

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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A WORD FROM PT

The desire to share the Christian Faith with others, where does this come from? Can it come from any other source than the awareness of God's mercy and compassion for one's own life?

Are we in touch with our desperate need for God's grace? I am fond of the expression in Scripture "fear of God." We don't always talk about fear, and what if any role it has in our life. But when it comes to fear of God, I think it means at least two things. First, it is a sober fear of God's judgment. He is a holy God! And as sinful beings we are toast in the presence of God. And second, I think it is marveling, being in awe, and being most thankful that

God wants to reclaim us and spare us from the consequences of our sin. Christ has paid a price to effect our forgiveness and cleansing from sin.

If surveys are to be believed, not many people today believe in hell. More people believe there is a heaven than they do a place of torment. And again, according to polling, most people are convinced they will be in heaven. After all, God loves us.

Such optimism has not always been the case. Nor is it consistent with the Biblical narrative. It doesn't make sense of the lengths involved for God to rescue humans from the self-inflicted wounds we have

brought upon ourselves and the rest of God's creation. Those lengths involved God's giving of His only begotten Son, who suffered and died to atone for our sins.

The Biblical witness to God's love is undeniable. But in our hazy age, we think of love only as making someone feel better. Instead, God's love is acting for our best interest. Being harsh can be for our best, especially if it turns us from destruction! I believe with the fear (proper reverence) of God would also come a greater desire to share the faith with others.

SINCE YOU ASKED...

Why do we stand during the reading of the Gospel Lesson?

By standing we are giving expression of special respect and adoration. In the Gospel Accounts we meet our Lord Jesus Christ in a special way. In these writings

we are presented with Jesus' Judean and Galilean ministry. We also have a record of the very words of our Lord (his teachings, parables, dialog, etc.). We hear the accounts of Jesus' death and resurrection, the work of our salvation.

Although the entire Bible is the Word of God, it is in the Gospels that our Lord is most directly presented to us. So you might say that Christ himself is being presented before us in the Gospel Lesson. It is therefore most appropriate that we stand at attention.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 10/2
6:30pm Every One His Witness

Friday, 10/4
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's
10am Worship at Care Center
6pm PT presiding at a wedding

Saturday, 10/5
11am Main Street Taping

Sunday, 10:6 20th Su after Pentecost
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Adult Education

Wednesday, 10/9
6:30pm Every One His Witness
Study



**Making
Disciples
for Life**

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

THIS AND THAT...

Jeremy Schoonover is leading a six session class utilizing LCMS material entitled: **Every One His Witness**. The sessions will be at 6:30pm on Wednesdays and got started on September 25.

The **Men's Breakfast Bible Study** will continue to meet on Fridays at 7am at the McDonald's restaurant off of County OT.

The **Adult Bible Study** on Sunday mornings after the

Coffee Fellowship, around 10:45am is a study on 1 Corinthians.

The **Church Council** will be meeting on Thursday, October 10, 6pm at the church.

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

Cole and Anne Warner are signed up to clean the church the week of October 20. And Pr Tim and Leslie are signed

up for the week of November 17.

The October **Designated Benevolence** is for **Alliance Women's Clinic** in LaCrosse.

If we don't believe and act like the Christian hope is not only the greatest hope in the world, but the only real hope; then it is no mystery why we wouldn't be too worked up about telling others about 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

Oct 1..... Wendell Halderson
Oct 26..... Naomi Rislow

Anniversaries

Oct 6..... B&P Benrud
Oct 7..... D&K Bjornstad
Oct 12..... C&A Warner

Pat McManus Quips

(had the Last Laugh column on the back page of Outdoor Life)

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 at least 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 someone else.

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

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 will come 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)

10/6 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Cole Warner

Reader: Naomi Rislow

Crucifer: Stella Roll

Acolyte: Benjamin Roll

Ushers: Mary Bartos

Counters: Cole W/Tim B

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: the Magnusons

Livestreamer: Cole Warner

10/13 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Leslie Duesenberg

Reader: Connie Meunier

Crucifer: Asher Roll

Acolyte: Dawson Staff

Ushers: Paula Betlach

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: the Betlachs

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

10/20 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Naomi Rislow

Reader: Mike Meunier

Crucifer: Benjamin Roll

Acolyte: Elliott Cunningham

Ushers: Tim Betlach

Counters: Dan M/Dave B

Comm Asst: Jeremy Schoonover

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: the Schoonoversw

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

10/27 Reformation Sunday

Asst Minister: Mike Meunier

Reader: Heather Roll

Crucifer: Dawson Staff

Acolyte: Regan Cunningham

Ushers: David Bjornstad

Counters: Connie M/Tom R

Comm Asst: Jarrod Roll

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: Confirmation

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

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