



The Book of Proverbs contain multitudinous examples of the Wisdom of God. Wisdom is practical knowledge for discerning between good and evil. Since God is the creator, the only one who has authority to determine what is right and wrong according to His nature, He alone reveals Wisdom. Wisdom comes from God. God reveals His Wisdom through Holy Scripture in different forms. One of these forms is the Law. The Law is God's revealed will for how we should live our lives. Many of the sayings in the Book of Proverbs are examples of this Law applied to everyday situations. However, not all of the Law is applicable to our lives today.

The Christian Church has traditionally divided God's Law into three categories: civic law, ceremonial law, and moral law. The civic and ceremonial laws were given in the Old Testament to tell the ancient nation of Israel how they should order their society and worship. Since these laws were given to the ancient nation of Israel (and none of us are citizens of this ancient nation), these laws no longer apply to us today. This does not mean that they have no value for our Christian faith. The civil laws given to ancient Israel still show us the things that God values: honoring one's parents, giving money to those in need without expecting any in return, and caring for the downtrodden such as the poor, widows, and orphans. Similarly, St. Paul tells us that the ceremonial laws of ancient Israel point us to Christ Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. "These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ." (Colossians 2:17) Therefore, all of God's Law is useful for revealing who He is and what He has done, but it is not all given for the ordering of our lives.

In contrast, the moral law still applies to us today because it reveals God's universal will for how all human creatures should live. The Ten Commandments are a helpful summary of this moral law. We know that the Ten Commandments are an example of God's moral law because Christ Jesus and the Apostles continue to apply these commandments to God's people of the new testament (Us). As Christians, we strive to follow the commandments because they are God's good and gracious will for living. At the same time, the more we strive to keep these commandments, the more we realize that we fall short of what they command. Our righteousness before God and whether we are pleasing in His sight are not dependent on our ability to keep the moral law. Rather, it is completely dependent on Christ Jesus who has

fulfilled the moral law for us through His perfect obedience (Romans 5:18). We seek to live according to God's moral law – as revealed in the Ten Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, the Book of Proverbs, etc. – out of thankfulness for God's favor revealed in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Pastor Blake

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NEW MEMBER



Congratulations to Pastor Blake and Ruth on the birth of Anastasia Carol on Wednesday, August 21st at 4:23 a.m. weighing 8 lb. 6 oz. Anastasia was baptized on Sunday, August 25th at St. Thomas. A reception after Christ Lutheran's worship was held for the new little one. Welcome Anastasia!

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YOUTH NIGHT

Youth night will be held September 21st at Christ from 6:00-10:00 for food, games, and a Bible study. Topic for the Bible study: People You Should Know: Jesus of Nazareth. Who is Jesus? What can we know about Him? Why is He important for our lives? Any adults willing to serve as volunteers are welcomed (and desired)? Free!



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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sept 29th we will be having our Annual Meeting after the worship service. We have moved up the date so that we can coincide with Christ Lutheran on working on the budget. Also at this meeting we will be electing new council members. If you are interested in being part of this committee, please see Stephanie Manijak. Refreshments will be served. We hope to see all of you there!

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MINI-MEN'S RETREAT



Pastor is summoning all the men of both congregations to join him for a Mini-men's retreat on October 12th from 1:00-5:00. Join us for God's Word, BBQ, and a movie. Free, even though donations for food expenses are welcome. Bring your own drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic). Topic: God's Call for men: What does God call us as men to do? Sign up in the Narthex!

FACEBOOK

Facebook live feed of our Sunday Service has been interrupted. We have lost our ability to live stream our service on Sunday mornings due to constraints from our social media provider. To be able to live stream going forward, we need at least 100 followers on our Facebook page which is St Thomas Lutheran Church. So far we have only 78. Everybody can help here by talking to friends and family about following us on Facebook at St Thomas Lutheran Church. It's very simple you just need to go to your Facebook page find Saint Thomas and follow us. Once we obtain over a hundred followers will be able to live stream again. We are actively looking for other solutions as well.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NIGHT

At this time both of these bible studies are on hiatus until Pastor Blake is ready to start again.

Join us for Christian Education Night at Christ on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. and at St. Thomas Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.! Invite friends, family, and coworkers as we dive into the main articles of the Christian faith from a scriptural perspective. Ever wonder: Why do we confess the Old and New Testaments to be the Words of God in their entirety? Where is the Holy Trinity taught in Scripture? How many days did it take God to create the universe? These and other questions will be addressed. *Fides quaerens intellectum* (faith seeks understanding)!

BIBLE STUDIES are also being held on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at Christ Lutheran as we study the lectionary readings from the previous Sunday.

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CATECHISM BIBLE 101 CLASSES

Classes will begin October 19th from 1:00-2:00 at Christ Lutheran. If you know anyone of catechism age that would like to take this class, please let Pastor Blake know. Guardians are also needed to attend classes if you would like to volunteer.

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OUR SERVICE PROJECTS

We remember all those who are facing a crisis in their lives. Lutheran Missions Ministry is our main organization that we donate to. Mark on your envelopes "Lutheran Mission Ministry".

Please remember the families of Streetsboro by donating to the Streetsboro Community Pantry with a monetary donation or food donation. You can do this through the church through your offering or placing food items in the basket in the Narthex.

Becky Larkins is collecting Paper towels and toilet paper rolls for craft projects. Also 2 litre plastic bottles. You can place them in the basket on the coat shelf in the Narthex. Thank you!

Deb Wolff has pickles ready. Bring back your empty jars and she will fill them up again.

Your October-December Portal of Prayers are here. You can find them on the stand by the door.

Church Council will be meeting Thursday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. If there is something you would like the council to work on, please let one of the council members know. They are Steve Hlava, president, Del Groff, Guy Jeanblanc, Joyce Torres, Deb Wolff, Gilbert Ayers and Stephanie Manijak.

Contact Person: Please call Pastor Blake Martzowka at the church on Thursdays from 9-3 at 330-626-4945 or on his cell phone 989-372-5318 for emergencies or Council President Steve Hlava at 330 422-1959 for any emergencies or questions.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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| Kathy Braeshear | Palagia Hlava | Robin Hoffman | Pastor Just |
| Lynn Kanengeiser | Lorene Kozar | Carol Poston | Heather Poston |
| Deb Wolff | Patty Abramovich | Diane Altier | Allison |
| Andrea | Isabella Andrews | Betsy | Ray Bishop |
| Brian | Carl | Russ & Lana Carnes | Dan |
| David Colvin | Deacon | Debbie | Garbowski family |
| Ryan Goodrich | Karen | Kenny Hanson | Daniel Gump and wife |
| Mary Hardesty | Jim | Jim | John |
| Kathy | Laura & family | Logan | McGowan family |
| Amanda Nicely | Denise Nicely | Stephen, Kendi and Samantha Nicely | |
| Keith Nowak | Patriots family | Samantha, Malik and Kilam Porter | |
| Richard | Ron | Will Roberts | Susan |
| Pastor Bob Tauscher | Tina | Joe Wargo | Bennie Wegener |

Our College Students—Grace Rohaley, Corey Hautmann, Thomas Ayers, Jacob Zimmerman

Our Military members—Troy Roman and Ben Wolff

The Ohio tornado victims and victims from the hurricane

The world/USA—racism and lack of love outside of God's words

Our teachers and support staff and students as they start a new year

Healthy pregnancies for family and friends

Our military veterans All Natural disaster victims COVID virus patients

Gaza & Israel victims Ukraine refugees

We would love to have updates on our prayer list. If you have good news about someone on this list please let the church know or call Marla at 330-472-3045. Thank you!

Our shut-ins—please send them a card

Carole Poston
12790 Chamberlain
Aurora, OH 44202

Lorene Kozar
8460 Westport Dr. #225
Mentor, Oh 44060

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Birthdays

- 5-Cathy Fairchild
- 9-Gavin Hagen
- 9-Jenna Zimmerman
- 9-Jacob Zimmerman
- 10-Noah Paskett
- 10-Nick Phillips
- 15-Amanda Nicely
- 17-Steve Hlava
- 19-Jillian Earle
- 20-Jarid Phillips
- 21-Patty Phillips
- 27-Carole Earle
- 29-Anibal Torres



SEPTEMBER BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

Baptism Birthdays

- 4-Gabe Manijak
- 16-Corey Hautmann

Happy Anniversary to...

- 5-David & Lynn Kanengeiser
- 6-Tom & Linda Beuck
- 18-Gilbert & Trudy Ayers
- 26-Bill & Sharon Crile

If anyone has been left off this list or any other list, please let Marla Manijak know so she can add you. I would love birthdays and anniversaries and baptism birthdays if you know when it is. Thanks!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

TREASURERS REPORT - Month of July 2024

| | Current Month: | Current YTD | Prior YTD: |
|---|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| TOTAL INCOME - General Fund Only | 4260.69 | 62772.18 | 35236.46 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE - General Fund Only | 7181.67 | 41661.14 | 36641.13 |
| NET GAIN (LOSS) | (2920.98) | 21111.04 | (1404.67) |
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| TOTAL INCOME - Special Funds (See Below) | 232.25 | 3977.50 | 585.84 |
| TOTAL EXPENSE- Special Funds (See Below) | 59.98 | 514.22 | 245.18 |
| NET GAIN (LOSS) | 172.27 | 3463.28 | 340.66 |
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| Average General Fund Income Per Week | 1065.17 | 2092.41 | 1174.55 |
| Amount needed to meet expense budget - per week | <u>1306.73</u> | | |

Special Funds Include:

Special Building/Property, Pastor's Second Chance, Memorial Gifts, New Building, Lutheran Women's Group, 5th Sunday Benevolence



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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE 9:00 A.M.

PLEASE JOIN US INSIDE

**LIVE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE—PLEASE FOLLOW US
SO WE CAN BE LIVE AGAIN**

OR IN CHURCH PARKING LOT ON CHANNEL 96.9 FM

BIBLE STUDY THURSDAYS 6:00 P.M.