

GIFT of GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

GRACE NOTES

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 23, 2024

A WORD FROM PT

Jesus taught in His Sermon on the Mount, "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Mt 6:33). This admonition is in keeping with the First Commandment "You shall have no other gods." And it is in keeping with a universal principle, namely, that in desiring a lesser good inordinately you will only forfeit that good while thereby excluding yourself from a greater good.

C.S. Lewis writes of this general law in his essay entitled "First and Second Things." He describes it in the following manner. "Every preference of a small good to a great, or a partial

to a total good, involves the loss of the small or partial for which the sacrifice was made." So, what does that leave you!

The love of money is a prime example. Earthly wealth is small potatoes compared to heavenly riches. And when we crave wealth, it becomes an idol. An idol is a false god. Now it is not the only idol, but it certainly is one of the most common of the idols. When our chief aim is to become rich and enjoy wealth, it is almost certain that it won't make us happy. When goods increase, our appetite for more goods increases faster. So, we will not only not enjoy wealth in this life, but when we die, we will

leave it all behind. Every bit of it!

In our pursuit of wealth, our devotion to God will necessarily be compromised. There is only one object worthy of our wholehearted devotion. And that is the Lord our God who is worthy of our worship, and whose promises are full and true.

When money is handled as a tool and our use of it reflects our love of God and our neighbor, as an added bonus we may very well enjoy some slight and momentary pleasure as our temporal needs are met. It is all a matter of having the right priorities.

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

Wednesday, 10/23

6:30pm Every One His Witness Study

Friday, 10/25

7am Men's Breakfast at McDonald's

Sunday, 10/27 Reformation Sunday

The Rite of Confirmation

8am Choir Practice

9am Divine Service with Communion

10:15am Coffee Fellowship/Youth



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.

Sunday, October 27, we will celebrate **Reformation Day** (which is actually October 31), and we will use the occasion to also celebrate the **Rite of Confirmation**. Two of

our Confirmands, Elliott Cunningham and Chase Repaal will be receiving the Rite and will be giving Affirmation of their Baptisms.

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

Coming soon! A **Choral Celebration of All Saints' Day** at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Nov 3, at 3pm. Our choir will be joining with other LCMS choirs

in the area.

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.

Make sure 1st things come 1st thing in your life...

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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 5 Chase Repaal
Nov 28 Heather Roll
Nov 30 Cyndi Molstad

Anniversaries

Oct 12 C&A Warner

Bad Dad Jokes

What does cake and baseball have in common? *They both need a batter.*

When does Friday come before Thursday? *In the dictionary.*

What did the tree say when spring finally arrived? *What a re-leaf.*

How can you tell that the pig is hot? *It's bacon.*

Did you hear about the guy who was afraid of hurdles? *He got over it.*

Why did the drum go to bed? *It was beat.*

What do you call a rude cow? *Beef jerky.*

Have you every had bad sausage? *It's the wurst.*

Did you hear about the guy who drank invisible ink? *He's at the hospital waiting to be seen.*

How do you get a squirrel's attention? *Act like a nut.*

Did you hear about the cat that ate a lemon? *Now it's a sour puss.*

What did one volcano say to the other? *I lava you.*

Why did the computer catch a cold? *It left a window open.*

How do mice floss their teeth? *With string cheese.*

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

tbd (to be determined)

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: Connie Meunier

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: Heide Fehr

Livestreamer: Tim Betlach

11/10 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Karri Bjornstad

Reader: Brad Benrud

Crucifer: Regan Cunningham

Acolyte: Chase Repaal

Ushers: Jarrod Roll

Counters: Cole W/Naomi R

Comm Asst: Mike Meunier

Accompanist: Tom Rislow

Fellowship: tbd

Livestreamer: Jarrod Roll

11/17 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Asst Minister: Jeremy Schoonover

Reader: Paula Betlach

Crucifer: Chase Repaal

Acolyte: Asher Roll

Ushers: Dan Molstad

Counters: Jeremy S/Jackie R

Comm Asst: Tom Rislow

Accompanist: Leslie Duesenberg

Fellowship: Cyndi Molstad

Livestreamer: Jeremy Schoonover

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