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Mark your Calendar

September 13

Church Picnic @Winfield
Township Community Park
Immediately following the
worship service

September 14

Church Council Meeting
6:30 pm

September 16

Bell Choir & Adult Choir
begins @6:00 pm & 7:00 pm

September 20

First day of Sunday School
and Pastor's Shawn's
Coffee Talk 9:00am

October 8

Rigatoni Dinner Fundraiser
More info to come!

October 11

Harvest Home Celebration

October 25

Reformation Sunday and
First Communion

Join us for Worship!
Sunday Mornings
@10:10 am

Sunday School &
Pastor's Coffee Talk
Beginning September 20
@9:00 am

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YouTube.



The Explosion Behind Our Faith by Pastor Shawn

Take a moment and look at the picture of Meteor Crater near Flagstaff Arizona. Sure, it's interesting and all, but if we're honest with ourselves, it's just a big hole in the ground. There's nothing really life changing here at all. However, when you consider the forces that created the crater, our view of this hole changes quite a bit.



Scientists estimate that the meteor which caused Meteor Crater was 150 feet across, weighing several hundred thousand tons, and hurtling towards earth at about 40,000 miles per hour. When the impact occurred, it had an explosive force greater than twenty million tons of TNT. Because the meteor was traveling at supersonic speed, the impact generated immensely powerful shockwaves in the meteor, the ground, and in the surrounding atmosphere. In the air, shockwaves would have swept across the plains devastating everything in its path for a radius of several miles. After the impact, a dense cloud full of molten rock debris would have risen high above the crater raining down fallout material for miles around. That's no ordinary whole in the ground!

Now, pretend you were in the vicinity of this impact and yet somehow you survived. How would that change the way you look at this crater? I would imagine that, for you, it wouldn't be just a hole in the ground, but rather a terrifying reminder of the day everything in your life changed. You would imagine and visualize the catastrophe that created this apparently docile hole in the ground.

Often, we look at our Christian faith as if it were an old crater, not thinking about the massive explosions that created its contents. We view it like tourists at Meteor Crater, unable to fathom what it would be like to experience these things. We come to worship, hoping to find a little encouragement and ritual to get us through the week. We come to the bible looking for a little self-help to change our behavior. We hear the stories of the past, but like tourists, we walk away unchanged.

Take Baptism for example. A little water on a person's head, no big deal, right? Yet, just think about what's happening in this seemingly docile act. As the Word and Command of Christ are spoken and the water is applied that person is being forgiven of their sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), united to Jesus' death and resurrection (Rom 6:1-5; Col 2:11-12), and being given eternal salvation (Mark 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; Titus 3:5-7). And if you've been baptized, the same has happened to you.

Pastor Shawn cont'd.

Truly, as Luther writes, Baptism is, “so full of consolation and grace that heaven and earth cannot understand it. But it requires skill to believe this, for the treasure is not lacking, but this is lacking: people who grasp it and hold it firmly.”

Friends, what’s true of Baptism is true so many other great truths of Christianity. Be it the Lord’s Supper, worship, preaching, praying, confession, our eternal hope, etc., these great craters of our faith have explosive power when they’re contemplated rightly. So, my encouragement to you this fall is to consider them not like a big hole in the ground that will leave you unchanged, but rather as an explosion that occurred in the past, reverberates into the present, and lasts into eternity.

CHURCH
picnic
Sunday, September 13
At the Winfield Township
Community Park
194 Brose Rd., Cabot

Immediately following the worship service. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, and Chicken will be provided as well as beverages and table service. Please bring a covered dish and/or a dessert to share.



The Adult Choir will begin weekly rehearsals on Wednesday, September 16 @7:00 pm. Come out and join us! New voices are always welcome. No experience needed!

The Bell Choir will be holding an informal rehearsal on Wednesday, September 16 @6:00 pm.

If you are wondering what bell ringing is all about or maybe just want to give it try yourself, come on the 16th to find out! We’ll go over the basics of ringing and explain how to “read the music”.

No commitment to join.



Church Council Contact Information

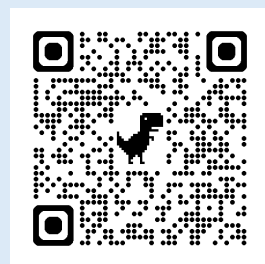
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**Sunday School Begins on Sunday,
September 20 @9:00 am for children
ages Preschool-Sr. High**



Pastor Shawn’s Coffee Talk will resume on Sunday, September 20th @9:00am.

Did you know that you can give to St. Paul’s online? Log on to our website and click on “Give” or scan the QR code below



Hebrews 11:1, KJV



Harvest Home Celebration Sunday, October 11

Join us for our annual Harvest Home Worship service where we will be collecting nonperishable items to be donated to the Cabot Food Bank. Bring your donations on Sunday, October 11 and place them before the altar.



We welcomed 66 children ranging from age 4-entering 5th grade for the week and had a total of 22 volunteers. A wonderful time was had by all and we enjoyed learning about God through rainforest themed Bible lessons, skits, experiments, games, crafts, snacks, and music. Families attended the closing program on Friday with a taco bar following. We also raised \$392 for World Vision to donate fruit trees to families in Central America. Thank you to everyone who helped out to make this year's Vacation Bible School a success!



To Activate St. Paul's Prayer Chain
Call Cheryl Young at 724-822-0579

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list contact the church office.

Continued steady, steadfast, sustained prayers for:

Vivian Beers, Charlotte Hostetler, Don Diller, Claire Jones,
Joanne Toy, Tom Leskovik, Paige Swagger,
Ted & Pat Kaminski, Scott Reyer, Al Reyer, Joyce Bastin,
Hobe Kenton, Clyde Altman, Walter Henkel, Gary Beatty,
Barbara Mitchell, Paul Schmeider, Daren, Judy Henkel,
Nancy Raub, Dawn Reimer, Aunt Margie, Allyson Pavlick,
Tim & Tim, Jeff Beatty, Hal Calithen, Nancy, Beth Zboran,
Sharon Scherer, Don Scott, Jim Muir, Jan Hansen,
Judy Johnson, Allan Doerr, Nick Kaminski, George Wright,
Linda Barnett, Esther, Malea Venturini, Clarence Negley,
Janelle, McKoah, Rhaelinne

Rest for the Soul



Studies show many Americans don't get enough sleep, and the effects can take a toll on both body and mind. Whether it's a packed schedule or restless nights, a lack of rest makes it harder to think clearly, stay focused and care for our overall well-being. Over time, that constant fatigue begins to wear us down. Our spiritual lives follow a similar rhythm. When we rush from one task to the next without pausing to spend time with God, we can feel just as drained. We need consistent, quiet moments with Him to stay grounded, encouraged and strong in our faith.

Even Jesus made space for this kind of rest. Luke 5:16 tells us that He often withdrew to quiet places to pray. If He needed that time with the Father, how much more do we? When we step away from the noise and listen for God's voice, we find the renewal our souls have been longing for.

Heide Hall Roofing Update

Heide Hall roofing work is completed. Work to repair the ice damaged area over Pastor's office, Sanctuary shingles, and Heide Hall soffit and fascia work should be completed by October. Thanks again from Council to the Congregation for filling the budget gap to make these improvements happen.



Reformation Sunday: Rooted in the Word

On October 25, we'll mark Reformation Sunday with a special focus on our heritage of faith and God's enduring Word. Come celebrate the truth that still sets us free: salvation by grace, through faith, in Christ alone.

Prayer of Remembrance for Patriots Day

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter through every storm, and our eternal home:

We come before You remembering the lives lost on September 11, 2001. Though many years have passed, the sorrow of that day still lingers in the hearts of families, friends and a grieving nation. Lord, comfort those who continue to carry loss. Grant peace to the brokenhearted, strength to the weary and light to those walking through seasons of grief. Let Your presence bring hope where memories still ache.

Teach us to care for one another with compassion and courage. Help us to be a people who offer kindness to the hurting, encouragement to the discouraged and justice to those who suffer. Stir our hearts to live with mercy, humility and love for our neighbors.

Forgive us when our words are greater than our actions. May we strive each day to reflect the values of faith, unity and grace that honor You and strengthen our communities.

Thank You, Lord, for Your constant care and unfailing mercy. Even in tragedy, You remain our refuge and our hope.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Sunday, October 25 marks the date for the following first year confirmands to receive their first communion:

*Otto Fleske, Eric Scott, Emery Voland,
Kaylee Young*



A New Members Class will be held on the following Sundays immediately following worship:
September 27, October 4 & October 11

Reception of New Members will be included in the worship service on Sunday, October 18.

Anyone interested in seeking membership should contact Pastor Shawn or the Church office.

Luther's Corner



"If we have received forgiveness of sin once in Baptism, it will remain every day, as long as we live. Baptism will remain as long as we carry the old man about our neck."--Martin Luther's Large Catechism

Cast all your
anxiety *on him*
because
he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7