

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

As we consider how to go about the ministry of evangelism it is always worthwhile to note the examples in Scripture. This week I want us to consider the effect of the Apostle Paul and Silas' witness on a Philippian Jailer and his family that we read about in Acts 16.

Little did the two disciples have any idea who they might be witnessing to that day. Their effective ministry earlier in the day had caused a commotion in the Macedonian City of Philippi. In exorcising a demon from a slave girl who practiced divination, they effected the lucrative business of the slave girl's owner who gleaned from her fortune telling. As "disturbers of the peace" Paul and Silas were

thrown into prison with their feet in stocks.

The evangelism that ensued was certainly not pre-planned, at least by Paul and Silas. Having been beaten and restricted in stocks the pair did what Christians do. They prayed! And they sang hymns! And we are told that other prisoners listened to them.

What happened next was also not preplanned, at least by the two disciples. An earthquake shook the foundations of the prison. Doors became unlocked and everyone's shackles became unfastened. Paul and Silas must have prevailed upon everyone not to escape. For when the jailer was about to kill himself with his sword, supposing that all the pris-

oners had escaped, Paul cried out that they were all on hand, no one had fled. At that moment the jailer fell trembling at Paul's feet. Overwhelmed by the Christian witness the jailer asks Paul what he must do to be saved.

Paul could answer succinctly, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved!" But then he spoke further the word of the Lord to the jailer and his household. That very night the jailer and his household were baptized into the Christian Faith.

So, what do we learn? Live out the faith in difficult moments and be ready to give account for your hope and joy.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Why Is the Pastor Using cruets to both fill the Communion Chalice and then to cleanse it afterward?

You may have noticed the Pastor using a little water from a cruet poured into the chalice, swirled around

to mix with the remaining drops of wine, and consumed by the Pastor at the conclusion of administering Holy Communion. This is one way to reverently handle the remaining communion element of the cup. And there is a practical benefit. The longer wine sits in pre-

cious metal vessels, the more it begins pitting the surface. By adding wine when needed to the chalice, and then consuming soon after the slight remains with a little water, the metal is preserved.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 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
- Sunday, 11/13** 23rd Sunday after Pent
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Fellowship
10:45am Adult Christian Education
12pm Confirmation Class
- Thursday, 11/17**
9:30am No Prayer Gathering
10am LCMS Pastors Gathering
- Friday, 11/18**
7am Men's Breakfast Bible Study



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...

Coming up in a couple of weeks! A Thanksgiving Divine Service a couple of days ahead of the National Day of Thanksgiving. We will gather on Tuesday, November 22 at 7pm. And then we will enjoy a slice of pie after the service.

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 November **Designated Benevolence** is for The Family and Children's Center.

Live out your Christian Faith at all times, especially when it is difficult. And without being ostentatious, don't be surprised when someone notices. Don't shrink from telling them why.

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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**

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

"Back when I was a kid, parents never cluttered up a youngster's mind with explanations."

"Before committing yourself to a hunt with any new acquaintance, you should first take him on an overnight camping trip, one of the very best of all psychological tests."

"It is best not to use a sleeping bag on your first attempt to

sleep outside alone in the dark. Sleeping bags are not made for running."

"No one had ever told Harold about the relationship between a man and his wife and his boats. I decided the duty had fallen to me."

"He grouped his shots right in the center of the bull's-eye. Then I showed him my technique of scattering shots randomly around the target because, as I explained, you never

know which way the deer might jump just as you pull the trigger."

"Tell her that a gun collection is like wilderness. Even though we don't use all of it all of the time, we need to know that it's there."

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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: Connie Meunier

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

11/27 First Sunday in Advent

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: Benjamin Roll

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Dan M/Paula B

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: the Schoonovers

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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