Saturday Reflection (preparing for the Sabbath)

Saturday is a day of preparation as we contemplate the coming Sabbath. Looking back over the week, consider such question as:

- 1. What sins will I lay before the Lord in my confession?
- 2. What prayers will I lift up?
- 3. What questions will I be seeking the answers to?
- 4. What burdens do I need to lay down in order to be fully open to the movement of the Holy Spirit?
- 5. Who might I invite to journey with me?

Today's Happenings

- **"Joining Jesus as a Family**" by the Finke's is a handbook focused on Christian parents. In addition, it is very helpful for grandparents and all Christians wanting to lead others in their lives to Jesus. Meet upstairs.
- Israel and Palestine. Join Pastor Ken in the Sanctuary.
- 2023 BFLC Annual Quilt Drawing. Handmade quilt drawing on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 2 during the Christmas Tea</u>. Purchase a ticket and receive a pencil. Stop by our table to see the quilt and get your ticket(s) between church services.
- **Silent Auction.** Plush dogs, Frosty and Flake. Bids will be taken at the quilter's table in the Fellowship Hall. The winner will be announced at the Christmas Tea.
- Children's Christmas Program. Any adult volunteers for the Christmas Program please meet with Andrew Koetsier between services to go over details. Meet in the Library, across from the Sunday School room. (See full practice details on back).

Fall Stewardship Awareness Program

• All we have is from God and all you have is your gift to others for Christ's sake. Matthew tells us "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21). Pray about what you want to joyfully return to God. Please pick up your pledge card and return by next week.

Announcements



What are you thankful for?

Please write what you are thankful for on the leaf you receive, then cut out and return by **Today** in basket in the Narthax. They'll be put on our *Tree of Thanksgiving.*

- Thanksgiving Eve Worship. <u>Wednesday, November 22 @ 7:00p.</u> Join us as we gather to thank God for his goodness. Bring non-perishable food to bring up to the altar in our processional offering. Donations will go to Marian House and Yoder Food Pantry
- Office Closed November 23 & 24

Mark Your Calendars!

- Men's BBQ. <u>Friday, December 1 @ 6:00p</u>. Meet at 6:00p. Eat at 6:30p. David Klein is hosting this month. Signup sheet on bulletin board.
- Christmas Tea. <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 2 @ 10:00a</u>. Time to enjoy food, fun, fellowship, music and door prizes. Invites are in your church mailbox. RSVP to Paige Summerfield
- Youth United. <u>Saturday</u>, <u>December 2 @ 5:00p</u>. Come join other area Middle and High School students for a night of fun, games, and episode of The Chosen, and worship together at St. Luke's Lutheran Church. Dinner will be provided and the event is free. RSVP to Andrew Koetsier.

Christmas Program! Sunday, December 10 @ 6:00p		
Practice Schedule: Sunday, November 26	Practice for Pre-K to 5 th graders during Sunday School.	
Sunday, December 3	Practice for Pre-K to 5th graders during Sunday School.	
Sunday, December 10	We will go over the program during Sunday School and then have a dress rehearsal for Pre- K through 12 th graders at 12:00p in the sanctuary. The program is scheduled for 6:00p.	

WEEK'S CALENDAR November 19 – November 26		
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30a 9:30	Worship Sunday School for all ages. Joining Jesus as a Family Israel & Palestine Parent Volunteer Mtg.
Monday	1:00p	Woman's Bible Study Youth Volunteer Service Day
Tuesday	6:30p 7:00 7:30	Life To Life Discipleship Handbell Practice AA Mtg. Al-Anon Mtg.
Wednesday	9:30a 6:00p 7:00	Staff Mtg. Choir Practice Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday	7:30p	Office Closed AA Mtg.
Friday		Office Closed
Sunday	8:00 & 10:30a 9:30	Worship Sunday School for all ages Joining Jesus as a Family Living Your Faith

Attendance

11/12 8:00a – 114 10:30a – 159

Sunday Reflection (after worship...pondering)

Sundays are devoted to worship and reflection. We gather together as the Body of Christ to lift our praises to God and receive what only he can give us. Later, reflect on such questions as:

- 1. What point of the sermon or Sunday school lesson most caught my attention? What exactly touched my heart?
- 2. Which song, hymn or portion of liturgy most became a prayer or conversation with God?
- 3. How will making my confession and hearing the absolution affect how I live this week?
- 4. What strength or comfort did I receive as I participated in worship today?
- 5. What was the Gospel message I heard today and who did I share it with?
- 6. Who did I speak with that I can remember in prayer this week?