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We at Grace Lutheran Church are called to reach, teach and be the people of God, as stewards of the Word and gifts of God.

## Who Are You Mentoring?

I still remember the day when I received a message that a man who had a profound impact upon my life had died and joined his Lord in heaven. Dr. E. H. Zimmermann, former District President of the Indiana District, was a man who taught me so much about being a pastor and helped shaped me into the person I am today. I will never forget the first time I met Dr. Zimmermann. It was the evening after the call service at the seminary where I received my first call to Trinity Lutheran Church, Dillsboro Indiana, and Dr. Zimmermann made it a point to find my wife and me to welcome us to the

Indiana District. He shared with us a little bit of information about our new church and how happy he was for us. He also told me one piece of advice that I never forgot—Always remember that you are doing the Lord's work and He will bless you wherever He sends you!

It was Dr. Zimmermann who had confidence in a young pastor (me) to appoint him as circuit counselor in a circuit badly divided by Synodical issues still in the mid-1980s. In my position as circuit counselor, I was able to learn from an even closer view of Dr. Zimmermann's ministry how I should properly handle congregations, pastors, and laypeople by showing them the love of Jesus Christ while at the same time reminding them of the Law and Gospel of God's Word

when needed. He was always available for needed advice, for correction, and for support. I will always be in debt to "Woody" Zimmermann for helping me, by the grace of God, to become the pastor I am today!

And this brings me to my point for you to consider—Who are you mentoring? A child, a grandchild, a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, maybe a member here at Grace? Who is learning from your example? Who are you intentionally teaching the God-pleasing values, morals, and truths that you know are important? This is important that we consider mentoring the generations who follow us because if we don't mentor them, who will?

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The world in which we live has no desire to teach the commands of God today. We must do it. Therefore I challenge you to provide an example worth following, an example that reflects your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior. This is the kind of mentoring that brings about saving faith in the hearts of those who

come after us.

I have considered it an honor to mentor others throughout my ministry. Years ago, I was privileged to mentor two vicars. Both men offered me the opportunity to help them in a variety of ways, and I was blessed in return. There are always many other “moments” when I can mentor

an individual today, and I pray that the Lord gives me the wisdom to do so wisely. May you respond to your mentoring opportunities and serve your Lord well as you those individuals God sends to you!

Pastor Herring

## A New Start

The soloist began to sing a special song during the worship service. It was awful! She had somehow started on the wrong note, terribly out of tune with the accompanist. She abruptly stopped and announced she needed a new start. She then began anew with a beautiful addition to the morning worship. Had she tried to limp through the first try, people would have remembered the off-key solo. Instead, by her second start, the congregation was assisted in their worship of the Lord.

That is the way it is with our lives, too. Our first start in life, our birth, is awful because of sin. We

are born with a sin condition that makes it impossible for us to please God no matter how hard we try. We are captive to disobedience of God and His Law, to “doing it our way” and the passions of sin. But unlike the soloist we cannot even recognize we are out of tune with God.

Then it is God Who comes to us by His Word to show us our sin. It is He Who offers us grace and forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ. It is He Who by His Holy Spirit gives us that new start through Baptism. Through Baptism, we are united to Christ. Because Christ died for our sins, we are baptized into the death of sin with Him, that we may be raised to new life with Him.

The Apostle Paul tells us, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.”** (2 Corinthians 5:17) God has redeemed and restored us into new people who live under the Lordship of Christ. We are given new hearts and a new nature. Through faith that God gives us, we live in Christ and for Him, and through faith, we serve Christ by serving others.

Now our lives can be pleasing to God, like the soloist’s second start. Not because of our work, but because of the power of God’s gracious gift to us, Holy Baptism.

Pastor Herring



## Noah at the Sight and Sound Theater

We will see the show on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm.

The cost is \$80.63 per person

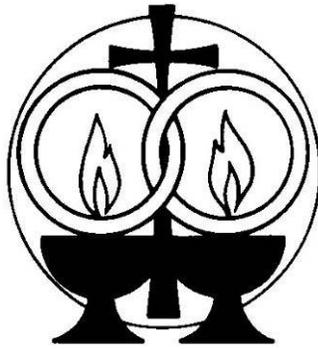
For those attending, we will be having dinner after the show.

Any Questions? Please see Lisa  
(479) 239-2132 or (507) 461-4253



## September Birthdays

Thomas Achord	3
Susan Hoeck	9
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Dolores Weiss	17
Kenneth Haydon	20



## September Anniversaries

Thomas & Becky Achord	18
LaVerne & Terri Herman	20

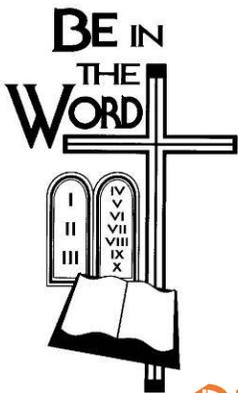
## Thank you!!!

to all my friends who encourage me with your concern, thoughts prayers, cards, and support during this time.

It is greatly appreciated.

Jane Bleser

## Thoughts



## From The Board Of Elders

*But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity.* (2 Peter 3:18)

Martin Luther wrote concerning this passage:

“This teaching is not learned all at once, or can it be understood speculatively. It must be learned by

daily use and exercise amid the temptations of the world, the devil and flesh, amid despair, distrust, and innumerable other horrible things. And without these exercises it cannot be kept. Foolish people, therefore, are taken in. After reading one or more pages of Holy Scriptures, and hearing maybe one sermon, they have already learned this teaching [of Christianity] completely. They can see that in other, lesser arts we do not immediately become masters. Much less can it happen in this greatest teaching of all, that we immediately trust in God from the heart and despise all the perils of the world, death, and the devil. These things cannot be learned in one day, but practice and immense exercise and a singular gift of God are required.” (AE 12:248)

Throughout his life, Luther considered himself to be a humble scholar of the Word of God. His

preaching and teaching show that he did indeed grow and increase, always finding more and deeper meaning and life-directing material.

After eight years of study and preparation, most of us graduating from seminary thought we knew a lot – not all, but a lot. Then, in the parish, we began to see how little we knew. That is when real growth started. Finding new and exciting things about God, His work and His salvation is great. Finding how these all apply to me – you and everyone – is even greater.

By God’s grace, given us in our Baptism, and by the Holy Spirit, also given in our Baptism, we have that “singular gift” from God that is required to understand and live “in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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We are blessed to live in a time when we can all have one or more copies of Holy Scripture in our home. Use God's Word privately and in Bible Class. You will be blessed. This is God's promise to His people. Oh yes, also ask for the Holy Spirit to guide you in your study. He will!

Kenneth Haydon, Elder

## Fall Picnic

Plan ahead – mark your calendar now!

The Church Picnic will be held this year on **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at the home of Myles and Sharon Schultz (12 Appaloosa, Holiday Island).

## Sunday Bible Study

As of August 2<sup>nd</sup> we resumed an after Service Bible Study. We will not have a social hour before the study but we will dig into God's Word.

We welcome all who wish to come, but we will maintain virus cautions.

We will be studying The Sermon on the Mount which begins with Matthew chapter 4. Many parts of this sermon are well known to many, but equally as misunderstood by many. We will look into our Lord's words and how they apply to us today. We will continue our custom of discussion and seeking to answer any and all questions.

Our youngest member, Freddie, is now one year old – let us give thanks to God!



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