

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

It has been said the evangelism is relational. And that is a very helpful insight and true to the very nature of spreading the good news of God in Christ Jesus. The result of the Word of the Gospel taking hold in a person's life is being joined to Jesus, adoption as God's child, and becoming a part of the family of God. This is all relational!

I want to be careful not to knock other attempts of bearing witness to Jesus, but I certainly don't want to hold up as ideal the model of trying to do so on the spur of the moment with complete strangers. Sometimes such evangelizing mimics the high-pressure salesperson. This turns off a

lot of people. It is a technique more interested in chalking up the sale, than in the wellbeing of the person.

Being intentional in relationships already established is a good place to begin in being a witness. And as we encounter strangers, getting acquainted and building a relationship first will go a long way in more effective evangelism. We are not selling something! We are hoping to be able to share with others what we have experienced in Jesus as He comes to us. But commensurate with this is showing genuine love, compassion, friendship, and good cheer with others. That, in a sense, is sharing with them that which we have re-

ceived. By taking a genuine interest in others, we are already giving witness to the Gospel.

I am taken aback by the example of Jesus' encounter with strangers. Take for example the encounter of Jesus with a woman at mid-day and at a community well in John 4. He starts the conversation by asking a favor of her, "Give me a drink." He asks her lots of questions. And gradually he turns the conversation from material thirst to spiritual thirst. He does not give a canned speech. He finds points of contact as he takes a genuine interest in the woman. We can learn from the Master!

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the purpose of the Psalm Reading? And why do we often sing (chant) the Psalm? "The appointed psalm is sung as a meditation on the First Lesson, a response to it, and a bridge to the Second Lesson. ... Hearers of the lessons need a chance to assim-

ilate the First Lesson before the Second Lesson begins. The required use of a psalm between the lessons provides for the restoration of psalm singing to its traditional place in the life of the church and gives the worshiper the opportunity to participate in the singing (or

reading) of a portion of Scripture..." (from "Manual on the Liturgy" companion to the LBW, from Augsburg Pub.)

Chanting can be thought of as "exalted speech". It sets the speech apart from regular speech and the slower cadence allows for reflection.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Thursday, 11/3
9:30am Prayer Gathering

Friday, 11/4
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study
10am Service at the Care Center

Saturday, 11/5
9:30am Building Up the Christian Home Workshop at Faith Lutheran Ch

Sunday, 11/6 All Saints' Sunday
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Fellowship
10:45am Adult Christian Education

Tuesday, 11/8
6pm Church Council Meeting

Thursday, 11/10
9:30am Prayer Gathering

Friday, 11/11
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study

Saturday, 11/12
6pm Preside at Emmanuel Lutheran



Making Disciples for Life

LCMS (Lutheran Church Missouri Synod) (LCMS.org)

- we are in the process of becoming an official member congregation of the LCMS pending adoption of a new and approved Constitution.

THIS AND THAT...

We are giving up for the moment the Wednesday offering for **Adult Education**, but are happy to report a good turnout for the same on Sunday morning. It is not too late to join us at 10:45am.

The **Men's Breakfast** meets at 7am on Fridays over a hot breakfast and stimulating Bible Study.

The **Prayer Gathering** (all are welcome to join us) gathers on Thursdays at 9:30am. Call Mary Bartos to share

prayer requests. (608.385.5660).

The continued **livestreaming** is for those who cannot otherwise attend in person! It is a good outreach tool and a way for shut-ins to connect.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Basket!

The Molstads are scheduled to clean the church the week of November 20. And the

Hansons will clean the week of December 18.

The October **Designated Benevolence** is for The Voice of the Martyrs.

Make a friend and then prove yourself to be a good friend. And then do what good friends do, that is, share what's most important in your life. Hopefully, what is most important in your life is the Christian Faith. Relational evangelism is the most effective kind.

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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

Oct 26.....Naomi Rislow
Nov 22.....Merl Wangen
Nov 28.....Heather Roll
Nov 29.....Sydney Hanson
Nov 30.....Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Lines from Humorist for "Outdoor Life" - Pat F. McManus

"I always figured the reason God invented skin was so people like me wouldn't have to look at innards."

"I have gone through a number of hunting dogs, or they have gone through me, or at least my bank account, and I have come to the conclusion that the perfect hunting dog is one that belongs to somebody else."

"Avid hunting is a popular sport. There are probably more avid hunters than all the deer and elk hunters combined."

"Most of my exercise has come from strenuously avoiding all forms of physical fitness, although I do find it amusing to run the Jane Fonda Workout video at fast speed."

"I have practiced ignorance most of my life and am intimately familiar with all its variations and applications."

"There was one angler who believed that if you can't do a thing right, you shouldn't do it at all. A strict adherent to this philosophy, he hadn't been fishing once in the past 37 years."

"Give a man enough rope and it still comes out 6 inches too short. That is the nature of rope, if not the nature of man."

"Poking at a campfire with a stick is one of life's great satisfactions."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

11/6 All Saints' Sunday
Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad
Reader: Mike Meunier
Crucifer: Benjamin Roll
Acolyte: Drew Staff
Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover
Counters: Tim B/Connie M
Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll
Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: the Warners
Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/13 23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover
Reader: Heather Roll
Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Elyse Schoonover
Ushers: Jarrod Roll
Counters: David B/Tom R
Comm Asst: Tim Betlach
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: tbd
Livestreamer: Cole Warner

11/20 Christ the King Sunday
Asst Minister: Cole Warner
Reader: Jarrod Roll
Crucifer: Stella Roll
Acolyte: Jed Roll
Ushers: Dan Molstad
Counters: Naomi R/Cheryl R
Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg
Fellowship: the Rolls
Livestreamer: Mike Meunier

11/22 Thanksgiving Service
Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg
Reader: Brad Benrud
Crucifer: not needed
Acolyte: not needed
Ushers: Cheryl Ruud
Counters: not needed
Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover
Accompanist: Tom Rislow
Fellowship: *people bringing pies*
Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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