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GOD'S TENT

"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

John 1:14

We're having a tabernacle!! You may ask what I am talking about, but on Sunday, September 8 we will have our Rally Day to begin a new year of Sunday School and Bible classes. Set up in the downstairs will be our own representation of the tabernacle in the Old Testament.

As the people of Israel under Moses wandered in the desert, God commanded them to build a portable temple, a tent called the "tabernacle." This was the center of not only their worship life, but also the center of the tent city in which they traveled from place to place. God's presence in the form of fire by night and a cloud by day guided the people in their journeys. When the cloud stopped, the people set up the tabernacle where they stayed until God left the tent again in the form of a cloud. The tabernacle included an area around the tent, an altar for sacrifices, and a basin to wash. Inside the tent was "show bread" and candles. In the inner area of the tent was the "Holy of Holies," where the ark of the covenant was. In the ark were the ten commandments, Aaron's staff, and manna (the food they lived off) that never spoiled. We will display models of this and have "enactors" explain about the sacrifices, the priests, the food they ate, and activities for the children. All people are invited to check it out.

The tabernacle was not just a symbol. God was really present there. He continued to be present when the tent became a building, the temple in Jerusalem. When the people turned from God, the prophet Ezekiel tells us that God's presence in a cloud left the temple.

But God did not disappear! John in his Gospel says about God's Son coming into this world, "The Word (God's Son) became flesh and dwelt among us." The word "dwelt" actually means, "pitched a tent." Jesus is the new tabernacle. He came to this world so that God can really be present among people. But what about today? God is present in Jesus who comes to us in His Word, the Word we study and use in worship, the Word made visible in Baptism, and the Word made concrete in other Christians, and the Word we receive in Jesus' body and blood in Holy Communion.

We invite you to join us not only for our "tabernacle" on September 8, but also in worship and Bible studies—our Sunday School, classes on Sunday mornings, studies for women on Wednesdays and men on Thursdays, and for young professionals on Thursday nights with "Fermenting the Faith, for confirmation parents on Wednesdays at 5:15 and for students on Wednesdays at 8:30. Come as Jesus wants to "pitch His tent" in our lives!~MTH

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Worship Schedule

HC=Holy Communion

 <p>SEPTEMBER Worship Schedule</p>	September 1	8:30 AM Creative Worship (HC) 11:00 AM Creative Worship (HC)
	September 7	5:00 PM Informal Worship (HC)
	September 8	8:30 AM Divine Service, Setting 4 11:00 AM Divine Service, Setting 4 (HC)
	September 14	5:00 PM Informal Worship (HC)
	September 15	8:30 AM Divine Service, Setting 1 (HC) 11:00 AM Divine Service, Setting 1 (HC)
	September 21	5:00 PM Informal Worship (HC)
	September 22	8:30 AM Youth Gathering Worship 11:00 AM Creative Worship (HC)
	September 28	5:00 PM Informal Worship (HC)
	September 29	8:30 AM Michael & All Angels (HC) 11:00 AM Michael & All Angels (HC)

Worship Notes

Musical Activities Begin at Memorial

A **Bells II** group for beginners is led by John Anderson (oldogjohn@hotmail.com) beginning on Tuesdays, August 27 at 6 PM.

The **Memorial Bells** is led by student Jena Nahnsen (jnahnsen@iastate.edu) beginning on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 PM.

The **Memorial Choir** is led by So-Yeoun Lee (devotion@iastate.edu) beginning Thursday, September 5 at 7 PM. Carol Weber will accompany the rehearsals.

The **Memorial Brass** is led by student PJ VanDerWeide (pju@iastate.edu) beginning Monday, September 9.

Our thanks to John Anderson for organizing a bells group during the summer.

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Worship Notes-Continued

“Real, Present, God” was the theme of the National Youth Gathering held July 11-15 in Minneapolis. Our youth who attended the gathering will be sharing with us about their experience during the 8:30 AM service on September 22. September 29 is Michael and All the Angels. We will celebrate a special service for that Sunday.

Education

The **fall adult instruction class taught** by Pastor Dave will begin September 9 at 7 PM. This six week class is a brief introduction to a biblical understanding of Christianity and of the Lutheran faith. Old time Lutherans are always invited as a means of refreshing the faith they learned in Confirmation class. Those who are interested in more information about the Lutheran class will find this class preparatory to membership. There is no obligation to join. The focus of this class is to read the Scriptures and to underscore the basic foundations of Christianity.

Confirmation Classes Begins September 4th

Confirmation this year will be for Middle School age youth, 6th-8th grade. Classes will begin Wednesday, September 4. Cameron MacKenzie will be teaching a summary of the Bible to the 6th graders. Pastor Beagley will be teaching the Ten Commandments and Creed to the 7th graders. Pastor Mark will teach the Lord’s Prayer, Baptism, Confession, and the Lord’s Supper to the 8th graders.

Bible Journaling Class

Judy Newhouse will share a Bible Journaling class with parents while their children are in Confirmation Class. Join her in the International Resource Room for a short devotion, then color in special Bibles while you wait. It is a nice gift to give your child when they are Confirmed.

Youth Activities

The high school youth met weekly on Wednesday throughout June. Our thanks to the Cole’s and Higgin’s for inviting them to their houses.

Parents of high school youth will be asked to meet on Sunday, September 8 after the 8:30 AM service (9:40) downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

High School youth Carl Balvanz, Hailey Cole, Logan Halfwassen, Noah Krull, Lani Krull, Jaxson Lehman, Josie Lehman and counselors Dan Voss and Elaina Soulek attended the National Lutheran Youth Gathering, “Real, Present, God,” July 11-15 in Minneapolis. They plan to share their experiences during the 8:30 AM worship services September 22.

The Middle School will resume monthly meetings with an activity on September 11. The 6-8 graders will meet each second Wednesday of the month for supper and an activity after confirmation.

Take Note

What do the highlands of Papua, New Guinea, a school in Nyíregyház, Hungary, the rush of people in Hong Kong, the villages in Ethiopia, a seminary in Tanzania in east Africa, and Bible translation in the southern African nation of Botswana all have in common? They are all places where we support missionaries.

On July 27 Michael Ritzman and his wife Beth visited us with five of their children from Papua, New Guinea. Michael worked in business and management when God used circumstances to lead him into mission work. The region they live in was unknown until the 1930's when gold miners made contact with people still living in the Stone Age. As the people have moved into modern times, they have little understanding of modern business methods needed to run churches and missions. Michael helps them in areas like purchasing supplies, bookkeeping, writing organizational constitutions, and building projects. He works with the Gutnius Lutheran Church in Papua which has been rapidly growing.

Amanda Groshek knows our congregation from the many times her family came from Wisconsin to visit her grandparents, Ralph and Irma Nissen. She spent many hours practicing piano in our student center. As a student at the University of Wisconsin in La Crosse she visited with us and met Bessie Fick, our coordinator of international student ministry at that time. Bessie told her about the Lutheran Church -Missouri Synod volunteer youth ministry program in Taiwan. After college Amanda worked many years in Taiwan. The past two years she has been working in Hungary where many people are nominally Christian, but have never heard the Gospel that we are saved through faith in Christ Jesus. Amanda shared with us her ministry on July 21.

Judy Newhouse, our coordinator of international student ministry, spend two weeks in July helping the VBS programs put on by the Hong Kong Synod. They reached out to over 2,500 student who attended in 10 different locations. Judy worked for five years in Hong Kong organizing the volunteers who come from the US to work with the VBS program. She still helps as she can.

We share each month about Kebede and Workitu in Ethiopia.

We all reach out in Africa to Jon Clausing in Tanzania. Jon is an ISU alum who became a pastor and teaches as the seminary in Tanzania, a country with many Lutheran Christians.

Carl and Kelsey Grulke served as our youth counselors before he went to seminary. They now are in Botswana, Africa working with Lutheran Bible Translators to get the Word of God into the local language.

We thank God that we are blessed to partner with these Christians all over the world!

Getting Involved

Thanks to all who helped as ushers, greeters and with sound this summer! Also thanks to those who helped with the student brunch on August 25. We cannot do it without volunteers.

Lyle conducted the student interest survey on August 25. You can still fill out a **Student or Congregational Interest Survey** by picking up a copy in the office.

Service Volunteers

Serve or be on the **substitute list** as an usher, greeter, or communion assistant (weekly cycle).

The **Board of Directors** is still asking for volunteers who would be in the church office Sunday from 10-11 AM to help answer questions, have keys if people need to get into a janitors closet, and help with needs for the copier. Jeanne will be available until 10 AM in the office after 8:30 AM service.

Volunteers are needed to watch the **parking lot** before the early service from 8:25-35 AM. Each week visitors come to our church who are not aware of alternate parking at the Union.

We have a list of volunteers who man the **sound and video system** each Sunday. If you would be willing to learn how to do it and help, let Lyle know. This a good task for youth!

Altar Guild

Work on the Altar Guild (monthly cycle) preparing Holy Communion. Contact Brenda Smith.

Prayer Pals

Would you like to be a prayer pal for a Confirmation student this year? Contact Jan Anderson for details.

Prayer Shawl Group meets on the 4th Monday of the month, (unless otherwise announced), in the Student Center at 7 PM. Yarn and projects are provided. If you have not learned how to knit or crochet we are very willing to teach you. Please join us for a fun evening!

If you have a prayer request, or would like to be added to the prayer list, please submit to Lyle at: legroth1@gmail.com.

Get involved with the International Ministry

Help us out with driving! If you are available to volunteer any of your time to help transport internationals (i.e. Worship services, Sunday school, ISM activities or trips, English classes) please let us know.

Be a substitute teacher or conversation partner! Contact Judy.

Student Ministry

University Student Ministry at Memorial Lutheran Church

A student brunch was held on Sunday, August 25 at noon. We thank all those who helped with that event.

In August a letter was sent out to new students welcoming them to Memorial. Throughout the school year six mailings will be sent to students. We hope to make contact with students who worship at Memorial through our peer ministers, the Outreach callers, emails, and phone calls. Our website has a student section which informs students about activities we have for them. Student interest surveys were also made available to students on August 25 and September 1 & 8 to help them identify how they might want to get involved.

On Wednesday, August 28 our first Wednesday fellowship time for students began. Each Wednesday at 8:30 PM students take turns leading the devotion and Norm Weitzel leads them in songs.

The Student Activities committee has activities planned for students for the fall semester. September 8 they will have a picnic supper at church. September 15 they will have their monthly breakfast pizza before the 11 AM service. September 22 there will be a trip to Ledges State Park. September 29 they will have coffee and cinnamon rolls after the 11 AM service.

Church Softball League

As summer came to a close so did the softball season. The team this year finished with six wins and a lot of laughs. The season was filled with lots of up and downs as the team got off to a quick start winning some games early and even hitting some home runs. Then the team had some tough games with three last inning losses. The best part was the attitude and fun never stopped. Come tournament time the team was playing well. Winning the first game and challenging two really good teams. Thank you to everyone who played this year. ~Steven Leege

International Student Ministry

The fall class schedule with the teachers is:

Monday

- 10 AM Basic--Huan Chou
 Level 1/2--Bruce Calhoun
 Level 3/4--Pam Millen
 Advanced--Jenna Smith
 1 PM Bible study--Judy Newhouse

Tuesday

- 10 AM Advanced Literature--John Carlson
 Conversation Lab--Kristi Carlson, Ken Dunker
 11 AM TOEFL class--Ken Dunker
 1 PM Bible Study--Judy Newhouse
 2 PM Idioms--Judy Newhouse
 6 PM Life in English--Judy Newhouse

Wednesday

- 10 AM Basic--Huan Chou
 Level 1/2--Bruce Calhoun
 Level 3/4--Jewel Proctor
 Advanced--Bob Hunter
 11 AM Life in English--Judy Newhouse
 11:15 AM Composition Class--David Heddendorf
 1 PM Health Class--Linda Vogtlin

Thursday

- 9 AM Quilting (1st & 3rd) Linda Vogtlin, and
 Sally Hartman
 11 AM Family Nutrition Class---Nicole Leidel
 2 PM Idioms Class--Judy Newhouse

Our first "F.I.S.H. (Friday International Student Hospitality) Dinner will be held on September 13 at 6 PM. Cost is \$3/person or \$7/family.

Committee Notes

Summary of the July 9

Board of Directors meeting

The board requested that Pastor Osslund be invited to preach some Sunday. He will be asked to preach for Reformation, October 27, which is also when the local Epsilon chapter of Beta Sigma Psi will celebrate 70 years. The Board also asked that we check into getting Gary Thies to come and talk about missions one Sunday.

We made the June payroll because of a monetary gift. We also used donations for our campus ministry earmarked to help pay for the international coordinator's salary. This is usually done by the end of the year, so involved only moving the funds earlier than we usually do. We might have to borrow for July budget.

The board passed a resolution to formally organize parking lot attendants for the 8:30 AM services when Iowa State classes are in session.

Summary of the August 13

Board of Directors meeting

We recovered over \$1,200 from the state of Iowa "Treasure Hunt" that was earmarked for the old Praise Hymn Singers. Gifts have helped us make it into August with a good checking balance. We have received good returns from the money invested in the LCEF and Story County Foundations.

Pastor Osslund will preach October 27 for reformation. He will also be sharing with the Beta Sigs for their anniversary during Homecoming that weekend.

Gary Thies will be here February 2 to talk about missions.

Don Beitz arranged for us to treat Pastor Gerken to lunch on September 29 to honor his retirement.

The parking lot was resurfaced, the elevator needs major repair, tuck pointing was done by the parsonage basement, and the ceiling fans in the student center were replaced. Air conditioning in the offices have parts that should be replaced every five years, but haven't since it was installed in 1990. Expenses for these have been covered by transferring funds from the St. Louis account for maintenance and a gift for the fans.

We will enroll staff on the same Concordia Health Plan as last year, with Pastor Heilman going from family to individual and spouse only status.

Next meeting: September 9

Financial Report

As of August 25, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amt.</u>	<u>Received</u>
Expenses	339,396.00	338,856.00
Synod	32,202.00	12,669.00
Missions	5,165.00	00.00
Kebede	32,177.00	26,520.00
Totals	\$408,840.00	\$378,045.00

To date, members and friends of Memorial Lutheran have donated their Thrivent for Lutherans "Choice Dollars" in the amount of 1,884.00. Thank you for your support.

Kebede Ministry



We received this note from Kebede last month:

It is just over two months since we did not communicate. It is now common for us to experience electric power outages every day. We get power by turn when the power is released for each section of the city at different time. Lack of power really makes internet connections very difficult for us.

Our crop season work is progressing very well. The rainfall seems very good for farmers. It has been raining in most parts of the country. Along with that Gospel teaching is conducted regularly at every Outreach Church.

In the last months we have been doing multiple tasks at the same time. This has made us a little bit busier than our routine activities time.

In the Out Reach Ministries the Tabor Church has upgraded three small churches to a Congregation Level in the last months. This means the Churches will continue doing ministries on their own without much help from Tabor Congregation. There are more to be upgraded in the coming weeks and months. This is how we establish strong and growing Churches at each location.

In the meanwhile at least half of the local Evangelists being trained in Bible Colleges will graduate this year. This will help the Churches to have their own trained Evangelists and Pastors.

We also started looking for a job for Mariam. The assignment by the Ministry of Health did not work for many of the Medicine Graduates. They could look for jobs and find on their own. So far we did not find a place for Mariam.

Muse is working on different IT systems for Tabor – data base, web page, video recording, checking computers for office workers, etc.

This year Solomon is on summer break in Lubbock, TX. He just told us that he will find summer job and work during the summer break.

Noaha is sitting for 8th grade National Exam this week.

Finally we just decided to move into our new house and continue working until it gets finished while we still live in. We just prepared only the rooms that we can use while we are in. It is about two weeks now since we moved in. We can work on the rest part, small by small at a time.

God Bless You & Family
Dr. Kebede Mulatu

Kebede Financial Report

	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Collected Amt.</u>	<u>OTHER NEEDS</u>	<u>Budget Amt.</u>	<u>Collected Amt.</u>
<u>Salary, wires, & Work Program</u>	40,760	26,520	Gidola Cong.	4,550	4550
			Women's Grp.	2,000	1125
			Youth Grp.	2,000	1125
			Hursa Outreach	7,250	1283
Next payment on September 1			Seed Project	4,500	4500

THIS MONTH'S
Birthdays

September 2	Lida Teske	September 16	Mary Ater
September 3	Rod Berryman		Stacy Cesler
September 5	Deb Coles		Arlo Meyer
	Addison Mishler		Carol Weber
	Linda Weitzel	September 17	Ben Voaklander
September 6	Jennifer Bruner		Kebede Mulatu Ponta
	Michael Tringides	September 18	Ron Gloede
	John Dirks, Jr.		Destiny Lempiainen
September 7	Sarah Teske		Cameron MacKenzie
	Anthony Lehman	September 19	Daryl Herzmann
	Ayon Lual	September 20	Sarah Schoppe
	Tim Grotheer	September 21	Dale Hover
	Lisa Booms	September 22	Marcia Holst
September 9	Averie Bruner	September 23	Candace Flakoll
	Kathy Cole		Michael Flanscha
September 10	Eric Baldrige	September 24	Linda Kelley
	Tanner Johnson	September 25	James Arthur
	Myra Nell		Jeff Cesler
September 12	Dan Franklin		Patti Kimle
	Mary Sue Brown		Justin Nolting
September 15	Travis Hosteng	September 27	Bruce Battles
	Noah Krull	September 28	Ashley Smelser
	Arlo Meyer	September 29	Teena Dory
	Max Noack	September 30	Lyle Groth

Anniversaries

1	Don & Judy Beitz	56 yrs.	7	Ron & Cleo Honold	62 yrs.
1	Jim & Diane Bengtson	29 yrs.	12	Tim & Paula Dacken	27 yrs.
1	David & Jennifer Evans	18 yrs.	12	Larry & Patricia Gilbert	44 yrs.
2	Max & Jeanne Noack	42 yrs.	13	Russ & Sally Gleason	39 yrs.
3	Bob & Jan Anderson	59 yrs.	20	Rod & Carol Berryman	50 yrs.
3	Daryl & Barbara Erickson	36 yrs.	26	Ben & Jennifer Voaklander	27 yrs.
5	Dale & Pauline Balmer	65 yrs.	27	James & Andrea Sharkey	11 yrs.
6	Rodger & Marcy Main	22 yrs.	28	Jim & Lojean Petersen	45 yrs.
7	Keith & Angie Halfwassen	17 yrs.			