

Stewardship Corner

God's economy is much different than the world's. The world tells us to make as much money as we can to buy as much as we can. We are told that we deserve and need the newest and best of everything, and happiness will come from having much. In contrast, God's Word tells us, *"give, and it will be given to you...For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you"* (Luke 6:38). In God's economy, we receive by giving. Jesus tells us that *"It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). The Apostle Paul wrote, *"God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you will abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8). God gives us the capacity and the desire to give, and He promises to bless us through our generous giving (Proverbs 3:9; Malachi 3:10).



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Rally Day – Sunday School Returns

Rally Day will kick off the Sunday School year September 13. Parents—Please enable your children to grow in their faith as they hear and learn God's Word. Stay for adult Sunday School AND BE IN WORSHIP—God has gifts you need!

Pancakes will be served from 8:45 –9:15.

Catechism Returns

September 2 catechism returns for 5th-8th grade students. Meals will be served from 5:15-5:45; class from 5:45-6:45. 8th Grade parents are asked to come and learn with their children.

Catechism Meals

Meals will be served from 5:15-5:45; anyone is invited to sign up to serve a meal either by providing the meal, bring food to be cooked, or giving money to pay for meals. Contact Corinne Lowe for more information or to sign up.

Growing in Faith Opportunities

Adult Bible Class Sunday Morning – The Book of Acts

Bible Class Wednesday Evening – The Book of Matthew

Facebook Devotions Tuesday-Friday

Tuesday – Psalms

Wednesday – Bible Study on the previous Sunday's Gospels

Thursday – Responsive Prayer 2

Friday – The Augsburg Confession

Hymn of the Month

"Children of the Heavenly Father" LSB 725 is a Swedish children's folk hymn. It's words of comfort invoke the comfort of home- safe and secure in the care of our heavenly Father. His promises paraphrased from Romans 8 ensure that whatever His children endure, they are His children and nothing will separate them from His love.

Young Families

We will meet September 19 at 6:30. Activity TBD.


September 2020

Elder: Dave Zierke

Altar Guild: Ardis Huebner, Teresa Sperle

Stewardship: Jon Burt



3030Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6 9:15 am Bible Study 10:30 am Worship* Usher Team: Josh Breu- ger Acolyte: RJ, Tristen Camera: Katrina Burt A/V: Jon Burt Acc: Tracy DeBruin	7 	8	5:45 Catechism 9	10	11	6:00 pm Worship* 12
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Main Street Living and This Is The Life broadcasts

If you do not have access to TV station KCAU, you can also view the programs on the Main Street Living website:

www.mainstreetliving.com.

September 6

This Is the Life – “The Sin of Sue Bradley” - Misguided meddling leads to jealousy, threatening a loving relationship.

Worship Service - Rev. Michael Buchhorn of Grace Lutheran Church in Wayne, NE delivers the message “The Importance of Children” based on Matthew 18:14.

September 13

This Is the Life – “Old Smiley” - For over 40 plus years, Charlie Grebs was certain that his “Happiness God” from the Orient brought him good luck. In less than one day, he fully realizes that things are not always what they seem to be.

Worship Service – Rev. Bruce Pepper of Bethany Lutheran Church in Sioux City delivers the message “Look To Jesus: Lord Over the Chaos” based on Matthew 14:22-33.

September 20

This Is the Life – “To Take a Life” - A devoted son’s loving father is terminally ill, suffering severely and pleading to die.

Worship Service – Rev. Ricky Jacob of Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Church in Winnebago, NE delivers the message “God Is More Than Generous” based on Matthew 20:1-16. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

September 27

This Is the Life – “Sharing the Gospel” - Sharing the Gospel is neither swift nor easy, but truly rewarding in the end.

Worship Service – Rev. Michael Boothby of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Ireton delivers the message “The Center of the Universe” based on Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18. Additional information is available on the web site: www.mainstreetliving.com.

September Birthdays

1. George Hugh
4. Chris Waterman
6. Randy Ballard
7. Amy Cason, Mark Hazel, Mike Kruid
8. Chase Vander Feen
9. Jennifer Kooi
10. Jeanette Kircher, Crystal Osterkamp
13. Pet Hurtado, Jason Witt
15. Sheila Otten
16. Makiya Schurman, Tess Schurman, Jerry Toft, Brenden Weinmann
17. Flynn Vander Feen
- Boe Boyer, Lisa Danielson
20. Frank Peterson, Kim Phillips
21. Bernadine Danielson, Tyler Van Wyhe
22. Jean Toft
23. Kara Bultman, Howard Schoellerman, Pam Weyer,
24. Phil Van Wyhe
25. Mary Aldrich, Betty Brandsma, Kezden Huls, Scott Jungers, Trevor Schelling
26. Shania Marienau
27. Lynn Eilts, Alexa Star
28. Roger Johnson, Joe Ruhland
30. Justin DreBruin, Joe Vanderham

September Anniversaries

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| 3. Larry and Linda Van Wyhe | 49 |
| 5. Jerry and Sharon Wakeman | 28 |
| 6. Randy and Becky Klaus | 45 |
| 7. Dave and Shelly Aldrich | 24 |
| 11. Jack and Kay Borchers | 58 |
| 11. Charlie and Nickki Frye | 10 |
| 13. Trevor and Kendra Schelling | 6 |
| 14. Carl and Tara Harry | 7 |
| 14. Tim and Jamie Moothart | 2 |
| 17. Dustin and Miranda Huls | 9 |
| 25. Mark and Pam Weyer | 35 |
| 26. Rick and Joann Boyer | 28 |
| 28. Tim and Kristi Pies | 29 |
| 29. Carl and Shannon Baas | 2 |
| 29. Clark and Lisa Danielson | 19 |

From Pastor's Desk...

How's it going? Is life returning to normal for you and your family? We need to talk openly about these things. School is back after five months- but it's not the same- masks, social distancing, and sanitation are the way of life these days. And if that were it, maybe we all would be faring better. But on top of it is civil unrest, political campaigns, and all forms of madness in the world. This combined with our everyday challenges make for a mess we haven't seen in a generation or two. That last point is significant. While we younger people may not have seen such a world in madness, older generations have. There's nothing new under the sun.

The bible is full of days like ours- famines, floods, droughts, war, violence, uncertainty- everything we face, but without the technology to broadcast it throughout the world. While news travels fast through fiberoptic cable and satellite signal today, word of mouth spread news in the biblical world. However it gets to us, bad news is still bad news.

It seems that bad news is the only news these days. Good news is hard to come by. I was visiting with an older gentleman about the events of today and we shared our uncertainty and dismay of world events. He said, "But you know I wake up every day thankful!" He's thankful for his wife, their kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids, their life together, and, especially her home cooking! But his gratitude comes from faith!

Being thankful is the Christian's way. When you consider all that's going on, do not forget and lose sight of all the good things God daily gives- that's what we remember when we give thanks for daily bread in the Lord's Prayer. Despite it all, God is faithful. Salvation has come. Jesus is risen! That's really the only thing that matters! Everything else He will deal with in His way. Consider and pray this psalm of David. And then you can ask how others are doing. We're not alone. The Lord is with us. Point them to Him.

^{ESV} **Psalm 63:1** A PSALM OF DAVID, WHEN HE WAS IN THE WILDERNESS OF JUDAH. O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. ³ Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. ⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips, ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; ⁷ for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I will sing for joy. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

God's Love Is Constant

A pastor visited a member of his congregation who was a farmer. He noticed that the farmer had a weathervane on top of his new barn with the inscription, "God is love." What do you mean by putting those words on your weathervane?" he asked. "Do you mean that God's love is as changeable as the wind?"

"Oh, no, just the opposite," the farmer replied. "I mean that God's love is the same no matter which way the wind blows."

Very likely the farmer had in mind the verse from Hebrews 13:8 which reads, "*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*" This is a good verse for all of us to remember. Maybe we've had some disappointing things happen that can make us doubt God's love for us. Maybe things are not going well at work. Maybe one or more of your children are going through difficult times. Maybe someone we know has died. Life can be very confusing and frightening. Sometimes it's hard to admit to another person that we're concerned that we don't "have it all together." God knows, and His love for us remains constant even though our emotions may run from very high to very low.

As painful as some of these experiences are, we can really learn from them. Best of all, they serve to help us mature in faith. Furthermore, they teach us about other people. If we have these problems, shouldn't we think others may too, even if they don't talk about them? The Apostle Paul knew what it was like to have problems, and he found a purpose in them: "*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, Who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God*" (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). First, we should praise God for the comfort He gives us. He is the Father of all mercies! Then, Paul says, we should comfort others just as God has comforted us. How can we do this? By listening, by being patient when friends don't act as they should as a result of their emotional pain, and, most of all, by sharing our experience with them and telling them of the comfort God brings. Doing these things is practicing good stewardship of the gifts God has given us. God will help us keep our eyes on Him instead of our circumstances, and He will help us to place our trust in Him.

Read the Bible in one year by reading the following passages this month...

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| 1. 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13 | Job 31-33 |
| 2. Psalm 86 | Job 34-36 |
| 3. Psalm 87 | Job 37-39 |
| 4. Psalm 88 | Job 40-42 |
| 5. Psalm 89 | Proverbs 1-3 |
| 6. Psalm 90 | Proverbs 4-7 |
| 7. Psalm 91 | Proverbs 8-10 |
| 8. Psalm 92 | Proverbs 11-13 |
| 9. Psalm 93 | Proverbs 14-16 |
| 10. Psalm 94 | Proverbs 17-19 |
| 11. Psalm 95 | Proverbs 20-22 |
| 12. Psalm 96 | Proverbs 23-25 |
| 13. Psalm 97 | Proverbs 26-28 |
| 14. Psalm 98 | Proverbs 29-31 |
| 15. Psalm 99 | Ecclesiastes 1-3 |
| 16. Psalm 100 | Ecclesiastes 4-6 |
| 17. Psalm 101 | Ecclesiastes 7-9 |
| 18. Psalm 102 | Ecclesiastes 10-12 |
| 19. Psalm 103 | Song of Solomon 1-4 |
| 20. Psalm 104 | Song of Solomon 5-8 |
| 21. Psalm 105 | Jeremiah 1-3 |
| 22. Psalm 106 | Jeremiah 4-6 |
| 23. Psalm 107 | Jeremiah 7-9 |
| 24. Psalm 108 | Jeremiah 10-12 |
| 25. Psalm 109 | Jeremiah 13-15 |
| 26. Psalm 110 | Jeremiah 16-18 |
| 27. Psalm 111 | Jeremiah 19-22 |
| 28. Psalm 112 | Jeremiah 23-25 |
| 29. Psalm 113 | Jeremiah 26-28 |
| 30. 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 | Jeremiah 29-31 |



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