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Our Saviour's Good News

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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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God is like

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in some way to communicate ideas about God.

God is like.. BAYER ASPIRIN. He works miracles.

God is like... a FORD. He's got a better idea.

God is like... COKE He's the real thing.

God is like... HALLMARK CARDS. He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like... !TIDE. He gets the stains out that others leave behind.

God is like... GENERAL ELECTRIC. He brings good things to life.

*God is like...*SEARS. He has everything.

God is like... ALKA-SELTZER. Try him, you'll like Him

God is like... SCOTCH TAPE. You can't see him, but you know He's there.

God is like... DELTA. He's ready when you are.

God is like... ALLSTATE. You're in good hands with Him.

God is like... VO-5 Hair Spray. He holds through all kinds of weather.

God is like... DIAL SOAP. Aren't you glad you have Him? Don't you wish everybody did?

God is like... the U.S. POST OFFICE. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

BLESSINGS FROM GOD'S HOUSE
 TO
 YOUR HOUSE

Clay Ball

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls and left them out in the sun to bake.

They didn't look like much, but they intrigued the man, so he took the bag out of the cave with him. As he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls one at a time out into the ocean as far as he could.

He thought little about it, until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone!

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him.

He had been on the beach a long time. He had thrown maybe 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it.

We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy But we have not taken the time to find the treasure

There is a treasure in each one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay.

May we see the people in our world as God sees them. I am so blessed by the gems of friendship I have with each of you. Thank you for looking beyond my clay vessel.

History of Halloween



The Word on Hallow's Eve

The word Halloween comes from the phrase 'All Hallow's Eve.' It is the evening before the Catholic Church holiday on November 1st known as, All Hallow's 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 6, 2019 Our church raised \$482.00. 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 raised over \$52,000 as of 9/12 and funds are still coming in to reach our goal.

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

Our Saviour Lutheran Church
Bill Trudnak, President
August 19, 2019 Council Minutes



Devotions: Steve Digh

Meeting called to order by President Bill Trudnak

Members present: Bill Trudnak, Melinda White, Joe Finger, Robbie Wooten, Steve Digh and Alice Vlaservich.

Members Absent: Betty Ratchford, Teri Trudnak, Denise Traveria and Jeff White.

Minutes: July 15, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Joe Finger made the motion to approve the minutes and Steve Digh seconded the motion.

Reception of Petitions and Communications:

- a, None to report.

Report of the Pastor: No report available.

Report of the Treasurer: Motion by Alice Vlaservich to accept the Treasurer Report and seconded by Melinda White.

Report of the Ministries:

- a. Property: No report this month
 b. Stewardship and Finance: No report this month
 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
 f. Christian Education Team: No report this month

Report of Auxiliaries:

- a. Rachel Circle did not meet this month. Will resume regular meetings beginning August 26 at the home of Betty Clemmer.

Old and/or Unfinished Business:

- a. None to report

New Business:

- a. None to report

General Information:

- a, Attendance
 b. Laszlo Mission (Kids International) Report

Adjourned with The Lord's Prayer
 Next Meeting: September 16, 2019

Devotions: Melinda White



2019
15th Dallas - North Gaston Area
CROP WALK

Thanks to cooperative efforts of the *Dallas Ministerial Association*, the *Dallas / High Shoals Christian Social Ministry Board*, the *Dallas Area Churches* and the *CROP Walk Steering Committee*, plans are underway in preparation for the *Twelfth Annual Dallas / North Gaston Area CROP Walk* which will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2019. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM in the Dennis Franklin Gym in Dallas. The walk will begin at 2:00 PM at Cloninger Park track in Dallas and participants will walk the track approximately six miles or as long as they can walk. We walk 6 miles because this is the average distance a person in most underdeveloped countries of the world must walk each day to provide water for their family.

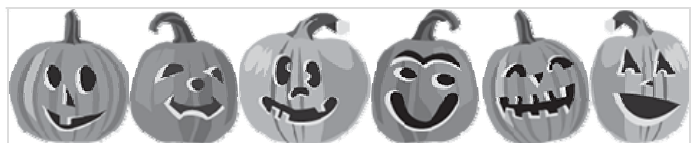
In 2018, 82 participants walked in the Gaston Area CROP Walk and yielded \$5,447.90 (which is down over 2017) to help address the scourge of hunger at home and around the world. We need more participants this year and hope you can make a difference.

We join with the Whole Church in Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession for your willingness to WALK and SERVE so others can share in the abundance of life that God desires for all people as revealed most clearly in *Jesus - The Christ*.

In thanksgiving and servanthood,

The 2019 Dallas - North Gaston
 CROP Walk Steering Committee

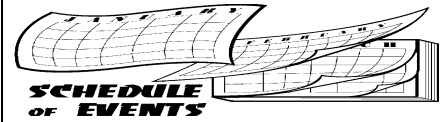
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OCTOBER 2018



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



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday	7 Team Mtg.	8 Gaston Together	9	10	11	12
13 18 th Sun Pentecost	14 Board Mtg. Columbus Day	15 Prayer Group	16	17	18	19
20 HELP CROP STOP HUNGER	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 REFORMATION SUNDAY	28 CLW/Rachel Group	29	30	31 Reformation Day	Food Collection	

- **October 6**— 17th Sunday after Pentecost
World Holy Communion Day
Chain Life (see p.6)
- **October 7**— Team Meetings—
Youth at 6:30 pm
Other Teams at 7:00 pm
- **October 8**—Gaston Together (see p 8)
- **October 13**—18th Sunday after Pentecost
- **October 14**— Board meeting
Columbus Day
- **October 15**— Prayer Group will meet at
Home of Shirlee Marazza at 1:00 pm
- **October 20**— 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Crop Walk (see p 9)
- **October 27**—Reformation Sunday
- **October 28**— CLW/Rachel Group TBA
- **October 31**—Reformation Day
Trick-or-Treat on the Square
From 5-7 pm



Birthdays

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



- Morgan Dawson
- Nation Finger
- Alice Vlaservich
- Nora Cole
- Bryten Cole



15thTony & Kathy Trudnak

Holy Communion Schedule:



ALL SUNDAYS

Worship Service Assistance:

- Acolyte: Open
- Communion Asst: OSLC Member
- Lay Reader: Yvonne Finger
- Worship Asst: Yvonne Finger
- Greeters: OSLC Members
- Ushers: OSLC Members

Devotions: Jeff White
Collection: Teri Trudnak



FOOD FOR THE MONTH: Soup,
Mac & Chesse,
Lima Beans



CHOIR PRATICE
Wednesday at 5:00 pm

FLOWERS

Flower Schedule:

- October 6 Nick Vlaservich
- October 13 Open
- October 20 Brady Ratchford
- October 27 Melinda White





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 university 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 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."



DO YOU WANT TO HELP THE HURRICANE VICTIMS?

You can either donate on line or mail.

On Line: samaritanspurse.org Select Hurricane Relief.

Mail: Samaritan's Purse, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607
Memo: Hurricane Florence



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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: kurebeach@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



"I have set before you
LIFE and DEATH
CHOOSE LIFE so that
you and your descendants may live."

Deuteronomy 30:19, NRSV

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 2018 National Life Chain will be held on **Sunday, October 6, 2018 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

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

Have you ever considered what you would put in the offering ... if it wasn't money? A pastor recently asked people to physically bring something of special value to offer to the Lord. What was brought up to the altar was interesting to observe: Such things as jewelry, a watch or a tie clasp. One fellow went to his car, and brought back a golf bag full of brand new clubs! The pastor was teaching the congregation the importance of not just giving money, but sacrificing something tangible to God, who ultimately is the source of every gift we have. Our bodies, talents and even our time on the

earth are all gifts from God. St. Paul wrote to the Christians (Romans 12:1):

I appeal to you...brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

At the age of 12, Mother Teresa offered herself as a living sacrifice and committed her life to God. As an older adult, she observed that the basic trouble with millions of people was that, while they knew something was missing in life, they did not know what it was. She said, "What they are

missing is a living relationship with God." This month's issue of ***Stewardship*** points out that if we are to be true stewards of our lives, we must give ourselves totally to God for whatever use God has. When we do, offering your gifts, whatever they are becomes easy.

Prayer

Grant us, O Lord, the willingness to allow you to use us: body, mind, and soul to spread your Kingdom on earth. **Amen.**



OCTOBER

It's in **OCTOBER** that we give thanks and celebrate the reform of the church, that we commemorate St. Mark the physician. We remember St. James, the brother of Jesus and a martyr, and we remember Simon and Jude who were apostles. It's also the month our children and grandchildren transform into ghouls and goons and goblins and all manner of outrageous things. They stalk around the neighborhoods shrieking and snarling like wild animals (even the little princesses have been seen joining in). They roam from door to door claiming what is theirs laughing and slinking away. They do all this at night. In an atmosphere of shadows and superstition about what is over there, and above that, and (shuttering) below here, they brood. Following them through the terrifying maze of pumpkin heads and ghosts are large, plain looking, somewhat disengaged 'adult'. You can hear steady murmuring from them with the rotating refrain from among them, "Remember to say thank you!" Those two words said together—thank you—take all the strange potentials, all the odd possibilities, all the awkward occurrences, and paint smiles across the faces of ghouls and plain looking parents and grandparents alike. It's a parade of unlikely encounters with the stated possibility of "trick" or "treat". It is an exercise in the choice of hospitality to the very different and a chance to remember to say thank you. As we remember the Saints of the church and the reform Luther began let us ask the Lord to give us the gracious hospitality and thankfulness that mark us as His children.



Reformation Day



TRICK OR TREAT ON THE SQUARE

OCTOBER 31

5-7 PM

DALLAS COURTHOUSE SQUARE



Church News



GASTON TOGETHER'S CLERGY & CITIZENS COALITION
 October 8, 2018
 8:30 to 10:00 am
 Clinton Room, Gaston Memorial Hospital

OUTREACH MISSION

SHUT-INS

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

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

Marilyn Finger

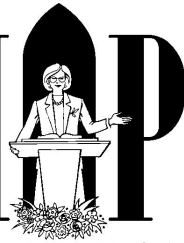
1150 Meadow Way Dr., Dallas

Jerri Presley

2604 Ole Home Trail, Dallas

(If others, please let the church office know)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS



NEEDED
 FOR
 OCTOBER
 NOVEMBER
 DECEMBER

Be a servant of the Lord

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



CLW/RACHEL GROUP

WILL BE MEETING AT THE HOME OF TBA
 ON OCTOBER 28 AT 1:00 PM



PRAYER GROUP

WILL MEET AT THE HOME OF SHIRLEE MARAZZA
 ON OCTOBER 15 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:SUSAN Aderholt, SETH Alexander, AMANDA (friend of the Penley's), MARVIS Anderson, WHITNEY Auten (breast cancer), KELLY Ballard (friend of Shana Dease), BRAXTON Bearden (friend of the Locketts), DAVID Byrd (severe broken leg – friend of the community), ADDISON Blanton (friend of Dease's), KATHY Bohanan (cancer), KAREN Brady, MIKE Coffey (Robbie Wooten's uncle), EASTON Finger (Aboard Abraham Lincoln Aircraft Carrier in Persian Gulf) DON Greene (cancer-friend of Teri & Melinda), HARDY Feige (Pete's dad – chronic back pain), JASON Hames (friend of the White's) DANA Kirshman (friend of Robbie Wooten-cancer), CHRIS Messick (intestinal blockage), GARY Neal, (friend of Caleb Dease), MARY O'Shea (co-worker of Melinda White's), JANICE and JOHNNY Pendleton (grandparents of Raygan Carpenter – Janice has strokes), SONDRA Phillips (friend of Melinda White), JERRIE Presley, BETTY Ratchford, RONNIE Shiles (shingles w/complications), TONY Trudnak (cancer), GARY Turner (father of Jason Murray), KELLY Walters (mother of Brie Murray), ANNE White (niece of Betty Ratchford-breast cancer), MARY Wooten (Sara's great-grandmother and Rosalee's great-great grandmother).



Daily Bible reading guide from NALC, LCMS and LCC

Reading the Word of God, a daily Bible reading guide, has been prepared for Lutherans to use over the next three years.

The North American Lutheran Church has joined with the Lutheran Church-Canada and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to compile a three-year plan of *daily* Bible readings and a year-long series of *weekly* readings on Martin Luther's approach to the Scriptures.

Daily readings

The daily readings are listed on calendars for **2019** and **2020**. The plan provides a guide that will take the reader through the entire Old Testament one time in three years, with the exception of Psalms, which are read twice each year. The New Testament will be read twice in the three years.

A reading from the Old Testament, a psalm (or portion of a psalm) and a reading from the New Testament are assigned for each day. Certain church festivals - Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and so forth - have readings appointed for the specific occasion.

OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<i>13</i> <i>1 Chron 1:1-24</i> <i>Ps. 102</i> <i>Mark 6:30-44</i>	<i>14</i> <i>1 Chron 1:25-53</i> <i>Ps. 103</i> <i>Mark 6:45-56</i>	<i>15</i> <i>1 Chron 2:1-24</i> <i>Ps. 104:1-18</i> <i>Mark 7:1-13</i>	<i>16</i> <i>1 Chron 2:25-55</i> <i>Ps. 104:19-35</i> <i>Mark 7:14-30</i>	<i>17</i> <i>1 Chron 3:1-24</i> <i>Ps. 105:1-22</i> <i>Mark 7:31-8:10</i>	<i>18</i> <i>1 Chron 4:1-23</i> <i>Ps. 105:23-45</i> <i>Mark 8:11-21</i>	<i>19</i> <i>1 Chron 4:24-43</i> <i>Ps. 106:1-2</i> <i>Mark 8:22-9:1</i>
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<i>27</i> <i>1 Chron 9:1-34</i> <i>Ps. 111</i> <i>Mark 10:46-11:11</i>	<i>28</i> <i>1 Chron 9:35-10:14</i> <i>Ps. 112</i> <i>Mark 11:12-26</i>	<i>29</i> <i>1 Chron. 11:1-19</i> <i>Ps. 113</i> <i>Mark 11:27-12:12</i>	<i>30</i> <i>1 Chron. 11:10-47</i> <i>Ps. 114</i> <i>Mark 12:13-27</i>	<i>31 Reformation</i> <i>Rev. 14:6-7</i> <i>Ps. 46</i> <i>Rom. 3:19-28</i> <i>John 8:31-36</i>		

Halloween is celebrated on the 31st of October night. It is common among children to dress up in scary costumes and move from door-to-door collecting sweets and gifts. They shout at each door, "trick or treat!" before their sacks are filled with treats. Watching horror movies, visiting haunted houses and enjoying some haunted hayrides form a part of the traditional celebrations.

Anoka, Minnesota is the Halloween capital of the world. The history of Halloween dates back to 1920, where the festivities originated in Anoka in an attempt to keep younger people away from vandalism. At that time Halloween was known as "Samhain" and was a pagan festival among the Celts of Ireland and Great Britain. Other western countries have embraced Halloween as part of American pop culture later.

Countries like United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, United Kingdom, Peru, Australia and others also celebrate Halloween. Some parts in Western Europe also are celebrating it recently.

Halloween is the shortened name for All-hallow-even as it is on the eve of All Saints Day. It is also called Pooky Night in some parts of Ireland, named after a mischievous spirit. However, there are some fascinating symbols, which make the Halloween celebrations all the more exciting, like:

The Carved Pumpkin

Many families carve out a scary or a comical face onto a pumpkin and place a candle inside it to illuminate the carved out features. They leave it on their doorstep after dark. Legend has it that a stingy, greedy and drunkard old farmer tricked a devil into climbing a tree and trapped him there by carving a cross on the tree trunk. The devil curses Jack to wander on the Earth seeking Eternity. The carved pumpkin basically symbolizes this event.



DALLAS YOUTH BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Sign-ups

Dennis Franklin Gym (Dallas Gym)

Monday, through Friday, October 1st through November 1st
8:00 am -- 5:00 pm

BASKETBALL

Cost: In Town.....\$40.00

Non-Resident.....\$50.00

CHEERLEADING

Cost: In Town.....\$40.00

Non-Resident.....\$50.00

For the most up-to-date information regarding the Town of Dallas Recreation Programs, please follow them on Facebook at "Town of Dallas". Or visit them on their website at "Dallanet.net: and follow recreation tabs.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

In the 1952 case of *Zorach v. Clawson*, the Supreme Court upheld the position that New York City permits its public schools to release students during school hours to go to religious centers for religious instructions or devotional exercises:

The First Amendment, however, does not say that in every respect there shall be a separation of Church and State. Rather, it studiously defines the manner, the specific ways, in which there shall be no concert or union or dependency one on the other. That is the common sense of the matter. Otherwise the state and religious would be aliens to each other—hostile, suspicious, and even unfriendly....

Municipalities would not be permitted to tender police or fire protection to religious groups. Policemen who helped parishioners into their places of worship would violate the Constitution. Prayers in our legislative halls; the appeals to the Almighty in the messages of the Chief Executive: the proclamation making Thanksgiving Day a holiday; “so help me God” in our courtroom oaths—these and all other references to the Almighty that run through our laws, our public rituals, our ceremonies, would be flouting the First Amendment.

A fastidious atheist or agnostic could even object to the supplication with which the Court opens each session: “God save the United States and this Honorable Court.”

We are a religious people and our institutions presuppose a Supreme Being.....

When the state encourages religious instruction or cooperates with religious authorities by adjusting the schedule of public events to sectarian needs, it follows the best of our traditions. For it then respect the religious nature of our people and accommodates the public service to their spiritual needs. To hold that it may not would be to find in the Constitution a requirement that the government show a callous indifference to religious groups. That would be preferring those who believe in now religion over those who do believe...

We find no constitutional requirement make it necessary for government to be hostile to religion and to throw its weight against the efforts to widen the scope of religious influence. The government must remain neutral when it come to competition between sect.....We cannot read into the Bill of Rights such a philosophy of hostility to religion.

Source: The American Patriot Bible



Graham Launches Decision America Tar Heel State Tour

Eight-city tour will bring prayer, live music and life-changing message of hope to Fayetteville, North Carolina, on October 1

DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR DECISION AMERICA TAR HEEL STATE TOUR

- Fayetteville (Oct. 1)
- Greenville (Oct. 2)
- Wilmington (Oct. 5)
- Raleigh (Oct. 6)
- Greensboro (Oct. 9)
- Hickory (Oct. 10)
- Charlotte (Oct. 12)
- Asheville (Oct. 13)

To learn more about the Decision America Tar Heel State Tour, visit DecisionAmerica.com.

This Jesus ... has become the cornerstone. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

GOOD ADVISE

An Angel says, 'Never borrow from the future. If you worry about what may happen tomorrow and it doesn't happen, you have worried in vain. Even if it does happen, you have to worry twice...'

1. Pray
2. Go to bed on time.
3. Get up on time so you can start the day unrushed.
4. Say No to projects that won't fit into your time schedule, or that will compromise your mental health.
5. Delegate tasks to capable others.
6. Simplify and unclutter your life.
7. Less is more. (Although one is often not enough, two are often too many.)
8. Allow extra time to do things and to get to places.
9. Pace yourself. Spread out big changes and difficult projects over time; don't lump the hard things all together.
10. Take one day at a time.
11. Separate worries from concerns . If a situation is a concern, find out what God would have you do and let go of the anxiety . If you can't do anything about a situation, forget it..
12. Live within your budget; don't use credit cards for ordinary purchases.
13. Have backups; an extra car key in your wallet, an extra house key buried in the garden, extra stamps, etc.
14. K.M.S. (Keep Mouth Shut). This single piece of advice can prevent an enormous amount of trouble.
15. Do something for the Kid in You everyday.
16. Carry a Bible with you to read while waiting in line.
17. Get enough rest
18. Eat right.
19. Get organized so everything has its place.
20. Listen to a tape while driving that can help improve your quality of life.
21. Write down thoughts and inspirations.
22. Every day, find time to be alone.
23. Having problems? Talk to God on the spot. Try to nip small problems in the bud. Don't wait until it's time to go to bed to try and pray.
24. Make friends with Godly people.
25. Keep a folder of favorite scriptures on hand.
26. Remember that the shortest bridge between despair and hope is often a good 'Thank you Jesus .'
27. Laugh.
28. Laugh some more!
29. Take your work seriously, but not yourself at all.
30. Develop a forgiving attitude (most people are doing the best they can).
31. Be kind to unkind people (they probably need it the most).
32. Sit on your ego
- 33 Talk less; listen more.
34. Slow down.
35. Remind yourself that you are not the general manager of the universe..
36. Every night before bed, think of one thing you're grateful for that you've never been grateful for before. GOD HAS A WAY OF TURNING THINGS AROUND FOR YOU.

'If God is for us, who can be against us?'
(Romans 8:31)

IT'S SNEEZING SEASON ONCE AGAIN! Symptoms of flu are: fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headache, chills, diarrhea and vomiting have also been reported among some patients. If you get sick: mild symptoms, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them; severe symptoms, contact your doctor or go to an emergency room. **In children**, signs that urgent medical attention is needed include: fast breathing or trouble breathing, bluish skin color, not drinking enough fluids, not waking up or not interaction, being so irritable that the child does not want to be held, flu-like symptom improve but then return with fever and worse cough, fever with a rash. **In adults**, signs that urgent medical attention is needed include: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath, pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen, sudden dizziness, confusion, severe or persistent vomiting.

What you can do to stay healthy: cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, throw the tissue in the trash after you use it, wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective, avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth, germs spread that way, avoid close contact with other people with flu-like symptoms. .

SO get you FLU SHOT!



About the CROP Hunger Walk and CWS

CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world.

Why should I register?

Hunger is one of the greatest injustices facing our world, but it doesn't have to be this way. Ending hunger is possible, and it is possible in our lifetime. You can help make it happen.

For nearly half a century, CROP Hunger Walks have ensured that more people worldwide have access to nutritious, sustainable food sources. From combating droughts in Nicaragua to providing agricultural training in Indonesia to stocking shelves in hundreds of food pantries across the United States, CROP Hunger Walks help end hunger by raising funds to support local food programs and the international anti-hunger work of Church World Service.

Stand with neighbors in your community who rely on food assistance programs. Partner with parents worldwide as they ensure a bright future for their children. Support those struggling in the face of grinding poverty and open up new doors of opportunity for them.

Tens of thousands of CROP Hunger Walkers are committed to building a hunger-free world. Join the movement!

Where do CROP Hunger Walk funds go?

CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25 percent of the funds it raises to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs something CWS has learned through some 70 years of working in partnership around the world.

Background

With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks," notes the Los Angeles Times (Oct. 26, 2009).

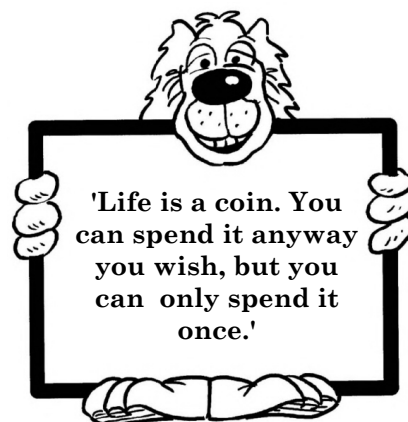
On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the start of the hunger walks related to CROP – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. As far as we know, York County, Penn., was the first walk officially called the CROP Walk for the Hungry – and that event has been continuous since 1970. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide.

Currently, well over 1000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 800 CROP Hunger Walks each year. More than five million CROP Hunger Walkers have participated in more than 36,000 CROP Hunger Walks in the last two decades alone.

What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Today, we've outgrown the acronym but we retain it as the historic name of the program. CROP Hunger Walks are inter-faith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored



“Fill a Trailer Day!”

Dear Friends of Dallas-High Shoals Christian Ministry,

We are asking all of our supporting churches to participate in our **“Fill a Trailer Day!”** This is a new fundraiser we are doing to help bring in some extra money for operating expenses. A company that we have partnered with will be dropping off a trailer for us to fill and we will receive \$.15 cent a pound. So think heavy!! Pots and pans or shoes .. The heavier the better. We encourage you to bring as much as possible!!

We will be at the ministry(305 E. Trade Street) on October 12th between 1-3 pm to receive all the items. We ask that the items be ready and bagged to put on the trailer.

Please see the below guideline that includes all the all items that can be accepted and how they must be packaged.

We are hoping this will be a huge success and thank you for participating.

Leah Hedgpath, Executive Director.



PLEASE PACKAGE THE ITEMS AS FOLLOWS:

- ◆ Clothing—bagged
- ◆ Household Textiles (sheets,, curtains, blankets, towels, etc.) - bagged
- ◆ Purses—bagged
- ◆ Belts—bagged
- ◆ Shoes—bagged (please rubberband shoes together or tie laces together to keep them as one)
- ◆ Toys— bagged is better (small toys only)
- ◆ Flatware—boxed (pots, pans, dishes, etc.)

ALL ITEMS MUST BE DRY AND REASONABLY FREE OF CONTAMINATION.

ITEMS MUST BE BAGGED IN BAGS NO BIGGER THAN 33 GALLON.



REPORT:

This year has proven to be one the busiest for the ministry. We have already assisted over 11,000 individuals and 223 households with utility assistance so far. We could not do this without the help of our community or churches.

Because of the increase in our client base, we have been progressively using more and more supplies. We are in need of operating expenses. We have organized a fundraiser (see the above) to help in the endeavor, however, we are reaching out our churches to help us with a Special Love Offering for the ministry. We would appreciate anything you could do for use. Please keep keep us in your prayers as we not only strive to make a difference in our community but also show the love of Christ. We are so thankful for all that you do for us.

IMPORTANT DATE:

October 1, 2019—Christmas Applications are available to pick-up at ministry.

October 12, 2019—Fundraiser “Fill a Trailer Day” 1-3 pm

October 13, 2019—Board Meeting at 3 pm.

2019 Mission Emphasis for October :

Both SAMARITAN'S PURSE and overlapping from Sept. is CROP WALK, which will be in Dallas on October 20. Pray for these ministries and give as you are able. God loves a cheerful giver from the heart. Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always.

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.



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

DID YOU KNOW?

You need not belong to anyone's church to believe (repeat from last October and worth repeating)

DID YOU KNOW? As you walk up the steps to the building which houses the U.S. Supreme Court you can see near the top of the building a row of the world's law givers and each one is facing one in the middle who is facing forward with a full frontal view ... it is Moses and he is holding the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW? As you enter the Supreme Court courtroom, the two huge oak doors have the Ten Commandments engraved on each lower portion of each door.

DID YOU KNOW? As you sit inside the courtroom, you can see the wall, right above where the Supreme Court judges sit, a display of the Ten Commandments!

DID YOU KNOW? There are Bible verses etched in stone all over the Federal Buildings and Monuments in Washington, D.C.

DID YOU KNOW? James Madison, the fourth president, known as "The Father of Our Constitution" made the following statement: *"We have staked the whole of all our political institutions upon the capacity of mankind for self-government, upon the capacity of each and all of us to govern ourselves, to control ourselves, to sustain ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God."*

DID YOU KNOW? Patrick Henry, that patriot and Founding Father of our country said: *"It cannot be emphasized too strongly or too often that this great nation was founded not by religionists but by Christians, not on religions but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ"*.

DID YOU KNOW? Every session of Congress begins with a prayer by a paid preacher, whose salary has been paid by the taxpayer since 1777.

DID YOU KNOW? Fifty-two of the 55 founders of the Constitution were members of the established orthodox churches in the colonies.

DID YOU KNOW? Thomas Jefferson worried that the Courts would overstep their authority and instead of interpreting the law would begin making law and oligarchy (the supreme rule of few over many).

DID YOU KNOW? The very first Supreme Court Justice, John Jay, said:
"Americans should select and prefer Christians as their rulers."



HONOR: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." Exodus 20:8

A CHURCH OF EACH PARISH

In 1665, the Legislature of New York Colony enacted:

Whereas, the public worship of God is much discredited for want of painful [serious] and able ministers to instruct the people in the true religion, it is ordered that a church shall be built in each parish, capable of holding two hundred persons: that ministers of every church shall preach every Sunday, and pray for the king, queen, the Duke of York, and the royal family; and to marry persons after legal publication of license.....

Sunday is not to be profaned by traveling, by laborers, or vicious persons....Church wardens to report twice a year all misdemeanors, such as swearing, profaneness, Sabbath-breaking, drunkenness, fornication, adultery, and all such abominable sins.



DEVOTION: "And there I will meet with you..."

REVENGE FOR THE WORD

William Cullen Bryant (1794-1878), known as the "Father of American Poet" and long-time editor of the *New York Evening Post*, wrote about the bible:

The sacredness of the Bible awes me, and I approach it with the same sort of reverential felling that an ancient Hebrew might be supposed to feel who was about to touch the ark of God with unhallowed hands.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS QUARTERBACKS PUTTING CHRIST FIRST

THREE WAYS QB COMPETITION CENTERS ON FAITH, FAMILY AND FOOTBALL.

By LEE WEEKS

At every level, the game of football is a war of attrition. And teams whose starting quarterback stays upright the longest usually have the best chance of winning.

While Washington Redskins former starting quarterback Alex Smith learns to walk again following last season's devastating compound fracture of his right leg, prognosticators are giving the Redskins less than a 1% chance of winning Super Bowl LIV on Feb. 2, 2020, at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami.

But don't be too quick to punt on this historic NFL franchise.

This season, Washington has three more record-setting quarterbacks—veterans Colt McCoy and Case Keenum, and rookie Dwayne Haskins—competing for the starting job.

Whoever leads the huddle for the Sept. 8 season opener against the NFC East Division rival Philadelphia Eagles, one thing is almost certain—win or lose, God will be glorified.

In late July, the three quarterbacks vying for the starting spot during training camp at the Bon Secours Washington Redskins Training Center in Richmond, Virginia, showcased an unrivaled commitment and desire to win. They are likely the only three quarterbacks who are bold about their love for Jesus Christ while at the same time competing tirelessly through blood and sweat for the same starting spot.

Their work ethic and quest for excellence on the gridiron, in the weight room and breaking down offensive and defensive schemes on video have made their coaches rave.

Multi-million-dollar contracts aside, it's who they are in Christ that counts the most.

"Football is what God has gifted me to do, but it's not my anchor, it's not my source, it's not who I am," says McCoy, 32, a 10-year NFL veteran who has been with the Redskins since 2014 when he first quarterbacked a victory over the Dallas Cowboys, his favorite childhood team.

"I am proud of what I've been able to accomplish and hopefully there will be more success in the future from a football standpoint, but my life is hidden in Christ, and to me that's the most important thing," adds McCoy, a former Heisman Trophy runner-up and BCS Championship contender with the University of Texas.

For journeyman quarterback Case Keenum, the Redskins make his fourth team in four years. Since entering the NFL in 2012 undrafted out of the University of Houston, Keenum climbed the depth chart from scout team quarterback for the Houston Texans, to start 54 games for the Texans, then the Rams in St. Louis and then Los Angeles, then the Minnesota Vikings, and last season for the Denver Broncos.

"I've always said I'm playing for more," says Keenum, 31, who remains the NCAA Division-I college passing leader for yards (19,217), completions (1,546) and touchdowns (155). "It is playing for God's glory, for an audience of One, that's been my mission statement."

Rookie Dwayne Haskins, 22, was the 15th overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft. The former Ohio State University quarterback threw 50 touchdown passes and was named MVP of the 2018 Big Ten Championship Game and 2019 Rose Bowl in his sophomore season.

In the sports world, God-talk is not unusual among athletes, but substance is often lacking. For Haskins, Keenum and McCoy, on the other hand, the Bible is the foundation for daily life. Haskins likes to quote Jeremiah 29:11; Joshua 1:9; Philippians 4:13, and closest to his heart, he says, is Isaiah 12:2: "Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation" (NIV).

"I want to use my platform, use my place in this world right now as a way to benefit and inspire others, and give back to the community, and be someone that they look up to," Haskins says. "That is something I feel like God would want for me to do."

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Redskins sixth-year Head Coach Jay Gruden says selecting the starting quarterback won't be easy. "I feel confident in every one of our quarterbacks," he says. "They have a skill set that is beneficial to help this team win games. It comes down to which one will give us the best chance to win week one against a divisional rival."

Despite all their collegiate and professional accolades, waiting to be named the starting quarterback is not an unfamiliar position for these men.

Haskins waited two years at Ohio State before setting single-season conference and team records for passing yardage (4,831) and touchdowns (50) in his only season as a starter while becoming a 2018 Heisman Trophy finalist.

McCoy's waiting started when, as a senior with the Texas Longhorns, he was injured during the first offensive series of the 2010 BCS Championship game against Alabama. Since then, McCoy's professional career has been riddled with injuries, including a broken leg in a game he started last December against the Philadelphia Eagles.

McCoy required three surgeries on his leg and intensive rehabilitation to get ready for training camp. "It's been a seven-day-a-week job to get back here, and just being on the field, I count it a blessing for sure," says McCoy, who was drafted as the 85th overall pick in the third round by the Cleveland Browns in 2010. "I've dealt with some injuries, but I don't think it's been my play on the field that has taken me off the field, so I have to remind myself of that."

Keenum grew up in Texas, just 15 minutes away and one season behind McCoy. Both are sons of football coaches and attended some of the same youth football camps. Last season, Keenum started all 16 games for the six-win Denver Broncos. He distinguished himself as the only undrafted quarterback to be a season-long starter in the NFL.

Keenum also etched his name in NFL lore in 2017 by leading the Minnesota Vikings to the NFC Championship Game following a 61-yard touchdown pass as time expired—dubbed the "Minneapolis Miracle"—to defeat the New Orleans Saints.

"You throw a game-winning touchdown in the playoffs and walk off, and then you think you're going to stay, and you don't, you go somewhere else," Keenum says.

"For us, all those changes, all those different places, all those different people, our mission has been the same and that is to make disciples. The Great Commission, that is what Jesus has called us all to do. He calls us to go out into all the nations, but He also calls us as we are going. So as I am playing football, I'm making disciples."

In 2018, Keenum co-authored "Playing for More: Trust Beyond What You Can See." The discipleship resource describes Keenum's Scripture-driven faith journey throughout his football career. Keenum often quotes his life verse, "Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary" (Isaiah 40:31, NASB).

Since their marriage in 2011, Keenum and his childhood sweetheart, Kimberly, have struggled with infertility. Now, they are expecting their first child, a son, in mid-November.

"There's been a lot of times in my life where I'm waiting to see what God is doing," Keenum says. "[Yet] I'm constantly serving God ... even if I don't know the full extent of His plan or know what He is working or how He is working."

Meanwhile, fellow veteran McCoy, raising three children under the age of 5 with his wife, Rachel, says his mom still texts him Bible verses nearly every day to encourage him in his Christian witness as a husband, father and football player.

"The verse that I've lived by for a long time is Colossians 3:23, 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters'" (NIV), says McCoy. "I just really try to live consistently like that, and I'm not perfect. I struggle, I sin, I fail. But it seems like over the years, that verse has really helped me in who I think God wants me to be. Sticking to that has helped me play this position and work hard and put all things in perspective."

And as for Haskins' read on the upcoming season: "My parents and I always say, 'God's got it.' I don't really sweat it much because I know He will work it out. That gives me assurance and confidence because I know that I don't have to stress about everything—there is a bigger picture for me."

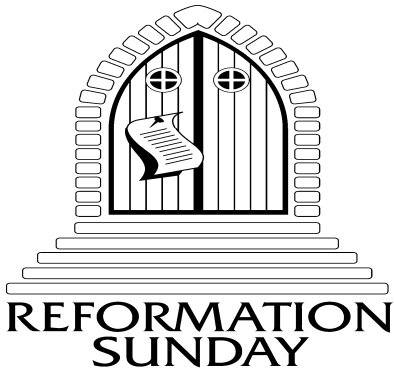
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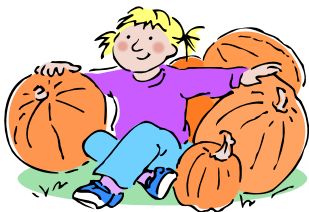


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The coworker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin." God picks you from the patch, brings you*