

Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



September 11, 2016

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study will resume on **Thursday, September 15th @ 10:00 a.m.** at Abiding Peace. Pastor Free will lead us in our study, and all women are welcome!



King's Daughters Update



Women of all ages are invited to join in our first King's Daughters meeting of the year, **Thursday, September 15th @ Noon.** Lunch will be provided.

Unite with us in the coming year as we strive to enhance the ministries here at Abiding Peace. If this meeting time does not work for you and you are interested in being a part of King's Daughters, please speak to Ruth Buck or Caryn Grossman.

Movie Night and Ice Cream Social

Please join us on **Saturday, September 17th, @ 6:30 p.m.** for an evening the whole family will love!



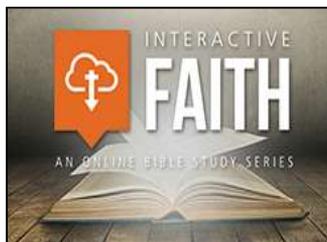
We will start with an ice cream social and then there will be an outdoor movie and refreshments. Ice cream and popcorn will be provided. On the sign up sheet, please indicate if you are able to bring drinks or other snacks.



Interactive Faith Bible Study

The next six-week Interactive Faith Bible study will begin Wed., Sept. 21, 2016. Rev. John Braun, vice president at Northwestern Publishing House, will lead the study twice each Wednesday at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. (central) through Oct. 26. The theme of Braun's study is "What does this mean? The continuing importance of Luther's Small Catechism."

"We will study the importance of LSC for our own society and culture. We will review the six chief parts. What does it mean for Christian morality in today's world? What does it mean for Christian beliefs? What does it mean for Christian devotion and our personal relationship with God? What does it mean for our church life as Lutherans? The class will start with a little history of the Catechism and its importance in the Reformation and conclude with a discussion of what the future may hold for us and the next generation," says Braun.



Thousands of WELS members have participated in the Interactive Faith Bible studies, which are held twice a year and led by a WELS pastor or professor. Many congregations gather as a group for the study; other WELS members connect as couples or individuals. The studies are designed to have 10 to 15 minutes of lecture by the instructor, followed by 5 to 10 minutes for congregations to discuss a question or two or do further study. Participants can interact with the instructor via a chat box on the live stream.

"These studies are not meant to replace the faithfulness of our pastors and teachers and lay leaders in our congregations. They are intended to give another option to God's people for encouragement," says Rev. Gary Pufahl, Commission on Adult Discipleship chairman. "Whether you live in a bustling city or on the plains, we are in this world together with the same purpose—reach more people with the precious, life-changing Word of God." To join the study, go to wels.net/interactivefaith.

Church Sign Fund

We have submitted the application for a variance to be able to have an electronic sign for our church. In the entryway, there is a collection box and envelopes for donating toward the new sign if you wish to contribute. Thank you for caring for our church property!



Picture Board

Many of the pictures on the picture board in the entryway at Abiding Peace need updating. It is a useful tool so we can all get to know and recognize our fellow members. Over the next few weeks we will take some new photos, or if you wish to submit one of your own the size will be 3 1/2 X 5.



Congregational Meeting

A congregational meeting will be held **Sunday, September 18th @ 9:15 a.m.** All are encouraged to attend.

If you have any questions, please speak to a Church Council member – Dave Baird, Stuart Engelke, Mark Kreklow, Greg Miller, Jim Stumpner, or Pastor Free.



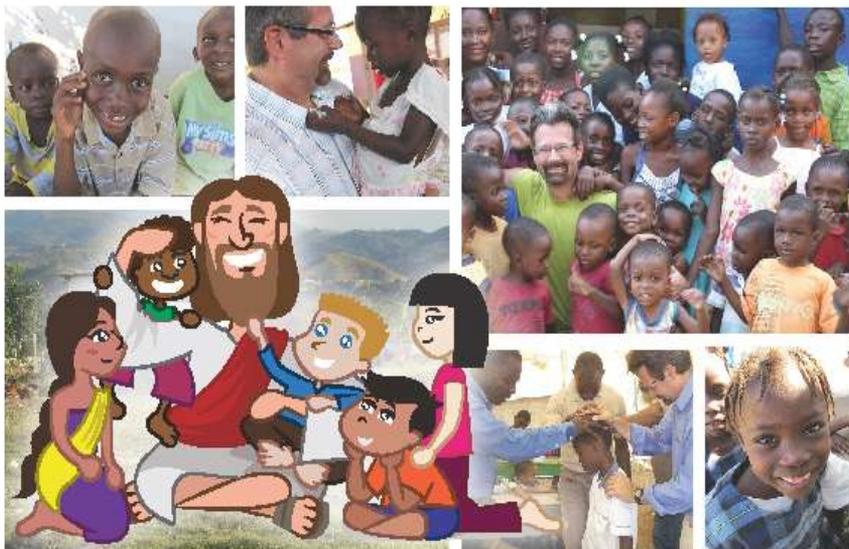
Welcome New Member!

Welcome!

Please join us in a warm welcome to our newest member – Chhorvy Smith. We are so happy to have you in our AP family!

LWMS Fall Rally

The ladies of Zion Lutheran in Crete, IL will be hosting the LWMS Chicago Area Circuit Fall Rally on **Saturday, October 8th** from 8:45 am - 2:00 pm.



Bringing Children to the King

LWMS Chicago Area Circuit

2016 Fall Rally

Saturday, October 8

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

1610 Main Street

Crete, Illinois

(708) 672-8600

Directions

For directions from your home or congregation, go to www.wels.net and click on 'WELS Locator' at the top of the page.



RALLY SCHEDULE

- 8:45 Registration
- 9:15 Opening Devotion with offering for work of the King
- 9:30 Speaker - Missionary Terry Schultz, Latin American Missions
- 10:30 Break - Displays and Prayer Center
- 11:00 Our 2016 Goals and Projects
- 11:30 Luncheon hosted by Zion, Crete
- 12:30 Rejoice!
- 1:30 Closing devotion (requests from Prayer Center)



Child care will be available at the rally.

Give Meaning to Our Missions



Bring your money for the **LWMS Mission Money Dump** and put it in the Mission Jar in the entryway by **Sunday, September 25th**. Thank you for your participation!

A briskness in the air, colorful gold and scarlet leaves upon the trees, delicious tastes of crisp, crunchy apples and sweet pumpkin pie remind us of the rich bounty God gives to us. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 8th**, and plan to join us for the LWMS Chicago Area Circuit's Fall Rally 2016. At Zion Lutheran Church in Crete, IL we will hear about the mission fields of Haiti and the important work God is doing there through WELS missions. Come and listen to missionary Terry Schultz speak specifically about Bringing Children to the King. Bring along your own donations of new socks and underwear for the children of Haiti who are learning every day about their Savior, Jesus Christ.



We will also work on a hands on activity that will be sent to the children. The women of Zion will provide a delicious lunch and we will celebrate missions through devotion, in song, and with prayer. See you there!

NOTE: If you are unable to attend the Fall Rally, you can bring any donation of socks and underwear for the children of Haiti to the AP church office and we will see that it gets into the proper hands. Thank you!

Chicago Conf. Reformation Rally

As part of a series of celebrations leading up to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, the Chicago Conference of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) will host a joint service / rally on **Sunday, October 30, 2016** at Chicago's historic St. Andrew Lutheran Church. This will be followed by an Oktoberfest style fellowship meal. The Rev. Mark Jeske, Pastor of St. Marcus Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the host of *Time of Grace* TV program, will serve as the preacher.



Please join us at historic St. Andrew Lutheran Church located at 3658 S. Honore St. Chicago, IL 60609. The worship service, which starts at **4:00 p.m.**, will be followed at **5:30 p.m.** by a fellowship meal which will be served across the street at the old St. Andrew's school building.

Transportation will be provided in the form of coach busses (one from the south and two from the north) to make it possible for members from the outlying areas of the conference to attend the rally. For more information and to learn how to make a contribution, please visit the rally website at www.chicagoreformationrally.com

Choir Begins



The Abiding Peace Choir will be using a different format this year. Instead of weekly practice, we will meet as needed for singing on specific Sundays. Come and lift your voice in praise with us! No experience is necessary. All ages are welcome! Questions? Please see Becky Miller.

Birthday & Anniversary Greetings

Birthday greetings this week go to Becky Kelly (September 16). Anniversary best wishes go to Kevin & Jill Kacer (September 11). Enjoy!



An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - 1 Timothy 1:12-17

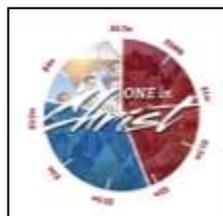


What did Paul do that God should show him mercy? He blasphemed, he persecuted, and he killed. His ignorance and unbelief weren't excuses for his behavior—they just explain it. God didn't show Paul mercy because he was a diamond in the rough, but rather because he needed it so desperately. And God wasn't

stingy: He poured out Jesus and every blessing that comes with him onto the worst of sinners so that he could be a role model of God's grace, so that people might witness his changed status and life before God and realize that God's mercy is also for them. Sound familiar? God hasn't been stingy with his grace. We need not be either.

One in Christ Debt Elimination

The 2015 synod convention launched the "One in Christ" debt elimination offering through June 2016 to eliminate the remaining \$4.7 million in synod debt. If successful by God's gracious blessing, the "One in Christ" campaign will put our synod in a better financial position to continue the ministry of training workers and establishing missions at home and abroad.



The Holy Spirit has enabled many of us to offer God more than \$2 million! We glorify our gracious God for this marvelous blessing and thank all who have participated to date. Contributions are still being accepted!

Mission Prayer



District presidents – Lord Jesus, recently there was a leadership change in our synod as the terms of four district presidents came to an end and new presidents were elected: Rev. Philip Hirsch replaced Rev. Earle Treptow in the Nebraska District; Rev. Charles

Westra replaced Rev. John Guse in the South Atlantic District; Rev. David Kolander replaced Rev. David Rutschow in the Southeastern Wisconsin District; and Rev. Michael Jensen replaced Rev. Herb Prahl in the Western Wisconsin District. We thank you for the years of service of the outgoing presidents and pray that you would continue to bless the work of their successors. Amen.

Service to Our Lord

	<i>September 5 - 11</i>	<i>September 12- 18</i>
<i>Pianists</i>	<i>Marge Schubring</i>	<i>Dave Frick</i>
<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Mike Waddell Dan Woltman</i>	<i>Dan Woltman Earl McCormack Freda McCormack</i>
<i>Refreshments</i>	<i>Kacer Engelke</i>	<i>Stumpner Vanderheyden</i>
<i>Lawn Mowing</i>	<i>Kevin Kacer</i>	<i>Kevin Kacer</i>

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance:

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