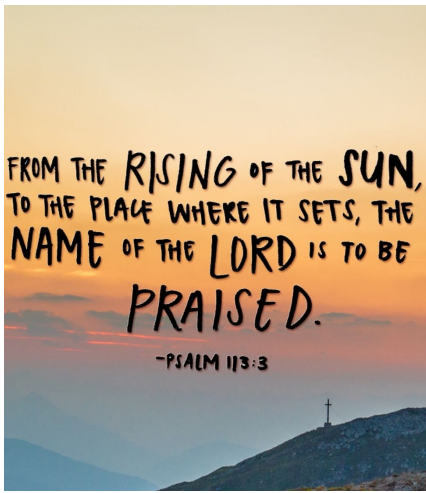




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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

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for immediate prayers



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"Lessons from Psalm 113"

1. Praise the Lord at All Times

Psalm 113 opens with a call to praise: "Hallelujah! Give praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD" (Psalm 113:1). This sets the tone for a life of continuous worship. Whether in times of joy or trial, praising God should be our default setting. It's a reminder that our focus should always be on His greatness, not our circumstances.

2. God's Name is Worthy of Praise

The psalmist emphasizes the importance of God's name: "Blessed be the name of the LORD both now and forevermore" (Psalm 113:2). This teaches us that God's name is not just a label but a representation of His character and deeds. By honoring His name, we acknowledge His eternal nature and unchanging goodness.

3. God's Glory is Above All

Psalm 113:4 declares, "The LORD is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens." This verse reminds us that God's majesty surpasses all earthly powers and authorities. In a world where we often get caught up in human achievements, it's crucial to remember that God's glory is the ultimate standard.

4. God is Incomparable

"Who is like the LORD our God, the One enthroned on high?". This question highlights the uniqueness of God. There is no one like Him and nothing can compare to His power and majesty. This truth should fill us with awe and inspire us to live lives that reflect His greatness.

5. God Stoops to See Us

The psalmist beautifully illustrates God's humility: "He humbles Himself to behold the heavens and the earth" (Psalm 113:6). Despite His exalted position, God cares deeply about His creation. This is a powerful reminder that no matter how small or insignificant we may feel, God sees us and is intimately involved in our lives.

6. God Lifts the Lowly

"He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap" (Psalm 113:7). This verse speaks to God's heart for the marginalized and downtrodden. It's a call to trust in His ability to transform our circumstances and a challenge to reflect His compassion in our interactions with others.

7. God Grants Dignity

Verse 8 continues, "to seat them with nobles, with the princes of His people." God not only lifts us from our lowly positions but also grants us dignity and honor. This is a profound reminder of our worth in His eyes and an encouragement to live as His representatives on earth.

8. God Blesses the Barren

"He settles the barren woman in her home as a joyful mother of children". This verse highlights God's power to bring life and joy where there was once emptiness and sorrow. It's a testament to His ability to fulfill our deepest desires and a call to trust in His perfect timing.

9. God's Care is Personal

Throughout Psalm 113, we see a God who is not distant but deeply personal. He knows our struggles and meets us where we are. This personal care is a reminder that we are never alone, and we can always turn to Him for comfort and guidance.

10. Praise is Our Response

The psalm concludes as it began, with a call to praise: "Hallelujah!". Our response to God's greatness, compassion, and care should be one of continual praise. By living a life of worship, we align ourselves with His purposes and reflect His glory to the world around us.

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
21 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Blended Communion Worship Service 11:00am Fel-	22 9am-Noon Preschool	23 9am-Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	24 9am-Noon Preschool	25 9am-Noon Preschool	26 9am-Noon Preschool	27

September Celebrations



Stewardship Snapshot

September 14th

22 Worshipped,
12 Watched Online
34 Total Worshipped

Financial Support for September 7th

\$1,185.00 General Fund Offering
 180.00 Building Use (God Is Able)
\$1,435.00 Total General Fund Deposit

Financial Support for September 14th

\$755.00 General Fund Offering
 580.00 Dedicated Fund (Police Officer Bibles)
\$1,335.00 Total Deposit

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK ²⁵I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, ²⁶and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. ²⁷And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins." ²⁸As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, ²⁹for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. ³²For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. ³³Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! ³⁴"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" ³⁵"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay them?" ³⁶For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

VERSE OF THE MONTH ²⁹Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. *Ephesians 4:29*

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY returns at 9:15am Sunday mornings starting next Sunday, September 14th. Please see page 5 for the theme of the first Bible study. Please let Neal know if you are interested in joining the class so he knows how many more books to order.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OF THE MONTH is The Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch. We will be having our Honey Sunday on September 28th. I will have the honey order forms in the bulletins every Sunday, so you can fill it out and turn it into the office whenever you want to. That way you will have your honey in time for the baking and hot tea season.



Honey
Sunday,
September 28th
Suggested Donation
\$10 per bottle
Thank you for your support of
Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch.



Fellowship Time



Join us for Lutheran Schools Night!

Saturday, November 15th at 7pm

Tickets are \$23 per person for center ice lower level.

Everyone who attends gets a free Wolves hat.

For an additional \$7 you can add a hot dog and pop voucher.

All money needs to be turned in by Sunday, November 2nd.



PRESCHOOL is in full swing, both indoors and outdoors, lol. They love to play on the swing. In class, they were working on the letter "B" this week. Craft time included making their very own binoculars, which they were able to take outside and check out the apple tree and Linda's garden. They also looked for butterflies and other bugs too. During chapel time this week, they learned about Noah's Arc, so their second craft for the week was to make their arc and the animals going 2 by 2 onto the arc. Mrs. Diana also read them a story about Noah. Of course, this Mrs. Diana's arc., lol.



COUNCIL MEETING was held on Thursday evening. Among the topics they had discussed was paying Diana for being for the 5 days a week now going forward. The financials and also an update from the meeting the Call committee had earlier that day. They also will be advised to the credit from Concordia for the VBS shirts and that I have already taken advantage of some of that credit to order communion wafers. They also discussed the need to have backup counters for the offerings in case of any vacations and/or emergencies that may arise in the future. Any important decisions that had been made at the meeting will be announced at the end of the worship service on Sunday during the announcements.

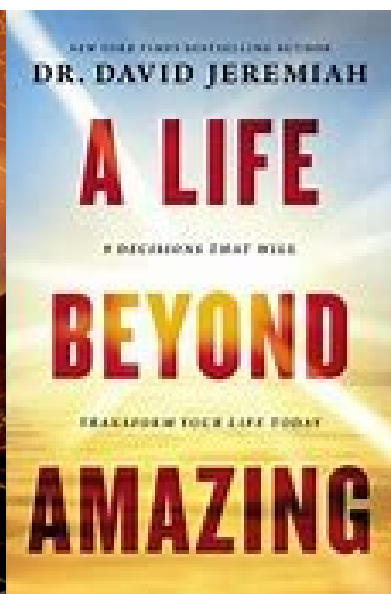
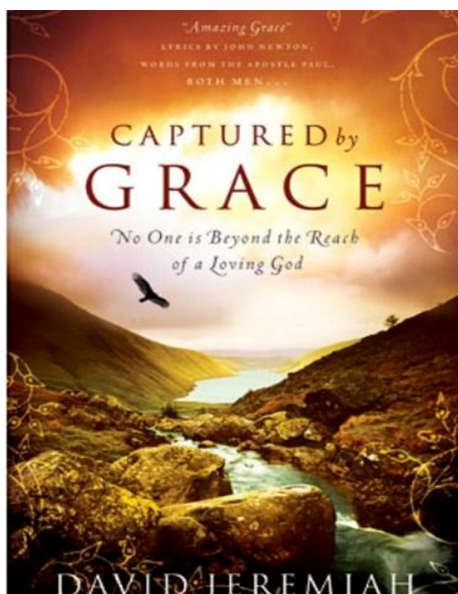
THE CHICAGO WOLVES is hosting a Lutheran Schools Night. Wee will be purchasing tickets for the Saturday, November 15th game that will be at 7:00pm. The Wolves play at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL. The Wolves are an AHL (American Hockey League) team. They will be playing the Cleveland Monsters that weekend. The tickets will be \$23.00 each and the seats will be located on the lower level at center ice and each ticket will also come with a Wolves knit hat. We also have an option to buy food vouchers for a hot dog and soda for \$7.00. Children 2 and under are free. I now have the order form. We need a minimum of 10 people to go in order to get the special discounted pricing. The poster and the order forms are on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall and the poster is also on page 3 of this newsletter. I will be having the order form in the bulletins for the month of October. Deadline for purchasing the tickets is November 2nd. I will email one total order form and then also mail her the hard copy and have Bill write a check for the amount. All tickets and vouchers will then be mailed here, and you will be able to pick them up at your convenience. If you have any questions, please see me or Diana.

ORLAND PARK CHRISTMAS TREE will also be purchased this year. Anyone who wants to help decorate the tree can see Diana for more details as to the dates. It's usually around the Thanksgiving weekend.



BRROKFIELD ZOO CHRISTMAS TREE has been purchased and we will be planning on decorating the tree on Saturday, November 8th. Most all of the pre-school families have already shown interest and are very excited for the chance to be able to go to the zoo. The zoo will be giving us 20 free passes to hand out to the families, and we can purchase additional ones for \$10.00 each, which is a huge discount on the admission price. If you would like to go, please let us know by Sunday, October 12th, so we can purchase the additional passes.

CAPTURED BY GRACE will be the first book that the Bible study classes will begin with. The group will be doing one chapter a week, each chapter is basically a different topic, so if you can't make it for the entire book, you won't be behind. They will do one chapter a week and they should finish up by the start of Advent or shortly there after. The following study will be based on the book, A Life Beyond Amazing.



DAVID JEREMIAH is the author of both books. Captured by Grace teaches us that most Christians know that they are saved by grace, but some of us don't realize that we live by grace everyday. The lessons in the book will show us how we can apply the principles of God's grace to our lives. Please let Neal know if you are interested in joining either of these studies, so he can order enough books for all of us. A Life Beyond Amazing shows us how we can be the person God has intended us to be. There is a better to way to experience life for all of us. It uncovers God's strategy for and challenges us to make nine important decisions that will transform our lives.

"He Raises the Poor"

"He raises the poor from the dust..."

Psalm 113:7a

1) He raises the poor... God always REMEMBERS.

⁴ Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, "When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?"—skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, ⁶ buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. ⁷ The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: "I will never forget anything they have done." Amos 8:4-7

2) He raises the poor... God wants all to be REDEEMED.

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. ⁹ I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. ¹¹ A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. ¹² I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner. ¹⁵ But women will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety. 1 Timothy 2:1-15

3) He raises the poor... God gives us all His RICHES.

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' ³ "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' ⁵ "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶ "'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' ⁷ "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' ⁸ "'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' ⁹ "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ¹⁰ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹¹ "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹² So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹³ And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? ¹⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." ¹⁵ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁶ He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight." Luke 16:1-15

"WE WILL MAKE THE EPHAH SMALLER." THAT DOESN'T SOUND GOOD.



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THE 'EPHAH' WAS A UNIT OF DRY MEASURE. THEY ARE CONSPIRING TO SELL LESS FOR MORE MONEY.



SHRINKFLATION IS AS OLD AS THE BIBLE!



AMOS 8:4-7

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