

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JUNE 23, 2021

A WORD FROM PT

Wrapping up our discussion on evangelism, this week I want to leave you with this: don't keep your identity hidden.

Our vocations fall into three realms. They are the family, the community, and the congregation of God's people – the Church. In each of those realms there are many particular vocations. For instance in the family we might wear the hat of the child, the hat of the spouse, or the hat of the parent. In the community we serve our neighbor variously in numerous different occupations. Likewise, there are a variety of roles in the Church. Even the term "lay person" is not at all equivalent with spectator or audi-

ence; but rather, it is a broad description of ministry.

The key to evangelism is that everyone in the realm of family and community know about our identity in the Church. We do not necessarily need to be overly ostentatious about it. We simply need to be sure we don't hide the fact.

I may have missed it somewhere, but I don't recall Biblically anything remotely approaching the vocation of being a secret agent! Instead, the encouragement is to shine the light, set the city on the hill, and go and publish glad tidings.

So if we are dutifully exercising the faith given us as a

gift, therefore undeserved or unmerited, then we need to reveal our identity. We can say it simply. "I am a Christian." We can say it humbly, "I consider myself a Christian." We can make it churchly, "I belong to the body of Christ as a member at Gift of Grace Lutheran Church." We can say it purposefully, "Having been claimed by Christ my Lord I have found my purpose in loving and serving others." We can say it hopefully, "The promises of God made known in His Son, Jesus Christ my Lord, is where I am putting my hope.

Of course the big caveat here! That indeed I am exercising the gift of the faith...

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 6/25

6:30am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
5:00pm STS Pastors gathering in Menominee Falls

Sunday, 6/27 5th Sunday a Pentecost

9:00am Divine Service (also livestreamed)
10:15am Coffee Fellowship

Tuesday, 6/29

6:00pm Church Council Meeting

KEY ATTRIBUTES OF LCMC & NALC

- Christ-Centered
- Mission-Driven
- Traditionally-Grounded
- Congregationally-Focused

LCMC (Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ)

NALC (North American Lutheran Church) (www.thenalc.org)

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is meant by the term "liturgy"?

(from the Greek, "work of the people" or "public service"): more than a set form of service or one particular service, the liturgy is the whole body of texts and music used for the worship

of God. The Lutheran Book of Worship is the liturgy of many Lutheran churches in North America. (from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)

Our Lutheran liturgy involves the participation of all who are gathered: clergy, worship assistants, and

laity. Worship is not a spectator sport. We have been gathered by God to receive from Him. And so in reverence, we give thanks by offering praise and thanksgiving to our Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Liturgical worship helps us all share in this.

THIS AND THAT...

During the summer months we will be using Setting V found in the **With One Voice Hymnal** (Blue hymnal).

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study continues to meet on Friday Mornings, 6:30am, at the Church. Pastor Tim serves a hot breakfast to accompany the Study.

Tune in FM 87.9 from the parking lot for the service. The service is also livestreamed.

 Sunday, July 11, we have reserved the **West Shelter** at the **Halfway Creek Park** for the Divine Service and a potluck picnic to follow. We will gather for the Divine Service at 10am, and then plan on the Potluck Picnic at 11:30am.

 Don't forget **Food Donations** for the Onalaska Food Basket!

 Our **Designated Benevo-**

lence for the month of June is The Hunger Task Force.

 No one is presently scheduled to clean the church the week of June 20. The Duesenbergs are signed up for the week of July 18.

 There are secrets you should keep. But your identity as a Christian is not one of them. In the list of Christian vocations there is no office of "Secret Agent". Let others know that you belong to the Lord Jesus!

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For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God. - Eph 2:8

HUMOR DEPARTMENT

Celebrations

Birthdays

June 25 Mary Bartos
 June 26 Tom Rislow
 July 9..... Alex Uly
 July 12 Sophie Schoonover

Anniversaries

June 22 P & N Hanson

Lexophilia & Paraprodsokians

- Where there is a will, I want to be in it.
- The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it is still on my list.
- Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.

- If I agree with you, we'd both be wrong.
- We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
- War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
- Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit

salad.

- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

6/27 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Nikki Hanson

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: tbd

Counters: Hannah S/Connie M

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cheryl Ruud

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

7/4 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: tbd

Counters: tbd

Comm Asst: tbd

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Heidi T/Heather R

Livestreamer: tbd

7/11 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: tbd

Counters: tbd

Comm Asst: tbd

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: not needed at this time

Livestreamer: tbd

7/18 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: tbd

Reader: tbd

Crucifer: tbd

Acolyte: not needed at this time

Ushers: tbd

Counters: tbd

Comm Asst: tbd

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: tbd

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