



News and Notes from Pastor and Principal

October 2020

Connecting People with Word and Sacrament

- ❖ If you are not comfortable with being in larger worship gatherings yet, but would like to receive the Lord's Supper, please contact Pastor Heuer. Something can be arranged. Just as it is important to remain in the Word, it is equally as important to be fed with the body and blood of our Savior given and shed for you.
- ❖ We are looking into starting small group Bible studies led by lay leaders during the week that would meet in various places - church, homes, out in the community, or even perhaps online through Zoom. At this point we want to know who might be interested in such a study. If this type of Bible study interests you, please fill out an informational survey (<https://forms.gle/dqHihSLTQtNotqsg6>) telling us when during the week might work best for you as well as a preferred location. If you do not have internet capability or the link doesn't work for you, please contact Pastor Heuer.
- ❖ Do you want to know more about what our church believes and teaches? Beginning in October, we will again be offering a Bible study called Foundations. In that study participants focus on the basic truths upon which our church is built. This study will be held at church, through Zoom, or possibly both. Time and day will be determined based on interest. If you have any questions, looking for more details, or are interested, contact Pastor Heuer.
- ❖ Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. "Marriage Moments" is a new marriage enrichment opportunity provided by our synod. They are short, weekly videos beginning in October highlighting one Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly email. Visit <https://welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/> today to subscribe!

Sanctuary Audio Video Upgrades

- ❖ A project was approved to enhance the technology in our church sanctuary. This project mainly consists of adding two 86" video displays in the front of church near where the banners currently hang, a 65" video display in the back of church for the presiding pastor, a new high definition video camera, as well as updating parts of our sound system which are outdated. These upgrades will cost approximately \$30,000. Some funds have already been secured for the project. Any special gifts toward these upgrades are appreciated. We thank you for your generosity.
- ❖ These technology upgrades will be a tremendous blessing to our congregation as we gather for worship. The video displays allow us to place the order of service, hymns, graphics, videos, and announcements up on the screen in a better, clearer, and easier to see way. The video camera and other included software allows us to live-stream a regular Sunday service for those who may not be able to join us in worship that weekend. As you know, we have been doing all of that for months.

However, these upgrades give us the ability to be more efficient and improve upon what is already being done.

Christian Day School

❖ WRAP AROUND CARE (WAC)

Since our enrollment has increased from 35 last year to 44 this year, we have also found that the number of students who stay after school until parents can pick them has increased. We will need to hire an additional adult to help Mrs. Sandy Christian supervise the group in WAC. The job would pay \$10 per hour. It might run from the time of school dismissal at 2:40 for about 1½ to 2 hours. If anyone is interested, please contact Mrs. Christian (sjchristian60@gmail.com) or Mr. Falk (mrfalk@firstatthecross.com).

- ❖ Thank you for generous gifts. Many of you have shown yourselves to be great supporters of our school. There is an “apple tree” on the wall in our hallway that has suggested items that teachers would like to have. Many of those apples have been picked and funds donated. Some of the smaller items ranged from \$5.00 to \$20.00. Three of you donated \$200 each for us to purchase three document cameras for the classrooms. Another individual provided a gift of \$1000 for our school. We may set that aside for a new laminator. Our current one is over 25 years old. A new one costs about \$2000.
- ❖ Two of our classrooms now have sinks. When the work is completed, students in grades 3-4 and 5-6 can more easily wash their hands regularly. Teachers also appreciate the convenience of a sink for its many uses. All classrooms also have motion activated sensors to turn the water on and off. In addition, we will be making use of two new bottle fillers so students can fill water bottles with touchfree safety.

Dates for Your Calendar

- ❖ October 7 and 21 - Toddler Open Gym 9:00-10:30 AM
- ❖ October 17 and 31 - Church Cleanup Days (morning)
- ❖ October 25 - School Choice Open Forum 6:00 PM (in gymnasium)
- ❖ November 1 - Quarterly Voter’s Meeting 6:00 PM (in gymnasium)