

NOVEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

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Oct 31	6:30 Confirmation
Nov. 3	8:30 - noon Marital 1st responders @ Trinity Lutheran Church
Nov. 7	6:30 Mom's in Prayer
Nov. 21	7:00 Thanksgiving Services @ Trinity
Dec. 5	7:00 Advent Services @ Immanuel
Dec. 12	7:00 Advent Services @ Trinity
Dec. 19	7:00 Advent Services @ Immanuel

Confirmation at Immanuel meets Wednesday at 6:30 PM 6-8 Grade.

The next **Mom's in Prayer** meeting will be on Wed, Nov. 7 at 6:30pm. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wed. at 6:30 pm each month until Advent. Times/dates subject to change at Thanksgiving and during Advent. Join us to pray for our children and our schools. If you have questions contact Karen Brandt at w.k.brandt@gmail.com or (515) 290-7468.

Immanuel is looking for a new church secretary to begin employment November 1. If interested please contact one of the elders or Joyce for more information about job description.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES:

November 4 **"The Problem of Heaven"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
What if we get to heaven--and we don't like it? (Rev. 7:9-18)

November 11 **"What is Heaven?"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A message by Michael Zeigler for The Lutheran Hour based on John 17:1-5 (John 17:1-5)

November 18 **"Once And For All"** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Anthony (Tony) Cook
Rev. Dr. Tony Cook shares God's message of forgiveness--"In Jesus, our Great High Priest, we have found the perfect and permanent solution to our separation and sin." (Hebrews 10:11-19)

November 25 **"Birth Pains"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler
A message by Michael Ziegler for The Lutheran Hour Based on Mark 13:1-37 (Mark 13:1-37)

LCMS Youth: Plans are underway to assemble a Clarinda area team to attend one of the Higher Things Conferences that will be held in the summer of 2019. The conferences from which we can choose are June 24-27 at Concordia, Seward NE, June 26-29 at Concordia, St. Paul MN, July 2-5 at Concordia, River Forest, IL, July 16-19 at Concordia, Mequon WI. HT conferences are primarily geared for confirmed LCMS youth – but we can bring others. At the conference we will worship well, study hard, and play even harder with Lutheran youth from all throughout the country. If you and/or someone you know would like to attend a conference or if you need more information, contact Pastor Dudley (call 712 542 1065 or email stpaul@heartland.net).

Book of Concord Reading Group's October meeting is at 7:00 pm on Monday the 29th at St. Paul. We are now just finishing Luther's insightful Heidelberg Theses of 1518, and will start work on the Formula of Concord. Everyone is welcome to join us for study, fellowship, lively discussion, and liquid libations. We hope you will join us.

CLS UPDATES

CLS is continuing to have a wonderful school year. We appreciate all of your support and love when you come to visit.

Chapel is every Wednesday morning from 8:30am until 9:00am. Chapel is open to anyone. Please stop by on Wednesday and worship the Lord with our students.

On Wednesday, October 10, the students in Kindergarten through Second grade learned about fire safety to participate in Fire Prevention Week. Members from the Clarinda Fire Department came to speak to the students and share some fire reminders. The students were shown the different parts of the Clarinda Rescue truck and the ladder truck. Thank you to the Clarinda Firefighters who came to speak with the students.

On Thursday, October 18, students from grades 4-8 attended the Fall Athletics event in St. Joseph. Congratulations to all the students who participated. Our fourth grade team of Jayla, Ryan, and Sydney placed 3rd. Our sixth grade team of Jared, Carson, and Kyle placed first. Our eighth grade team of Taylor, Rylan, and Grant placed first. Great Job CLS Students!

On Friday, November 9 we would like to invite all the veteran's to attend our Veteran's Day ceremony, The ceremony begins at 1:45 p.m. in the CLS great room. During the ceremony, we would like to honor all the veterans who have served our country.

On Friday, November 9 come to Clarinda Lutheran School's first literacy night from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at CLS. Come with your families and enjoy some ways to make literacy fun by going to some fun reading activities. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gosa or the school office at (712) 542-3657.

The 7th and 8th grade **volleyball team** has completed their season. They did a wonderful job playing and giving glory to God. Thank you to Mrs. Gosa for coaching the volleyball team.

The Glorious Christmas Jubilee will be held on Friday, December 7th and Saturday, December 8th at St. Paul Lutheran Church \$100 per person. For reservations call or text Heather McCormick at 712-438-1186.

On Sunday, December 16, come to St. John's Lutheran Church at 5:00 p.m. for the Christmas Cantata. After the Cantata, come downstairs and enjoy a soup supper sponsored by the 7th and 8th grade students going to Washington D.C. this summer.

We are **starting a Prayer Warrior Team** at CLS. This is a monthly email prayer tree. If you would like to be a part of this team or have any questions, please contact Mrs. Gosa at kgosa@cls.k12.ia.us or by calling the school at (712)542-3657 and leaving a message for her.

CLS is continuing to **collect cans** to help raise money for the upcoming Washington D.C. trip for our 7th and 8th grade students. You can drop off cans at any time. The can cage is located on the gym side of our building just past the garbage dumpsters.

The **CLS choir** made up of students in grades 4-8 will be finishing up their visits to our churches with a visit to St. John's on November 11.

CLS has an **"adopt-a-student" tuition program**. If you would like to donate to this program, please contact Mr. Gosa.

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday, **November 21** - Sunday, **November 25** - Thanksgiving Break. School Resumes Monday, November 26.

Washington DC Fundraising Events

Concessions on Wednesday, October 31st at the PTL Trunk or Treat from 5 – 7 p.m.

Soup & Pie To-Go on Wednesday, November 7 from 5 – 7 p.m.

Lunch on Tuesday, November 20th from 11 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Soup Supper on Sunday, December 16th after the Cantata at St. John Lutheran Church.

Miss Rebekkah Rennegarbe, Second Grade Teacher, Clarinda Lutheran School

Greetings to Iowa District West Members:

In response to the damage done by Hurricane Florence and Michael, I have been working to identify a way for us to best reach out to help those in need.

I have been in contact with Pastor Michael Meyer, LCMS Disaster Response Coordinator and with the Disaster Response Coordinators in the Southern and Southeast Districts.

At this point, the direction of our outreach will be to assist the outreach by Calvary Lutheran Church in Jacksonville NC. Pastor Jason Dart, who served his vicarage at Trinity Lutheran in Des Moines, is the pastor at Calvary. There are many needs but in order to narrow it down and make a difference, we are going to focus on the needs of two of the families. I will be receiving a list of specific needs for the family and photos. I will share those at a later date, but want to get this information to you as soon as possible.

In visiting with Pastor Ed Brashier, the Disaster Response Coordinator for the Southern District, he shared that as of yesterday (October 16), Trinity Lutheran Church in Panama City will be the headquarters for that region at this time. They have no water and no electricity. He shared that it took him an hour to drive 10 miles to the church.

Trinity in Panama City gave him the following list of items that they need immediately: tarps, Gatorade, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, hygiene items, bleach, work boots and 5# bags of charcoal. He explained that the only way to cook anything is with charcoal since there is no gas or electricity.

I will order these items from Amazon and have them sent to the church.

In a previous communication, I shared that we are reaching out, at this time, to two families with preschool age children who suffered major losses in Hurricane Florence. Following is information from Calvary Lutheran in Jacksonville NC:

Hi Ellie, For our 2 Preschool Families I spoke about, John (Name changed) attends our Pre-K program, although our program is 5 days per week, he attends only 3 due to the fact he is Autistic and receives speech on those other days. His home was completely destroyed. They were left with the belongings they took, a futon frame and a TV. His mother works at a local gym full time and their current living situation is not ideal. They have moved back to the Fathers home while she waits for FEMA and enough to save up to for a down payment for another home and furnishings.

The second family have three children enrolled, twins in our 3 Preschool Programs and one in our 2 Year Old Program. Their insurance denied any coverage to the damage to their home. There needs to be some roof repair, drywall and insulation. To help them I would suggest possible gift cards to Lowes to buy needed items to repair.

I have requests from multiple neighborhoods for Drywall, laundry detergent, tape, mud and screws. These neighborhoods have been flooded with little to no flood insurance. Most homes are gutted and ready for these items. Home owners are trying slowly themselves to fix things. One of my husbands Marines currently live in one of those neighborhoods and currently live in a camper in their driveway with their two children. Their children recently just enrolled in our program. One in our 2 Year old Class and the other in our Pre-K class. They are on scholarship as well.

Pastor Dart should be in contact with you in regards to the sheet rock! I spoke today more with John's mom about the losses in their home. They will be able to move back in, however they do not have much to go with them. We have a twin mattress for him, but she is in need of a queen mattress, sheets/comforter, couch, small two person table, dresser and pots/pans. She stated they didn't have much to begin with and would not want to ask for more than what was ruined. Even with all their loss she continued to speak about others. Any way we can get some help? We are gonna try on our side as well!"

I, Ellie, visited with Jennifer on October 23 and learned more details about the situation. I ordered from Amazon and sent prime to Calvary Lutheran for each of the two families the following items: towel set, twin sheet set, toaster, dinnerware, cookware, silverware, kitchen towels, can opener, trash bags, coffee pot, mixer, plastic and stainless steel bowls.

Jennifer shared that the children in the schools in their county are in dire need of school supplies. I ordered Amazon ordered 72 spiral notebooks and will send items that have been donated.

Now for an update on reaching out to Trinity Lutheran Church in Panama City, FL. On October 22, I sent by Amazon the following items that they said are most needed at this time. I sent charcoal, lighter fluid, matches, flashlights, batteries, diapers, baby formula, powdered milk, canned chicken, tuna, cleaning products, socks, and antibiotic cream.

This may be more than you wanted to know :->, but there you have the latest update. Thank you to those who have sent a donation for the purchase of items needed. If you wish to make a donation, please make the check payable to Iowa District West - NC/FL Disaster and send to Iowa District West; 409 Kenyon Road Suite B; Fort Dodge, IA 50501.

Questions? Please contact Ellie Menz, ellie@iowadistrictwest.org, 515-370-1159

Bulletin info deadline is **12:00 noon** on Wednesday and the newsletter deadline is noon the 20th of each month. Items submitted after 12:00 will be published the following week. Items can be sent to (watch for the new address for the new secretary).