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October 2018 | Monthly News from Crown of Life Church

Mark Your Calendar

- 10/6**
Cross Country Meet
- 10/8**
Volleyball Away Game
- 10/9**
Soccer Semifinals
- 10/10**
Volleyball Away Game
- 10/12**
Matins & Muffins
Volleyball A Team Tournament
- Soccer Championship
- S'More Fun - Eagan
- 10/15**
Volleyball Home Game
- 10/16**
Lifeline Screening - Eagan
- 10/17**
Early Dismissal
Cross Country Meet
- 10/18-10/19**
Teachers' Conference
NO SCHOOL
- 10/27**
Trunk or Treat - WSP
- 10/31**
Halloween

Harvest Pictures

BY PASTOR EMILE BURGESS

"There is nothing visible or transitory that does not point us back to something more important that is invisible and imperishable." - Augustine of Hippo

October is harvest time! It's the time of year when we reap the fruits of the land. Most of us are pretty far "removed from the soil" in our everyday lives, but we do live in Minnesota. You don't have to travel far at this time of year to notice with your eyes (or your nose) the land yielding its produce to the laborer's hand and the combine's teeth.

The More Important Harvests

Harvesttime was an important time and an important concept in the Bible. The Holy Spirit inspired his writers to use it as a metaphor for many important truths. But it wasn't just a happy accident. It wasn't a coincidence that there just happens to be a worldwide seasonal activity that "translates" well as a metaphor for these important truths. No, when God created the universe, he did so with the eternal truths in mind *first*, and then purposely ordered the world to reflect those truths. He didn't have to create the world with a hydrological cycle or a precise tilt to its axis that causes the earth to have seasons or plant life that needs soil, photosynthesis and water to grow and bear fruit. He didn't have to create plants or fruit at all! But he did because he had important "invisible and imperishable" truths he wanted mankind to know. And he wanted us to be able look around at nature and society and life and see those truths reflected in it all!

A cursory read of the various verses in Scripture about the harvest yields no less than a dozen different truths behind the picture! We won't consider them all here, but just a few.

continued

How to Read Your Bible

Methods to Get More Out of the Word!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY SERIES – 9/23-10/14

Reading the Bible can be intimidating! But it need not be. In this Bible study we'll explore best practices in approaching Scripture and proven ways to apply it to your life.

Harvest Pictures... continued

The First Harvest

There were three major harvest seasons in Bible times. The first was the barley harvest, the smallest of the three, but in the truth behind it, the most important. This was the Passover season along with the festivals surrounding it. This season is when the wave offering (Leviticus 23:10-14) took place. The wave offering was the firstfruits of the barley harvest offered to the Lord in gratitude for his providing hand. As soon as the firstfruit wave offering was "accepted" by God in sacrifice, only then could the rest of the grain be brought in.

The picture? None other than Jesus, the "firstfruits." **"But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep"** (1 Corinthians 15:20). Just as the wave offering had to be accepted by God before the rest of the harvest could come in, so Christ, in his resurrection, was accepted by God. And *his* acceptance means our acceptance — *our* resurrection from the dead! **"But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him"** (1 Corinthians 15:23). And just like the barley harvest was the smallest, so Christ's resurrection was just one man, but it will give way to an abundant harvest of resurrected ones who belong to him. (More on *our* resurrection later.)

At harvesttime, remember the firstfruits. Remember Christ's resurrection.

The Second Harvest

The second harvest in Bible times was the festival of Pentecost, similar to our modern Thanksgiving holiday. It was a joyous celebration of God's provision, a time of gratitude for God's grace and generosity. This Old Testament festival

took on new meaning when the day became the birthday of the New Testament church. On that day, the Holy Spirit was poured out in power on Jesus' followers and 3,000 souls were harvested unto faith and salvation. Jesus used this picture with his disciples when he said, **"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. 3 Go! I am sending you"** (Luke 10:2-3a).

At harvesttime, remember the fields of souls in our world, ripe for harvest. Remember that we are all workers in the Lord's harvest field.

The Third Harvest

The third harvest for Israel was the Feast of Ingathering. There are some interesting parallels that lend toward this ingathering foreshadowing Judgment Day. It's not an unfamiliar picture for the harvest. If Christ is the firstfruits from the dead, we are the rest of the harvest to follow. In the parable of the wheat and the weeds, Jesus says, **"The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels"** (Matthew 13:39). Oh, how we long for that harvest day.

At harvesttime, remember your own resurrection to eternal life.

"There is nothing visible or transitory that does not point us back to something more important that is invisible and imperishable." Augustine said it well. The pictures are all around us, found in our world, explained in Scripture. And what rich truths we have from God during harvesttime. At harvesttime, remember these invisible and imperishable truths, as we look and long for the Final Harvest to come.

UPDATE: Partner Ministry



Last Summer Crown of Life voted on beginning a partnership with Community Deliverance Church. Now that this partnership has been going on for over a year, an update is in order. Pastor Baion and Community Deliverance Church (CDC) have been sharing the worship facility in Eagan, worshipping at 11:30 on Sundays.

They have also been using the facility for Bible study and prayer on occasional Fridays. This has proven to be

a partnership that works well for both Crown of Life and CDC.

To further the partnership, Pastor Baion has enrolled in the WELS Pastoral Studies Institute (PSI). The PSI is a program that trains and qualifies men to be in fellowship with the WELS. Although he already has a pastoral degree, Pastor Baion will begin the PSI program this month.

Please continue to keep Pastor Baion, his family, and CDC in your prayers. Welcome them when you see them.



Pastor Baion and members of Community Deliverance Church



Ask the Pastor - Answered by Pastor Zachary Pudlo

Why did God create the world?

This question is a continuation of last month's question. Last month I answered the question concerning how evil could possibly get into the world. And tied to that question is this month's, "Why would God create the world if he knew there would be evil in it?"

Many people have tried to come up with good explanations to this. Probably the best explanation I have heard came from Jonathan Edwards, a protestant minister who lived in the 1700's. He wrote a work called *A Dissertation Concerning the End for Which God Created the World*. In this work, Jonathan Edwards discussed the fact that in every religion people owe their allegiance to God (whoever that God may be). And if they give that God their allegiance, obedience, and love, then they will be blessed. So what you see in every other religion is a God who created the world so that the world would give him their love. In short, every other religion teaches God created the world because he wanted to be loved. He needed to be loved, and so he created beings to love him.

However, this is the exact opposite of the Christian teaching. In Christianity, God already was in a perfectly loving relationship before he created the world. The very unique teaching of a three person God shows that God already was receiving as much love as needed and then some! And so Jonathan Edwards explains that God created the world not to be loved, but to give love.

I remember going to a wedding and seeing a bunch of champagne glasses stacked up like a pyramid. A waiter started pouring champagne in the top glass until it overflowed. But when it overflowed, the champagne that spilled went into the cups beneath it. The champagne flowed down the glasses until all were filled up. That's the Christian picture Jonathan Edwards gives as to why God created the world. He was overflowing with love, and so he created a world where his love could be poured out to more and more persons.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Saturday October 27
5-7 pm

Free, safe Trick or
Treating event for all
ages. Cars decked out in
their Halloween finery,
candy, games and jump
to your hearts content,
all this and more!
Everyone is welcome
so bring a friend!



SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back to School!!

After a great summer vacation, the Second Graders are happy to be back at school for another year. We are glad to see friends, play at recess and learn new things. We have a new student this year. Her name is Emma. We welcome her to our class.

Two things that the students are eager to learn this year are harder math facts and cursive writing. One of everyone's favorite activities is reading books. There are many favorites. This year we look forward to reading chapter books. We also learn how to read and use our Bibles. "Reading helps your brain to grow!"



THE BIBLE in 4 min 18 sec

COL 7th grade is off and running with their second year on the Puppet Tour. This class's debut presentation was performed Friday, before an excited audience of students, teachers and parents. After the performance we got a chance to get behind the scenes and find out how a show is created.

Who came up with the Bible in 4 min idea?
I did (Mr. Noack) - It's from Billy Joel's "We Can Start a Fire"

Who writes the script? It is purchased from Righteous Pop Music

Who makes the puppets/props? Mr. Noack purchases all of it. Each puppet is hundreds of dollars. He owns the curtains (set), the puppets, the music, etc.

How do you decide who does what? - the kids get to pick out their puppet from a big bin of puppets.

To Kids - Do you go to school or is this your full time job? Gigggle, no we go to school. Mr. Noack - we have to fit in practices between subjects. We have about 1/2 hour a week plus shortened lunches to fit in practice.

To Kids - Do you have to lift weights so your arms and hands don't get tired. No, we don't get tired.

To Kids - is it hard to stay hidden behind the screen? No, that's easy, It's harder to learn where your puppet is looking and make them face the right direction.

To Kids - what did you learn from doing the puppet show? Coordination, science of motion, how to make eye contact (with a puppet), it's not scary

To Kids - Do you think this is a privilege? YES!

To Kids - What do you think of taking it on the road?
"That would be SOOO COOOOL!!!!"

How long does it take to create a production like this? (Mr. Noack) This one didn't take very long about 2 weeks (6 hours). I create the PPT.

How do the students grow from doing this?

- great outlet for kids, takes learning away from a book
- teaches them teamwork
- teaches them there are other ways to tell about God, Jesus and the Bible that can be fun and entertaining

How many different productions are you planning this year? (Mr. Noack) 6, if we can find the time. What I would really like to do, is combine the 7th and 8th grade into one group and have them pick a Christlight story and recreate it using puppets. Then in the spring the students would preform their own creation.

I don't know about you, but I think that is an awesome idea! I can't wait to see how the kids put the skills Mr. Noack has taught them to use with their own unique gospel message. See you all in the spring!



COL 7th Grade Puppet Troup 2018-19

REPORTS

August 2018 Treasurers Synopsis – Fiscal Year July 2018 – June 2019

	Actual	Budget	Difference
FYTD Total Income	\$286,826.51	\$274,773.88	\$12,052.63
Expenses	\$314,397.79	\$288,699.26	\$25,698.53
Net Operating	-\$27,571.28	-13,925.38	-\$13,645.90

Envelope Offerings	\$182,601.40	\$195,646.72	-\$13,045.32
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	Actual	Borrowed	Balance
Special Funds	\$112,259.55	\$111,000.00	\$1,259.55

A detailed monthly treasurers' report is on the bulletin boards at church.

Welcome New Members!



Aaron Wirth lives in Saint Paul with his wife, Michelle. He works as a software engineer for a small company called Modus that is based out of Minneapolis. Originally from Appleton, Wis., he is a big Packer fan. Go pack go! In his free time, Aaron likes to play soccer, run, and travel.

Marriages

- Marriage of Matthew Ladd & Alanna Hennen on 9/8/18 with Pastor Pudlo.
- Marriage of Rosanne Steber & Scott Gold on 9/8/18 with Pastor Burgess.

New Members (*featured in previous issues*)

- Aaron & Elizabeth Stokke
- Linda Noack

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Living as Contented People

“... I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want” (Philippians 4:11-12).

“And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that” (1 Timothy 6:7-8).

Thoughts

Have you ever fantasized what it would be like to win millions in a lottery? If you were a multimillionaire, you could have virtually everything you wanted. The sixty-four thousand dollar question is: “Are you better off than before you won the lottery?” Does winning the lottery bring contentment? What is the secret of contentment? Is contentment to be found in satisfying every desire?

According to the Apostle Paul, the key to contentment is to be found in God, not in ourselves and what we possess. Paul lived with an abundance of things, and he lived in need. However, he said that he had found the secret of being content in either circumstance.

The key to contentment with abundance is to learn to be content with having little. If we are not content with what we have now, we will be content with what we have in the future. We need to be content first with who we are before will be content with what we have. Contentment does not come from having more. We can be content when we realize our greatest need is a need of the heart, a need for God. Contentment, therefore, comes from God and not from things. We can remain content even in the absence of material things. Only Christ can take away our appetite for things. Christ can take away an attitude of greed and replace it with the spirit of contentment. When Jesus fills our life, He fills the inner void that material things cannot satisfy.

Source: 12 Months of Congregational Stewardship (vol. 2) by Ronald J. Chewning, Stewardship Advisors

S'MORE Fun

October 12 - 5 pm Eagan Campus

Roast hotdogs over a fire and toast s'mores for dessert. Family friendly movie at 6:30 pm.

Kids, feel free to bring a pillow to get comfy while watching the movie "Moana". Everyone is welcome!



OCTOBER CALENDAR

Monday, October 1

3:15 pm Lego Club
4:00 pm Volleyball AWAY Game @ Visitation
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:00 pm Mary/Martha - WSP
Evangelism-EGN

Tuesday, October 2

9:00 am Men's Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on Marice-Sr. Living Service

Wednesday, October 3

4:30 pm Volleyball HOME Game vs. Holy Trinity Catholic School
5:00 pm Confirmation Class - WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
8:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
4:00 pm Volleyball Home Game vs. Cross of Christ
Soccer Playoffs

Friday, October 5

No Bus Service

Saturday, October 6

8:30 am Cross Country Meet
5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, October 7

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, October 8

4:00 pm Volleyball AWAY Game @ Nativity of Our Lord
6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, October 9

9:00 am Men's Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on Marice-Sr. Living Service
4:00 pm Soccer Playoffs (Semifinals)
6:30 pm Education Properties
7:15 pm Stewardship

Wednesday, October 10

4:00 pm Volleyball HOME Game vs. St. Joseph
5:00 pm Confirmation Class - WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Thursday, October 11

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Adult Craft Club
PTN Meeting - WSP
7:00 pm Elders-EGN

Friday, October 12

8:00 am Matins & Muffins and Panera
4:00 pm A Team Volleyball Tournament
5:00 pm S'more Fun - EGN
7:00 pm Soccer Championship

Saturday, October 13

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, October 14

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, October 15

4:00 pm Volleyball HOME Game vs. Community of Saints
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:30 pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, October 16

9:00 am Men's Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on Marice-Sr. Living Service
3:30 pm Fall Sports Party
7:00 pm Council-EGN

Wednesday, October 17

11:30 am Early Dismissal
1:00 pm Cross Country Meet
5:00 pm Confirmation Class - WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Thursday, October 18

No School - Teachers' Conference
2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
7:00 pm Riverview Cemetery

Friday, October 19

No School - Teachers' Conference

Saturday, October 20

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, October 21

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN

10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, October 22

2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:00 pm Youth & Adult Education

Tuesday, October 23

9:00 am Men's Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on Marice-Sr. Living Service

Wednesday, October 24

5:00 pm Confirmation Class - WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Thursday, October 25

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

Saturday, October 27

5:00 pm Trunk or Treat - WSP
Worship EGN

Sunday, October 28

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, October 29

6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, October 30

9:00 am Men's Coffee - WSP
10:00 am The Commons on Marice-Sr. Living Service

Wednesday, October 31

Halloween

Report Cards Distributed

5:00 pm Confirmation Class - WSP
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Roger Becker	4 Samuel Koeppen	10 Benjamin Footh	19 Abby Gaedtk	27 Mark Smith
Zachary Haehnel	Michael Yoder	Jason Rupprecht	Brady Schindeldecker	Voni Boyer
Lorraine Langfield	5 Karyn Sachs	11 Steve Lange	19 Jennifer Thul	Dashawn Dennis
Marissa Lucio	6 Ashley Schumacher	Justin Ohm	21 Hannah Little	28 Isaiah Kruse
2 Eve Haehnel	7 Steven Bartsch	12 Abby Belfield	Samual Sylvester	Scott Redner
Elizabeth Stedillie	Jennifer Seidl	13 Lucas Boehm	22 Leo Kuehl	29 Michaela Allen
Cole Tess	8 Natalie Casalenda	Hazel Danner	Johnathon Schultz	Amelie Farley
3 Evan Ludden	Sarah Lucas	Christine Pasch	23 Colleen Seiger	Jaci Gorske
Eunice Neubauer	Cathy Olson	Rosanne Steber	24 Jessica Kelm	Elizabeth Oldfield
Kathleen Oberg	Mary Wacker	14 Perry Abel	25 Cody Hood	Andrew Osland
Isaiah Otterstatter	9 Conner Koker	15 Stephanie Steber	Joann Loewen	Emily Pottorff
4 Brook Burt	Trenton Krueger	17 Daniel Plath	Leah Panek	30 Urdeen Quam
David Dittman	Gabrielle Stensland	Andrew Quast	26 Paula Casalenda	
Jonah Koeppen	10 Carmen Arnoldy	18 David Schletty	Adam Fischbach	



Getting to know you – Liz Oldfield

For as long as I can remember, Liz Oldfield taught kindergarten. In fact she is the reason we enrolled our precious little one in Emanuel (now Crown of Life) and later went on to become members. Her gentle, caring nature and “let’s have some fun” attitude drew us in immediately. Then unknowingly, she taught all of us about Jesus. I’m sure we are one of many families that had the same experience.

Family has always been a top priority in her life. Raising 4 daughters with the love of her life Jack, now in heaven, she has

learned to navigate the ups and downs of life always with a smile and a giggle. I can remember her saying, “It’s just a stage...they will grow out of it.” As busy as she is, Liz always saves time to cheer on 13 grandchildren and their classmates during sporting events.

Since her Kindergarten retirement Liz has thrown herself into many activities: cooking and working with a team that provides a billion meals for COL members in need, volunteering at the Christian Life Ministries counseling center doing child care, odd jobs in the office at St. Croix Lutheran and most recently launching her second year of teaching “Kingdom Kids” one Sunday a month at the Eagan Campus.

Kingdom Kids is an awesome Sunday school program offered once a month to little ones age 3-7. Each month there is a new theme (like “Creation”) that is taught through center activities, a Bible story and of course singing. “Everyone is welcome to join in this sensory based Sunday School.” It’s great fun, come check us out!!!



JUST FOR FUN

WORD SCRAMBLE

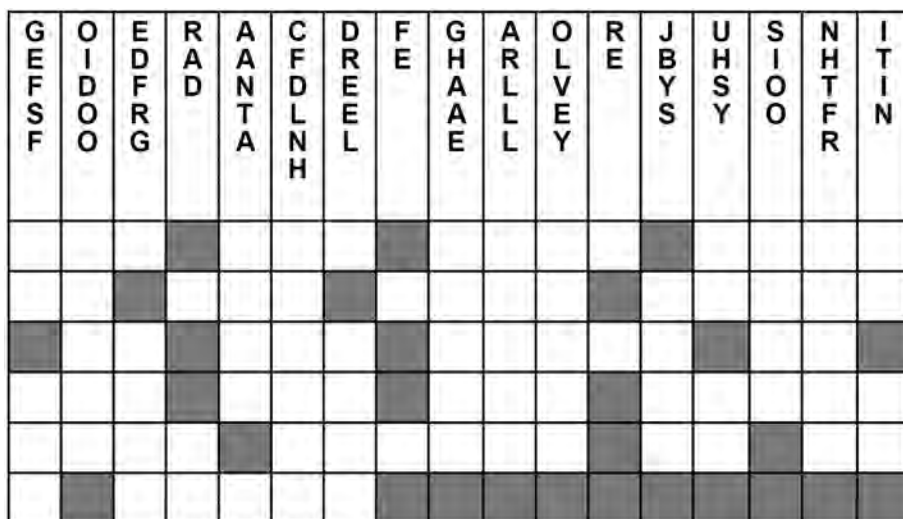
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CROWN OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL

West St. Paul Campus – 115 Crusader Ave W, West St. Paul MN 55118

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