

September is Here!

September is always a busy month for just about every church. Many of the activities which took a break during the summer months resume with a renewed sense of energy. Our church is no different. Just think about all that is resuming this month within the walls of our church, some of which had been put on hold due to the pandemic.

Think about the Christian education opportunities for all ages. First Lutheran School begins its 41st year of Christ-centered education. The theme for the school year reflects exactly what happens not just in those classrooms, but also every Christian education opportunity here at First Lutheran Church and School: “Grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”. Catechism classes are resuming during which the young men and women of our congregation will study the basic truths of God’s Word. In the process they are growing in God’s grace in preparation for their confirmation. Family Bible Hour consisting of Sunday School and Bible Study is resuming. As the children study Bible stories from both the Old and New Testament this year, they will grow in his grace by seeing salvation from its first promises in the Garden of Eden to fulfillment in Jesus. The adults will study and discuss together different topics throughout the year, and yet the purpose and result is the same - to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Think also about all the Christian fellowship opportunities. While gathering for worship and study of God’s Word naturally also creates fellowship time with each other, other opportunities to gather together and enjoy fellowship resume this month. Moms of Might (MOM), Toddler Open Gym (which also serves as outreach to our community), Ladies Aid, and dartball all start gathering together once again. Could we have more fellowship groups? Yes we could. Perhaps more will come at some point, but in the meantime consider this: How awesome it is to be able to have opportunities for Christian fellowship.

When you look at the church calendar you see so many things resuming here in September and other things continuing like they have all summer long. Yet we can’t forget the special opportunity we have this month celebrating and giving thanks for 150 years of God’s grace. As we gather together for that special worship service and fellowship meal, we rejoice that for the last century and a half we have been growing in grace, living in grace, serving by grace, and reaching with grace into our community.

Surely September is a busy month here at First Lutheran! However it is a good kind of busyness.. It is busyness that provides so many opportunities and reasons for all of us to gather together here. It is busyness through which we are blessed in so many ways. May we look at every opportunity for worship, Christian education, and fellowship and acknowledge like Peter on the Mount of Transfiguration, “Lord, it is good for us to be here.” (Matthew 17:4a)