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## LEARNING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR YOU



One of the problems of our day is that so few people have any real purpose or direction in their life. Most people go through life from day to day without any real goal. This situation may explain, at least in part, why an apathetic, "I don't care" attitude is so common. If the daily routine is all we live for, then a person is really in the dark about life.

King David, in Psalm 119, teaches us where to find the true purpose for our lives. He recognized that God's direction is to be found in His Word, the Bible. If your days go by uselessly from one

to another, turn to God's word and let it light your way. You will find in the Bible that God has a purpose for every believer, and even for those who do not yet believe. You'll see that God also has given you talents, abilities, spiritual gifts, and the resources to reach the goal He sets before you. No one likes to stumble around in the dark, going from here to there without really knowing why. God's Word makes it possible for us to go from phase to phase in life with confidence.

But one problem remains. We can not learn from God's Word unless we study it. This is the reason this congregation offers Sunday School and Bible Classes for all ages. Sunday School and Confirmation instruction are meant to provide the foundation for all Christian Education.

But setting a foundation without constructing the building is silly. It is just as silly for a Christian to think that growth in God's Word may end at confirmation.

God invites us to keep growing throughout life. His desire is that we may have in our Bible Study a beacon of light rather than a dim flicker. I would invite you to consider ways that you can be more involved in God's Word that it may also be a light unto your path.

*Pastor Poszell*

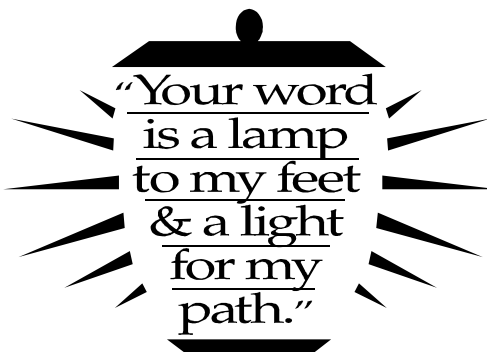


### SUNDAY WORSHIP

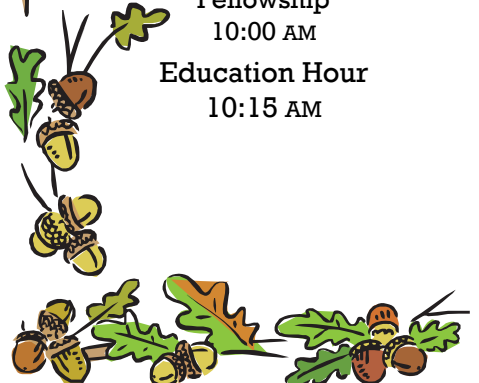
Worship  
9:00 AM

Fellowship  
10:00 AM

Education Hour  
10:15 AM



Psalm 119:105



## ADDRESS BOOK UPDATE

(Please use this information to update your copy of the church directory. Copies of the directory are regularly updated and available on the back table. If you know any additions or corrections, please share them with the church office. Thank you.)

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OFFICIAL ACTS  
AUGUST 2017

NEED TO REVIEW YET

LWML Joint Circle will meet Thursday, September 14 at 1:30 PM. Ramona Voegele will lead the Bible Study. Hostess will be Jean Passow and or Charlene Cunningham. Roll Call is to bring a guest and a gift for the Beacon Center—paper products, Ziploc bags, cleaning supplies are always needed as well as Casey's or Visa, MasterCard gas cards.

Sue Magedanz attended the LATI Street Fair on Monday, August 21. In cooperation with the Ministerial Association she was available to meet students and share with them brochures for Mt. Olive Lutheran as well as a brochure listing all the churches in Watertown. If you see students attending worship at Mt. Olive be sure to greet them and make them feel welcome. There are "welcome student" packets available for them to take home and enjoy.



### Address Unknown!

The addresses for the members listed below have been reported as undeliverable for by the postal service. Any assistance in gathering current contact information for any or all of these names would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Carol or Pastor with any questions or information

Mary Arbogast	Jay List
Sarah Arbogast	Clyde McCartney
Missy DesLauriers	Don Pasch
Ryan Killion	Carl Paulson,
Kristin Linke	Joey Ramsey
Ryan Linke	Jessica Roberts

**Thank you to everyone** who helped make serving at the Banquet a success. If you donated food, cash, or your service it is greatly appreciated. Evangelism Committee



PSALM 100:2, ESV

Thank you to Warren & Jacqui Pieschke for delivering "Meals on Wheels" the first week in August.

Westward Ho! Ten Young at Heart members traveled west in air conditioned comfort, to Clark on July 27th, on highway 212 at 65 mph. One could only wonder how the pioneers, who settled the west, made their way across the prairie in their prairie schooner wagons. No paved highway to follow, no rubber wheeled, enclosed, air conditioned vehicles & exposed to all the elements. Yet they managed to put down roots, build homes, towns & businesses.

Following is from the Encyclopedia Britannica, written by William E Hill. "The usual average rate of travel with such wagons on the Oregon Trail was about 2mph & the average distance covered each day was about 15 to 20 miles. This was an easy pace for both the pioneers & their animals".

At 15 miles a day, it would have taken our Young at Heart Pioneers 2 days to travel to Clark. Mr Hill continues, "Since prairie schooners had no suspension & the roads & trails at the time were rough, most people on long treks preferred to walk alongside the wagon or ride a horse, (if they had one), rather than endure the wagon's constant jolting & lurching." Anyone up for the challenge? Walking or riding?

As we walked through the Clark Co. Historical Museum, many artifacts were on display that have been donated from people in the Clark area, We were grateful for medical progress while observing items for a hospital room, Dr. & Dentist office equipment. Our contact person for the museum tour, was Greg Furness, Funeral Director of the Furness Funeral Home in Clark, so it was no surprise that there is an interesting display of obsolete items used only by a mortician, back in the day.

Buildings we walked through included, "The Beauvais House which has been refurbished to resemble life in the County in the early 1900's". It was as though a family was still living there & we were visitors from the city of Watertown. As we walked through the house, the comment was made that there wasn't any air conditioning, no fans, no electricity or plumbing. Other buildings for us to walk through, were, a church moved to the museum site from Crandell, a one room school, the railroad depot, with telegraph office & a large display of typewriters, coin & telegraph equipment. Also a large building full of machinery, tools & equipment used to break the sod & farm the land. Then there was a small, one room shack, furnished with all the necessities for life on the prairie, back in the day, with a bed, table, chairs, dishes, etc. Greg said the "shack" was moved in from out in the country north of Clark.

At the end of our day, our modern Young at Heart Pioneers, enjoyed delicious food & beverage in Crocker, off the dusty trail in air condition comfort. We topped off our trip with brownie sundaes at Elaine's home for our traditional ice cream treat before getting back on the trail to Watertown.

Our early pioneers were probably dusty & tired at the end of their day, but also counted their blessings. I'm sure our Young at Heart pioneers just counted their blessings.

Our Sept. meeting will be at church on the 21st, at 11:00a.m. Bring a sack lunch, coffee will be furnished. One Young at Heart Pioneer, counting her blessings, Elaine Lehna, Secretary.

Station	City	Freq	Day
KMSD	Milbank	1510 AM	Sunday 7:00 AM

**September 3** "Finding Life in Jesus' Steps" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Take joy in the gift of being a follower of Christ who is willing to take His lead and be ordered by His steps. (Matthew 16:24-25)

**September 10** "Who's the Greatest?" Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Jesus redefined greatness. He came, not to be served, but to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many. (Matthew 18:1-20)

**September 17** "Unleash the Power of Forgiveness in Your Life " Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz Life with God is not about keeping score; it's about living for others in the grace Jesus earned for us. (Matthew 18:21-35)

**September 24** "The Latest Polls" Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus Believing the latest public opinion poll is not the same thing as believing the truth. (Matthew 21:8-11 and Luke 23:23-25)



Pictorial directory info

### September Anniversaries

9/1/84	Tim & Roxanne McElhany
9/3/67	Jim & Dorothy Bassingthwaite
9/4/55	Don & Elva Bjerke
9/5/81	Lloyd & Cindy Linke
9/7/85	Steve & Julie Geerdes
9/16/89	Jon & Tracy Brandenburger
9/17/10	Travis & Tina Foster
9/17/11	Josh & Bobbi Steidl
9/22/56	Bill & Myrna Snow
9/23/11	Lynn & Linda Moyer
9/26/81	Arvid & Eileen Kraemer

**Coming in October:** A special program on Human Trafficking will be held at Mt. Olive on Saturday, October 14 beginning at 9:30 AM. This information is appropriate for teens through adult. The LWML is hosting the event for the zone and all are welcome. Also on October 7, the Christian Life Workshop will have Pastor Dan Domke speak on: "Marriage and Family, God's Plan" in Aberdeen. Make plans to attend both of these special events! See the bulletin board for more details.

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

9/1	Kenedy Schlenker Jake Schmitz	9/20	Tammy Arbach Charles Drevecky
9/2	Mikaela Schoenefeld	9/21	Graham Albertson
9/3	Jaxson Ajdari		Ashley Drevecky
9/4	Madison Schoenefeld	9/22	Verla Brinkman
9/5	Gabriel List		Josh Konrad
9/7	Dan Drevecky	9/24	Ted Drevecky
9/8	Ray Kerstetter Lloyd Linke	9/25	Craig Crismon
9/11	Kim Konrad	9/26	Lorie Endres
	Betsey Oleson	9/27	Al Haselhorst
9/13	Mary Pat Drevecky		Jolene Krantz
	Robin Erickson	9/29	Mariah Lee
9/14	Dorette Clark		John Rittmann
	Jadyn Lee	9/30	Mason Semrad
9/17	Joey Ramsey		Laura Feller
9/18	Barry Koepke		Karen Riedel
9/19	Levi Jondahl		Hayden Steidl

## October Faith & Care Family "Family of Daniel"

Carolyn Anderson	Jon & Maria Lau
Carol Beutler	Lloyd & Cindy Linke
Abigail Brandsrud	Missy List
Amber Brey	Sarah Lunzman
Jeremy Brey	Trent & Brittany Luoma
Matt & Roxanne Brey	Verna Messerschmidt
Mike Christians	Judith Montgomery
Ashley Collins	Rodney & Sandra Nelson
Dylan Collins	<b>*Brent O'Bryan</b>
Jeff & Carol Collins	Tom Olson
Lorie Endres	Wilma Olson
Aaron & Becki Erickson	Vera Peddycoart
Charles & Sharon Falk	Warren & Jacqui Pieschke
Matthew Falk	Brad & Robin Puthoff
Terry & Mary Jane Foster	Mark & Linda Ramsey
Travis Foster	Emily Rose
Ashley Gregoire	Megan Rose
Armin & Candy Hinkelman	Todd & Sheila Rose
Briana Hinkelman	Cami Rosheim
Alex & Arlene Jordan	Susan Settje
Jamie Jordan	Aaron Spies
Marsha Kapp	Alex Spies
Lisa Keller	Ryan Spies
Adam Kiefer	<b>*Todd &amp; Denise Spies</b>
Nancy Kiefer	Josh & Bobbi Steidl
Barry Koepke	Linda & Bud Webb
Candace Koepke	John & Ardis White
Mark Koepke	
Ron & Marilyn Koepke	<b>*Supervising Elders</b>
Josh & Kim Konrad	

Each family unit at Mt. Olive is assigned to a "Faith and Care" family. These groups give our members the opportunity to put their faith into action, and to care for one another. Family assignments and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

**SUNDAY SERVICES:** Everyone is encouraged to help with the regular tasks of the church on Sunday. These tasks include ushers, acolytes, readers, greeters, and also servers during fellowship time.

**FELLOWSHIP:** People have the opportunity to get to know each other better by working together, and planning together. Each Faith and Care family should gather early in the month before their turn is up, to organize and schedule.

This gathering could be a pot-luck just for that group, or some other event that gives everyone a chance for worthwhile fellowship.

**CARE:** There is a wide variety of people in each group. There are some who will not be able to be directly involved in group activities, because of health reasons. Or perhaps they have responsibilities at home or work and are not able to get away. We hope the Faith and Care group will be in touch with everyone in the group at least once during the month they serve. If there is a special need that exists, perhaps someone in the group can help.

**MORE:** The groups may meet more often, for fellowship, for service outside the congregation, or for study and Christian growth. What a wonderful way for our people to draw together, grow in faith, and in loving care for one another.

### ELDERS OF THE MONTH

Dennis Anderson  
Paul McIntire

## September Faith & Care Family "Family of Christopher"

Frank Albright	Emily Johnson
Karen Albright	Gene & Marion Johnson
Virginia Allen	Jeff Johnson
<b>*Dennis Anderson</b>	Tyler Johnson
Red & Joyce Anderson	Les & Marcie Jutting
Deb Blumeyer-Reu	Dawn LaMee
Craig & Wendy Brown	Vicky Lauseng
Dean & Dorette Clark	Jay List
Jacob Clark	Bethanie Maag
Rachel Clark	Karlie Maag
Dan Drevecky	Regan Maag
Mary Drevecky	<b>*Paul &amp; Lisa McIntire</b>
Robert Drevecky	Cody Oleson
Roberta Drevecky	Sierra Oleson
Jeff & Lori Fox	Tony & Betsy Oleson
Joshua Fox	Doug Pahl
Preston Fox	Kiesen Pahl
Phyllis Froke	Joey Ramsey
Brenda Glover	Kasey & Stacy Reck
Jeff Glover	Danielle Sauer
Michael Glover	Traci Schroeder
Danielle Harms	Leone Scott
Janelle Harms	Vergean Steen
Jean Harms	Jessica & Cory Stemwedel
Merle & Deloris Heidenreich	Kristian Taecker
David & Paula Hulscher	LaFoy Tesch
Lukas Hulscher	Barb & Paul Waldron
Nathan Hulscher	JoAnn Westerman
Del Hutchins	
	<b>*Supervising Elders</b>

**SEPTEMBER 2017**



**Mt. Olive Lutheran Church, Watertown, SD**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>SUNDAY SCHEDULE</b>                      9:00 AM Worship                      10:00 AM Fellowship                      10:15 AM Sunday School                      10:30 AM Adult Bible Class</p>		<p><b>SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS</b>                      9/08 Ray Kerstetter                      9/22 Verla Brinkman                      9/29 John Rittmann                      9/30 Karen Riedel</p>	<p>Church Office:886-5671                      Pastor: Rev. Iver Possehl                      (H): (605) 692-2646 (C): 520-3174                      BOARD OF ELDER: Jim Bassingthwaite,                      Al Haselhorst, Paul McIntire; <b>Dennis                      Anderson</b>, Bill Snow; Brent O'Bryan</p>			<p>Men's Club                      9:00 AM</p>
<p>Worship 9:00 AM                      September Faith &amp;                      Care Family: <b>Christopher</b></p>	4	<p>Circuit Pastors 9:00 AM                      @ Emanuel, Milbank                      Workday 9:30 AM                      Bible Study 1:30 PM</p>	<p>Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM                      Choir 6:00 PM?                      Confirmation Organizational Mtg                      6:00 PM?</p>	7	8	9
<p>10                      Communion 9:00 AM                      First Day of Sunday School</p>	11	<p>12                      Workday 9:30 AM                      Bible Study 1:30 PM                      Brd of Evang Mtg 5:30 PM                      Elders Mtg 7:00 PM</p>	<p>13                      Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM                      Choir 6:00 PM?                      Confirmation / Midweek?</p>	<p>14                      LWML Joint Circles                      1:30 PM</p>	15	16 Wedding
<p>17                      Worship 9:00 AM                      TFC Mtg</p>	18 <p><b>Newsletter                      Deadline                      Noon</b></p>	<p>19                      Workday 9:30 AM                      Bible Study 1:30 PM                      Brd of Ed Mtg 5:15 PM                      Trustee Mtg 6:30 PM                      Council Mtg 7:00 PM</p>	<p>20                      Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM                      Choir 6:00 PM?                      Confirmation / Midweek?</p>	<p>21                      Young at Heart</p>	22	23
<p>24                      Communion 9:00 AM                      October Faith &amp;                      Care Family: <b>Daniel</b></p>	25	<p>26                      Workday 9:30 AM                      Bible Study 1:30 PM</p>	<p>27                      Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM                      Choir 6:00 PM?                      Confirmation / Midweek?</p>	28	29	30 Wedding