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THINGS THAT COME IN THREES (part 2 of 3)

By *Pastor Tim*

For this series of newsletter essays, I've been sharing with you about the three themes that I been building our St. Paul's ministries around. Last month I wrote about the theme of helping to connect people with God.

This month's ministry theme is about helping to connect people with one another.

You see, God's plan isn't that difficult. He doesn't save us as individuals, He 'saves' us into the Body of Christ. Translation? Body of Christ = the family of Christ. The only problem is that we don't always associate with other believers as we should. We keep to ourselves and then often wonder why walking with Jesus is so difficult. The answer? We were never meant to walk the faith alone. Christian faith is about brothers and sisters walking in community in Jesus.

This is why pastors spend so much time encouraging you to connect with other believers. It's an important part of my job to help you see life is not meant to be lived alone. We need each other. Churches are here to encourage you to connect with one another.

Our example in the ministry (the apostle Paul) described this connected together aspect of faith in Romans 1:11-12 – ***“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.”***

Life is extremely troubling as we live it alone. When we connect with the family of brothers and sisters, the troubles won't disappear. However the brothers and sisters will be there to enable and empower us to survive and to make it through.

Why does God give us the gifts of His Holy Spirit? Not just to invest them in our own lives but to share with those around us and see our brothers and sisters strengthened. This is the great blessing of what it means to be linked with one another. In that way, we can mutually encourage each other by our faith.

Where can you start? Specifically, don't keep to yourself at Sunday worship, but talk to the other folks. Get to really know your brothers and sisters in the faith. You could attend one of adult Sunday School classes. You could start a home Bible study. You could start a prayer group. You could lead an action group to combat hunger in Southern Maryland. No matter what or how, there are many options to share the gifts of the Holy Spirit and to mutually encourage one another in the faith.

The idea is God's. Connecting with one another is the plan.



ST. PAUL'S YOUTH GROUP

Hey all! I must say, that I am super excited to be here and to be working with the youth group here at St. Paul's! We have some amazing things planned (and in the planning process) and I can't wait to get things rolling! We started having youth group on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month! Nov. 2, Nov. 16, and Dec. 7 are our upcoming youth group hang outs! On November 28th, 6:00pm-9:00pm we are having a movie night! Bring soda (pop), snacks, friends, and maybe some board games!

Other things we are currently planning are a Parents Night Out, monthly service projects, and a spring retreat.

In order to keep things a float and have fun, all while serving the Lord, we will also be doing some fundraising throughout the year! All fundraising that we do will go towards expenses for our different projects.

Our first fundraiser is November 15th, at the Holiday Bazaar. We will be running the bake sale! There are multiple ways you can help us! You can donate baked goods for us to sell, you can purchase some baked goods, or you can do both and see if someone has found a way to outdo your famous "made from scratch chewy chocolate chip cookies." If you don't have time to bake or you just don't want to indulge that sweet tooth of yours, there will be a donation basket as well!

I'm willing to follow God's direction for the Youth Group as we grow, lead, and serve. I pray that you will join me in that.

In Christ,

Jack McNutt

Youth Director/Certified Baked Goods Tester

See you November 15th at the Holiday Bazaar Bake Sale!



Thoughts on...Stewardship

By Dianne Nichols

The Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 14: 21-23

You must set aside a tithe of your crops — one tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. Bring this tithe to the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. The PURPOSE of tithing is to teach you always to fear (honor) the LORD your God.

The New Testament:

II Corinthians 9: 6-8, 11

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work....You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Question:

“If the Israelites could give God 10% under the LAW —
How much more can we give God under GRACE?

STEWARDSHIP: It's how we live!



Hearts In Service of St. Paul's (LWML)

HIS -for God and each other.

We will be collecting your filled Mite Boxes on the last Sunday of each month. Please bring in your Mite box on Sunday, November 30th. Be sure to pick-up a new Mite Box to take home again. Thank you!

St. Paul's
Lutheran Church

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 15th

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

37707 New Market Turner Rd

New Market, MD

VENDORS

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AUCTION**

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CRAFT ROOM**



Something for EVERYONE! INVITE EVERYONE!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
St. Paul's November 2014 CALENDAR						1 All Saints Day <i>Gary & Cindy Werth. Wedding Anniversary</i>
2 <i>Worship Service 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:10 – 10:20 am</i> Acolyte: Dylan Vogt	3	4 Election Day 	5 Connections Svc. 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm	6	7	8
9 <i>Worship Service 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:10 – 10:20 am Voters Meeting 11:45 am Coffee Hour: 12:00 pm</i> Acolyte: Lisa Curtis	10 Martin Luther's Birthday	11 Veterans' Day Thank you for your Service Council Mtg 7 pm <i>Fred & Sally Gheen. Wedding Anniversary</i>	12 Connections Svc. 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm	13	14 Holiday Bazaar Set Up 3-8 pm Everyone welcome to help with set up!!!	15 HOLLIDAY BAZAAR! 8 AM – 1 PM 
16 <i>Worship Service 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:10 – 10:20 am</i> Acolyte: Russell Watson	17	18	19 Connections Svc. 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm	20	21	22
23 <i>Worship Service 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:10 – 10:20 am</i> Acolyte: Melissa Werth	24	25	26 Connections Svc. 6:30 pm Confirmation Class 7 pm	27 Thanksgiving	28	29
30 <i>Worship Service 8:00 and 10:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:10 – 10:20 am</i> Acolyte: Garrett Wiggen	<u>November Birthdays</u> 2 – Jessica Werth 16 – Carletta CyrusParmes 24 – Dylan Vogt 29 – Phil Drury					



Remember in your Prayers

SHUT-INS: *Pat Gardiner*

MEMBERS Health Concerns: *Chicchina Bailey, Elin Cramer, Sheldon Cramer, John Fuchs, Melva Fuchs, Sally Gheen, Carletta Cyrus Parmes, Kathy Lewis, Lucy Price and Kathe Vachalek*

Serious Health Concerns: *Jim Barry and Dale Bittner*

SPECIAL REQUESTS

Rev. Paul Lierseman, recovery from a stroke on 8/21/14-daily physical therapy-unable to drive
Barbara Gheen, recovery from accident

Ruth Schnepf, Rev. Kenneth Schnepf's wife, chemo treatments

New LCMS Church Plant in Brandywine/Upper Waldorf region

FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CONGREGATION

Tammy Nichols, Dianne Nichols daughter-in-law, brain surgery Nov. 26

Aunt Edna, Dianne Nichols, serious health concerns

Debbie Schoenbauer, Alan & Marianne Hunter's friend, serious health concerns

Austin Knarr, Gene Bostwick's nephew, health concern/complication to chron's

Terry McClintock, friend of Judy Rogers, serious health concerns

Madeline, Health concerns

Rebecca Athenason, Dianne Nichols daughter, serious illness

Carol Dakai, Lorrie Ching's Mother, 10 month infection that is untreatable

Alan Burch, friend of Karin Beall & former pre-school parent, cancer

Wee Davis, friend of Alan Hunter, brain cancer

Alma Stowers, Stephen Stowers Great Grandma, Breast Cancer

Fred & Helen Stover, Paul Mehrkam's parents, Fred has cancer

Johanna Fortney, daughter of Elin Cramer, cancer

Joe Fuchs, son of John Fuchs, bone cancer

Edward DeMarr, nephew of Lucy Price, brain tumor

For safety of all our military personnel & for their families.

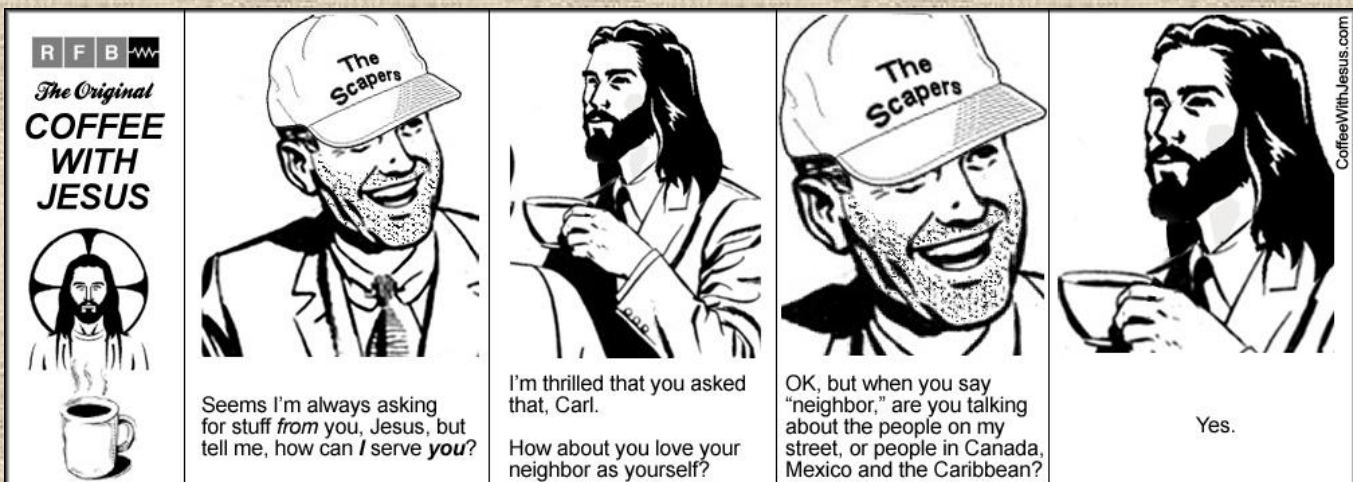
God listens when we pray

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus".

[Philippians 4:6-7](#)



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Behold, now is the favorable time;

Behold, now is the day of salvation.

2 Corinthians 6:2

Save your Aluminum Cans!



**Your donations to the
Building Fund are adding up!
Look for a yearly total
in the December Newsletter**