

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

JULY 3, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

This week we will close up our consideration of the Table of Duties as the Youth, Widows, and Everyone in General are addressed. First, we consider the responsibilities To Youth:

Likewise, you who are younger, be subject to the elders. Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you. (1 Peter 5:5-6)

Next, the duties addressed To Widows:

She who is truly a widow, left all alone, has set her hope on God and continues in supplications and pray-

ers night and day, but she who is self-indulgent is dead even while she lives. (1 Timothy 5:5-6)

And finally, To Everyone:

For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” (Romans 13:9)

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... (1 Timothy 2:1)

Now the strength of the Table of Duties is also its weakness. They are succinct. Many more passages could be mar-

shalled, and commentary would help. But we need to remember that Luther’s Small Catechism provides a framework. It is easily given to memorization. It is overly broad. Thankfully, we no longer have masters and slaves. There are many different forms of government and civil authorities. Widowers exist along with widows. The list goes on.

The general point is that baptized believers are not clueless in learning God’s will for our lives. It begins from the time we are children in the home, and it continues in the home, the community, and the Church. In every instance it is to fear, love, and trust God above all else; and then to love our neighbor as ourselves. And we are to turn to God’s Word for guidance.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

What is the Christian’s Hope?

In a word, it is the resurrection of the body to life everlasting in the world to come. This is more accurate and complete than just saying “life after death.” It is also more helpful than say-

ing “going to heaven.” When Jesus returns at the end of the age to judge the living and the dead, baptized believers will be raised bodily! They will share in a resurrection similar to Jesus’ resurrection. And being in his presence on that day and for all eternity is not

just a matter of escaping to heaven, but living in his presence in the new heaven and earth. The Lord intends to renew and restore his creation. So our central hope is the resurrection of the dead, with believers inheriting the Kingdom.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, 7/5

7am Men’s Breakfast at McDonald’s
10am Service at Care Center

Sunday, 7/7 7th Sunday after Pentecost
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

Our congregation's annual Sunday at the **Halfway Creek Park, West Shelter** in Holmen is coming up on Sunday, July 14. The Divine Service there will be at 10:00am and a Potluck/Picnic lunch will follow.

Please note the Sign Up Sheet for the **HACC (Holmen Area Community Center) Senior Meal Site** on the kitchen bulletin board at church. Karri Bjornstad has arranged for our congregation to help out every other

Thursday. Ordinarily two volunteers are needed from 10am to 1pm in the kitchen. And then there is a need for a driver to deliver meals from 11am to 12:30pm.

Don't forget non-perishable **Food Donations** for the Food Pantry! Peanut Butter and canned beans are especially requested.

Heide Traver and Lee Fehr will be cleaning the church the week of July 21. At pre-

sent we have no one signed up for the week of August 18.

The July **Designated Benevolence** is for **St. Clare's Health Mission** in La Crosse.

So many people do not have a clue what we are here for! As baptized believers in Christ, we know that we were created to have fellowship with God while bringing glory to His Name. We are to serve Him and to do so by loving and serving our neighbor.

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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 26 Tom Rislow
 July 15 Tim Betlach
 Aug 10 Carrie Cunningham
 Aug 12 Dawson Staff
 Aug 13 Jessica Schoonover

Anniversaries

July 3 M&J Repaal
 Aug 12 R&B Kuehn

Kids & Church

Asked to draw pictures of their favorite Bible Stories the teacher was puzzled by Kyle's picture. It showed people on an airplane. Kyle explained. "This is the flight to Egypt." The teacher figured out who was Joseph, who was Mary, and who the baby Jesus was, but she was puzzled by the fourth person. Kyle proudly pointed out, "That's Pontius,

the pilot."

Johnny was asked by his Sunday School teacher if he said prayers before eating. "No I don't," he truthfully answered. Then he added, "I don't need to. My Mom is a good cook."

The mother finally got her fidgety seven-year old son to

sit still and be quiet about half way through the worship service. "If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start all over again!" And wouldn't you know it, it worked!

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

7/7 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Paula Betlach

Counters: Cole W/Ron K

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cole and Anne Warner

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

7/14 8th Su a Pent - Outdoor Worsh

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Connie Meunier

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Connie M/Dave B

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: potluck

Livestreamer: N/A

7/21 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Heather Roll

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: Cole Warner

Counters: Jarrod R/Tom R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jed Roll

7/28 10th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Mike Meunier

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Jeremy S/David B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

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