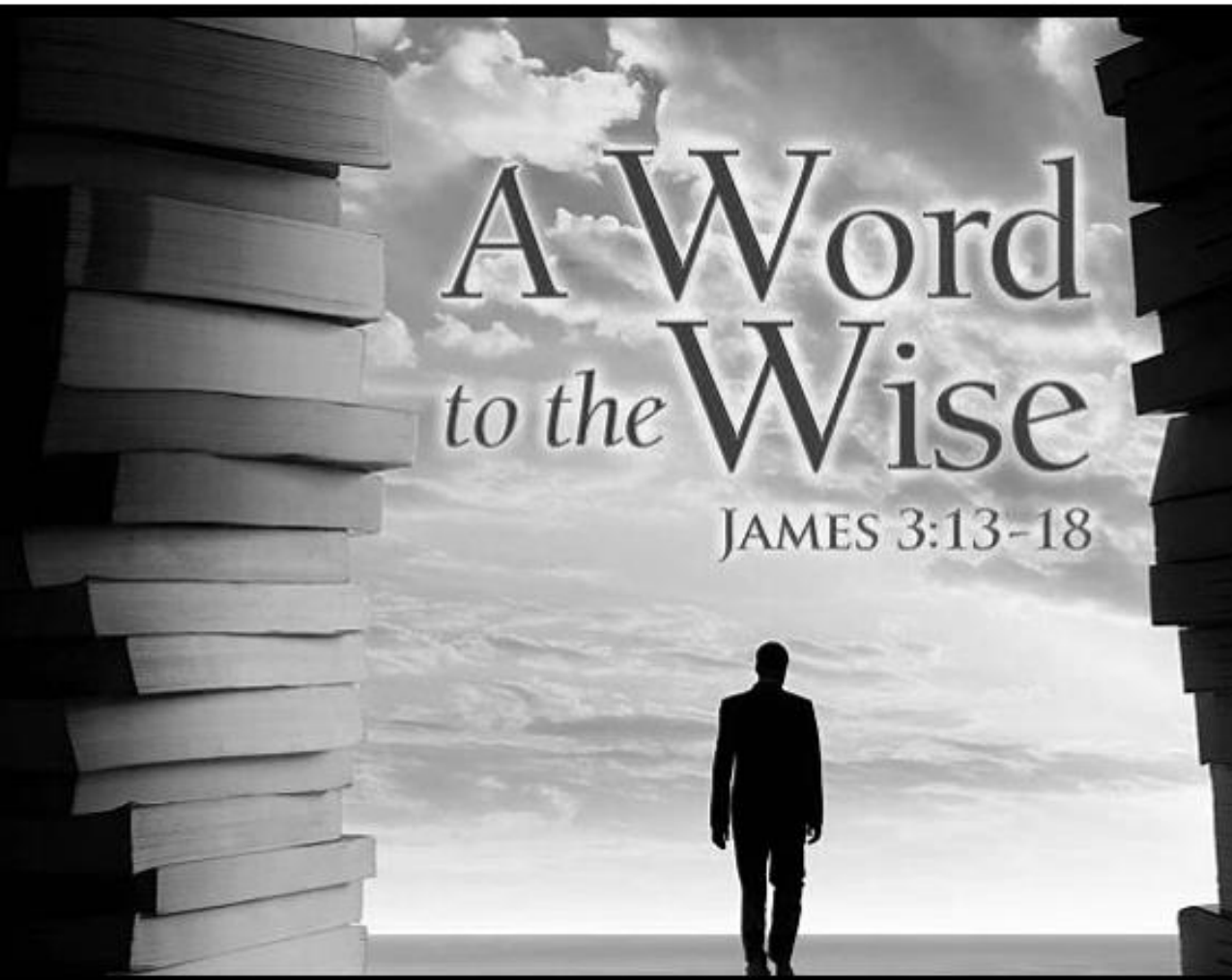


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A Word to the Wise

JAMES 3:13-18

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Prayer before worship: Dear Lord, we thank you for giving us true wisdom from heaven. Thank you for revealing to us how Jesus won our forgiveness by his perfect submission, how he won peace with you by his death and resurrection, how he made us righteous in your sight and fit for heaven. Now help us to serve you by serving others in true wisdom and humility. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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OPENING HYMN ***One Thing's Needful*** ***CW 645***

- 1** **One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure, is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
no true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain—
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**

- 2** **How were Mary's thoughts devoted her eternal joy to find
as intent each word she noted, at her Savior's feet reclined!
How kindled her heart, how devout was its feeling,
while hearing the lessons that Christ was revealing!
All earthly concerns she forgot for her Lord
and found her contentment in hearing his Word.**

- 3** **Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure, Jesus, is revealed in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure; make my will and actions true,
humility there and simplicity reigning,
in paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,
the blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.**

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

In peace let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Be seated

ANTHEM - 8 am *Just As I Am, Without One Plea* Lynette Maynard

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict many a doubt,
fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come,.*

*Just as I am, they love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, O Lamb of God, I come,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.*

FIRST LESSON Numbers 12:1-15

¹ Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ² “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this.

³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)

⁴ At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵ Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶ he said, “Listen to my words:

“When there is a prophet among you, I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. ⁷ But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. ⁸ With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the Lord. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?”

⁹ The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.

¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹ and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹² Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”

¹³ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “Please, God, heal her!”

¹⁴ The Lord replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” ¹⁵ So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM of the DAY *Not to Us, O Lord Psalm 115*

8 am Congregation sings refrains; Choir sings verses



Why do the nations say, “Where / is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever / pleases him.

The Lord remembers us and will / bless us:

He will bless his people / Israel,

he will bless those who / fear the Lord—

small and / great alike.

Refrain

All you Israelites, trust / in the Lord—

he is their / help and shield.

House of Aaron, trust / in the Lord—

he is their / help and shield.

You who fear him, trust / in the Lord—

he is their / help and shield.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 3:13–18

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.


¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Anyone who wants to be first

must be the very last, and the ser - vant of all. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30–37

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it.

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN of the DAY *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us* CW 767

1 **Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given blessings countless as the sand
to th’ unthankful and the evil with your own unsparing hand.**

- 2 **Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures, warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed 'tis to give than to receive.**
- 3 **Wondrous honor you have given to our humblest charity
in your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it all for me."
Can it be, O gracious Master, that you need what we can do,
saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?**
- 4 **Lord of glory, you have bought us with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones that tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, hope, to stay our souls on you;
but, oh, best of all your graces, with your love our love renew.**

SERMON

James 3:13-18

Wise Up and Live in Peace!

Stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was
buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended
into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he
will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

PRAYER of the CHURCH

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Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son,
through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his
working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love
toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

OFFERING

HYMN

I Know My Faith Is Founded

CW 797

- 1 I know my faith is founded on Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
and this my faith confessing, unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Our reason cannot fathom the truth of God profound;
who trusts in worldly wisdom relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient, it makes divinely sure,
and, trusting in its wisdom, my faith shall rest secure.**
- 2 Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day
to rob me of this treasure and take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed;
and led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow;
then I shall bid defiance to ev'ry evil foe.**

**3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you; though persecution, grief, and pain
should seek to overwhelm me, let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure, at home with you I'll be,
and there will I inherit all you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me until your heav'n I gain,
where I by your great mercy the end of faith attain.**

Stand

PRAYER

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Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Not unto Us

CW 582

- 1 Not unto us, not unto us be glory, Lord;
not unto us but to your name be praise;
not unto us but to your name all honor be giv'n
for matchless mercy, forgiveness, and grace.**
- 2 Amazing grace—that chose us ere the worlds were made;
amazing grace—that sent your Son to save;
amazing grace—that robed us in your righteousness
and taught our lips to sing glory and praise.**
- 3 O faithful love—that shepherded through faithless years;
forgiving love—that led us to your truth;
unyielding love—that would not let us turn from you
but sent us forth to speak pardon and peace.**

**4 Not unto us but to your name be glory, Lord,
for grace so rich, so wide, so high, so free.
Abide with us till trav'ling days are over and done,
and pilgrim feet lead us home, Lord, to you.**



**PREACHER
PRESIDING MINISTER
ORGAN
JUNIOR CHOIR (Gr. 5-8)**

Pastor Rob Guenther
Pastor Jeff Bovee
Pastor Jacob Behnken
Emily Stoering



Welcome, Visitors! Please scan the QR code to sign our Guest Register.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
	7:30pm	Youth Group Bonfire @ Guenthers'
Wednesday	3:30pm	Homeschool and Public School Catechism
	6pm	Handbells
	7pm	Choir
Thursday	10am	Bible Class: Vices & Virtues
	7pm	Bible Class: Proverbs
Friday	9:30am	Women's Bible Class: Proverbs
	10am	Worship @ Sunset Apartment
	11am	Worship @ Highland Regency
Saturday	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday, Sept. 29	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship
Tuesday, Oct. 1	7pm	Women of St. John's
Wednesday, Oct. 2	3:30pm	Homeschool and Public School Catechism
Thursday, Oct. 3	10am	Bible Class – Vices & Virtues
	7pm	Bible Class – Proverbs
Friday, Oct. 4		<u>NO</u> Women's Bible Class - Proverbs
Saturday, Oct. 5	6:30pm	Worship
Sunday, Oct. 6	8, 9:30, 11am	Worship

Go to www.stjohnsnewulm.com/calendar for more events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attendance for the past weekend was 662 with 523 receiving the Lord's Supper.

Fruits of faith given:

\$26,030 Home Operations ~ Needed to Date: \$652,166 / Received to Date: \$638,297	
\$1,022 MVL ~ Received to Date: \$41,881	\$100 Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund
\$2,299 Missions ~ Received to Date: \$63,673	\$125 K12 Education Assistance
\$612 Building Fund	\$64 Handbell Music
\$125 K-12 Education Assistance	\$125 St. Paul's School Building Fund
\$125 St. Paul's School	\$60 Martin Luther College

St. John's Administrative Assistant Job Opening ~ The church council would like to express sincere gratitude for Lisa Goeglein's dedication and hard work as St. John's Administrative Assistant! At the end of August, they received some bittersweet news from Lisa. After 22 years of faithful service at St. John's, she will resign to take on a full -time role at MLC. As a congregation, we will be very sad to see Lisa go, but we deeply appreciate her advance notice and work during the transition period, giving us the time to begin finding a suitable replacement. This will require extra effort and flexibility, especially as we move quickly to announce the job opening, assess the position description, and begin the interview process with the Executive Committee. At this time, names and input can be sent to Pastor Guenther. Thank you, Lisa, for your faithful service!

Cards of Caring ~ is a group that gathers six Saturdays a year to make cards to remember our homebound and thinking-of-you members, our Befriend a Mission LWMS families, and others, as needed. This year we will meet on September 14, October 12 and November 9 from about 9 am until noon at 403 N. Minnesota St. We are looking for more volunteers to assist and make cards using recycled cards and stamp sets plus other prep work. No talents are needed and all materials are provided. We also welcome MLC students. Come as your schedule allows. A time for fellowship and service to the Lord. Contact Lois Willems at 507-676-1230 with questions.

September Offering Envelope ~ St. John's recognizes the importance of supporting the future called workers of the WELS and has created the **Ministerial Student Scholarship Fund** as a means of assistance to St. John's members training for service in the ministry. These funds are matched through the Congregational Partnership Grant Program and distributed to the St. John's members who are attending Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Please consider supporting them with an extra donation.

Communion Announcement: At St. John's we practice "close communion." That is, we invite only those who are in fellowship with us as members of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Church (or of a synod that is in fellowship with us) to commune with us. We are in no way judging your personal faith. But we recognize that in the Lord's Supper we enjoy not only a close communion, or fellowship, with God, but we also enjoy a close communion with one another as we publicly express our agreement in every teaching of God's Word. And we wouldn't presume to ask you to publicly confess your agreement with all that we teach and believe without first being instructed in what it is that we teach and believe. But if you do desire to commune with us, please speak to one of the pastors after the service.

AREA ANNOUNCEMENTS

MLC Ladies' Auxiliary ~ Do you want to help support MLC students preparing to become ministers of Christ? Consider joining the MLC Ladies' Auxiliary! You can enjoy Christian fellowship while working with other women to improve the lives of MLC students through service, fundraising, and prayer. The annual meeting for the Ladies' Auxiliary will be held at MLC on September 28. At the meeting, you can learn about MLC's newest programs and plans, see a sneak peek of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, and hear updates from MLC students and faculty. Read more at mlcwels.edu/ladiesauxiliary/

Ladies' Night Out ~ Women of St. John's, our annual Ladies' Night Out will be Tuesday, October 1 at 6 pm at Carl's Corner in Essig. There is a signup sheet on the table in the new narthex for a headcount along with a copy of their menu that we will order from that evening. Please sign up by Sunday, September 29. Make sure to bring cash that evening as that is the only payment method they accept. If you would like to attend, but need a ride, please contact Sarah Logston (logstonsarah@gmail.com).

You Know a Combat Veteran ~ You know a combat veteran in your family or even a member here that has been impacted by their deployments. They may wrestle with what they did or saw and feel like no one else understands. They may doubt the forgiveness and peace God offers them. They are invited to join fellow WELS and ELS veterans for a weekend spent learning that God is invested in their spiritual and mental health. LMSG is hosting their annual spiritual retreat November 14-17, at Camp Shiloh, Texas entitled *Building Bridges, A Spiritual Retreat for Battle Buddies*. Attendees are encouraged to come with their "battle buddy" a trusted friend, spouse, or caregiver, but may come on their own and meet a future battle buddy there. Registration ends October 1st. Assistance with travel is available. Retreat details and registration information can be found at www.lutheranmilitary.org. Invite the person you know today.

MLC Wind Symphony Concert ~ pot • pour • ri | ,pōpə'rē | “a mixture of things” — Take one part fanfare, add two parts song, a dash of pasodoble, and just a hint of medievalism, and the result is a delightful mixture of melodies! Please join the Martin Luther College Wind Symphony on Homecoming weekend for Potpourri! As the title suggests, the concert program is a collection of diverse musical traditions, with each piece presenting a distinct musical flavor. The concert will be held on Sunday, October 6, at a special time, 1 pm, in the MLC Auditorium. Can't make it in person? Watch the livestream on MLC's YouTube channel.

Stump the Pastors ~ Join us for another Stump the Pastors Bible study on Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to ask our pastors your questions about things that may not have come up in Bible class, but you have been wondering about or perhaps something a friend has asked you about and you weren't sure how to answer. There is a box on the table in the new narthex for question submissions. Please also add your name to the signup sheet next to the box if you plan to attend to help us plan for refreshments that evening. Everyone is welcome!

Men of His Word Conference ~ The 9th annual Men of His Word Conference (Theme: Built to SERVE) will be held at the Mayo Civic Center in downtown Rochester, MN on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Please go online at www.menofhisword.org to register and get details about schedule, breakout sessions, keynote speaker, cost, etc. Please join us for a day of worship, praise and fellowship in God's Word!

More Than the Score ~ is an exciting offering on the MLC campus. Join us on home football game days to hear from MLC professors on various topics. The free lectures start at 11 am in the MLC Cafeteria Conference Center. Please register since seating is limited. To register, scan the QR code, visit bit.ly/MLCMoreThanScore or email alumni@mlcwels.edu.

Now Hiring! ~ Martin Luther College is accepting applications for a a part-time Vocal Instructor, a part-time Athletics Equipment Manager, and a regular part-time Assistant Teacher at the Early Childhood Learning Center. Interested individuals should apply online at mlc-wels.edu/hr/.

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