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Embraced by God through Jesus Christ our Lord, we share this gospel of hope and healing within and throughout our community



Who's Counting?

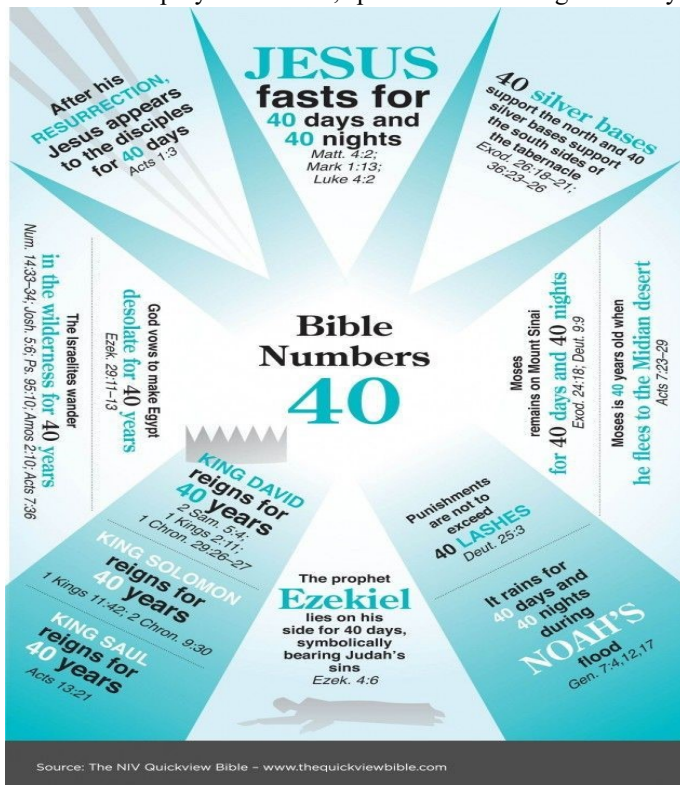
Psalm 90:12-17 - A prayer of Moses the man of God.

12Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom. **13**Relent, LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. **14**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days. **15**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble. **16**May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. **17**May the favor^a of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands.

As most of you know I just turned forty this past September. To start with I want to thank all of you for the cards, gifts, and birthday wishes. They were much appreciated. Hard to believe that 6 of those years to date have been blessed serving this caring congregation!

As round numbered dates sometimes do, these 40 years got me contemplating things like numbers. As you may have noticed, the Bible is full of numbers. In fact, the Bible even has a book named Numbers. Now while we want to be careful not to get into the kind of numerology that goes overboard and starts creating all kinds of predictions and wild ideas using numbers out of the Bible, there is no question that numbers do play a significant role in scripture.

Take the number forty for example. The number forty often symbolizes a period of trial or testing. Moses and the Israelites who have recently come up in our story series wandered for forty years in the desert. The Psalm above accredited as a prayer of Moses, speaks of numbering one's days that we might gain wisdom.



The full Psalm recounts the everlasting and providing nature of God, as well as both his judgement and restraint. Clearly wandering in the desert for forty years reminded Moses and the people of Israel of their own limited nature and their need for God. However, I think it also served as a reminder that restoration and God's saving work often take time. The people of Israel did not enter the whole of the promised land over night even after the 40 years were over. Not only did the flood waters in the time of Noah come down for 40 days, it took 40 days to open the Ark after the waters receded. On the one hand salvation took place in the blink of an eye with Christ's death and resurrection. Yet on the other hand, that saving work continues today as Christ continues to seek and save the lost. For good reason known only to God, His work often takes time.

Whether you are facing test or trial, a significant milestone right now that is giving you pause, or some other number related joy or challenge, I hope all of you will remember and encourage each other that: 1) God is with us and we can cast our cares on him 2) God's work often takes time 3) God is faithful and in Christ the victory is already ours and the promised land is just over the horizon. In Christ,

Pastor Eric Schoech

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Our Valparaiso Christian Academy is planning to hold Trunk or Treat on October 31 at 10:00am.

Volunteers are needed!

If you would like to help out contact Mrs. Jackie or Ms. Brenda at 548-5799.



THE VU STUDENTS ARE BACK ON CAMPUS WHICH MEANS THURSDAY EVENING PRAYER AND PRAISE HAS RESUMED.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE HELD IN THE GATHERING SPACE EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:00PM WITH A PRE-SERVICE SUPPER SERVED AT 5:00.



Tom Nimtz	Oct. 2
Ryan Gengnagel	Oct. 3
Tyrell Nicholson	Oct. 4
Myra Zasada	Oct. 7
Andrea Frank	Oct. 9
Karie Koehneke	Oct. 10
Lucy Fryman	Oct. 12
Arpad Marton	Oct. 15
Jim Dixon	Oct. 16
Jan Dixon	Oct. 20
Ben Fryman	Oct. 21
Gene Koroncz	Oct. 22
Darlene Eichstaedt	Oct. 22
Paulette Blouir	Oct. 23
Fred Schultz	Oct. 26
Mike Dunlap	Oct. 29

If we have left out your birthday please call the office at 462-7684.



Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)

When disasters strike; lives, homes, businesses, churches...everything and everyone can be affected. LCC LERT volunteers respond quickly to serve people affected by disaster.

LCC never goes where we are not invited.

We NEVER charge those we serve. We pick up all of our travel, hotel, and meals costs. We put boots on the ground within 24 hours (often fewer) from the time we get the invite.

To learn more or to help out visit lutheranchurchcharities.org.

THOUGHTS FROM THE DEACONESS

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10a

Elijah has just shown the prophets of Baal that the Lord God is in charge. Rain is finally coming to Israel after years of drought. Elijah's life and fame have improved. He should have little to fear, and yet, the threat on his life from Queen Jezebel has him running for his life. After a forty-day journey to the mount of God in Horeb, he takes up residence in a cave. God comes and asks the question, "What are you doing here?" And as any of us would do, Elijah whines about his difficult life, "I am the only one left and they want to kill me." Then comes a strong wind, an earthquake, and fire. God's answer to Elijah is not in those. Instead, a soft whisper comes to Elijah's ears. God is in the still, small voice and Elijah is reassured that there are seven thousand who remain in Israel who worship God and not Baal.

How hard would it be for us to listen for a still, small voice? In society today, we are inundated with voices. Besides what we hear from our family, friends, and co-workers, even our devices can talk to us. When we think the house is finally quiet, there is the humming of timers and sump pumps and lights and air conditioners and Siri. And what about that other voice that is always with us – our voice. This is the voice that Elijah heard as he ran from the queen. He didn't hear his voice reminding him of God's great victory over the prophets of Baal. Instead, Elijah hears his voice of fear.

We are no different from Elijah. We run. We hide. We whine. Our inner voice is so loud that even if God came in an earthquake, we wouldn't hear God's words. God comes in a still, small voice so that we will stop. Stop running and hiding and whining. Stop and listen to what God has to say.

God's words are always what we need to hear. Sometimes the words call us to task and remind us to stop listening to fear. Often the words speak comfort. We are not alone. The work of the kingdom is not too much for us.

Whenever we are still in the presence of God, we will know that the great "I Am" is in charge and is always working for our good.

"Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him."

Psalm 37:7

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER CHOIR SCHEDULE

October 6; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

October 13; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

October 20; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

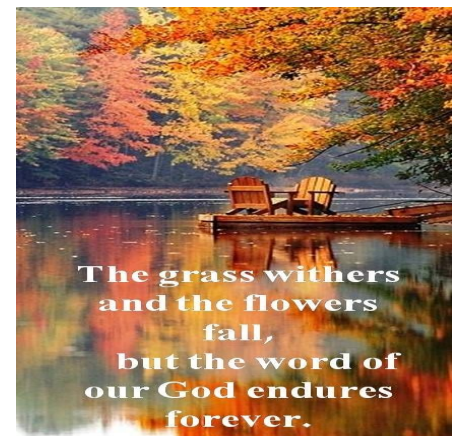
October 27, sing, Reformation Sunday, 9 am

November 3; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

November 10; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

November 17; rehearsal, 11:35am-12:05pm

Nov. 24; sing, Last Sunday after Pentecost, 9 am



Voter's Assembly is Sunday,
November 10 at 12:15.

Please plan to attend!

The 2020 budget and new board members will be presented and voted on and upcoming church events and activities will be announced.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL FALL SERVICE PROJECT

Our Fall Service Project is in full swing! We are making crafts and collecting warm socks for the residents in the Legacy Unit at Avalon Manor.

We need 30 crafts and pairs of socks. We are working on the crafts and collecting socks during the months of September and October and will deliver to Avalon on November 10.

If you would like to help out with this project please speak with Sherri Nord, Jackie Allwardt or Dorothy Kehe.



FAITH WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Prayer & Praise, October 3, 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 6, 9:00am Holy Communion
Prayer & Praise, October 10, 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 13, 9:00am Morning Prayer
Prayer & Praise, October 17, 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 20, 9:00am Holy Communion
Prayer & Praise, October 24, 6:00pm Contemporary Worship
Reformation Sunday, October 27, 9:00am Holy Communion
Prayer & Praise, October 31, 6:00pm Contemporary Worship

