GOOD NEWS

FROM CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

AUGUST 2023

FROM PASTOR NIX

This month's message is a continuation of last month's, which ended more abruptly than I had planned due to lack of space.

After concern about the article from the Lutheran Witness was brought to me the elders discussed it in one of our meetings. The concern was that of placing a woman in the position of teaching in the public Worship service. Our discussion led us to agree the following sections from the CTCR document mentioned last month showed the concern to be valid and this would not be something we would do at Christ.

The CTCR's report: "Women in the Church: Scriptural Principles and Ecclesial Practice" states (bold added):

"Secondly, it must be underscored that Paul's prohibition that **women remain silent and not speak is uttered with reference to the worship service of the congregation** (I Cor. 14:26-33). Any other interpretation is artificial and improbable. Thus, Paul is not here demanding that women should be silent at all times or that they cannot express their sentiments and opinions at church assemblies. **The command that women keep silent is a command that they not take charge of the public worship service, specifically the teaching-learning aspects of the service**.

2. *Teaching and Authority*. While the thrust of Paul's comments in 1 Tim. 2:11-15 is similar to that in 1 Corinthians 14, he makes a more explicit point in this passage. A woman is not to teach or to have authority over man.
Here, too, the limits of what is forbidden to women by the apostle have been widely disputed. Some have understood Paul here to be excluding women from all forms of teaching and exercising authority, including teaching in a public school or serving in a vocation in which a woman has men under her direct supervision. This constitutes a serious misreading of Paul's words. His instructions are directed to the worship/church setting. No doubt the public prayer which is regulated in verse 8 would occur during a liturgical service. The expression "likewise" in verse 9 indicates that the women's activity occurs in the same domain. In 1 Tim.

3:14-15 the apostle explains the purpose of his letter

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BIRTHDAYS

August

01 Leah Hallstrom
04 Cody Doohen
04 Naarah Fick
04 Micah Holtz
16 Jeremiah Deardoff
18 Blake Doohen
18 Kaden Johnson
20 Daniel Nix
23 Leah Preheim
26 Rick Guenther
31 Bonnie Ellis

ANNIVERSARIES

August

05 Pr. Raymond & Tamara Hartwig
27 Martin & Lisa Johnson



FLOWER CHART

The 2023 Flower Chart is pinned to the bulletin board in the Narthex for those who would like to provide altar flowers for a particular Sunday. If you have any questions about providing flowers, please contact Cheri Zehendner.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE

August 6 ~ 9th Sunday after Trinity "'Be as patient with others as you know God is with you. In so doing, you will be keeping your head in all circumstances' (2 Timothy 4:5). You will find the resolve to remain calm and patient, even though ideologically you may become incensed. Theologically, you know what it means to be the object of perfect love. Let Christ be your role model." *Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Director of Christian Life Resource – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 13 ~ 10th Sunday after Trinity "In Jesus there is healing; there is forgiveness. You, dear brother and sister in Christ, need not fear His wrath. For you, the words 'Christ is risen' are good words, they are the best words. They are words so good they should not be contained but shared with the world. They are pure Gospel." *Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 20 ~ 11th Sunday after Trinity "Live as a son or daughter of God, for He loves you as only a Father could. One thing you can know about God: He will never say about you, 'These are not Our kind of people.' Because of Christ and what He has done for you, the Father will never say that about you." *Rev. Dr. Oswald Hoffman, Guest Speaker on "The Lutheran Hour" " – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

August 27 ~ 12th Sunday after Trinity "The rainbow is a reminder that God's grace will always preserve you and this beautiful world in which you live until He raises you and takes you to heavenly glory. This is God's amazing grace, and His grace generates your life of genuine gratitude." *Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

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The WORD of the LORD ENDURES FOREVER

Study the Bible with the Church,
Past and Present

A daily, verse-by-verse Bible Study
hosted by
Pastor Will Weedon
thewordendures.org

Sacred Music 24/7

lutheranpublicradio.org

Issues, Etc.

Talk Radio for the Thinking Christian

www.issuesetc.org

Vacation Bible School

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who helped out with VBS whether it was helping with the classes, or donating food/supplies. We had on average 16 children attend each night. The kids all seemed to have had a good time as well.



The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry ~ Newsletter article – August 2022

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord's life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God's Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living has on us. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, "How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others," to asking the question, "What have they done for me lately?" We become more selfish instead of selfless.

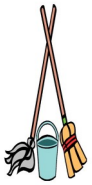
But when we give, we do not have less, we do not become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

– LCMS Stewardship Ministry: lcms.org/stewardship



Summer Help Needed

With summer schedules changing, we are in need of help with mowing the lawn and some of the simple cleaning duties at the church. If you are able to volunteer for any of these duties, please let us know. We will create a schedule so people would know when they have signed up and we would know we have the required coverage. The church will supply the mower, gas, cleaning supplies and equipment.





Bonnie Ellis 80th Birthday Open House

There will be an Open House held to celebrate Bonnie Ellis' 80th Birthday. It will be on Sunday, August 13th in the Fellowship Hall from 12pm – 2pm. All are welcome.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 30, 2023

	05/2023	06/2023	07/2023
Deposits:	$ 18,665.83	$ 13,367.76	$ 30,320.49
Disbursements:	$ 55,944.60	$ 12,744.63	$-18,871.07
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Deposit Breakdown:			
General Fund:	$ 15,509.83	$ 12,887.28	$ 20,256.49
Designated Funds:	$ 3,156.00	$ 480.48	$ 10,064.00
Monthly Budget Requirement:	$ 15,929.72	$ 15,929.72	$ 19,912.15
Mortgage Balance as of 07/30			$ 85,701.45



IN OUR PRAYERS

Mildred Corey, Home
Helen Kriz, Bethany Lutheran Home, Brandon
Lisa Johnson, health issues
Susan Powell, at home
Elva Clauson at home

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to Timothy: "I am writing these instructions to you so that, if I am delayed, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God ...." The context of this passage is that of worship/ church.

Still, two alternatives remain: 1) women are absolutely prohibited from every form of teaching or public address; or 2) women are prohibited from *certain types* of teaching or public address, especially from that exercised by the "teaching office," that is, the pastoral office. **The teaching that Paul forbids women to perform is** the latter, namely, that of **the formal, public proclamation of the Christian faith**. The word for teach (*didaskein*) is used uniformly in this way throughout 1 Timothy. This term is used in this epistle to refer to "false teachers" (1:3,7); "overseers" (i.e., pastors) who are "able to teach" (3:2); the pastor Timothy, who is to "teach" (4:11), to "attend to the **public reading of Scripture**, to **exhortation**, to **teaching**" (4: 13), to "take heed ... to your teaching" (4:16), and to "**teach and exhort** these things" (6:2); the "elders ... who labor in preaching and teaching" (5:17); and especially the apostle Paul himself, who is a "teacher of the Gentiles." (2:7) (pp. 33-34)

It is important that when things are proposed for the worship service that we look at what that could mean in the future. At Christ Lutheran we take the public worship service very seriously. We look at who is involved, how they are involved and why. In years gone by, we have adopted thesis on worship to help guide our actions. Our goal is to stay inline with the LCMS, and more importantly with scripture. I am thankful for the many resources, such as the CTCR document referred to above, our church body produces to help us to understand what is faithful and what is not. If you have any questions about what we do and why, please feel free to ask.

In Christ, Pastor Nix

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VBS 2023

We just finished our VBS program for this year. we had an average of 16 children take part this year .

This year we continued the Tree of Life program we started last year. This year we went through the New Testament. We looked at Jesus' ministry of miracles, healing, preaching and leading to the Cross. We looked at the cross as the tree on witch life was taken, but also given. We saw the empty tomb showing the victory of life over death. And we saw the new Jerusalem and the tree of life eternal there.

We had a good group of kids and as always wonderful people to help our children learn of the love of Christ. We look forward to next year.







KIDS IN THE DIVINE SERVICE



What is a "creed"?

The Explanation of the Small Catechism says a creed "is a statement of what we believe, teach and confess." The word "creed" comes from the Latin word "credo" which means "I believe." Many organizations have and use creeds. The Church uses three creeds: the Apostles' Creed, the Nicene Creed and the Athanasian Creed. The creeds of the Church are different from all other creeds because they proclaim a living and wonderful faith that comes from God!

Why do we speak the creed in the Divine Service?

What if I told you that when you speak the creed, you are telling the whole world what you believe? It's true! When you speak the creed in the Divine Service you are responding in faith to what God has done for you through Jesus, and you are confessing the very Gospel message that saves all who believe. What a great thing to do every Sunday!

Parents:
Before or after the Divine Service, show your children where they can find the creeds of the Church in the hymnal. Utilize these wonderful gifts from God in your family devotions at home. Speaking the Apostles' Creed together in the morning is a great way to start the day.

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UPCOMING 2023

- Sept 10 Rally Day
- Sept 10 Voters Meeting
- Oct 28 Trunk or Treat, TBA
- Nov 05 Daylight Saving Time Ends, 2am
- Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day Divine Service, 9:30 am
- Nov. 30, Dec 06, 13, 20
  Advent Services, 7pm
- Dec 20 Children's Christmas Service 7pm
- December 24 Christmas Eve service, 5pm
- December 25 Christmas Day Service 9:30 am
- No New Year's Eve/Day Service

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