

Greetings in Christ!

This month, you will likely see farmers harvesting corn and soybeans. Many of the seeds that were planted last year have multiplied exponentially. One kernel of corn can grow into a plant that produces, on average, an ear of corn with 800 kernels (Source: www.incorn.org). 800% growth is incredible! God has designed plants to multiply and grow at incredible rates. He gave such fruitfulness to the earth and its plants by His powerful Word. God simply said “**Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed...**”, and the text of Genesis later says “**And it was so.**” God’s Word worked to create incredible variety and fruitfulness in one day!

The same God who makes the seed bear abundant fruit is able to work through His Word to cause each one of us to bear abundant fruit in praise and thanksgiving to Him and love toward others. Consider what God says to us in Psalm 1 (ESV), “**Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.**” The person who regularly meditates on the Word of God is fed and sustained by God’s Word. That Word yields fruit as the Holy Spirit strengthens us in faith, in our confession of Jesus, and in love for others. This fruit is more valuable than the yield from a kernel of corn or an investment in the stock market. The yield from the Word of God in one’s life is of eternal

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benefit. Trust that God can cause His Word to bear abundant fruit in you. His Word is worth our study and contemplation each day.

For a series of daily readings in Scripture, see the Daily Lectionary on pages 299-304 of *Lutheran Service Book*. For a series of Bible passages to commit to memory, try our Synod’s memory verse challenge at www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge. God’s Word works to create a yield that is of utmost value to you and to your neighbor.

– Pastor Burfiend

Sunday Bible Study: We are studying the tables of duties in New Testament epistles, considering our callings and duties in each area of life.

Sunday School: The children’s classes are studying the Divine Service and Bible stories related to our worship.

New Testament Class: Join our youth catechumens for an overview of the New Testament on Sundays after the Divine Service in the Conference Room.

Oct. 8 – Outdoor/Indoor Workday – Join us from 8 to 11 am to complete indoor and outdoor projects at church.

Oct. 9 – Mite Sunday – Please bring your spare change to make a donation to

the mission projects of our Synod’s Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.

Oct. 9 Bonfire at Pastor’s – Stop by anytime between 6 and 8 pm for a bonfire in Pastor’s driveway (323 Bittersweet Ln, Ossian). S’more ingredients provided.

Oct. 15, 3-6 pm Bryce Benefit: Join us for Nelson’s Chicken and a silent auction to defray Bryce Bowman’s medical expenses as he is treated for cancer. To purchase tickets, contact Amanda Branstrator at 260-413-0482 or Diana Buuck at 260-615-4448. Volunteers are also needed to help with the meal; please contact Diana Buuck if you can help.

Oct. 19 Good News Class: Join us on Wednesdays from 6-7 pm beginning October 19 to grow in your understanding of Christ’s love. This is a great opportunity to invite a friend to learn more about Jesus and our church.

Oct. 22 Rally: Our Mary Martha Guild will host the fall rally for our Circuit LWML. All women are welcome to attend and assist in providing the meal.

October 30 Reformation Festival Service and Carry-in Meal: Please bring a side dish or dessert and sign up at the table near the church office.

From the Finance Board:

YTD Income: \$97,166

YTD Expenses: \$101,118

(Income does not include donations toward the mortgage)

All Scripture quotes taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version. ESV® Text Edition:

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