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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.

Martin Luther and Pandemics

Since this pandemic of COVID-19 won't go away, it seems appropriate to hear from Martin Luther in this month when we celebrate the Reformation of the Church. This is what I discovered in a search on the Internet:

Sixteenth-century Reformer Martin Luther wrote almost 500 years ago about responding to pandemics. When Luther was confronted by questions about how to respond to The Black Death Plague, he re-

sponded in words that should serve to inform our approach to the pandemic crisis our nation and the world are now facing today.

In a letter to Rev. Dr. John Hess, found in Luther's Works, Volume 43 p. 132, as "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague," Luther writes:

"I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so

cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash no foolhardy and does not tempt God."

Today in the 21st century, the faithful should go and do likewise.

Pastor Herring

Be an Encourager

Do you have a nickname? Some people have nicknames that are derived from their full names. Some have gotten nicknames because of a physical feature (which can be very hurtful) or something they have accomplished (like “Wrong Way Marshall” who ran the wrong way to score a touch-down for the opposing team!).

“Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement)...” (Acts 4:36) was a man with a nickname anyone would be proud to have. His nickname is widely known; not too many even realize his real name was Joseph. How did this steward of God earn this nickname?

The first time the Bible mentions Barnabas is in the passage above where we read that he **“sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’**

feet.” Wow! Wouldn’t that provide encouragement? Knowing that someone believed in your work so much that he would give the entire proceeds from his property to support your work would surely inspire you to work even harder.

In Acts 13:2 we read, **“The Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for Me [the Holy Spirit] Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’”** Here Barnabas is partnered with Saul, who later takes the name Paul. Whose name is more recognizable? In verse 42 of the same chapter, we find the names reversed: **“As Paul and Barnabas...”** What has happened is that God has chosen to make Paul the leader on their missionary trips and to delegate Barnabas as his companion, his fellow-worker. Did Barnabas quit when he no longer had top billing? No way! He continued laboring beside Paul as they ministered to the early Church.

He did have a disagreement with Paul, though, that arose from his desire to encourage and his choice not to give up on people. The problem was this: Another disciple, a young man named, **“John, also called Mark”** had traveled with them but, at one point, had **“deserted them in Pamphylia”** (Acts 15:37-38). Paul refused to take Mark, so Barnabas parted company with Paul and took Mark himself to do the Lord’s work. Barnabas was willing to give someone a second chance. Don’t you think Mark was encouraged?

We’re all in need of encouragement, and we are all equipped to give encouragement. It’s easier to complain and find fault, but, even with the most disagreeable person, we can find something to commend. Make it your goal to find someone each day to encourage.

Pastor Herring

Homeless Bags

The Ladies Guild is asking for help from our generous members in preparing bags of toiletries for the homeless who come to Flint Street Food Bank. We are asking if you would help by donating any of the following:

- ✓ Razors and shaving cream
- ✓ Toothbrushes and toothpaste (Regular size)
- ✓ Body soap (Regular size bars, not travel size)

- ✓ Deodorant (Regular size)
- ✓ Combs
- ✓ Nail Clippers

A box will be placed in the entry for collection. If you would rather support this mission financially instead of shopping for these items we would gratefully accept.

Thank you so very much.

In Christ, Sharon

LADIES GUILD MEETING

9-15-2020

President Sharon Schultz opened the meeting with prayer.

Six ladies attended the meeting: Sharon Schultz, Barbara Herring, Georgia Deubler, Glenna Cates, Janice Willmuth and Lisa Bennett.

Barbara read Genesis, chapter 47, verses 28-33, then Sharon shared a Bible reading from Palms, chapter 9, verse 43, as well as Palms, 71, verse 18.

Glenna made a motion to accept the Treasures report Barbara 2nd the motion. Everyone voted to accept the Treasures report as read.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Lisa motioned to start the next meeting on 10-20-2020 at 10:00 and the Bible study after. Barbara 2nd the motion, everyone voted in favor.

Lisa made a motion to include the congregation in items for the food bank, Janice 2nd the motion. Sharon will put together a list of items that are needed. Motion passed.

Barbara stated that we need to spend more of our God given money. Barbara made a motion to look at International, National, and local places to donate to. Lisa 2nd, motion passed.

Barbara made a motion to support a missionary student. As Simeon has graduated. Lisa 2nd motion, motion passed. Sharon will look into a student to sponsor. She hopes to find a student who has a family.

We also talked about a baby shower for Jessie & Stephen Goline, Barbara will check with the Goline's when a good time for them would be.

Barbara suggested having a dinner for Lent. She then suggested that everyone just give it some thought.

We are asking for prayer's for Terri Herman's mother, Shirley who fell and broke her hip.

We also are asking for continued prayers for Sheldon and Lee.

President as for devotions and fellowship, for our next meeting, which will be held October 20th at 10am. Glenna will provide the devotion; Lisa will provide the fellowship.

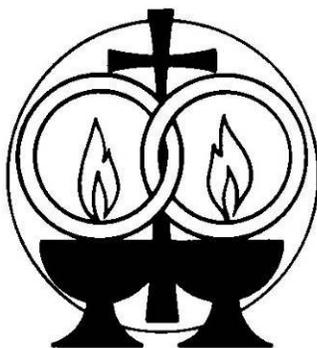
Meeting closed with a prayer by President Sharon Schutz



October

Birthdays

Becky Achord	15
Joe Schardl	24
David Hoeck	28



October

Anniversaries

David & Susan Hoeck	28
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October Events

Sundays:

Zoom Service	8:00am
Church Service with Communion	9:30am
Bible Study (Sermon on the Mount)	

Thursdays:

Bible Study	2:00pm
The Saying of Jesus	

October 18:

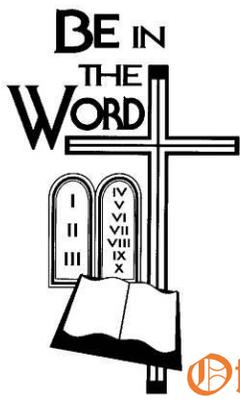
Church Picnic after Service

October 20:

Ladies Guild	10:00am
Bible Study following	

These are currently planned but due to the virus situation, watch for additions, changes or deletions in the bulletins, emails, or other communications,

Thoughts



From The Board Of Elders

In these times of uncertainty and many confusing messages I frequently find myself wondering what God has in mind and how I can best utilize the time I have been given and may be given in the future. Yet I find, upon consideration and prayer, that I have to take it to the source. The following quote has been useful to me and I pray that as a fellow steward of

God's graces you might find it so also.

For it is not so much of our time and so much of our attention that God demands; it is not even all our time and all our attention; it is ourselves. For each of us the Baptist's words are true: "He must increase and I decrease." He will be infinitely merciful to our repeated failures; I know no promise that He will accept a deliberate compromise. For He has, in the last resort, nothing to give us but Himself; and He can give that only insofar as our self-affirming will retires and makes room for Him in our souls. Let us make up our minds to it; there will be nothing "of our own" left over to live on, no "ordinary" life. I do not mean that each of us will necessarily be called to be a martyr or even an ascetic. That's as may be. For some (nobody knows which) the Christian life will include much

leisure, many occupations we naturally like. But these will be received from God's hands. In a perfect Christian they would be as much part of his "religion," his "service," as his hardest duties, and his feasts would be as Christian as his fasts. What cannot be admitted—what must exist only as an undefeated but daily resisted enemy—is the idea of something that is "our own," some area in which we are to be "out of school," on which God has no claim.

For He claims all, because He is love and must bless. He cannot bless us unless He has us. When we try to keep within us an area that is our own, we try to keep an area of death. Therefore, in love, He claims all. There's no bargaining with Him.

From: *The Weight of Glory*, by CS Lewis

Kenneth Haydon, Elder