

PEACE TALKS

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH – MISSOURI SYNOD

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People of God redeemed by Jesus-

“Listen, Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.”

These are the words that come from a hymn 833 in our hymnal. We don’t sing this hymn often because it is arranged to be responsively sung between a leader and the congregation which is something we don’t usually do. But I wanted to call attention to it because this simple refrain contains truths we should remember as things start up again here in the fall.

In the midst of all that seems like it must be done as school and church activities resume, let us never forget that God is calling out to us through His Word. And what is He saying? Well, He is inviting us to receive His good gifts. What good gifts? Well, forgiveness, comfort, and joy to just name three.

Are those three gifts things you need?

Have you done things you know you should have not done? Is guilt a close companion to you at times? Would you be ashamed if others knew what you did? Are you aware of how comfortable you have become with your sin? Well, you need forgiveness.

Have you lost a loved one, either to death or because conflict has robbed you of their presence in your life? Has tragedy seemed to have made its home all too near to yours? Are you just not sure you can handle it anymore? Well, you need comfort.

Are you weary? Does life seem like nothing but struggle after struggle? Are you not sure some days what can lift up your spirit? Well, you need joy.

Know this: God is inviting you to have these gifts. And not just in some abstract way, but through His Word. Through Jesus who is the Word of God. As He is given to you in the written Word recorded in the Bible, the spoken Word delivered by your pastor, the Word made flesh served at the table of your Lord.

But do you hear the call when you walk by the Bible in your home? Do you hear it when the church bells ring or your alarm sounds on Sunday morning? Do you hear it when He beckons you to come and eat at His altar?

Well, you will not necessarily hear anything audibly in each case, but the call does go out from all those places and every other place His Word is present. It goes out and invites you to receive His good gifts.

So please don’t think of devotions with your family as something you had better do to be thought of as a good Christian. Don’t think of church as just another item on your holy to do list to be checked off. Don’t think of coming to the Lord’s Supper as just something that the Lord requires of you.

Hear in these places God’s call. Receive His Invitation. Receive Forgiveness, Comfort and Joy. Or as the hymn puts it, “Listen, Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy.”

In Christ,
Pastor Philip Hoppe



VBS WRAP-UP

Our 2019 VBS entitled, "Miraculous

Mission: Jesus Saves the World" finished up the week with a total of 58 registered students in five groups. Each morning began with music as the students were arriving and followed with the Opening. From there the groups rotated through Storytelling, Games, Bible Challenge, Crafts and Snacks. The morning was completed with the Closing for the day.

Part of the weekly program was the Concordia Gospel Outreach Mission Project *Sharing God's Miraculous Message* – providing the booklet *"The Work of His Hands for Kids."* Donations from the congregation also provided \$700 in funds to give a booklet to each student with a few extra copies given to each church.

The week ended with a program where the students sang highlights of the week for their families and friends. Afterwards all were invited downstairs for refreshments provided by the *Women of Peace*.

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard to make this possible:

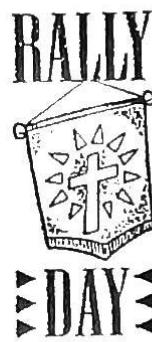
Our willing, able, and very busy staff included: **Site leaders** – LeAnn Gregoire, *Lift-off Music*; Mary Nelson, *Miraculous Mission Opening & Closing*; Pastor Hoppe & LeAnn Gregoire, *Starry Night Storytelling*, Lorelei Finley, *Observation Station Bible Challenge*; Karen & Daryl Zebrasky, Bev Mensing, Elaine Steeg, *Galaxy Snacks*; Samantha Bennett, Vicki Thurber, Ashley Thurber, Ella Hoppe, *Wonderful Creation Crafts*; Don Weiss, Aryanna Walker, Gideon Hoppe, *Blastoff Games*. Our **Group Leaders & helpers** included: Sharon Tvedt, Sue Koecher, Ginny Henkel, Carlene Boettcher, Ruth Nielsen, Olivia Hoppe, Ron Osladil, Ava Dunkley, Libby Dangers, Angel Swanson, Isabella Koski. **Registration** help was Liz Kelly, Angel Swanson, Isabella Koski; and **photography** was done by Olivia Hoppe and "others."

A special thanks to this year's VBS director, **Mary Nelson**, for all of the many hours spent organizing this very tiring, hectic, but fun-filled, Christ-centered week!

Thank you also to Pete Seitz & Land 'O Lakes for the donation of milk all week; to Lampert Lumber for paint and float-building supplies; to Northview Bank for suckers for the 4th of July float; and to the many church members who provided food for the snacks and to **anyone else** who helped out in any way!!!!

Thrivent Action Teams were applied for to help with expenses for craft supplies, snacks, and T-shirts for staff & kids.

And of course, a most heartfelt thanks to God who not only blessed us with the ability to hold VBS, but also for the students that attended, the very perfect weather, and the strength and endurance to make it through the week without any serious mishaps. "God bless us, one and all!"



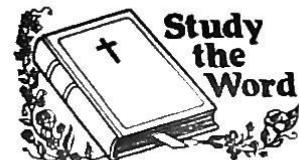
SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS WITH RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 8th

Summer vacation is coming to an end, and once again our thoughts turn to Sunday school which will begin Sept. 8th, from 10:15-11:30.

All children ages 4 (pre-school) thru 12th grade are welcome to join us. If you have any children in your neighborhood who are not attending Sunday school, please invite them. Share the Lord with someone you know. We look forward to seeing all the children again, not only in Sunday school, but in our worship services as well. Parents, please encourage your children to attend both faithfully.

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Pastor Hoppe will be gearing up for the Tuesday Bible studies, held here at the church at 3:00 in the afternoon and at 6:30, beginning Sept. 10th. We will continue with the study of the Gospel of Matthew. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for you to indicate your preference of Bible Study times (or just show up!). Please join in the study of God's Word, and the continuing education of your spiritual life.



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~CONFIRMATION PARENTS~

Parents of 7th & 8th grade students are asked to come to an orientation meeting for this year's Confirmation classes on Wednesday, September 11th at 3:30 pm, to discuss the year ahead and the expectations for all those involved. Classes will meet every Wednesday at 3:30 pm, and will cover the material in Luther's Small Catechism.

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ISN'T IT FUNNY? . . .

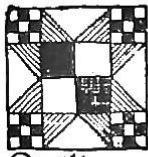
-- that parents are so concerned that their children be able to participate in all kinds of sports and other activities, but are completely unconcerned about their spiritual growth!

THANK YOU

— THANK YOU to those who provided coffee and "Goodies" for our summer coffee fellowships —

Barbara Moen, Bernice Bergseth, LuAnn Alleman, Elaine Steeg, Kate Alm, Mary Nelson, Rich & Bev Mensing, Sharon Tvedt, Shar Payne, Estelle Martin, Jenny Alleman, Jan Hahn, Linda Becker & Bev Newham. It was nice to get together and visit a little longer with each other after church. Our offerings went to our Concordia Seminaries' Food Banks.

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Quilters

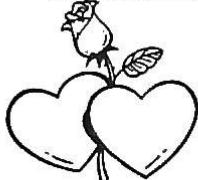
*~~**QUILTING WILL BEGIN SEPT. 9th***

ATTENTION LADIES!!
Quilting is to resume again on Mondays, beginning Sept. 9th, from 9-12. We welcome all willing hands to help cut, tie, pin, or sew edges, so bring your scissors, enjoy some fellowship (and usually some "goodies"), and stay as long as your schedule allows. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday mornings!

~Peace Quilters

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CONGRATULATIONS!!



We offer our congratulations to Glen & Dee Hemphill who will celebrate 60 years of marriage with an Open House held in their honor on Sunday, Sept. 8th, from 1:00-4:00 pm here at the church. You are invited!!

We pray for God's continued blessings in their lives!

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-- \$25 has been received from Harold Berg for the Memorial Fund in memory of Don Henkel.

-- \$695 (undesignated) has been received from the family of Bertha Laska and given in her memory.

We thank these individuals and families for these Memorial gifts!

YOU'RE INVITED

**to a Pro-Life Evening
Presented by MCCL
(Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life)**

**Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7-8 pm at
St. Patrick's Catholic Church
203 Lawler Ave. So., Hinckley.**

Don't miss the discussion on current happenings; learn about the latest threats to unborn children and their mothers, strengthen your pro-life beliefs, and discover how to be an active pro-life citizen.

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ANNUAL CREATION CONFERENCE WEEKEND @ LIC

Hosted by Christ Serve Ranch @ Lutheran Island Camp ~~ October 18-19

You are invited to attend this day and ½ conference featuring experts from internationally known creation and apologetics ministries. This year they will be hosting Joel Tay from Creation Ministries International. Joel has degrees in theology, evolutionary biology, and genetics. He also served with open-air street evangelism ministries. The questions he received during that time, reinforced his belief that Christians need to be equipped with biblically sound, creation-based answers to not only protect their families but to reach the lost.

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OUR CHILDREN

Children are a gift from God (Genesis 48:8-9), a heritage and a reward (Psalm 127:3), a source of joy (Psalm 113:9), and a crown in their parents' old age (Proverbs 17:6). It is a serious thing to abuse children (Matthew 18:1-6) or to neglect their spiritual training (Ephesians 6:1-4). The church is always only one generation short of extinction. If we fail to train our children for Christ, we forfeit the future.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Bible Study 8 am Peace Comm. 9:00 Bruno Comm. 11:00	2 Labor Day	3 Regional AA Meeting @ Peace 7:00	4 Board of Elders 7:00	5 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm	6 Pastor's day off	7
8 Bible Study 8 am Peace Worship 9:00 Sunday School & Bible Class 10:15 Bruno Worship 11:00 Nursing Home 2:30 (Basement reserved for Hemphill's)	9 Quilting 9-12	10 Peace Bible Studies 3:00 & 6:30	11 Confirmation Student/parent Meeting 3:30 Church Council 7:00	12 Pastor office hours in Bruno 3-5 pm Bruno Bible Study 6:30	13 Pastor's day off	14 "Men of Peace" 9:00-noon
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