

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. *Galatians 5:25*

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From The Pastor's Desk

How Frustrated Are You? Does listening to the news raise your blood pressure? Do you ever think to yourself, “I don’t know how much more of the ridiculousness, and political correctness, and blatant rejecting of what is right and fair I can take!”?

If you ever feel that way then I have one thing to say to you: “Good!”

We *should* be frustrated by the things that we witness going on around us. If we don’t find ourselves frustrated by them then that means one of two things: either we’re floating through life totally oblivious to our surroundings, or we actually approve of the things we witness. Neither one of these options is good.

As Christians, our frustration is brought on primarily by this one fact: we don’t belong here. This messed-up world is not our permanent home. There is something better that we yearn for – something eternal.

We may build houses, and put together financial plans, and follow health and fitness regimens that give the impression that we’re never going to leave this world. But no matter what we do, a part of us, our inner being, longs to depart and be with the One who made us and has redeemed us. We look forward to the day when all of our irritations will be ancient history – when sin will not even be in our distant memories.

Granted, we’re not supposed to do anything to try to hasten our departure from this life. God has given us the task of taking care of ourselves. (It’s a stewardship of the body/temple of the Holy Spirit kind of thing – take a look at 1 Cor. 6:19). But still, we eagerly look forward to the day when sin is no more. Even just waiting for that day can help fuel our frustration level.

Paul writes in Romans 8:22-23: **For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.**

Yes, we know that much of what we see around us isn’t right because of sin, but we also know that Christ has redeemed us (and the world) from that sin and that He has given us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that things will get better. Until they do, I’m not going to tell you that

you shouldn't get frustrated. What I'm going to tell you is that you shouldn't let the frustration of this life rob you of your joy.

Christ has saved you by His blood. What you experience now is only temporary. You are but a stranger here; heaven is your home. And so wait patiently, with joy, (and even with a bit of frustration), for your redemption draws nigh.

Pastor Wetmore

Dear Friends,

My two grandsons started school a couple weeks ago. I am glad they have a good attitude toward school. In fact they were **excited** to go back and excited to learn more. Though most of us would not want to be back in school again, they are excited and embracing it.

Attitude?? We try to keep a positive attitude, though sometimes it may turn sour. Some people and some topics are tough. And sometimes it shows and we say of someone or they say of us, "boy, they've got an attitude!!" But speaking of attitude, **we are all blessed because of our Lord Jesus and His attitude concerning us.** Hebrews 12 says, "*1 Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted*". Jesus embraced all of us when He walked this earth and suffered and died to save us. Though it meant enduring the full wrath of the Father for our sin, He did it for the eternal joy of restoring us to the family of God. God's perfect love for you, me and the world is amazing! Though we don't deserve it, God's salvation is in place and His gifts are for us.

Philippians 2:5-10 also holds out this attitude and God's heart for us. "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him..."

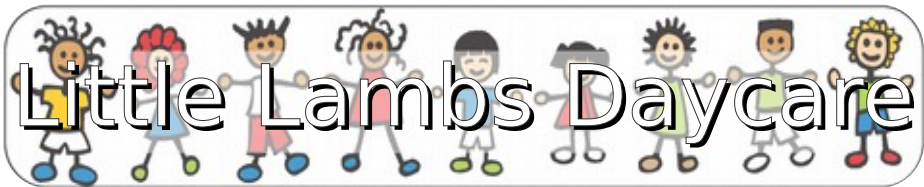
As the Apostle Paul exhorts us, and led by the Holy Spirit, may we strive to grow in the grace and knowledge of God regularly

spending time in His Word, in worship and in prayer. Concerning our relationships/vocations, may we grow in grace and respect for others whether you are a husband or wife, father or mother, son or daughter, brother or sister, student, friend, neighbor, employer or employee, committee member, team member, etc. May we also seek to be patient, as all good blessings come from God and are according to His timing.

So again, "Fix your eyes on Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith." Only connected to Him, the true Vine, will we become more Christ-like in our attitudes. Only in Christ do we find such favor!

To God be the glory!

Pastor Rick



Having a BLAST at Little Lambs this Summer!







CLC Quilters

Where two or three have come together to be with me there I am among them. (*Matthew 18: 20*)

I often think of this as the small group of faithful quilters come together to work one day a month - but I also know several of us work on these projects at home as well.. None of us claim to have a special talent but no talent is too small or too big for God to use us to show love to other as He loves a sinner like me.

What do we do;

- we can have squares cut for a quilt top
- we assemble these to have a piece for our top
- we assemble the quilt
- a bottom goes down. we add a middle. the top is put in place.
- then we begin to tie it together (we even have a special 'holy cloth' to show us where we want to add the tie)
- we then pin the edges so it can be sewed around and ready for the box.

We can visit while we work together to make the quilts, of course we do take a break for a shared potluck meal and time to have devotion to grow in our faith as well.

Yes some days more help the others, but as I always have said if you can spare an hour or two that is great. The extra pair of hands can make the difference in how many we are able to get ready for shipment ,which is coming up fast. The first Sat in October is the usual date.

As you know we have added the school supplies and health care kits this year. They will ship at same time.

Thanks for the supplies we have so far.

We have had material supplied to us in the past month and this will be tops and bottoms. Tops are 80 x 60 the bottoms are a couple inches bigger to wrap around and sew to finish the quilt so they are 82 x 62 .

We will be meeting Sept.16, from 9:30 to 3:30 or there about. So please join us if you can. We always meet the 3rd Wed of the month.

Your prayers are always welcome as well.

Thank You

Jean Richards



The answers will be printed in the following Crosswalk Newsletter. There will be references printed on the last page of the newsletter in case you get stuck.

September / October Questions

1. *Who made a wedding feast before giving the wrong bride to Jacob?*
2. *Which of Paul's epistles gives the most information about marriage?*
3. *Who blessed the twelve tribes while lying in bed?*
4. *What people were killed by great hailstones from heaven?*

July / August Answers

1. *What miraculous food resembles coriander seed?*
Manna (Exodus 16:31)
2. *What prophet, who was a herdsman and fruit picker by trade, had a vision of a basket of ripe fruit?*
Amos (Amos 8:1)
3. *Who served cheese, milk and veal to the Lord when he made his appearance in the form of three men?*
Abraham (Genesis 18:1-8)
4. *What prophet ate a book and found it sweet?*
Ezekiel (Ezekiel 2:9 – 3:3)

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER MYSTERY MEMBER



This member was president their church's Walther League (Youth Group). They played the glockenspiel in high school band. This person also attended School of Cytotechnology at State Lab. Of Hygiene.

If anyone would like to be a mystery member just email us at news@clc-wausau.org with at least 3 facts about yourself.

To avoid scheduling conflicts, please check with the church office when planning any type of gathering or event at Christ Lutheran Church

Bible Trivia References:

1. Genesis 29:22-25 2. Chapter 7 3. Genesis 47:49 4. Joshua 10:8-14

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