



THE CROSS

September 3, 2023

WORSHIP AT 9:30AM THIS SUNDAY

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<https://www.youtube.com/@LCRRacine/streams>



LCR – Greetings and blessings to you all! A special thank you for all that turned out in-person and on-line for the Congregational Meeting to vote as a part of the call process. The turnout was more than I could have dreamed of and the excitement in our church is contagious!

I am excited to announce, on behalf of the Council and Call Committee, that Pastor John Anderson has accepted the call from LCR after our unanimous congregational vote last Sunday. **Pastor John's first services will be on September 24th.** I am, as I am sure you are too, thrilled to know that he will be back among us and leading us as we move forward with our mission of "Growing a Welcoming Community of Christ".

We are also planning a welcome celebration for the Anderson family on October 1st. Please mark your calendar, more details will be coming out soon.

With this news we will be saying goodbye to our Bridge Pastor. **We will thank Pastor Paul and wish him Godspeed during the services on September 17th.** I hope that you can come to worship that Sunday, as he was an integral part of moving us forward during the transition we have gone through.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday September 3

9:30am - One Worship Service

10:30am - Gospel Talk

Monday September 4 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Thursday September 7

6pm-9pm - PEO Meeting

Sunday September 10

8am - Worship

9:15am - Sunday School Kick Off

9:15am - Gospel Talk

9:15am - Bell Choir Practice

9:15am - Band Practice

10am - Worship

11am - Sunday School Teacher Meeting

11am - Band Practice

Church Calendar

The church calendar is constantly being updated so to see the most current events please go to our website and click on Resources and then Calendar.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Ken Fehl and his family for peace and comfort as he is in hospice.

the family of Barb Tuttle as they mourn her loss.

Our members facing long term health concerns: Myrna & Jim DeCamp, Shirley Alton, and Mark Wanggaard.

UPCOMING WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

September 3 - 9:30am

Worship Asst: Mary Hauch

Ushers: Jeff Wunderle,
Colin McKenna

Communion Asst:

Sandy & Jim Georgeson

Power Point Tech:

Carol Gavigan

Sound Tech:

Livestream Tech:

Gayle Wint



September 10 - 8am

Worship Asst: Stacey Robe

Ushers: Joe Kiemen,
Grace Holm

Communion Asst: Grace Holm

September 10 - 10am

Worship Asst: Stacey Robe

Ushers: Aaron Kozlik,
Connie Gardner

Communion Asst:

Power Point Tech:

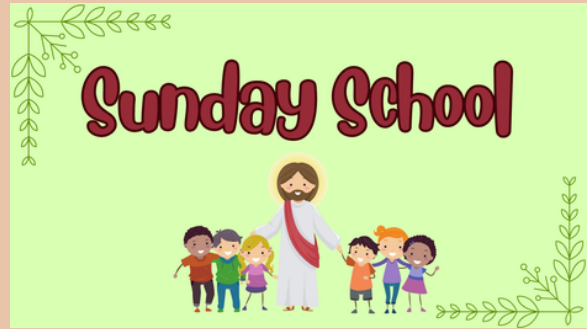
Valerie Nance

Sound Tech:

Chuck Petrach

Livestream Tech:

Jakob Mohalley



SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF & BACKPACK BLESSING

On Sunday, September 10 Sunday School will kick off at 9:15am in fellowship hall! You will be able to register your children and meet the teachers. There will also be games and snacks.

At the 10am service on September 10 we will have a Backpack Blessing so please make sure to bring your backpacks!

Sunday, September 17 will be the first official day of Sunday School starting at 9:15am.

SUNDAY'S SERMON AND GOSPEL TALK

Last week, we established that the Gospel is highly political. The term "Gospel" itself was mostly reserved for the good news from Caesar in the First Century. "Savior," "Son of God," and "Lord" were all titles claimed by Caesar. "Christ" and "Messiah" – both meaning "Anointed King" in both Greek and Hebrew, respectively – was the center of Jewish political hopes. Matthew 16 is the story of a political drama in which Jesus takes his disciples considerably farther north to the Caesarea Philippi, the regional headquarters of the Roman Empire. He asks them, "Who do you say that I am?", and Peter gives a deeply political answer, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

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SUNDAY'S SERMON AND "GOSPEL TALK" continued

This week, we get the second half of this political drama, as Jesus launches into his political platform: "Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised." Wait, what?! Political platform, you say?! That doesn't look like a political platform.

But just because it doesn't look like a political platform doesn't mean it isn't. Peter reacts as if it is and immediately tries to counter Jesus, precisely because it doesn't at all fit his version of, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." If Jesus is to compete with Caesar, then Jesus' politics will never do. But Jesus' reaction is equally shocking: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." Jesus' answer states the problem: Human things and divine things are completely different – including politics. This week, we will try to sketch out the vast difference.

The matter of talking politics happens best in dialogue, so please join us for the Gospel Talk after the one 9:30 am service. Please join us!

BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY

HOLY HYGGE A New Season! – Welcome All – New and Old

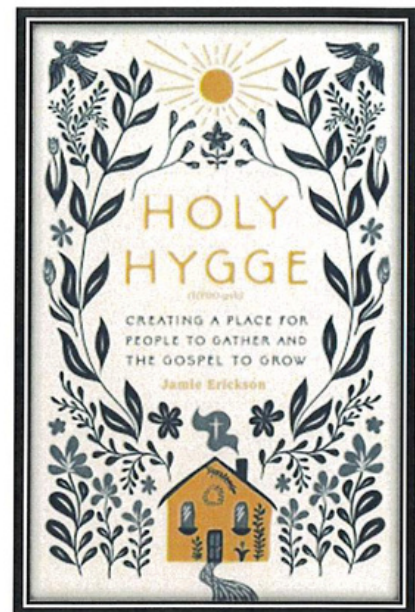
Beginning Wednesday, September 20th

11:30 Bring a Lunch – 12 to 1 Discussion of Introduction

Pick up your Book from Cheryl in the office.

Hygge [HYOO-guh] has become a cultural buzzword. When many read about this Danish practice, their shoulders lift in excitement, then fall in exhale. In a culture of *rush*, *hygge* appeals to their desire for *rest*—for slow living, shared moments, and fostered friendships. *Hygge* has strong ties to beauty, contentment, and well-being. It's warm and inviting. *Hygge* is the opposite of hustle. It eschews abundance. It savors. It takes things slow and envelopes you in sanctuary. *Hygge* is home. When you sit in a comfy chair by the fire, that's *hygge*. When you arrange a fresh bouquet of wildflowers on a bedside table, that's *hygge* too. Candles, soft furnishings, natural light, fresh-baked pastries, intimate gatherings with friends—these are what come to mind when you think of *hygge*. But *hygge* can be so much more.

In *Holy Hygge*, author Jamie Erickson unites the popular Danish practice with the deep, theological truths of the gospel. She unpacks the seven tenets of *hygge*: hospitality, relationships, well-being, atmosphere, comfort, contentment, and rest. In addition, Erickson shows how the external veneer of a lifestyle can create a life-giving home only when placed under the hope of the gospel. *Holy Hygge* provides practical ideas for using *hygge* to gather people and introduce them to faith in Christ.



If you've never been to a Bible discussion, this may be the one for you.

Any questions? Call Mary Hauch at 262-417-071.

Happy Birthday!

9/2	LeRoy Mohrbacher	9/11	Dave Wernicke
9/3	Ruth Holz	9/12	Mark Wanggaard
9/3	Liz Graceffa	9/13	Bronson Klemick
9/5	Betty Erbe	9/14	Sydney Dues
9/7	Jakob Mohalley	9/15	Ava Gardner
9/8	Tom Hauch	9/16	Kathy Sheriff
9/11	Randy Kisley		

Happy Anniversary!

9/7	Candi & Tom McDonough	21
9/8	Melissa & Mike Larson	22
9/10	Betty Erbe & Ken Rubin	7
9/10	Ashley & Jacob Vanderhoef	12
9/14	Nicci D'Amour & Edwin Sandle	10

SCRIP CARDS ARE AVAILABLE



Scrip cards are available for purchase on Sunday mornings. We ask at this time you pay only by check and make it out to LCR Scrip. If you are looking for a vendor OR a different denomination, you can either access the website at <https://www.raiseright.com/brands> or contact Danielle at 262-989-1999.

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Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

SATURDAY SEPT. 16 AT 9 AM
5637 ERIE ST. RACINE, WI 53402

Please arrive by 8:45 am. Donations will be accepted for the
Habitat for Humanity Solar Housing Project.



Morning of Saturday, September 30

Join all of your friends at the Outreach for Hope 2023 Family Ride Run Walk, and help fundraise \$160K for grants to ministries serving neighborhoods experiencing material poverty in the Greater Milwaukee Synod, ELCA!

FOUR SITE OPTIONS:

Each site offers a **road and/or trail bike ride** unless otherwise noted, a **5K fun run**, **2-mile walk**, and **fellowship-only participant** and **volunteer** options.

- **Dousman:** Meets at Cory Municipal Park
- **Grafton:** Meets at Grace Lutheran Church, Grafton
- **Kenosha:** Meets at Petrifying Springs Park
- **Milwaukee:** Meets at Washington Park - no bike rides at this site

Pay-what-you-can registration includes a free event t-shirt, picnic lunch, and access to our online fundraising platform.

Register + learn more starting July 18
at OFHRRW.org



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