (PART 2)

Last month we said that the special work of the Holy Spirit was to sanctify us, that is, to make us holy. The Holy Spirit does this, first and foremost, by bringing us to faith in Christ so that we might have all the blessings of redemption. We call this our justification before God. God declares us holy through faith in Jesus Christ so that we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. The old sinful nature dies, and a new man is born. We do not cooperate in any way in this work of conversion by the Holy Spirit because a spiritually dead person cannot make himself alive. It is all the work of God.

But the Holy Spirit also sanctifies us by bringing us to faith so that we might *lead a godly life*. We often call this work “sanctification in the narrow sense.” It is that part of the Holy Spirit’s work by which He directs and empowers the believer to lead a godly life and do good works. In this work of the Holy Spirit, you do cooperate. Your new man struggles against sin and the desires of the old sinful nature. Your new man does good works and leads a godly life. Our catechism says, “The Holy Spirit sanctifies me in the true faith, that is, by faith He works a renewal of my whole life – in spirit, will, attitude, and desires – so that I now strive to overcome sin and do good works.” The apostle Paul also writes to the Christians in Rome, Galatia, and Ephesus about this sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit who enables us to do good works. “You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.” (Romans 8:9) “The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23) “For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)

But we might ask, “What constitutes a godly life? What is a good work in God’s sight?” Our catechism says, “In God’s sight a good work is everything that a child of God does, speaks, or thinks in faith according to the Ten Commandments, for the glory of God, and for the benefit of his neighbor.”

From this definition of a good work, we notice first of all that a good work can only be done by a Christian, a child of God. A philanthropist may give thousands of dollars to a charity, but if he is not a believer in Christ, it is not a good work in God’s sight. This is because God’s wrath and judgment still remain upon him because of his sin and unbelief. He is out of favor with God. Nothing he does, no matter how good in the sight of man, is a good work in God’s sight. Think about the offerings of Cain and Abel. They both did the same thing but for different reasons. Cain may have given his offering begrudgingly or in order to earn God’s favor, but Abel gave his offering in faith in the Messiah. Because of his faith in Christ, Abel found favor with God, but Cain did not. The author of Hebrews writes, “Without faith it is impossible to please God.” (Hebrews 11:6) Jesus also tells us, “If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5) A good work in God’s sight is one done by a Christian with faith in Christ.

A good work is also something which a Christian does according to the Ten Commandments. A good work is not something that man makes up out of his own mind. In the medieval church, priests would prescribe works of penance. “Go on this pilgrimage. Visit this shrine. Say so many ‘hail Mary’s.’” But none of these things were commanded by God. Jesus was also frustrated with the Pharisees who burdened men with their own laws. “They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.” (Matthew 15:9) But the Ten Commandments were commanded by God. These are things which we think, say, and do which show love for God and love for our neighbor. Keeping Commandments one through three gives glory to God. “Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” (1 Corinthians 10:31) Keeping Commandments four through ten shows love for our neighbor. “Serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

The sanctified and godly life of good deeds which results from faith in Christ is the work of the Holy Spirit, who directs and empowers your new man. Next month we will look at some of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, both temporal and eternal.

Pastor Temme