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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Saviour Lutheran Church welcomes all people to a safe place to grow in faith and serve the Lord Jesus Christ

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ENCLOSED: Stewardship Letter



Martin Luther

Martin Luther (1483-1546) stands in history as one of those unique forces, an individual who by force of will and by his ideas changed the world fundamentally. There are several ironies incumbent on Luther's pivotal role in history: 1) he doesn't really represent a break with the past, but rather a flash point where ideas and trends which had been smoldering in Europe for several centuries suddenly blazed aflame; 2) Luther initially saw himself as a great reformer of the Catholic church, a simple monk who thought the force of his ideas would single-handedly redirect the Leviathan of the church; in the end, however, he divided Christianity into two separate churches and that second division, Protestantism, would divide over the next four centuries into a near infinity of separate churches; 3) finally, Luther (and all the other reformers) saw themselves as returning Christianity to its roots, they believed that they were setting the clock back; in reality, their ideas irreparably changed the world and pushed it kicking and screaming, not into some ideal past, but into the modern era.

Luther was not a person you would want to have dinner with; he was temperamental, peevish, egomaniacal, and argumentative. But this single-mindedness, this enormous self-confidence and strident belief in the rightness of his arguments, allowed him to stand against opposition, indeed, to harden his position in the face of death by fire, the usual punishment for heretics. Luther became an Augustinian monk in 1505, disappointing his equally strong-willed father, who wished him to become a lawyer. He earned a doctorate in theology from the University of Wittenberg, but instead of settling down to a placid and scholarly monkish life or an uneventful universi-

ty career teaching theology, he began to develop his own personal theology, which erupted into outright blasphemy when he protested the use of indulgences in his **95 Theses**.

Indulgences, which were granted by the pope, forgave individual sinners not their sins, but the temporal punishment applied to those sins. These indulgences had become big business in much the same way pledge drives have become big business for public television in modern America. Luther's Theses, which outlined his theological argument against the use of indulgences, were based on the notion that Christianity is fundamentally a phenomenon of the inner world of human beings and had little or nothing to do with the outer world, such as temporal punishments. It is this fundamental argument, not the controversy of the indulgences themselves, that most people in the church disapproved of and that led to Luther's being hauled into court in 1518 to defend his arguments against the cardinal Cajetan. When the interview focused on the spiritual value of "good works," that is, the actions that people do in this world to benefit others and to pay off the debts they've incurred against God by sinning, Cajetan lost his temper and demanded that Luther recant. Luther ran, and his steady scission from the church was set in motion. The Northern Humanists, however, embraced Luther and his ideas.

Luther's first writing was **The Sermon on Good Works**, in which he argued that good works do not benefit the soul; only faith could do that. Things took a turn for the worse: Pope Leo declared 41 articles of Luther's teachings as heretical teachings, and Luther's books were publicly burned in Rome. Luther became more passionate in his effort to reform the church. His treatise, "Address to the Christian Nobility of Germany," pressed for the German nation to use military means to force the church to discuss grievances and reform; "A Prelude concerning the Babylonish Captivity of the Church" literally called for clergy in the church to openly revolt against Rome.

In 1521, the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V, demanded that Luther appear before the diet of the Holy Roman Empire at Worms. Luther was asked to explain his views and Charles ordered him to recant. (Luther *Cont'd on page 2*)

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Luther refused and he was placed under an imperial ban as an outlaw. He managed to escape, however, and he was hidden away in a castle in Wartburg where he continued to develop his new church.

In a more conciliatory effort, Luther wrote a letter to Pope Leo explaining the substance of his ideas, *Von der Freiheit des Christenmenschen*, "On the Freedom of the Christian," from which your readings have been selected. This conciliation didn't work (the treatise is not, in fact, very conciliatory, but somewhat arrogant), and Luther was excommunicated from the church in 1521. What had started as a furious attempt to reform the church overnight turned into a project of building a new church independent of the Catholic church. Nevertheless, this small work, "The Freedom of the Christian," is the theological and ideological core of Luther's thinking; the fundamental term of value, that center around which every other aspect of his thought rotates, is the concept of **Freiheit**, "freedom," or "liberty." This is not our concept of freedom, but in the eventual turn of time it will give rise to the notion of "individual freedom," and later "political freedom," and later "economic freedom." Most of the European Enlightenment revolves around freedom and the project of "liberating" people: liberating them from false beliefs, from false religion, from arbitrary authority, etc.--that is, what we will be calling "liberation discourse." Westerners still participate in this Enlightenment project today. This idea of "liberating" people, so common to the international politics of our own period, comes out of Luther's idea of "freedom."



Martin Luther's Seal

"From the wilderness of Koburg Castle" 8 July 1530

Honorable, kind, dear Sir and Friend!

Grace and Peace in Christ!

Since you ask whether my seal has come out correctly, I shall answer most amiably and tell you of those thoughts which now come to my mind about my seal as a symbol of my theology. There is first to be a cross, black, and placed in a heart, which should be of its natural color (red), to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saved us. For if one believes from the heart, he will be justified. ["For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right God, and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved." --Romans 10:10] Even though it is a black cross, which mortifies and which also should hurt us, yet it leaves the heart in its natural color and does not ruin nature...that is, the cross does not kill, but keeps man alive. For the just shall live by faith, by faith in the Savior. ["This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'" --Romans 1:17]

Such a heart is to be in the midst of a white rose, to symbolize that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In a word, it places the believer into a white joyful rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy as the world gives. ["I am leaving you with a gift--peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled or afraid." --John 14:27] Therefore, the rose is to be white, not red, for white is the color of the spirits and of all angels. ["...an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled aside the stone and sat on it. His face shone like lightening, and his clothing was as white as snow." --Matthew 28:2b-3 and "She saw two white-robed angels sitting at the head and foot of the place where the body of Jesus had been lying." --John 20:12]

This rose, moreover, is fixed in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in the Spirit and in faith is a beginning of the future heavenly joy. It is already a part of faith, and is grasped through hope, even though not yet manifest.

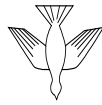
And around this field is a golden ring, to signify that such bliss in heaven is endless, and more precious than all joys and goods, just as gold is the most valuable and precious metal.

"May Christ, our dear Lord, be with your spirit until the life to come. Amen."

Martin Luther



Our Saviour Lutheran Church Anna Lowery, President August 8, 2022 Council Minutes



Meeting called to order by President, Anna Lowery

Devotions: Teri Trudnak

Members present: Alice Vlaservich, Melinda White, Anna Lowery, Robbie Wooten, Teri Trudnak

Members Absent: Becky Messick, Steve Digh

Minutes: May 16, 2022 minutes were reviewed; Alice Vlaservich made the motion to approve the minutes and Teri Trudnak gave the second motion

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a. NALC seeking donations. OSLC will support in prayer

Report of the Pastor: Reviewed and approved by Council. Melinda White made the motion to approve and Robbie Wooten gave the second.

Pastor Pete would like to have a table for Communion in the Chancel facing the congregation. This was also approved by the Council

Report of the Treasurer: Report was reviewed, and a motion was made by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Teri Trudnak

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: A/C in SS building was repaired; Pianos were tuned.
- b. Stewardship and Finance: None
- c. Worship & Music: No report this month
- d. Youth Team: No report this month
- e. Witness: Cards and prayers continue to be sent to shut ins. Alice is also sending bulletins to those unable to attend worship service.
- f. Christian Education Team: VBS was a success again this year. Thank you to Pastor Pete and all volunteers.

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Prayer Group continues to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1:30pm (note time change)
- b. The Rachel Group will meet in August at the home of Penny Wilson for bible study and refreshments.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. Grounds workday to be rescheduled - TABLE UNTIL-FALL.
- b. To start trimming bushes August 13.

New Business:

- a. The A/C went out in the Education Bld., The control unit was the problem and has been repaired. Also, it was discovered the drain line for the Sanctuary A/C was stopped up and cleared. The Church does not have any maintenance program/plan on any of the HCVC units. It was recommended the Council to hire Doyle Clem-

mer, Jr. for this service. A service contract will be written up and discussed with Doyle Clemmer, Jr.

- a. New gutters are needed for the parsonage. The cost for gutters will be \$2120.00. Also looking at leaf guard/filter. A member of OSLC stated he would pick up part of the cost (\$1008.00). This quote is over 5 months old. Activity Bldg. gutters are also in need of repair. The Council approved the parsonage repairs and will continue conversation about the Activity Bldg. next month. To cover cost of this repair, donations will be considered or memorial funds first.

General Information:

- a Attendance: BRING A FRIEND!!
- b Laszlo Mission Report
- c Received \$4240.00 for damaged to the church by the break-in. This covered the cost of replacing the sanctuary doors.
- d Received notice from the NCDR for a penalty of \$200 for not filing notice (e-file NC3 form). Called State and penalty was waived but must file in the future.

The Council meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting is October 17, 2022 at 7pm
Robbie Wooten -Devotions



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Why is World Communion important to the church? On this day churches around the world will come to the Table of the Lord as an expression of their oneness in Jesus Christ. The liturgy, sermon, and celebration of the Lord's Supper are all designed to highlight the unity of the Church of Christ world-wide.

The official day of World Communion Sunday is **October 2, 2022**. All are encouraged to celebrate this Sunday on any Sunday throughout the year.



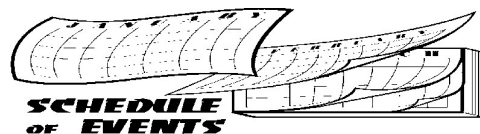
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Sunday School: 9:45 pm
Church Service: 11:00 pm

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2 World Communion Sunday	3 Team Mtg. LCMC Gathering	4	5	6	7 Heritage & Harvest Days	8 Heritage & Harvest Days
9 18 th Sun Pentecost	10 Columbus Day	11	12	13	14	15 CLW Convocation
16 19 th Sun Pentecost	17 Board Mtg.	18 Prayer Group	19	20	21	22
23 20 th Sun Pentecost	24 Rachel Group	24	26	27	28	29
30 REFORMATION SUNDAY	31 Reformation Day					



- **October 2—** 17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Holy Communion Day
Life Chain of Gaston (see p.6)
Pastor Appreciation Day
Pro-Life "Prayer and Witness"
- **October 3—** Team Meeting at 7:00 pm
- **October 7-9—** Heritage & Harvest Days
- **October 9—** 18th Sunday after Pentecost
- **October 10—** Columbus Day
- **October 15—** CLW Convocation
- **October 16—** 19th Sunday after Pentecost
- **October 17—** Council Meeting
- **October 18—** Prayer Group will meet at
Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- **October 23—** 20th Sunday after Pentecost
- **October 24—** Rachel Group TBA
- **October 30—** Reformation Sunday
- **October 31—** Reformation Day

Holy Communion Schedule:



ALL SUNDAYS

Worship Service Assistance:

Acolyte: Nora Cole
Communion
Asst: Nora Cole
Lay Reader: OSLC Member
Worship Asst: OSLC Member
Greeters: OSLC Members
Ushers: OSLC Members

Devotions: Robbie Wooten
Collection: Teri Trudnak

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FOOD FOR THE MONTH: Soup.
Mac & Chesse.



Lima Beans

CHOIR PRATICE
Wednesday at 4:00 pm



3 Denise Traveria
4 Chase Messick
Allie Trudnak
5 Christian Clemmer
20 Jean Huffstetler
21 Jeff Lineberger

Morgan Dawson
Nation Finger
Alice Vlaservich
Nora Cole
Bryten Cole



15thTony & Kathy Trudnak

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

October 2 Alice Vlaservich
October 9 Open
October 16 Open
October 23 Open
October 30 Nick Vlaservich



History of Halloween



The Word on Hallows Eve

The word Halloween comes from the phrase 'All Hallows Eve.' It is the evening before the Catholic Church holiday on November 1st known as, All Hallows Day, All Saint's Day, All Souls Day, or All Hallowmas Day. In Old English, Hallow means sanctify. In the past on November 1st, Catholics honored all saints while Romans prayed for the dead *and* honored saints. Halloween, the night before this, has many different customs and origins attached to its history.

Perhaps the oldest recordings of a celebration on Halloween are that of a druidic fire festival called Samhain. This was celebrated by the Celts (people who now live in Great Britain and Northern France), in Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. It meant the closing of a harvest and the beginning of winter. After the Romans conquered most of that territory, they combined two of their own festivals with the traditional Celtic ritual of Samhain. The first Roman festival was called Feralia. This was a day in late October set aside to commemorate the passing of the dead. The second Roman festival was to honor Pomona, the Roman goddess of the harvest or fruit and trees. Her symbol was the apple, which could be the reason we bob for apples on Halloween.

Trick or Treat for Prayers?

As with the history of Halloween, there are many different ways the act of trick or treating came about. One is from the 19th century custom called souling. This means Christians would walk from town to town on Halloween night, begging for soul cakes. The soul cakes were actually square pieces of bread made with currants. The more soul cakes people received, the more prayers they had to say for the dead family members of the donors. During this time, people believed the dead remained in limbo for a while after death. They also thought that prayer, even by strangers, could speed up a soul's passage to heaven.

There was another recording of the handing out of souls cakes, this time to *poor* citizens. It was also in exchange for prayers for the family's dead relatives. The church encouraged this as a way to replace the practice of leaving food and wine on doorsteps for roaming spirits.

Europeans and Celts believed that to avoid the spirits, they should wear masks when they left their homes. The Celts also believed that on Halloween, the disembodied spirits of everyone who had died that past year, would come back to search for bodies to possess. So the people put out all their fires and disguised themselves with masks and costumes and marched around town trying to ward off the spirits.

Today, families can avoid having tricks played on them if they give the kids who wander door-to-door, Halloween treats.

Party Time

Eventually, the customs of European immigrants combined with American and American Indian customs. Although annual autumnal festivals were common, the very first American Halloween celebrations were called 'play parties.' At these public events people celebrated the harvest, shared stories of the

dead, told each other's fortunes, danced, sang, and told ghost stories. During the second half of the 19th century, a new flood of millions of immigrants fleeing the Ireland potato famine of 1846 came to America. This created the meshing of Irish and English Halloween traditions, and people began dressing up in costumes and going house to house for visits. In the 1800's there was a push to make Halloween more of a community-based event, and anything scary and gross was forbidden. In the 20th century, because of the 1950's baby boom, there were a lot of children. Vandalism increased during the celebration of Halloween.

Traditions or Trade-Offs?

As told before, the idea of bobbing for apples could have come from the Roman goddess of the harvest and her scared fruit of apples.

The name 'witch' comes from the Saxon Wicca meaning 'wise one.' A sacred ointment was rubbed on the skin of the which, to give them a feeling of flying.

The use of Jack-O-Lanterns perhaps comes from when children used to carve out potatoes or turnips and light them for Halloween gatherings. The name Jack most likely comes from a story of 'Jack the Irish Villain.' It was about a man rejected by good and evil, who wandered the world forever looking for a place to rest. His only warmth came from a small candle in a rotten potato. With the Irish potato famine from 1845-50, almost 700,000 people immigrated to the Americas. They brought with them the Jack-O-Lantern tradition but turnips were scarce. The pumpkin became a good replacement because there were a lot of them around.

Masks were worn to scare off demons and evil spirits and to keep people from being recognized.



WALK FOR LIFE report

The Walk for Life was sponsored by Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. on September 9, 2022 Our church raised \$700.00. Several members contributed time, money, and prayer. Thanks to all who gave. From all over Gaston County, church members joined in this Walk for Life and have exceeded their goal of \$70,000 and funds are still coming in to reach our goal. (\$78,259.75 at 8 pm on Sep 9)

The mission statement of Crisis Pregnancy Center is:

The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Gaston County, Inc. affirms the value of life by compassionately sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and providing the following services: Pregnancy Counseling, Abstinence Education, Limited Ultrasounds and various other Medical Services, Adolescent Parenting Programs, Post Abortion Counseling to women, men, and families affected by crisis pregnancy situations, with the hope of changing lives. Phone number 704-868-4636. Address: 800 Robinson Road Gastonia, NC, 28056,

website: www.cpcgaston.org



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EVENTS for:

Agrape/Kure Beach

Contact Camp Agapé:

Telephone: 919-552-9421

e-mail: agape@agapekurebeach.org

Contact Kure Beach Lutheran:

Telephone 910-458-0783

e-mail: kurebreach@agapekurebeach.org

Web site: www.agapekurebeach.org

Directions to Camp Agapé are on the web site.

Please see calendars and other information on the bulletin board or go on-line

Events for:

Lutheridge -Lutherock-Lutherspring- Lutheranch

Web site: www.NovusWay.com



*Where Will
You Stand?*

Life Chain, a one-hour, pro-life prayer and witness event, has been held annually since 1987, in thousands of cities and towns across the United States and Canada. The 2021 National Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 2, 2022 from 2:00 – 3:30 PM**. We are thrilled to have three locations in Gaston County: Belmont, Gastonia and Mount Holly! See **Event Details** for more information about the sites.

How it Works: Participants arrive early to park and pick up a sign and then space themselves 10- 15 feet apart on the sidewalk. At 2:00 PM we join the rest of the Life Chains across the United States and Canada and, for just one hour, pray quietly for the unborn and for a conversion of our nation on the issue of abortion. The reverse side of the signs are printed with prayers and hymns to aid your prayer but feel free to bring or say your own prayers. **Everyone is welcome and no RSVP is necessary. Just show up at your preferred location on the day of the event! Signs will be provided.**

Gastonia

Location: Sidewalks of E. Garrison Blvd from Union Rd to New Hope Rd

Parking: Parkwood Baptist Church, Grier Middle School, East Garrison Baptist Church, Public Library or Lineberger Park

Sign Pick Up: Along the sidewalks of the route

Masks, strollers, walkers, chairs, etc., are welcome
Arrive early

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (SHOE BOX) IS COMING!

What is Operation Christmas Child?

This annual project enables caring individuals, families, schools, churches, businesses, and other organizations to fill ordinary shoe boxes with small toys, school supplies, sweets, and other gifts for needy children around the world.

Operation Christmas Child sends a message of hope to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.



Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project. Since 1990 the project has brought the joy of Christmas to more than 47 million boys and girls throughout the world. Last year we sent 1.24 million shoe boxes from the UK to children in hospitals, orphanages, Internally Displaced Persons camps, homeless shelters and impoverished neighborhoods. With your help we want to reach even more children in the poorest parts of the world in 2018.

Your gift is powerful!

Your shoe box will make a child feel special and valued, and let them know that you care about them. Choosing gifts and then wrapping and filling a shoe box is a fun and rewarding activity for all the family – especially when you know these gifts are going to be used and treasured.

From you to a child in need.

Your shoe box will be hand delivered to a child in need, asking nothing from them in return. All boxes are given to the neediest children regardless of nationality, political background or religious beliefs. Operation Christmas Child empowers local overseas partners to ensure that your shoe boxes are delivered with the highest levels of integrity and respect. Where appropriate and in culturally sensitive ways, our local overseas partners will make available a booklet of Bible stories, which gives a message of hope and includes an explanation of the true meaning of Christmas – God's gift of His Son, Jesus

A Stewardship Minute

In the October issue of *Stewardship* there is a story about two young men discussing their personal goals in life. One fellow's attitude was to get everything he could get for himself: money, property, automobiles, stocks, bonds and so forth. One might say he focused on reaping and gathering. He wanted to store up as many treasures on earth as possible. All he wanted was everything!

The other young man said that he believed God had given him a good life. He had a decent body, a fair mind, and some talent. Therefore, he said that since he was a Christian he thought that he should use whatever gifts he had to glorify God and to try

to make this world a better place. He wanted to store up treasures in heaven. They would be everlasting and no one could remove them from him.

That young fellow was trying to have a Christian attitude toward life. He realized that making a life is far more important than making a living. In fact, those who use their life to glorify God on earth find that somehow they have enough, often more than enough, to satisfy their worldly needs. This idea is summed up in the 23rd Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer: Dear Lord, make our minds and hearts restless until we strive first for the kingdom of God on earth as it is in heaven. In Jesus' name. **Amen**



LIVE FOR TODAY

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M.

“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith” (Philippians 1:21-25).

Sometimes, in the daily grind of trials, disappointments, troubles, and all those things that drag us down, we may find ourselves longing for heaven as did the Apostle Paul. Family troubles, financial troubles, health troubles, societal troubles ... the list is endless and unrelenting. It often seems that our “up days” and the joy found in them are quickly smothered in yet another trouble. Do we not sometimes wish that it would all end and we could go to be with the Lord now?

I believe God understands this longing to be with Him. This desire has been found in the hearts of believers since the beginning. “How long, O Lord” is a plaintive cry that has reverberated throughout the centuries. Part of this longing, at least for me, is based on personal weariness, depression, and feelings of futility and hopelessness. When I start to focus on myself, my problems, and the world's problems instead of God's plans for my life and His plans for the world, it is easy to be overwhelmed.

Paul's answer to this desire to **“depart and be with Christ”** was to focus on those around him and to remind himself that he was needed here on earth for *their* sake, not his own comfort. Going to be with the Lord is not meant to be an escape from the responsibilities and good works God has prepared in advance for us to do!

God's Word is full of stories of people who gave up, got discouraged, and quit. His response to them was words of encouragement and support, a call to courage and perseverance, a call to strengthen trembling knees and put on the armor of God. King David suffered through *all* these things that we have mentioned here and would have had good reason to want to depart and be with God. Instead, he writes in Psalm 27:13-14:

“I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.”

No matter what our days bring, God is the answer. His love never ends. His strength is our strength. He cares about each one of us in the most intimate of relationships. Through Jesus, we are His beloved children. We are here, *in the land of the living*, for His good purpose and at His will. Each day is a day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

(From *Life Date*, Lutheran for Life)

Church News



OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Please remember our church members who are shut-ins or reside in a nursing home/Living Center* and visit them.

Jill Petzold*

Brookside Senior Living Rm 44
1680 S. New Hope Rd
Gastonia, NC 328054

(If others, please let the church office know)

NEEDED

FOR

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Be a servant of the Lord

Sign Up

If you need a Pastor,
please contact Pastor Pete Feige at 704-516-2805
or our office at 704-922-4648.



RACHEL GROUP

WILL BE MEETING AT THE HOME OF ALICE VLASERVICH

AT 1:30PM, DATE TBA



PRAYER GROUP

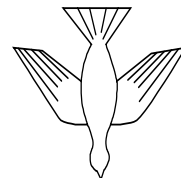
WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA

ON OCTOBER 18 AT 1:30 PM



LET US PRAY... *"Are any among you suffering? They should pray...The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up."* (James 5:13-15)

PRAYER CONCERNS: MARGARET Addington, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), RONDA Bradley (Marsha Patton's mom, surgery for neck fusion), KAREN Brady, BOB Clemmer (friend of Brady Ratchford), MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), STEVE Cloninger (friend of Brady Ratchford-cancer), ROB Curley (cancer), STEVE Digh (cancer), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad - chronic back pain), GLEEN Fraizer (friend of Steve & Julie Digh - cancer), NANCY Friday, DON Gardner (John Patton's uncle - cancer in lung, liver, stomach, & pancreas), BECKY Goodwin (friend of Brady's - cancer), JASON Hames (friend of the White's), GRACE Harbin (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JEAN Huffstetler, NEULIN Jetton (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), ANDERSON Jones (friend of Penny Wilson-paralyzed by fall), JEFF Lineberger (stroke), DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), JACK Lonon (Kasey Digh's step-father-cancer), MARINA Marazza (Shirlee Marazza's granddaughter-Long Haul Covid19), BO Messick (foot), FRANCIS McAllister (broken hip), CHRIS Messick (recovering back surgery), JASON, ALLISON & LEX Murray, GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), SONDRRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), TERI Trudnak, RONNIE Shiles (friend of Brady Ratchford-declining health), MARTHA Surratt (friend of Alice Vlaservich-cancer), TONY Trudnak (cancer reoccurring), STEVE Trudnak (lung cancer), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), TIM Vaughan (friend of Robbie Wooten-declining health), JOE White (stroke), MELINDA White (blood cancer), NANCY Wilson, REESE Wilson (blood cancer), MARY BETH Wright (cousin of Nick Vlaservich -cancer).



5 Ways to Counter Progressive Christianity

by Alisa Childers

Near the end of His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warned: “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:15-16). And after Jesus’ resurrection and ascension, Christianity had barely gotten off the ground before false teachings began to infiltrate the church.

In fact, much of the New Testament is dedicated to alerting Christians to the dangers of various deceptions and instilling a sense of urgency to stand strong against them. Paul opposed Peter to his face when Peter became intimidated by the “circumcision party” in Galatians 2:11-13. Early versions of Gnosticism were making inroads by the time John penned his first epistle. From Marcion to Arius to modern prosperity preachers, there has been no end of false prophets who walk like sheep and talk like sheep, but inwardly they only want to feast on sheep.

One current false gospel is a movement called “progressive Christianity.”

Finding its roots in the emergent church movement of the late 1990s and early 2000s, progressive Christianity has grown into a movement that has infiltrated the evangelical church. It is marked by a willingness to redefine, reexamine and ultimately reject core historic doctrines of the Christian faith. In addition to a nearly universal denial of original sin, the substitutionary atonement of Jesus and the existence of hell, progressive Christianity also aligns with current cultural norms regarding same-sex marriage and abortion. And it is defined by a strong push to embrace a gospel that centers around universal salvation and social justice rather than personal salvation, sin and redemption.

Individual Christians, parachurch organizations and churches that tend to drift into progressive Christianity do so in slow, subtle, almost indiscernible shifts. But progressive Christianity can only grow if it remains unchallenged. Progressive Christianity imitates culture, but Christians should imitate Jesus by recognizing and making a strong stand against the false teachings of this growing movement. Here are five ways to do just that:

1. Uphold Biblical Authority

One of the hallmarks of progressive Christianity is a lowered view of the Bible. Progressives view Scripture not as perfectly and divinely inspired but as a primarily human book that contains contradictions, errors and inconsistent theology. Because of this, Biblical authority takes a back seat to one’s personal conscience as the highest authority for truth.

As followers of Jesus, we must align our view with what He taught about the Bible.

Jesus referred to the Old Testament Scriptures as the Word of God (Mark 7:13). He taught that the Scriptures were inspired by God, saying in Matthew 22:41-45 that David was speaking “by the Spirit” in Psalm 110:1. And when the devil tempted Him in the wilderness, He appealed to the authority of the Scriptures by declaring, “It is written” (Matthew 4:4, 7, 10). Jesus continually referred to Old Testament events as real history. He said, “Scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:35), and He proclaimed that it would be “easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one dot of the Law to become void” (Luke 16:17). He plainly told the Sadducees that they were in error “because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God” (Matthew 22:29).

To stand strong against progressive Christianity, let’s unapologetically hold to Jesus’ teaching about what the Bible is—the accurate, authoritative and inspired (literally “God-breathed”) Word of God.

2. Stand for Biblical Sexuality and the Sanctity of Human Life

Much of the world’s confusion surrounding issues of sexuality and the sanctity of human life have to do with a cultural mandate for sexual freedom. In progressive Christianity, there is a strong push for same-sex marriage, but it doesn’t stop there. In many progressive circles, the entire Christian ethic of sex being enjoyed only within the bounds of marriage between one man and one woman is considered outdated and even harmful. Advocacy for abortion rights is becoming more normalized.

As followers of Jesus, we must align our view with what Jesus taught about sexuality and the sanctity of life.

When asked a question about divorce in Matthew 19:3-9, Jesus affirmed God’s definition for marriage found in Genesis 2:24: “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” In Matthew 15:19-20, Jesus categorizes sexual immorality as something that defiles a person. And according to the Scriptures that Jesus affirmed, sexual immorality meant any sexual activity outside of the confines of marriage. In Matthew 5:21-22, Jesus reiterates and strengthens the Biblical command, “You shall not murder” (Exodus 20:13). Because of this, early Christians stood against abortion and infanticide in their day.

To stand strong against progressive Christianity, let’s unapologetically obey Jesus’ teaching that sex was designed to be enjoyed within the confines of Biblical marriage and that human life is sacred.

3. Get a Backbone

When I was growing up as a Christian kid in the ’80s and ’90s, the world might have looked at me as someone who was a bit old-fashioned, or a “goodie two-shoes,” for my views about morality and the Gospel. Today, young people are facing similar criticisms from progressive Christians, but with the added weight of being called a “bigot” or “hateful” or “intolerant.” Some even go so far as to claim that anyone who holds to a historic Biblical sexual ethic is an unsafe and harmful person. The pressure to capitulate is unbelievably strong.

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As followers of Jesus, we must align our view with what Jesus taught about holding unpopular beliefs. In John 15:18, Jesus said, "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you." Jesus also instructed His followers to expect tribulation in this life but tells us to take heart because He has overcome the world (John 16:33). In Matthew 5:10, Jesus encourages: "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

To stand strong against progressive Christianity, let's unapologetically hold to Jesus' teaching that even though it may be countercultural and may bring persecution, obeying Him is worth the cost.

4. Live the Truth

Progressive Christianity is marked by a "what's true for you is true for you" attitude. The idea is that even if objective truth exists, it can't really be known. Mantras like "live your truth" and "find your authentic self" saturate everything from the media we consume to the products we buy.

But we don't have the option to live our truth because "our truth" doesn't actually exist. That's not how truth works. A true statement or belief is one that corresponds with reality, and truth is true whether someone believes it or not.

As followers of Jesus, we must align our view with what Jesus taught about truth. In John 14:6, Jesus claimed to actually *be* the truth. After His arrest, He told Pilate: "Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). And rather than "find yourself," Jesus said you must "deny yourself, pick up your cross, and follow me" (Cf. Matthew 16:24). Jesus prayed that His disciples would be sanctified in the truth and then He identified God's Word as "truth" (John 17:17).

To stand strong against progressive Christianity, let's unapologetically hold to Jesus' teaching that truth exists, it can be known, and it actually brings about our sanctification.

5. Proclaim the Gospel

In our culture, it's considered arrogant to claim to know truth—especially when it comes to religion and morality. Progressive Christianity is no different. Priding itself on being "inclusive," and coupled with its rejection of absolute truth, the message of theological progressives will ebb and flow with cultural norms. This means avoiding any uncomfortable parts of the Gospel, like final judgment and a place of punishment called hell.

As followers of Jesus, we must align our view with what Jesus taught about the Gospel.

When Jesus began His ministry, He declared, "Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). What is this Gospel Jesus spoke of? In John 3:16, Jesus famously said, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Jesus went on to say in verse 18, "But whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God." In one of His parables, He described the Day of Judgment, when He will divide people into two groups, one on His right and the other on His left. He will welcome the group on His right into eternal life, and to those on His left He will say, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41).

To stand strong against progressive Christianity, let's unapologetically hold to Jesus' teaching that the Gospel is the Good News of eternal life for those who believe, but for those who reject God's free gift, there is judgment.

In 2 Corinthians 2:14, the Apostle Paul describes spreading the fragrance of the knowledge of Christ. He compares it to a sweet perfume but said that to those who are perishing, it smells like death. Our job is to spread the fragrance and leave the outcome to the Lord. We have a Biblical obligation to stand against any message that runs contrary to the Gospel.

We must stand strong against the false gospel of progressive Christianity because Jesus is worth following, and the beauty of the Christian worldview, anchored in Holy Scripture, is worth protecting.

Scripture quotations are taken from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version.

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WITH ALL YOUR MIND: CHRISTIAN USE OF THE NEWS

by Pastor Michael Salemink

My grandma used to talk back to the news. Occasionally she'd even yell. She lived alone, and human nature needs interaction. Perhaps a pet would have served her better. She did have a cat, but the thing preferred running and hiding.

Now I'm finding sometimes I argue with the news, too. It seems much more polarized—biased?—than I remember from my youth. Of course, Christians don't just ignore public events. We enjoy the privileges—and the responsibilities of community and culture. We care about our neighbors, what's happening to them, what they think and feel about it. This especially concerns the sanctity of life in public practices and personal experiences.

The news can keep us connected, aware, and engaged outside of ourselves. But it requires active participation. If we only passively absorb reporting, it can deceive and mislead us. Our Lord invites us to employ His gifts of both reason and emotion. **“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”** (Matthew 22:37). So **“I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also”** (1 Corinthians 14:15).

May I suggest ten ways to make good Christian use of the news?

1. **Consult multiple sources.** Include the reporter's sources. (We call these the primary sources, while the journalists serve as secondary sources.) Some may confirm your initial intuitions, and others may challenge your values. Additional details and different points of view give crucial context. As the old proverb goes, “Every story has three sides—yours, mine, and the right one.”
2. **Ask questions and listen.** Consume more than just headlines. What are they leaving out? What happened before, and what happened after? What might I have done in such a situation? How is it affecting everybody involved? What can I do about it?
3. **Withhold reacting (or at least restrain the impulse).** Remember news is a business, an industry with a product. It wants to keep people angry and afraid because that stimulates appetite for more news—and for solving problems with the advertiser's merchandise. Pause, reflect, digest, until later today or tomorrow even, before making up your mind or stoking emotions.
4. **Converse with others about it.** Knowledge is power, and power corrupts, but information doesn't equal knowledge anyway. News works best when it turns us toward our neighbors and brings us together, creating relationships and servanthood. They may have wisdom we don't. Societal affairs and common matters often open opportunities for Gospel ministry.
5. **Acknowledge biases.** Every news story has them—on purpose—along with motivations, pressures, and narratives (the implied meaning of the data). Recognize them, as well as your own. (Yes, even Christians have biases that cloud judgment.) Try to distinguish the information from the assumptions.
6. **Identify common ground.** When you feel disapproval for a particular report, find some element of the account with which you can agree. And when you feel approval of a report, determine some dimension you disagree with. **“Test the spirits”** (1 John 4:1) instead of simply swallowing or spitting out.
7. **Admit limits to the conclusions and applications.** News has to do with specific instances, and very rarely does it color or characterize the whole world and all of reality. Just because one occurrence went a certain way doesn't mean everyone and everything must operate like that. One bad apple doesn't spoil the whole bunch, nor does one especially sweet apple represent anyone's salvation.
8. **Address emotions.** We naturally respond passionately to drama, and the news knows it. They choose words and images precisely to provoke it. God has given us a holy sympathy for what people around us are going through. Stay conscious of how the news wants to make you feel as well as how your emotional state may influence your assessment of the story.
9. **Explore “so what.”** What, if any, action does this news reasonably and appropriately call for? Given my vocation and my convictions, does this article really matter? Does it intend to emphasize or accomplish anything except distracting me from more important obligations? Is it leading me into temptation toward sinfulness?
10. **Move on.** Twenty-four-hour coverage doesn't make twenty-four-hour consumption healthy. You don't have to get the news more than once a day, or even every single day. It offers a very poor remedy and lousy self-medicating for what ails us. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ gives the real good news. Turn the screen off, seek His leading in Scripture, and lean upon His peace in prayer.

(From *Life Date*, Lutheran for Life)

2022 Mission Emphasis for October :

SAMARITAN'S PURSE

ABOUT US

After sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Samaritan's Purse—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

Mission Statement

Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world. Since 1970, Samaritan's Purse has helped meet needs of people who are victims of war, poverty, natural disasters, disease, and famine with the purpose of sharing God's love through His Son, Jesus Christ.

The organization serves the Church worldwide to promote the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

SHOE BOX STORY

Yuliya received a shoebox at age 9 in a Central Asian country.

When I lifted the lid on my purple plastic shoebox, the first thing I saw was a stuffed dog. I was filled with exuberant joy! I just remember hugging it.

Even though I had toys growing up, the dog was an item you couldn't find in my country. It was really soft and had puppy eyes. *"It was my new best friend, my newfound treasure."*

My second favorite item was bubble gum-flavored toothpaste that came in a pink tube. We didn't know such a thing existed. We would squeeze out a bit the size of the tip of a match so we could get a little bit of flavor and make it last as long as possible.

Word traveled fast. My friends would line up in our bathroom and my sister and I would squeeze out a tiny amount on their toothbrushes. I think we made it last about two years.

My third favorite item was an Etch A Sketch. At first we had no idea what it was. We kept pushing down on the buttons and asking, "Why is it not working?"

After having it displayed on a shelf for a couple of months, my sister was dusting and she turned the knobs. When she saw the line going up and down on the screen she was so excited. The item we thought was broken was drawing!

The toys were the most important things. "Here was someone I'd never met ... to me as a 9-year-old it also stood

out that the letter in the box said, *"I am praying for you."* As time went on, I realized why she was still praying for me."

We became pen pals and she would always close her letters, "I am praying for you." I always wondered, "Why is she praying for me?" The impact hit me more than seven years later after I became a Christian. She was showing me the love of Christ all along, starting with the shoebox and continuing in her prayers. "She specifically chose that dog for me and wanted to use it to communicate God's love."

The shoebox was a seed. That's how the Lord works. He patiently knocks on the door of our heart and waits until we open the door. Sometimes you see fruit right away and other times it takes years for the seed to grow.

I still have my stuffed dog 14 years later. That's a glimpse of how much the shoebox meant to me because it was packed with love and prayer. It wasn't just any dog. I could tell she specifically chose that dog for me and wanted to use it to communicate God's love.

Shoebox stories is a 13-week series by shoebox recipients telling about the eternal impact of a simple gift.

Check back each Monday from www.samaritanspurse.org for the next installment

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy to millions of children around the world through shoeboxes lovingly and prayerfully packed with gifts that will bring delight to a child. In the hands of local churches, every gift-filled shoebox is a powerful tool for evangelism and discipleship—transforming the lives of children and their families around the world through the Good News of Jesus Christ!

After receiving shoebox gifts, boys and girls are invited to enroll in The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program, where children learn what it means to faithfully follow Christ and share their faith with others.

The story of the Good Samaritan (Mark 10:30-37) gives a clear picture of God's desire for us to help those in desperate need wherever we find them.

After describing how the Samaritan rescued a hurting man whom others had passed by, Jesus told His hearers, "Go and do likewise."

For over 40 years, Samaritan's Purse has done our utmost to follow Christ's command by going to the aid of the world's poor, sick, and suffering. We are an effective means of reaching hurting people in countries around the world with food, medicine, and other assistance in the Name of Jesus Christ. This, in turn, earns us a hearing for the Gospel, the Good News of eternal life through Jesus Christ.

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As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ."

In addition to Operation Christmas Child, they have many other expressions of God's Love. Very visible in the USA as well as overseas is International Crisis Response, helping those in emergency

As the Apostle Paul said, "For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake" (2 Corinthians 4:5, NIV).

HOW TO PACK A SHOEBOX**Find a cardboard or plastic shoebox.**

Decide who would receive it:

Boy or girl:

Ages: 2-4
5-9
10-14

Fill with gifts:

Select a "wow" toy, such as:

Soccer ball and pump, doll,
Stuffed animal, musical instrument, as harmonica,
Clothes, shoes

Other suggestions:

Yo-yo, jump rope, ball, toys that light up (with extra batteries,)

School supplies: pen pencils, sharpeners, markers, crayons, picture and coloring books, playing cards, scissors, stamps

Accessories: t-shirt, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlight (extra batteries)

Crafts that you make, such as:

Finger puppets, friendship bracelet

Hygiene items: toothbrush, and toothpaste, bar soap (in plastic bag), comb, brush

Things not to include:

Guns, knives, military figures,
Chocolate—hard candy
Liquids,
Medication or vitamins
Anything breakable such as:
Snow globes
Aerosol cans

*****You can pick up a card Shoebox in the hallway of the Ed Bldg. on October 4 or use a plastic box.



OCTOBER 2-5, 2022
HOSANNA CHURCH
LAKEVILLE, MN

We live in a hectic, fast-paced world with technology at our fingertips. After spending long days trying to balance work and family life, take care of household tasks, handle budgeting and bills, make time for our faith, and somehow try to maintain a healthy lifestyle on top of it all, it makes sense that we often feel exhausted and disconnected. Unfortunately, this means that our TVs, smart phones, and computers are usually the first things we turn to when we finally have some time to unwind, and it presents us with yet another challenge.

Between clickbait headlines, TV network news, social media, and pop culture, the world is already discipling us and the people we know, and it's having an impact on our congregations. Whether it be through memes and culture wars, following influencers, or simply just interest-based discussion groups, there is one thing many people are seeking from electronic media that they may not be finding in our congregations: a real sense of community.

There is joy in following Jesus, but we cannot assume that people will accidentally fall into it simply by showing up and attending our churches. We must be intentional about forming meaningful relationships, and take seriously the need to actively teach, train, and develop followers of Jesus. Failure to take our call to do so seriously will have consequences. If we do not become more active in discipling our people, the world will continue to do it for us.

We will be livestreaming the event for those who are unable to attend in person. More information on how to access the livestream will be available on this page in October. Go to lcmc.net

All times listed on the event schedule are in local time for Lak-
eville, MN. If you are making plans to tune in via livestream, be
sure to adjust for any time zone differences.



The Heritage and Harvest Days Festival will be held at the Dallas Park on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Oct. 7-9.

Not familiar with that name?

It's brand new, replacing the Cotton Ginning Days.

Exhibitors from all over the southeast will convene in Dallas, North Carolina on October 8-10, 2021 for the annual 'crank-up' of antique steam and gasoline engines and tractors. In addition to the engine show, many activities are planned including a Kids **County** Fair, Heritage Arts Area, Handmade Craft vendors and Music. As always, the food is good and admission and parking are free.

The festival will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. The festival will be held rain or shine, and there is no charge for either admission or parking.

Dallas Park is located at 1303 Dallas Cherryville Highway in Dallas.



TRUNK OR TREAT
Oct. 31 from 5-7 pm
Dallas Court Square

Sponsored by the Town of Dallas
Local Businesses
And Local Churches



2022 GENERAL ELECTION
EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 20
AND ENDS NOVEMBER 5

Salt for Preventive Health and Natural Remedies

Margaret Boyles
Farmer's Almanac

Try these **preventive health measures for salt**, a historically important food that can act as a great natural remedy. Salt is inexpensive, but it has many uses for your frugal household.

Salt of the earth, not worth its salt, take it with a grain of salt, salted away, salty language.

Salt's frequent appearance in figures of speech only hints at the importance of salt in human history.

The human requirement for dietary salt and the relative difficulty of producing it built and destroyed empires, determined trade routes and the location of cities, occasioned wars, and [inspired revolutions](#).

Before the advent of pressure canning and freezing, [salting/brining](#) and drying were the only means of preserving food and eliminating total dependence on seasonal food production.

While we're always told to avoid too much salt (and fat, carbs, etc.), the fact is that sodium is also essential for life. It helps regulate our blood volume. It shuttles nutrients into our bodies and brains. It allows our muscles to contract and our nerves to pulse with electricity.

Salt's Many Uses in the Household

Beyond its use as a food seasoning, salt has dozens of uses.

For example, salt kills weeds. It extinguishes flames, preserves colors in your wash, removes stains from coffee cups; helps clean your oven, and extends the life of many items from toothbrushes to flowers. But this common household staple really shines in the domains of preventive health and hygiene. [Use non-iodized sea salt for these and other health practices](#).

Natural Health Remedies Using Salt

1. Flushing Sinuses

Although this use of salt is ancient, modern medical research has shown that flushing the sinus passages with a saline solution can help prevent/relieve sinus infections, relieve postnasal drip.

(One caveat: Boil your tap water for a 3 to 5 minutes and then cool until lukewarm before using. I'd sterilize my water for any solution I planned to use in my sinuses, throat, or eyes.)

2. As an Eyewash

Dissolve 1/4 teaspoon of salt in a cup of warm water and used it as a wash for tired, irritated eyes. Be sure to boil your tap water for 3 to 5 minutes and then cool before using.

3. Reducing Under-Eye Puffiness

Dissolve ½ teaspoon of salt in a cup of hot water; soak a washcloth or cotton balls in the solution, and apply to the puffy areas.

4. Cleaning Teeth

Try a mixture of salt and baking soda for your "toothpaste." Pulverize sea salt in a blender or crush it with a rolling pin, mix with an equal amount of baking soda, shake, and store in a small glass jar. Mix with a bit of water, and brush as usual. Both salt and baking soda have antimicrobial properties that kill many of the pathogenic bacteria that cause cavities and gum disease.

5. As a Gargle, Mouthwash, or Breath Sweetener

Mix a teaspoon of the tooth-cleaning mixture in a cup of warm water. (Boil your tap water for 3 to 5 minutes and then cool before using.)

6. Reducing Fatigue

Soak your tired feet or entire body in a warm, salt-infused bath for a restorative effect.

7. As an Exfoliant

Mix equal parts of sea salt and olive oil and rub gently over the body for an exfoliating, moisturizing scrub. Rinse with warm water. For the face, mix equal parts of salt and honey.

8. Relieving the Pain of Insect Stings

Mix salt with a bit of water and apply to the sting immediately.

9. For Poison Ivy

Soak the affected areas in hot salt water to help relieve the itch and dry up blisters.



12th Annual
Carolinas Lutheran Women Convocation
Saturday, October 15, 2022
Union Lutheran Church
4077 Bringle Ferry Road, Salisbury NC, 28146

SYMBOLS OF OUR FAITH

Registration 9:30-10:00
Convocation begins at 10:00
\$8.00 Registration includes lunch

More information and registration information at
carolinaslutheranwomen.org or the
Carolinas Lutheran Women Facebook page

It is fascinating to read the Bible verse that the disciples of Jesus turned the world upside down. What exactly does this mean?

A:

From the writings of the Rev. Billy Graham

Because the disciples dared to buck the tide of public opinion and be different, because they dared to believe when other people doubted, because they were willing to risk their lives for what they stood for, because they chose death rather than to live an empty life, the world took notice of what motivated these men and women. In due time, they turned the philosophical and religious world upside down.

The Apostle Paul told Christ's followers not to conform to the world (Romans 12:2) and these words still have a tremendous and significant meaning for believers today. These words cut like a sharp sword across our way of life. They are not comfortable words. They have the tone of the battle call in them. They separate the weak from the strong. But they are words of inspiration and conviction, and we need to hear them today—and heed them.

We must not be conformed to this world mentally. The world by its advertisements, conversation, and philosophy is engaged in a gigantic brainwashing task. Christians must not allow the world's sewage system to contaminate the Christian mind. We also must not conform to the world physically. Our bodies are meant to be the temple of the Spirit of God that abides in us. Nor should we conform to the world socially. The world attempts to absorb us into its secular society and to conform us to its earthly image, but Christ tells us not to conform: "They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world" (John 17:16). The disciples turned the world's ways upside down by the power of the Word of God.

(This column is based on the words and writings of the late Rev. Billy Graham.)

SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

Since CROP Walk, Dallas has been canceled, Dallas Christian Ministry (formerly DHSCM) does not get their usual share of the benefits from the CROP walk, all who would like can donate for September/October Mission Emphasis to DCM.

Ways to Give:

- 1) Pray for Dallas Christian Ministry staff, clients, church supporters, and for the clients who come for help.
- 2) Shop and donate canned foods. Canned meat, vegetables, fruit, soup are all good. Also you may choose the Food for the Month is spaghetti noodles and spaghetti sauce.
- 3) Give money to Dallas Christian Ministry

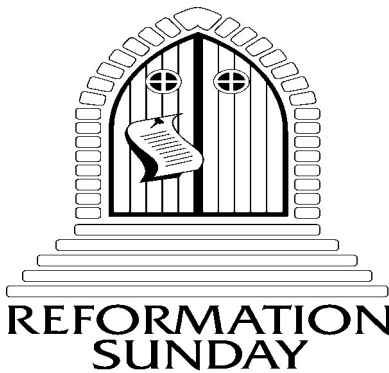
Thanks to all who give to this Mission Emphasis for this month.



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