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Newsletter of the Williamstown Lutheran Church

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Pastor's Corner

Blessings in the name of our risen Lord.

As I reported to the church council, the anniversary celebration was a huge success. Many thanks to everybody who made it the blessed day that it was. I counted 60 people in church that Sunday, and a lot of happy faces. I particularly want to thank President Beinke for his message to the congregation in the Sermon, and for joining us in the celebration. And please give a special thanks to the men who stayed up all night the night before tending the pig for the feast.

As we mentioned and prayed for during the service on September 28th, our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Ben Akers from Waterville/Bangor, ME, has accepted a call to Bristol, CT and will be installed the first week in November. President Beinke has asked me to fill the position of Circuit Visitor in his place. It doesn't mean that I'm going anywhere. When I was in the military, this was something that one would consider a "collateral duty." However, it does mean that some of my time will be spent in District or Circuit meetings, and I'll be traveling more around the circuit. The church council was amenable to my serving in this role, and I have informed President Beinke that I would be happy to accept the position.

We will be having confirmation twice in November. We're scheduled to confirm the boys on November 16th, and the girls on November 30th. We'll have a cake/ice cream get-together for the boys on the 16th, and a cake with the regular potluck on November 30th.

And we are very quickly approaching the end of the church year, with Reformation Day celebrated on October 26th and All Saint's Day celebrated on November 2nd. The Last Sunday of the Church year is on November 23rd, and Advent begins on November 30th. There will be more in the newsletter next month about Midweek Advent Services and the Children's Program in December.

See you in church!

In Christ,

Pastor Stephen Sweyko

Church News/Events

Sunday Mornings: 9:00 a.m. Bible Study

10:15 a.m. Services

Confirmation & Children's Sunday School

October 26 Potluck after Service

Update:

Lloyd and Marsha Prestridge have moved to Florida and live about 30 minutes from their daughter-in-law. They are doing well and would love to hear from their WLC family.

Their address is : 360 Montgomery Road # 244

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