



The Messenger



Westside Christian Church

October 29, 2017

Parsons, KS

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Future Events

October 31-Trunk or Treat

November 3-4 Clothing Exchange

November 12-Elder's Meeting

November 19-Thanksgiving Dinner after morning worship

November 22-No W@W

November 23-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving

December 1-2 Clothing Exchange

December 6-Last W@W til January

December 10-Elder's Meeting

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Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, November 19th

Our annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held after morning services on Sunday, November 19th. Everyone is welcome!

We'll have a sign up sheet in the foyer for those that want to bring turkey or ham. Everyone else is encouraged to bring your favorite holiday dish.



Holiday Events

November 19
Thanksgiving Dinner

December 6
Last W@W until January

December 17
Christmas Program

December 24
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 31
Appreciation Boxes for

The post that changed the world.

On October 31st 1517 Martin Luther, a monk in a small village in Germany, posted a paper on the local Catholic Church door. The town was Wittenberg and the paper had 95 statements that Luther wanted to discuss with other people. He didn't want to start a new denomination and he did not have in mind a revolution, he just wanted to debate the correctness of these ideas. He said you could even send him a debate by mail if you couldn't come in person. What a change in the world this one post made.

Luther's post was a response to what the Catholic Church was doing at the time, garnering money for a church building project. The pope wanted to remodel a church called St. Peter's Basilica, in Rome, and sent people out and about to raise money for the project. Some of the money raising was collected by scaring people, or coercing them, by suggesting that their loved ones were going to hell if they didn't pay money.

John Tetzel was a great fund raiser and over stated church doctrine when he said "As soon as the gold in the casket rings, The rescued soul to heaven springs." This was not Biblical or ethical, but people believed it because a monk said it. The people didn't have the Bible in their own language at the time, so they didn't know what the Bible said about money, hell or heaven, etc.

Martin Luther was upset that the church had overreached its powers. Penance is important, but it cannot be gauged by anyone but God alone, and that the pope doesn't have as many powers as he acts like he has. Most of the 95 statements were about money giving called indulgences. Indulgences were a way to pay money to absolve someone of their guilt of sin and you could do it for your dead friends or relatives too. Luther's last two major complaints were, #84) why doesn't the pope just pay for the new building out of his own treasury and #94) shouldn't we just be encouraging people to follow Christ?

This post changed the world. Not immediately, but over a course of three years, the church leadership, the bishops and the pope were not happy with Luther and wanted him to recant. Three years and three months later, Luther was excommunicated from the Catholic Church. In the meantime, Luther worked on translating the NT into the common language of the people, German, and was lecturing on Romans in churches and universities. Through the study of Romans Luther preached more and more about faith and grace.

The book of Romans is a challenging book, but one of the most important of the New Testament. For 500 years now, since this post, people have been focusing more on Romans and have been challenged by the concepts from within. The main challenge Martin Luther set forth from Romans is that we are saved by faith 1:17, not by works but by the Grace of God, 6:23.

Come and join us as we look at the Good News that is found in this great New Testament book of Romans.

Scouring Romans for Good News for Us All.
Your brother in Christ and Minister, Doug Baty

Living For God

As I write this, I am also preparing my sermon for this Sunday. I will be talking about how we are dead in our sins and Christ calls us to be alive in him. But what does it mean to be alive in Christ? How do we go about living once we are alive?

2nd Timothy 2:21 says "Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work." When we come to him, we are cleansed of our sins. We are then set aside to do holy work.

What is the holy work we are to do? Well, that varies from person to person. Some are called to teach, some sing, some serve the homeless, some are missionaries. But no matter what your personal calling is, we are all called to serve others. John 15:12 says "My command is this: love each other as I have loved you." If that is our command, then it what we should all do. We are to love each other as Christ loved us. In his time on Earth, Jesus healed the sick, fed the hungry, mourned with the sad, and treated people like they were more important than him. And as Christians, each and every one of us is called to do the same.

So how do we live now that we are alive in Christ? We take care of each other. We show love to everyone. We treat people like they are more important than us. Do this, and we will show people who Jesus really is through our actions. This is how we reach the lost.

Chris



Coats for Kids

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Coats for Kids is underway! If you would like to donate coats or funds for buying coats, it is appreciated. We have been giving out around 100 coats each winter for preschool through high school age. We also provide hats and gloves to those who need them.

Called to Serve

November	5	12	19	26
Communion Preparation	Marie Norton	Marie Norton	Marie Norton	Marie Norton
Greeters: Front Doors Inside Lobby	Gene Robinson Annette Robinson	Judy Wells Fergusons	Meiers	Mary Ruth Allen Nola Fisher
Nursery	Shirley Lunday	Randee Baty	Karen Osgood	Clarinda O'Brien
Communion	Jeff Ferguson	Tim Ren	Chris Ferguson	Thad Osgood
Ushers	Steve Passwater Thad Osgood	Kenneth Lunday Bruce Rea	Ralph Heady Howard Weidert	Jeff Ferguson Steve Passwater
Serving the Lord's Supper	Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien Joe Hills Chris Ferguson	Howard Weidert Seth Weidert Joel Ferguson Bill Longfellow	Josh Passwater Steve Passwater Jeff Ferguson Thad Osgood	Ralph Heady Bruce Rea Alan Meier Jeff O'Brien
Benediction	Jeff Ferguson	Doug Baty	Tim Ren	Gene Robinson
Shut-Ins	Headys	Lundays	Thad Osgood	Jeff Ferguson
Nursing Home				Good Samaritan 2:00 Woodridge 2:45

November 2017

				1 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	2 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	3 Clothing EXCHANGE Chris Ferguson	4 Clothing EXCHANGE Larry Troester
5	6	7	8 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	9 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	10 Chris Ferguson	11	
12 Elder's Meeting	13	14	15 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	16 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	17	18	
19 Thanksgiving Dinner	20	21	22	23 THANKSGIVING	24	25	
26	27	28	29 W@W Supper 5:30 Bible Study 6:30	30 Office closed for Thanksgiving			