

**WEEKLY IN THE WORD OPPORTUNITIES**

**Sunday:**

- ◆ Confirmation Class : After Worship
- ◆ Sunday School/Adult Classes 8:45 AM  
Adult 1: Beth Helmly  
Adult 2: Melissa Osteen  
High School: Pastor Dave
- ◆ Worship Service 10:00 AM
- ◆ Bible Youth Group (BYG) 6:00 PM

**Wednesday:** Pastor Dave’s Class 11AM via Zoom.  
Call to be added to the Zoom list: 912-661-8735.

**Small Group Bible Studies:**

Ebenezer Study Group - 1st & 3rd Tues. 6 PM  
Meets in member homes. Contact: Connie Bazemore (912) 659-2188

**Plan Ahead!**

- 10/4 Confirmation Class after worship
- 10/4 Evangelism Meeting after worship
- 10/4 Youth Group Meeting 5-6 PM
- 10/5 Church Council Meeting 6:30 PM
- 10/6 AFPAG Foster Parents Meeting 6 PM
- 10/11 Finance Comm. Meeting after worship
- 10/11 MASKED Service, 4 PM
- 10/13 Quilters Group Meeting 10 AM
- 10/18 Defibrillator Training after worship
- 10/21 Christian Ed. Meeting 5:30 PM
- 10/25 Confirmation Class after worship
- 10/26 GRITS meeting 6:30 PM
- 11/1 WOW Meeting at BLC

**Next Week’s Lessons**

- Isaiah 25:6-9
- Psalms 23
- Philippians 4:4-13
- Matthew 22:1-14



**PRAYER LIST**

Because of space limitations, the congregational prayer list will be sent out each Sunday with the Bulletin Blast. A few printed copies are on the cream table in the hallway for those not receiving the electronic version.

**BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2021**

The finance committee asks all committee chairpersons to submit their 2021 budget requests no later than Nov. 1, 2020. Please send electronic and/or paper copies to the church office blc.rincon@gmail.com

**GRITS NEWS**

GRITS is having a raffle fundraiser with five different prizes. The tickets are \$20 each and are being sold by GRITS & MOB members. As in the past, funds raised will be used to benefit persons in need. Thank you for your support!

**An updated Bible Lutheran Church Directory  
has been published  
and can be picked up at church  
in the narthex hallway.**

**If you need us to mail your directory to you,  
please contact the church office:**

**912-826-2711**

**DIRECTORY**

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**A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS**

**PASTOR DAVE HANSEN (912) 826-2711**

- ◆ You are here by God’s calling and we extend Christ’s hospitality to you this day.
- ◆ In worship, we receive God’s gift of salvation and return our thanks in prayer and praise as his holy people.
- ◆ Our Yellow Ribbon Hosts will be glad to assist you with any needs or questions.
- ◆ If you receive the Lord’s Supper in your home congregation, you are welcome to receive it here.
- ◆ Restrooms and a nursery are in the back hallway. Hearing aids are available.
- ◆ Please fill out a visitor card so we can keep in touch. The Lord give you strength for daily living.



When it comes to righteousness, Paul says, “I win the medal!” When it comes to following the law to the letter, again he says, “I get the prize!” But now his life is in Christ who showed the apostle the worthlessness of his labors. Paul confesses his zeal for the law and says that whatever he gained by that, he now counts as loss. The only gain we can rejoice in is the love and mercy of Jesus, our Savior.

WORSHIP SERVANTS	THIS WEEK (OCTOBER 4TH)	NEXT WEEK (OCTOBER 11TH)
ACOLYTE/CRUCIFER	Jake Waldhour/Carlyn Waldhour	Jake Waldhour/Carlyn Waldhour
ALTAR CARE	Andy Dasher	Andy Dasher
ANNOUNCER	Richard Hall	Richard Hall
CHILDREN’S MOMENT	Katie Whitten	Katie Whitten
COUNCIL SERVANT	Travis Bazemore	Travis Bazemore
COMMUNION ASST.	Michelle Batchelor	Michelle Batchelor
FLOWERS	The Thomas Kessler Family	Lisa Byrd
HEAD USHER		
LESSON READER	Karen Williams	Karen Williams
MUSICIAN-COMM	Karen Hall	Karen Hall
MUSICIAN-SERVICE	Karen Hall	Karen Hall
NURSERY ASSISTANTS		
PRESIDING MINISTER	Pastor Dave Hansen	Pastor Dave Hansen
YELLOW RIBBON HOST	Evangelism	Evangelism
LAST SUNDAY ATTN.	SS: 48    Worship: 70	New Life, 826-4261; Joanne’s, 754-9116
<b>IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO FULFILL YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE: 912-826-2711</b>		

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today’s altar flowers are given by the Thomas Kessler Family in memory of Rebecca Lynn Kessler.

**First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>Let me sing for my beloved my love song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup>He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; and he looked for it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup>And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup>What more was there to do for my vineyard, that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup>And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup>I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and briers and thorns shall grow up; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup>For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are his pleasant planting; and he looked for justice, but behold, bloodshed; for righteousness, but behold, an outcry!

**Second Reading: Philippians 3:3-14**

<sup>3</sup> For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— <sup>4</sup> though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup> that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46**

<sup>33</sup> “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup> When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup> And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup> And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup> When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup> They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

<sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

A couple of reminders—the offering plate will not be passed, only presented at the altar, a plate for offerings is on the Usher Stand in the hallway, and Holy Communion will be served in service. Ushers will help direct communicants from their pews for communion. Please consume the bread and wine while at the table.

**SPECIAL CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED**

The congregational meeting to discuss amending the budget to allow for the hiring of a youth coordinator will be held after service today. This will be the only topic discussed at this meeting.

**LCMC NATIONAL GATHERING INFORMATION**

Next Monday, October 5th, the LCMC National Gathering will be live-streamed for any who care to view it. There will be some great speakers there. If you wish to view this, please go to the website for the link: [www.biblelutheranchurch.org](http://www.biblelutheranchurch.org)

**CINDY GRIFFITHS TO SPEAK AT BIBLE LUTHERAN**

If you are tired of hearing Covid stories and complaints, here is an opportunity to hear a life affirming, positive message from a wonderful speaker, Cindy Griffiths. Cindy is coming to Effingham to speak at Bethel Lutheran and is a friend of Pastor Bob LeFavi. Further information can be found on the church website: [www.biblelutheranchurch.org](http://www.biblelutheranchurch.org)

**FUTURE FOSTER PARENT MEETINGS**

We still need volunteers to help with future Foster Parent Meetings. One to write a Thrivent Action Team grant, one to plan and prepare a meal, and one to help host the event and work in the kitchen. That’s 3 people minimum, though 4 or 5 would be ideal. The time commitment is 3 hours and 1 evening a month (June-July off). It’s a worthwhile project so please call Pastor Dave to let him know when to sign you up! His church cell number is 912-661-8735.

**LOVE OFFERING**

We will be collecting a love offering for Habitat for Humanity today. Some of their regular fund raisers were not possible this year due to the Covid 19 virus. Please consider making a special offering to support this worthy cause. Check out the display for more information!

**QUILTER’S GROUP NEWS**

Our talented quilters have placed a few of their quilts in the foyer that are for sale. Please contact Connie Bazemore (659-2188) or Ramona Kessler (658-7095) to purchase.

**DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING SCHEDULED**

Defibrillator training will be offered after worship service on October 18. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Karen Warnell if you are interested in being trained.