



Rhein by November 30, if you are interested in more details, or might be willing to serve.

- ♦ It was requested that the Hospitality Committee develop a form for requesting use of the Emmaus building. The purpose of the form is simple communication: any member is welcome to use the building for a shower, reception, game night, etc. They just need to know who to ask! Copies of the form are available in the church office. Complete the form when you would like to use the building and return it to the office so Alyssa can note the event on the calendar.

Thank you!  
Hospitality Committee

- ♦ Announcements for the printed bulletin should be sent to the church secretary, Alyssa Horner, no later than the Thursday before they need to appear in print. Please email them to her at horneramw@gmail.com.
- ♦ Team members needed for altar flower duties. See Sharon Makowski or Diana Fish for details.
- ♦ The Altar flowers this morning are provided by Sharon Makowski, to the glory of God, in memory of her sister.
- ♦ COLLECTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 13: \$ 4013.00

In order to meet our financial obligations and commitments, an average of \$3,243 is needed each week.

## *On the Epistle to the Galatians*

*“The church should not do anything but preach the Gospel correctly and purely and thus give birth to children. In this way we are all fathers and children to one another, for we are born of one another. I was born of others through the Gospel, and now I am a father to still others, who will be fathers to still others; and so this giving birth will endure until the end of the world. But I am speaking, not about Hagar’s giving birth, who gives birth to slaves through the Law, but about free Sarah’s, who gives birth to heirs without the Law, without works or their own efforts. That Isaac is the heir and Ishmael is not, even though both are genuine sons of Abraham, takes place through the Word of promise,*

*specifically: 'Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac' (Gen. 17:19). Therefore just as Isaac has the inheritance from his father solely on the basis of the promise and of his birth, without the Law or works, so we are born as heirs by Sarah, the free woman, that is, by the church. She teaches, cherishes, and carries us in her womb, her bosom, and her arms; she shapes and perfects us to the form of Christ, until we grow into perfect manhood. Thus everything happens through the Ministry of the Word. It is the duty of the free woman to go on giving birth to children endlessly, that is, to sons who know that they are justified by faith, not by the Law.*

*“For it is written: Rejoice, O barren one that does not bear; break forth and shout, thou who art not in travail; for the desolate hath more children than she who hath a husband' (Galatians 4:27). Paul quotes this passage, which is completely allegorical, from the Prophet Isaiah. It is written, he says, that the mother of many children, who has a husband, must grow sick and perish, while the barren one, who does not bear, must have very many children. Hannah sings the same way in her canticle, from which Isaiah took this prophecy: 'The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry have ceased to hunger. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn' (1 Samuel 2:4–5). It is an amazing thing, she says: the one who was prolific will be barren, and the one who was barren will be prolific. Those who were mighty, satisfied, alive, righteous, blessed, rich, and glorious will be feeble, hungry, sentenced to death, sinful, condemned, poor, and shameful; and, on the other hand, the feeble and the hungry will be mighty and satisfied.*

*“With this allegory from the Prophet Isaiah, Paul shows the difference between Hagar and Sarah, that is, between the synagogue and the church, or between the Law and the Gospel. . . .”*

***(From Dr. Martin Luther's Lectures on Galatians, A.D. 1535)***

## *Walking with Our Savior this Week*

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Voter's Meeting & Catechesis	10:45 a.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	<i>Vespers</i>	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>
	Special Voter's Meeting	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<i>Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service</i>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>National Thanksgiving Holiday</i>	
<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>	<b>Divine Service of Communion</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
	Coffee & Refreshments	10:30 a.m.
	Bible Class & Catechesis	10:45 a.m.

*You may also want to keep in mind, in your observance of daily prayer at home:*

*The Appointed Readings for next Sunday, the First Sunday in Advent*

*Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:8-14; St. Matthew 21:1-11.*