

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 9, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

The **Every One His Witness** Wednesday Class is underway and going well. Last Wednesday the group interacted with a verse that might not at first glance seem applicable to being Christ's witnesses. The verse is Luke 6:45. "The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks." Our attention was drawn to the end of the sentence: *For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.*

Things that fill our hearts eventually bubble over into our conversations. We enjoy talking about such

things. We also find it easier and more comfortable talking about things that have captivated our hearts.

What are such things that fill our hearts. What do we easily talk about? Examples shared included things like sports, travel, children, hobbies, books, adventures, the outdoors, movies, politics... this list goes on and on.

The application this has for our witnessing to Jesus is that the enterprise is going to feel like a chore if our Lord and His Word are not filling our lives. Instead, it will seem like an unpleasant and difficult duty. And any witness attempted under such circumstances will come across also as a duty.

Chances are each of us is where we are in the Faith because we were witnessed to by someone who was filled to overflowing. This is when someone is so full of and moved by what Jesus has done for them that they desire to share the joy others. You might say they just couldn't contain themselves. They want others to experience this also.

Consider where our own hearts get filled! Is it not in Word and Sacraments? Is it not among God's people in worship and in service? Is it not in meditation on God's Word and in prayer? Is it not in setting right priorities? Is it not in contemplating our rich inheritance and destiny in His Kingdom?

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

assimilate 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

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

Thursday, 10/10
9:30am Prayer Group
6pm Church Council

Friday, 10/11
7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Sunday, 10/13 21st Su after Pentecost
8am Choir Practice
9am Divine Service with Communion
10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth
10:45am Adult Education

Tuesday, 10/15
5:30pm Ladies Night Out at Su Casa

Wednesday, 10/16
6:30pm Every One His Witness Study



Making Disciples for Life

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

THIS AND THAT...

The **Every One His Witness** class is at 6:30pm on Wednesdays.

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

There is an **Adult Bible Study** on Sunday mornings after the Coffee Fellowship.

The **Church Council** will be meeting on Thursday, Oc-

tober 10, 6pm at the church.

The next **Ladies Night Out** is Tuesday, October 15, 5:30pm at Su Casa's in Holmen. RSVP to Paula Betlach.

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.

Our Lord claims us in baptism and envelopes us with His love. With the gift of faith given us in baptism we can respond to Him! We can open our arms and hearts and embrace Him in return. The more we do so, the more our hearts will be filled.

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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)

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 the time, we need to know that it's there.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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 Schoonovers

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

11/3 All Saints Sunday

Asst Minister: Tom Rislow

Reader: Jarrod Roll

Crucifer: Elliott Cunningham

Acolyte: Stella Roll

Ushers: Jeremy Schoonover

Counters: Jarrod R/Tim B

Comm Asst: Tim Betlach

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

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