

Announcements 5/21/2017

Thank you to all who have served us at the Lord's House this week and today.

Happy Birthday! John Paul Koenig 5/22, Cara Gruber 5/27, Cody Thorpe 5/27, Shelly Blodick 5/28

I Peter Bible Class Peter focuses us on the resurrection. We have a living Savior who cares about us. His salvation changes our lives as we live in a world of suffering. This is a wonderful interactive Bible Study for all. **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM.**

Golf Outing: The Fellowship Committee is organizing a golf outing. The date is June 3. A signup sheet is on the Communications Bulletin board. Sign up if interested

Land Purchase Commitment Project—Sunday April 22 was the Sunday we gave our commitments to the Land Purchase Project. If you were unable to get the materials and fill them out, please ask one of the elders for the materials and they will get them to you. Thanks.

Bible Soccer Camp will be held **July 18-20 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.** We will need lots of volunteers. Please contact Sarah Moore or Kim Raddatz to volunteer.

Bible Class on the Gospel of John Sunday mornings we are looking at the Gospel of John. "These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ and that by believing you may have life in his name."

Building Committee During the month of May on Monday evenings 6:00 PM the Building Committee will be meeting with various architects and a design/build firm to find out their costs, costs of construction, time frames, and anything else they can offer. If you would like to attend, you are invited. The Building Committee asks that you would filter all questions that you might have through them.

The Lord's Supper

The Scriptures show us that the New Testament Christian Church celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion only within the context of doctrinal unity (Acts 2:42). That church had a close communion because they were one in doctrine and faith.

Dear guests, the pastor would be happy to explore this unity with you, on the basis of God's Word, so that you might commune with us in the future!



Holy Communion
at the Lord's table

Please speak to pastor after the service.

Confession of Faith

I believe in God maker the heavens and the earth. I believe that God is triune, omnipotent, omnipresent, and eternal spirit with no start and no end. I believe that God is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is three persons; yet one God. This is a relationship that only God can fully understand but was made known to us though the reading of the Bible. The Bible is God's word given to man through divine inspiration.

God has been merciful to me, giving me salvation freely and without stipulation. He does this because he loves me and cares for my wellbeing. I believe in the Holy Spirit who has called me though the gospel, sanctified, and kept me in the one true faith. I believe that I am guilty of sin and deserve death, but was freed from sins chains by the blood of Jesus Christ who out of love for me and all humans, came down to earth, became fully human, sacrificed himself on the cross for my sins, and was raised three days later. He then returned to heaven and will come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

Readings for 5/21/17

First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

²²Then Paul stood up in front of the council of the Areopagus and said, “Men of Athens, I see that you are very religious in every way. ²³For as I was walking around and carefully observing your objects of worship, I even found an altar on which had been inscribed, ‘To an unknown god.’ Now what you worship as unknown—this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

²⁴“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is he served by human hands, as if he needed anything, since he himself gives all people life and breath and everything they have. ²⁶From one man, he made every nation of mankind to live over the entire face of the earth. He determined the appointed times and the boundaries where they would live. ²⁷He did this so they would seek God and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘Indeed, we are also his offspring.’

²⁹“Therefore, since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by human skill and planning. ³⁰Although God overlooked the times of ignorance, he is now commanding all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has set a day on which he is going to judge the world in righteousness by the man he appointed. He provided proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:15-22

¹⁵But regard the Lord, the Christ, as holy in your hearts. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you. ¹⁶But speak with gentleness and respect, while maintaining a clear conscience, so that those who attack your good way of life in Christ may be put to shame because they slandered you as evildoers.

¹⁷Indeed, it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil, ¹⁸because Christ also suffered once for sins in our place, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in flesh but was made alive in spirit, ¹⁹in which he also went and made an announcement to the spirits in prison. ²⁰These spirits disobeyed long ago, when God’s patience was waiting in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In this ark a few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. ²¹And corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the body but the guarantee of a good conscience before God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. ²²He went to heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

¹⁵“If you love me, hold on to my commands. ¹⁶I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever. ¹⁷He is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see him or know him. You know him because he stays with you and will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you as orphans; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will see me no longer, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹The one who has my commands and holds on to them is the one who loves me. And the one who loves me will be loved by my Father. I too will love him and show myself to him.”