

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2016



**Today is**

**ORPHAN SUNDAY**

**"Defend the weak and the fatherless;  
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed."**

**PSALM 82:3**

**Pray in a special way for the world's orphans, foster children, and all of the children in need.**

***For Whom Shall We Pray***

***For those in need:***

Julie McEwen, Richard Saunders, Dion Parker, Karl Knapp (Floro), Natalie Anderson, Makenzie Webb, Walter & Patricia Finger (Brown), Margaret and Michael DeCarlo (Campbell), Corrie Fosson (Whitehead), Carl Bowen (Black), Steven DeWitte, John Ege, Rose Cheney

***For those serving our country:***

Hunter Schultz, Matthew (Sorrell)

**Do you have a need for Prayer?**

Let us know of your concern. Contact the Care Team by calling Colleen Black 859-223-3877

Or call the Word of Hope office

859-272-8515

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**Welcome to Word of HOPE  
Lutheran Church, ELCA !**

***We are Saved by God's Grace  
and***

***Called to Share the Love of Jesus with ALL.***

**Please Visit our WELCOME Center...**

***We are glad you're here!***

**Holy Communion** is God's gift to us and we're happy to share it with you. There are gluten free wafers available. White grape juice is available in the inner ring of the tray of individual cups if you prefer. We invite all who trust in Jesus' presence in the bread and wine to participate in this holy meal.



**If you are a VISITOR, please sign our GUEST BOOK in the Welcome Center.**

We want to get to know you better and help you get to know us! We have a warm, family-like congregation and we love welcoming others to it. Please write down the best way to get in touch with you.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR JOINING US AND PLEASE COME AGAIN SOON!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **TODAY: ORPHAN SUNDAY**

Jen Polnisch will speak today to update us on Psalm 82:3 ministries and the efforts to care for the world's orphans and other marginalized children. Please pray for all children in need.

**WORSHIP PLANNING TODAY!!!** Sunday, November 13, after worship. We welcome input from all for our worship. Come join us!!!

## **FROM OUR PASTOR**

What an amazing, inspiring All Saints Sunday! Thanks to all who made our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration/All Saints Day celebration so wonderful!

- remembering those who departed this life;
- reunions of old friends and acquaintances;
- fellowship with St. Martha's (thank you for joining us in worship and your help with the brunch);
- add in a Baptism as a celebration of new life;

All this adds up to an overflow congregation (148)

"Surely the presence of the Lord was in this place!"

*Pr. Jim Merkel*

## **IMPORTANT THIS WEEK!**

**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** is Tuesday, November 15 at 6:30 pm.

## **A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NEXT SUNDAY**

**November 20** after worship service. We invite all to attend as we will be discussing moving forward in the call process and voting on call committee members to serve if we elect to move forward with the call process. We will also be turning in pledge cards during the meeting so that we can prepare for the upcoming budget. We appreciate folks bringing some finger foods to snack on during our meeting in the fellowship hall. See you there!

## **ONGOING**

**CARE AND CONVERSATION** Meets at WOH on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm to share our thoughts and show concern for each other and the world around us. You are invited to join the group any Wednesday. All are welcome.

**PRAISE BAND** Meets Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. New Members always welcome! Contact Dawn Webb.

## **INVITATION FROM Gethsemane Lutheran TONIGHT !!!**

**B.L.E.S.S.** is a new praise worship event, (Be Loved Every Second Sunday) at Gethsemane Lutheran Church. All are invited to come and share our faith, praise the Lord, break bread together, and be blessed with a positive spirit. It is designed to be an outreach event so bring anyone you think can use a blessing. All are welcome!!

**All announcements due in office by Noon on Tuesdays.**

## **FROM OUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

What an amazing faith family reunion at The Amazing Grace Place ... Celebrating 30 years of sharing the grace and love of Jesus with all and looking forward to continuing to spread the message of God's word and love! A big thank you to Pastor Duval for sharing in this special day in the life of our church! What better way to celebrate than to welcome Charles Gregory Wong Coleman into God's kingdom through baptism! Heartfelt thanks to the Praise Band who worked so hard to deliver incredible music that tied all facets of our worship and celebration together! Thank you to St. Martha's for worshiping and celebrating side by side with us! Thank you to EVERYONE who worked behind the scenes on planning, setup, cooking, banners, clean up (and on and on) to make this an incredible event that will long be remembered! I have long known that Word of Hope is full of spectacular people and this was a great time to fellowship with all who make our faith family so special! *Julie McEwen*

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE November 13-20, 2016**

### **TODAY**

9:30 am **Worship** ORPHAN SUNDAY

10:30 am Coffee and Conversation

10:30 am Worship Planning Meeting

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

### **Monday**

7:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous

### **Tuesday**

6:30 pm Church Council

### **Wednesday**

7:00 pm Care and Conversation

7:00 pm Praise Team Practice

### **Thursday**

### **Friday**

### **Saturday**

### **Next Sunday**

9:30 am Worship Service: **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

10:30 am **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

11:00 am St. Martha's Service

### **CONTACT US!**

**NEW Office Hours: Tues., Thurs. 9am-3pm**

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