

Abiding Peace NEWS & NOTES



October 16, 2016

WELS Relief in Haiti

An update on our WELS involvement at our churches in Haiti that were affected by Hurricane Matthew:



Thankfully, the American coastline was spared from the brunt of the hurricane, but there was still much physical damage.

However, the tiny island of Haiti was hit very hard. The WELS either runs or does mission work at nine orphanages there. The damage was very bad. Our synod is currently readying supplies to help our brothers and sisters wherever they may be. If you would like to know more or donate go to this link and click on Christian Aid and Relief:

<https://community.wels.net>. Thank you!

The members of Abiding Peace Lutheran Church

Invite you to attend

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Luncheon

In celebration of Pastor and Joey Free

Today, October 16th @ 11:45 a.m.

Crafting Corner



A group of ladies are meeting at Abiding Peace again on **Saturday, October 22nd** starting @ 10:00 a.m. to work on a project for the Thanksgiving dinner centerpieces. All are welcome to join in the fellowship and accomplish our task as well.

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 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 an Oktoberfest fellowship meal. 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. Please let Pastor Free know if you are planning to attend so we can call in our numbers for their planning purposes. Thank you!

Birthday Greetings



We extend birthday greetings this week to Paul Bernthal (October 23). We hope you have a great day, Paul!

Open House



Dan & Joy Symonds would like to invite the congregation to attend their Second Annual Fall Open House, 3:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. **Thursday, October 27th** at Symonds-Madison Funeral Home, 305 Park St, Elgin.

Enjoy refreshments, apple cider, and let Dan take you on a tour of our newly renovated chapels. All are welcome!

Spiritual Help

What do you do when you need spiritual help? What if it seems there is no place left to turn? No matter what your situation God is always with you. Sometimes we need to be reminded of God's

promises—and WELS has developed resources to do just that. So go ahead. Enrich your faith. Find answers. Be encouraged. Visit www.wels.net/spiritual-help.



An Encouraging Word

Vision for Christian Living - Matthew 18:21-35



Ten thousand talents is equivalent to millions of dollars. Jesus' intention was to pick a debt so huge that the servant could never pay off the debt. Neither could any of us offer up enough money, time, or service to buy ourselves out of sin. Yet with one pronouncement from the cross, "It is finished," Jesus did that for us. Our debt is paid. And what is the proper response for that? Could we *ever* return enough to properly thank God for forgiving our debt of sin? No. But we can demonstrate that we understand and are willing to respond to the payment of that debt.

Mission Prayer



Pastoral Studies Institute – Gracious Lord, you have charged us with the task of making disciples of all nations. What joy and privilege! Since the field of labor is vast, O gracious Lord, we ask that you bless the work of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in training pastors and its

Pastoral Studies Institute as they guide and assist non-traditional students. Equip professors to instill in their students the knowledge needed to carry out gospel ministry. Bless students with knowledge, patience, and resolve throughout the course of their studies. Amen.

Service to Our Lord

| | <i>October 10 – 16</i> | <i>October 17 – 23</i> |
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| <i>Pianists</i> | <i>Becky Miller</i> | <i>Dave Frick</i> |
| <i>Ushers 8:00 a.m.</i> | <i>Jim Stumpner</i> | <i>Mark Kreklow</i> |
| <i>Ushers 10:30 a.m.</i> | <i>Doug Salzwedel Glenn Miller</i> | <i>Howard Smith Sam Kalenowski Al Schubring</i> |
| <i>Refreshments</i> | <i>Bernthal Waddell</i> | <i>Kreklow Grossman</i> |
| <i>Lawn Mowing</i> | <i>Fall Cleanup Day</i> | <i>Kreklow</i> |

Give Thanks to the Lord!

Worship Attendance:

65