

WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CANDLE



September 2022

COUNTING THE COST

Pride is a dangerous thing - it fools us into thinking that we can "fight above our weight class," only to find out that we get beaten to a pulp. Pride tricks us into looking past the reality of a situation so that we somehow believe that "reality" isn't real - it's only what we want to believe is real that matters. Whether it be fighting battles (as in Jesus' parable for this Sunday from Luke 14), thinking ourselves better than others (as in Sunday's second lesson from Philemon), or even believing we're something that we're clearly not (how many "genders" are there supposed to be now? I've lost track!) - whatever egocentric delusion we're operating under, this kind of *toxic narcissism* is so destructive of everyone and everything it touches that it is completely incompatible with the Christian life that we are called to live. It is literally at the very heart of all that is sinful. Putting our own wants, desires and needs above all else - even God - is actually what happening with this kind of pride - yet that seems to be the way that culture is going today. It seems that many of the formerly destructive fringe elements of society have not only become normalized and mainstream, but adherence to, and promotion of these values and beliefs is mandatory in many circles. Character, Christian Values, following Scripture? For MANY, these are completely out. What a mess...

Following the teachings of Jesus often puts Christians at odds with the prevailing winds of culture - and today certainly isn't any different. It is very strange, and remarkable how quickly and dramatically things have shifted. Maybe it's because of the way social media speeds up the spread of anything like this - but it really is hard to be a biblical Christian in the world today. Jesus' call for humility and an attitude of servanthood in the face of a world possessed by this narcissistic evil, is truly an amazing and bold call - are we ready to heed it? There WILL be a cost for being faithful.

BACK TO "NORMAL" - AGAIN?

I KNOW I've said this before - but this time I mean it! I think... This Sunday, September 4th, we're going back to a more "normal" form of worship service. We'll offer communion at the communion rail with wafers and wine (or grape juice), and ushers taking the offering. Such simple, normal things - but they seem somehow revolutionary, don't they?

We've been talking about this for a while, and I've been putting it off to see where things were going with the public health department. We had enough of the pre-filled communion kits to get us through August - we could order more, or try to go back to a more normal worship service.

I am aware that some may not be ready for this - so we're going to continue to offer the option of receiving the pre-filled communion kits (we have enough left for this) along with regular communion. IF needed, we can order more - so please don't worry if you would prefer not to go to the rail for communion - we've got you!

Of course, we have to keep the normal precautions in place, especially hand-washing. If you're feeling ill, or if you've been around people who have tested positive for COVID, or if you're health-compromised, we would ask that you watch on-line. If you want to receive communion individually, please let an usher know and I am HAPPY to accommodate you!

SEPTEMBER 11 - DAY SCHOOL AND ELC TEACHER INSTALLATION

The following Sunday we will have a formal installation of all of our teaching and administrative staff - it should be a huge day, and a wonderful way to start off the year. Please join us as we celebrate and dedicate our teaching ministries.

Blessings!
Pastor Larry

Daily Bible Readings



Read the Bible In a Year Program

SEPTEMBER READINGS

SEPTEMBER 1

Ezk. 33:21-33
Ezk. 34:1-31
Ezk. 35:1-15
Ezk. 36:1-38

SEPTEMBER 2

Ezk. 37:1-28
Ezk. 38:1-23
Ezk. 39:1-29

SEPTEMBER 3

Ezk. 32:1-32
Ezk. 33:1-20

SEPTEMBER 4

Dan. 3:1-30

SEPTEMBER 5

Ezk. 40:1-49
Ezk. 41:1-26
Ezk. 42:1-20
Ezk. 43:1-27

SEPTEMBER 6

Ezk. 44:1-31
Ezk. 45:1-25
Ezk. 46:1-24
Ezk. 47:1-23
Ezk. 48:1-35

SEPTEMBER 7

Ezk. 29:17-21
Dan. 4:1-37
Jer. 52:31-34

SEPTEMBER 8

Job 1:1-22
Job 2:1-13
Job 3:1-26

SEPTEMBER 9

Job 4:1-21
Job 5:1-27
Job 6:1-30
Job 7:1-21

SEPTEMBER 10

Job 8:1-22
Job 9:1-35
Job 10:1-22

SEPTEMBER 11

Job 11:1-20
Job 12:1-25
Job 13:1-28
Job 14:1-22

SEPTEMBER 12

Job 15:1-35
Job 16:1-22
Job 17:1-16

SEPTEMBER 13

Job 18:1-21
Job 19:1-29
Job 20:1-29
Job 21:1-34

SEPTEMBER 14

Job 22:1-30
Job 23:1-17
Job 24:1-25

SEPTEMBER 15

Job 25:1-6
Job 26:1-14
Job 27:1-23
Job 28:1-28
Job 29:1-25
Job 30:1-31
Job 31:1-40

SEPTEMBER 16

Job 32:1-22
Job 33:1-33
Job 34:1-37
Job 35:1-16
Job 36:1-33
Job 37:1-24

SEPTEMBER 17

Job 38:1-4
Job 39:1-30
Job 40:1-24
Job 41:1-34
Job 42:1-17

SEPTEMBER 18

Psalms 44
Psalm 74
Psalm 79
Psalm 80
Psalm 85
Psalm 89

SEPTEMBER 19

Psalms 102
Psalm 106
Psalm 123
Psalm 137

SEPTEMBER 20

Dan. 7:1-28
Dan. 8:1-27

SEPTEMBER 21

Dan. 5:1-31
Dan. 9:1-27

SEPTEMBER 22

Dan. 6:1-28
Dan. 1:1-21

SEPTEMBER 23

Ezra 1:1-11
Ezra 2:1-70
Ezra 3:1-13
Ezra 4:1-5

SEPTEMBER 24

Dan. 10:1-21
Dan. 11:1-45
Dan. 12:1-13

SEPTEMBER 25

Ezra 4:6-24
Ezra 5:1-17
Ezra 6:1-13

SEPTEMBER 26

Haggai 1:1-15
Haggai 2:1-23
Zech. 1:1-6

SEPTEMBER 27

Zech. 1:7-21
Zech. 2:1-13
Zech. 3:1-10
Zech. 4:1-14
Zech. 5:1-11
Zech. 6:1-15

SEPTEMBER 28

Zech. 7:1-14
Zech. 8:1-23
Zech. 6:14-22

SEPTEMBER 29

Psalms 78

SEPTEMBER 30

Psalms 107
Psalm 116
Psalm 118
Psalm 125



Early Learning Center

Our Teaching Staff



We have a great staff this fall, and have been preparing to welcome the new children joining us next week! Cleaning, attending workshops, and brainstorming ways to fully meet the educational and developmental milestones of our little ones have kept us busy this week.

Chapel time twice a week for our three and four year old classes—singing praises, and learning the story of "The Lost Sheep"



School News

Sept. 1st-2nd: Teacher's In-Service

Sept. 5th: Labor Day- No School

Sept. 6th: First Day of School

Sept. 6th-8th: Early Dismissal for TK/Kinder ONLY: 1:15 pm

Sept. 9th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am

Sept. 9th: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm

Sept. 11th: Teacher Installation Sunday Worship Service, 10:00 am

Sept. 12th: Hot Lunch Starts (Order online at choicelunch.com)

Sept. 13th: Back to School Night TK-8th grade, 6:00-8:00 pm

Sept. 16th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am

Sept. 16th: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm

Sept. 16th: PSO Meeting in Fireside Room, 8:15-9:00 am

Sept. 18th: *Happy Birthday Mrs. Macedo!*

Sept. 19th: *Happy Birthday Mrs. Talbert!*

Sept. 23rd: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am

Sept. 23rd: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm

Sept. 30th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am

Sept. 30th: Free Dress Day & Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm



WELCOME BACK SCHOOL 2022-2023

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT - 9/13 AT 6PM

Believe. Achieve. Lead.

TK/KINDERGARTEN TO 8TH GRADE

Successful Graduates • Quality Education
Diverse Student Body • Engaged Students
Outdoor Education • Music & Performing Arts
Athletics • Fine Arts • Special Resource Teachers
Student Clubs • Before & After School Care

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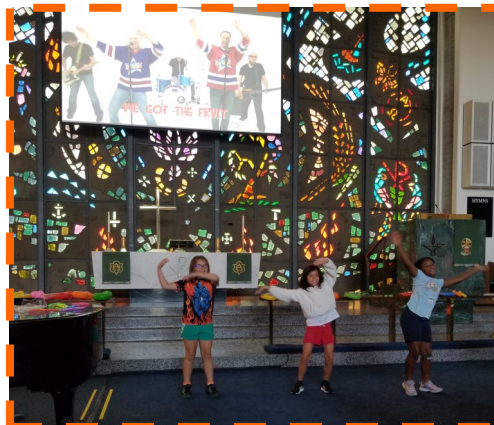
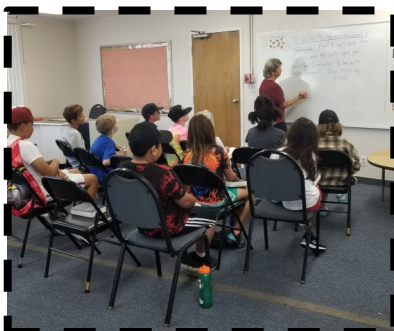
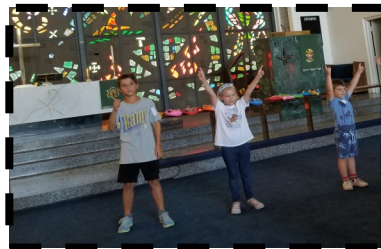
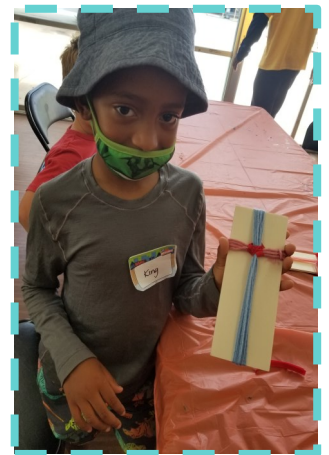
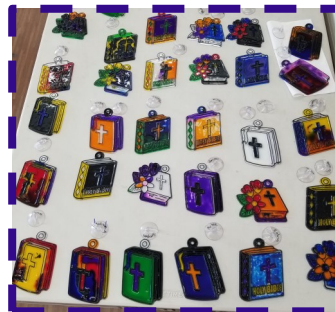
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Vacation Bible School

The week of August 15th we had 28 kids singing and dancing to songs that praise God in the sanctuary, it was wonderful to see! This year the Parish Ed Commission was able to help out in the planning of VBS and it was a hit! VBS would not have happened without the help of the teachers (Marcia Herzog, Kathy Klein and Donna Anderson) as well as the snack helpers (Jeanne Gariel, Carol Sime) and the WLS summer camp staff (Jamaal Browne, Nathan Asberry, Jose Villegas, Tysonn Wiley, Wylie Hargrove).

-Karina Martinez, VBS Coordinator



Commissions Meetings & Other

Garden Crew

Saturday, September 3, 2022

9:00-11:00 am

All are welcome to join us in cleaning up our extensive landscaping! Bring your gardening gloves, pruners, etc.

Women's Board

September 11, 2022

11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Mary Circle

September 13, 2022

12:30 pm at Darlene Long's House

Life & Growth Commission

September 13, 2022

7:00 pm in the Fireside Room & Zoom

Rebekah Circle

September 18, 2022

11:30 am in the Library

Council Meeting via Zoom

September 29, 2022

7:00 pm

Comforters & Operation Gratitude

Comforters

Wednesday Mornings

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Masted Hall

All levels are welcome to join the ladies in making quilts.

Operation Gratitude

September 11, 2022

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Anybody who likes to crochet or knit to make scarves & hats. Will have patterns and instructions regarding color, size, etc.

Nursery Grand Opening

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

We have been given a room next to the sanctuary where we can develop a space for children age infants through age 5 to play while their parents worship with the congregation.



We still need:

- Toys and books for infants-Preschoolers
- Baby wipes
- Bottle warmer

We will be having a cleaning party on **Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 12:30 pm** to get the nursery up and ready.



Please talk with Shirley Becker if you can help in getting the room set up, volunteer for the nursery or donating some items.

Shirley, sbecker@wlcs.org

Operation Christmas Child

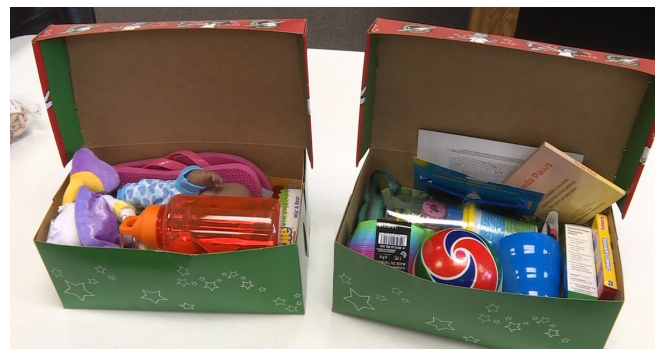
It's that time again!

If you did it last year consider doing it again and if you didn't, give it a try. Consider packing a shoebox for a child!

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox is a project of Samaritan's purse that provides God's love in a physical way to children in need around the world by packing shoeboxes in order to share the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Donna Anderson, a year-round volunteer for Operation Christmas Child (OCC), will provide more information next month.

Below is a picture of what a packed shoebox looks like.



Flower Chart

Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.

The cost is **\$35**. You may pay online or mail a check to the office. If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your announcement in the bulletin or email Karina, kmartinez@wlcs.org. Thank you!

September 4th

- ♦ Given by Lore Buddeberg in celebration of the birthday of her grandson, Ronan Gunn (9/4).
- ♦ Available!

September 11th

- ♦ Given by Gloria Ward in loving memory of James on his birthday.
- ♦ Given by the Cathedral Choir to celebrate Mary Cairns, and her many years of dedication & loyalty to choir at WLC.
- ♦ Given by Lore Buddeberg in celebration of the birthday of her grandsons Nicholas and Matthew Sautter (9/11).

September 18th

- ♦ Given by the Simpson Family in loving memory of the birthday of Harold Simpson III.
- ♦ Available!

September 25th

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

General Information



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WATCH SERVICES LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING 10 am:



"Westchester Lutheran Church and School"

Anniversaries

***Congratulations & blessings
on your wedding anniversary!***

September 1st: Glen & Jerilynn Kacena

September 8th: Kevin & Elisabeth Minihan

September 18th: Stephen & Darlene Long



Birthday Blessings

September 4 Ronan Gunn

September 6 Ian Dodenhoff

September 8 Denise Sanchez

September 11 Nicholas and Matthew Sautter

September 15 Jonah Zimmermann

September 16 Sandra Masted

September 19 Robin Coffin

September 20 Scott Downie

September 21 Mirian Gilroy



Praying for Others



Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness:

Todd Allen, Wanda Anckle, Sharon Bernard, Joe Brandt, Sandra Bray, Doris Brown, Rob Button, Joseph Cohen, Ron Dell Craig, Tom Crotheis, Scott Crowley, Renee Davis, Chuck Duff, Margaret Eckberg, Ursula Fetzor, Linda Fleming, Cynthia Green, Vera Green, Amy Gustafson, Karl Homan, Lewis Jackson, Carrie Jones, Helen Jones, Barbara Loftas, Jennifer Long, Reggie Lucero, Johnny Manuel, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Britt Olofsson, Shawn-Michele & Michele Penman, E.J Ramsey, Angie Reichenberg, Annie Reynosa, Barbara Roamer, Juan Salinas, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Faith Smith, Bill Snyder, Diane Tallman, Teresa Upp, Ruby Williams, Steve Young.

Condolences to: Family & friends on the passing of Arlene Hiller & the Stovall Family on Anthony's passing.

Members & friends serving in the military: Richard Appelhans, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.