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"Proclaim the Gospel of Christ by Ministering to All"



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

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We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

These well-known words from our Declaration of Independence are almost as sacred to us as the words of Holy Scripture. They boldly state the facts of God's original intention for humans, when He formed them in the Garden of Eden. Adam and Eve had eternal *life*, and enjoyed total *liberty* and the *happiness* that went along with a perfect loving relationship with their Creator. Even though they were created in God's image, they decided they wanted more. So they fell for the devil's lie that if they defied God's one Law they could "be like God." (Genesis 3:5). At that moment our first parents gave up the perfect life, liberty and happiness that God intends for His people. Ever since that tragic event, people have struggled for these gifts, while those in power have often sought to deny them to the people.

That's why the founders of our country saw that it was necessary to publically declare the "rights" of free people. But do we really deserve these rights? Are we such wonderful, obedient people that God would be required to bestow them on us? When faced with God's complete holy Law, we have to answer in the negative. As sinners, the Bible is clear as to what our sins deserve, and it is not liberty, happiness or even life. God's declaration through the Apostle Paul is clear: "*The wages of sin is death . . .*" (Romans 6:23a). In fact, it is because all people are sinners, only seeking his or her own good, that governments and laws are necessary. Our founders knew that when they filled the Constitution with checks and balances, and added the Bill of Rights as the first ten amendments.

The only real answer to the issue of liberty, happiness, and life in this life and the next is found in Jesus Christ, Who kept all of God's Laws; and then gave Himself on the cross to pay for our violations. True freedom comes from the rest of Paul's declaration in Romans 6:23: ". . . *but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*" With that in mind, Christians can rejoice in our

true liberty, thank God for our country, and seek by God's power to also protect the God-given rights of others as well; all because *God shed His grace* on us.

In His service!

Pastor Terry Naumann

Dates and Events in July

** July 4- Independence Day **

** July 24 - 28 Vacation Bible School **

VBS Mighty Fortress-Almost Here!!

Don't forget to mark your calendars! This year, Mighty Fortress VBS will be held from July 24- July 28. A picnic lunch will be provided to the families and staff at VBS closing on Friday, July 28. The Picnic lunch is courtesy of the Men's Group! This year, we will be partnering with Deborah Hall and Samaritan's Purse to collect items for Operation Christmas Child. We are super excited to help with this mission!



Did you know that our VBS is our largest outreach to our community??? Our registration numbers have reached close to 100 children, every year for the last 2 years! If you haven't been back to Peace during VBS week, check it out this year, it's a wonderful sight to see and the church bustling with super-charged activities! With that many children, we would love to have all of the help that we can get from you! Yes, you! All talents welcome! If you are interested in helping out, there is a volunteer form in the narthex, or please contact Hazel Baseler for more information. vabasellers@yahoo.com

VBS Volunteers: There will be an orientation meeting on July 16, 2017 at 3:00pm. Please attend if you are able, and make sure to bring your energy! We'll be singing songs, learning the motions, but most importantly going over our child protection policy with our adult volunteers, as well as our youth volunteers. If you have any questions, please contact Hazel Baseler.

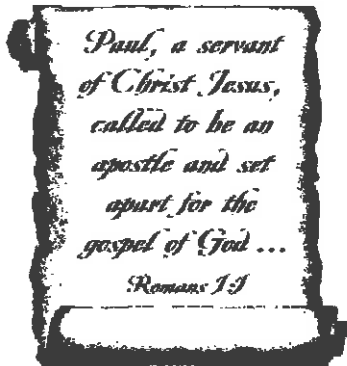
Love to Decorate?

Come and join us on July 9 at 2 pm. We will be decorating the education wing and building a castle to be used in the sanctuary. All ideas, props, and help are welcomed!! Think medieval times!

DID YOU KNOW . . . that there are more than 51,000 members of LCMS churches that are already investors in the ministry of Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF)? Do you put your funds in a bank to help build banks, or might you rather put funds in LCEF to help build churches? Be a part of the growing number of members and organizations who invest with LCEF. For more information and an investment application, please see Stan Meyerhoff or visit lcef.org.



Bible quiz



(and the last page)

Although St. Paul is credited with writing the letter to the Romans, he had one of his friends do the actual penmanship. Toward the end of the letter, the penman identifies himself. Who was it?

- A. Tertius
- B. Timothy
- C. Lucius
- D. Aquila

The answer can be found in Romans 16:22.



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Remaining Dinner Schedule for 2017

It is time to decide which month you want to help with or plan! The remaining dates in 2017 are August 30, and October 4. Generally 5-6 people plan, shop, prepare, and serve dinner to around 80 residents, and if enough food is prepared, to some of the chronic homeless. Peace has been participating for many years with this, and teens over 16 are allowed to assist in preparation, while early teens may help serve. POC is Kathy Zimmerman

Looking Forward to Summer!

It is never too early to stock up on the non-perishables for K.G. Summer Lunch Bunch. These items include: brown paper lunch bags (standard size is acceptable), peanut butter (creamy NOT crunchy), grape jam (NOT jelly) and new/gently used books. The Job descriptions link is located at: <http://kgsummerlunchbunch.org/volunteer.html> ; the Signup Genius link is located at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4badae2ca3fb6-volunteers> Look for 2017 K.G. Summer Lunch Bunch! Please contact Deborah Hall at 540-775-0524 if you have any questions. Thank you to all that have already volunteered this summer and thank you in advance if you have signed up or plan to. We also thank you for the supplies you have donated!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry: July 2017 Newsletter Article

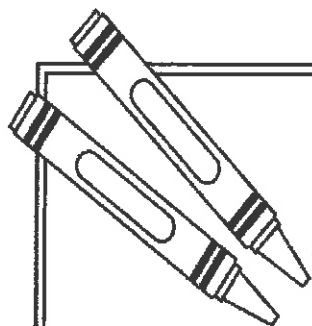
“I will bless you ..., so that you will be a blessing” (Gen. 12:2). The Lord blessed Abraham so that he would be a blessing. How did He bless Abraham? He promised that from his seed would come the Savior of the nations. And Abraham believed that promise, trusted that the Lord would provide it just as He had promised. Thus, everything Abraham did was colored by that promise. He willingly gave of himself and his household in service to the Lord in view of that promise.

Our Father in heaven has richly blessed us. Not only has He given us everything that we need to support this body and life, but He has also provided, that promised Seed in His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the nations. He is the Redeemer of the world. He is the One Who has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil by His death, resurrection, and ascension.

Just as we are richly blessed, we are also thereby freed to be a blessing. Since God has endowed us with His gifts, we are sent to endow others. Thus, we give of the blessings we have received so that others may be blessed. We do this in our homes, our communities, and our churches. We press into service to those around us the blessings God has lavished upon us. We use our time, our talents, and our treasures to be a blessing even as they have been a blessing to us.

The Lord blesses us. And He enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the offering plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing.

NOTE: If you are not receiving *The Steward's Way*, Peace's monthly Stewardship newsletter, by email, please drop a line to BerylMeyerhoff@gmail.com. I would like to have a complete mailing list in time for the Steward's Way Challenge that will be starting in September.



Just for KIDS

GROWING IN GOD'S WORD

God wants you to be "planted" in His Word and to grow up serving him all your life.

Unscramble each underlined word, and write it in the blanks below. Use the definitions as clues.

Psalm 1:3 NIV tells us what we should be like:

"He is like a (1) etre (2) dpeltan by (3) smatres of (4) rawte, which (5) ledsiy its fruit in (6) sonsea and whose (7) afle does not (8) rithew. Whatever he does (9) spropres."

1. _____ (a wood plant with one main stem or trunk which has many branches)
2. _____ (rooted into the ground)
3. _____ (small rivers)
4. _____ (a colorless and transparent liquid)
5. _____ (produces, gives)
6. _____ (a time of the year)
7. _____ (flat, thin part of a plant growing from the stem — usually green)
8. _____ (to dry up or wilt)
9. _____ (succeeds)

Answers: tree, planted, streams, water, yields, season, leaf, wither, prospers

Growing in God's Word

Try this craft as a reminder that we need to continue to grow in God's Word.

What you will need:

- Small terra cotta pot and plate
- Acrylic paints (various colors)
- Paper plate
- Potting soil (enough to fill the pot)
- Small inside plant (can be purchased at a garden nursery) or packet of seeds.
- Newspaper
- Paintbrush
- Cup of water
- Permanent black marker



What you do:

- 1) Spread some newspapers out on a table for your working area.
- 2) Squeeze the paint colors that you wish to use onto your paper plate.
- 3) Paint designs on the pot and plate. Make sure you clean your brush in the cup of water when changing colors.
- 4) When the pot is dry, take the black marker and on the collar (top part of the pot) write: "Growing in God's Word"
- 5) Pour a small amount of potting soil into the bottom of the pot. With an adult's help, place your plant into the pot and surround your plant with the rest of the soil. If planting seeds, follow the packet instructions.
- 6) Water your plant so the soil is moist. Check your plant every day and keep the soil moist.
- 7) Enjoy watching your plant grow, and remember that you, too, need care as you grow in God's Word.



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Jul 2017 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 Presentation of the 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	26	27 6pm - Adult Bible	28	29 7pm - Worship Mtg.	30	1
2 Armed Forces 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	3 Independence Day	4	5 7pm - Council Mtg.	6	7	8
9 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	10	11 6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - Preschool Bd.	12	13	14	15
16 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	17 Newsletter Deadline 7pm - Men's Group	18 6pm - Adult Bible	19 7pm - Pack 38 Mtg.	20	21	22
23 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	24 9am - VBS	25 9am - VBS 6pm - Adult Bible	26 9am - VBS	27 9am - VBS 7pm - Worship Mtg.	28 9am - VBS/Picnic	29
30 8:30am - Contempor 9:45am - Adult 11am - Traditional	31	1 6pm - Adult Bible 7pm - A&Fin. Mtg.	2	3 4pm - Peace@Thurm 7pm - Council Mtg.	4	5



Pray For Us Calendar

These prayer requests were submitted by coworkers in the Lord's mission. Congregations and individuals are invited to copy these pages for newsletters or other distribution. Download at lcms.org/prayforus or call 888-843-5267 to request a copy.

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LCMS MISSIONARIES ON HOME SERVICE — JULY 1–15 Every other year, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) international missionaries spend approximately two months in the United States on "home service." During this time, they reconnect with the individuals, congregations and groups who support their mission work. Home service also gives them a period of rest and renewal and the chance to spend time with their families.

Remember God's work through missionaries on home service as you pray:

1. for the approximately 30 LCMS missionary families who will be on home service in 2017. Ask the Lord to keep them safe during their travels.
2. for God's hand to be involved in the details and logistical arrangements that are a necessary part of missionary home service, such as transportation and housing.
3. for missionary families to be able to visit as many congregations and other groups as possible, while managing their limited time in the United States.
4. that many congregations all over the United States would welcome missionaries into their churches for mission presentations, Sunday school, children's messages, celebration luncheons, Bible studies and other activities.
5. for God to give missionary families emotional, physical and spiritual strength as they travel to many locations, share with many supporters and meet many new friends. Pray that home service would be a joyous and encouraging time, despite rigorous schedules.

6. for missionary children. Pray that God would provide them with the opportunity to feel that they are a vital part of their family's ministry as they share about it with others.
7. for the Lord to guide missionaries as they prepare their presentations. Ask Him to help them discern how best to share their stories and news with those who have so faithfully supported their ministry.
8. that congregations and other groups would experience a revitalized interest in praying for missionaries and supporting their work after visiting with them face-to-face and hearing about what God is accomplishing through them.
9. that as missionaries share their ministry experiences and joys during their home service, the Holy Spirit would challenge listeners to consider serving as a missionary themselves — in a short-term, long-term or career capacity.
10. for the families of visiting missionaries, that they would be able to enjoy their time together and mutually encourage one another.

11. for God to comfort and sustain the missionaries who are not able to see family and friends in the United States this year. May the Holy Spirit comfort them with His presence and the assurance of God's calling to serve far from home.
12. that missionaries would have an easy transition back to life in the United States — even for a short time during home service — with minimal effects of reverse culture shock.
13. that the Lord would raise up supporters for missionaries who are struggling to finding the resources necessary for their ministry.
14. with thanksgiving for the many forms of support and the joys the Lord provides to missionary families as they serve Him.
15. that the conversations started during home service would continue long after the missionary has returned to the mission field. Pray that through ongoing communication, missionaries and supporters would encourage one another.



The Rev. Joel Fritsche, career missionary to the Dominican Republic, visits children at Zion Lutheran School, Staunton, Ill., during a home service visit.

INVOLVEMENT IDEAS

- Get tips on how to prepare for a missionary's visit to your congregation at blogs.lcms.org/2017/discover-ways-to-support-lcms-missionaries.
- Learn more about the Synod's 38 partner churches at lcms.org/partnerchurches.
- Read stories about how God is using the Synod to impact people at home and abroad in *Lutherans Engage the World* magazine. View the online version at engage.lcms.org.
- Learn about the Synod's missionaries at lcms.org/missionarysupport.

PARTNER CHURCHES — JULY 16–31 The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) has 38 partner churches around the world. A partner church is a church body with which the LCMS has full altar and pulpit fellowship. Many LCMS partner churches also are members of the International Lutheran Council, a worldwide association of confessional Lutheran church bodies. Some LCMS partner churches came into existence through LCMS-supported mission efforts, while others have historic roots that pre-date the LCMS or that are sourced in the mission efforts of other Lutheran church bodies.

Remember God's work in His Church as you pray:

16. for all LCMS partner churches, some of which only have a handful of congregations. Pray that they would never feel alone in their service to Christ and His Church.

17. for LCMS partner churches in Latin America and the Caribbean. Pray that God's Word would continue to spread throughout these countries to bring the Body of Christ together in fellowship and to be witnesses to His love.



The Rev. Minsve Banganare preaches during worship at the Lutheran church in Mitré, Togo.

23. for the laypeople of LCMS partner churches around the world, that they would be fulfilled by God's Word to share with their families and communities.

24. with thanksgiving for all the missionaries who serve partner churches, that they would remain faithful in their tasks and be witnesses to the Gospel through acts of mercy.

25. for the Lutheran church bodies around the world that are interested in fellowship with the LCMS. Pray that God would guide the consideration process according to His will.

26. in thanksgiving for the great cloud of witnesses whose prayers continually are ascending to God on behalf of all those who serve in areas where spreading God's Word is difficult or dangerous.

27. for all those still living in darkness, that the Gospel will be sweet to their ears and swift in healing the broken.

28. for the Lutheran churches in Eurasia as they seek to minister to the refugees in their midst. Pray for safety for both the church workers and the refugees.

29. for Lutheran churches around the world that are dealing with strife between their members. Pray that the Lord would guide them to a peaceful resolution that would strengthen their witness to the community.

30. for safe travel between and within countries in each world region. Pray that pastors, missionaries, medical teams and all others who travel to assist partner churches would be kept safe and healthy in order that the Gospel might be proclaimed to the far corners of creation.

31. for all projects currently going on in LCMS partner church bodies, that each one would have the volunteers and resources necessary to carry out the work of the church as it shows mercy and provides physical and spiritual care for people around the world.

MISSIONARY & PERSONNEL BIRTHDAYS

Download the prayer cards of missionaries and other personnel from lcms.org/prayercards.

- July 2** Nicole Lohmeyer, Dominican Republic; James Sharp, Uruguay
- July 3** Amanda Gauthier, Panama
- July 4** Steven Schumacher, Ghana
- July 6** Daniel Conrad, Mexico
- July 7** Christine Lehman, Spain; Caitlin Worden, Peru
- July 8** Herbert Burch, Peru
- July 12** Lawrence Matro, Papua New Guinea
- July 15** Angela Thompson, Sierra Leone
- July 17** Stephen Oliver, Taiwan
- July 19** Roy Atkins, Asia
- July 22** Jennifer Preus, Dominican Republic
- July 28** Jennie Asher, Germany
- July 27** Julie McManus, Kenya
- July 28** James Krikava, Eurasia
- July 29** Emily McDermott, Togo
- July 30** Kathryn Conrad, Mexico
- July 31** Connie Cortright, Eurasia; Jean Hoffman, South Korea

MILITARY CHAPLAINS WITH BIRTHDAYS IN JULY:

- Chaplain Matthew Boarts, Maxwell AFB, Ala.,
- Chaplain Ryan Rups, Norfolk, Va.; Chaplain Edward Wright, Goodfellow AFB, Texas
- Chaplain Patrick Riley, Parris Island, S.C.



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