



NEWSLETTER

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October & November 2017 A.D. – THOUGHTS FROM THE PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Wednesday morning Bible Class is now studying the book of Proverbs from the Old Testament. In this section of the Word of God, there are many short, wise sayings that have been saved. They have been written down for us God's children to think about and to follow in our everyday living as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 1:7 is the key verse for the book. **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction”** (ESV). The Hebrew word for “fear” has 2 senses to it. First, the Hebrew word for “fear” means to be afraid of something or someone. Second, when referring to a person of high position, “fear” takes on the idea of standing in awe or reverence before that individual.

“The fear of the LORD” that is spoken of in Proverbs is related to trust. Trust in the triune God is a firm belief in God's reliability, truth, ability, and strength to do what God says He's going to do. If you and I have awe and reverence for God almighty, then with the Holy Spirit's help we will trust His words to us and His actions on our behalf.

We all have to deal with numerous things in life. Some things are good and some are not so good. Often (or should I say usually) our society, and the going trends of the world, don't give us the best advise or encouragement or hope or example for our situation in life. Many people then do some very foolish and evil things because they don't know about the one true God and His holy Word.

For instance, some who have been bullied strike back with acts of violence against those who bullied them. Some who see no hope for living end their life. That's one reason why the suicide rate is very high among veterans of our armed forces.

The Word of God records examples of individuals who did some foolish and evil things. Cain killed his brother Abel. Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. Moses killed an Egyptian. David committed adultery with Bathsheba and then arranged the murder of her husband. King Herod had the baby boys in the Bethlehem area killed in his quest to do away with the Christ child. And many others.

The Word of God also records example of individuals who feared the LORD and trusted in Him. Noah who built the ark. Abraham who went to sacrifice his son Isaac. The people of Israel who marched around the city of Jericho. Daniel in the lion's den. Joseph and Mary who with the baby Jesus escaped to Egypt in the middle of the night. And others as well.

The book of Proverbs is a wonderful place for the disciple of Jesus Christ to gain God's wisdom and instruction for living in this sinful, evil world. This general instruction of God's guidance through His Word can be a great help for us especially when situations come our way that may challenge our faith in our Savior Jesus Christ.

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One of the things that Proverbs teaches is that the person who fears the LORD clings to Him. You and I should be clinging to our Savior as a branch clings to the vine. We trust in the our Lord to provide us with all that we need for our spiritual and physical living.

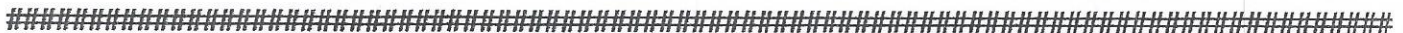
When you and I fear God, there is nothing to be afraid of!

Even if you're not able to attend our Wednesday Bible Study of the book of Proverbs, I would encourage you to take some time to read through all 31 chapters. Maybe you could read one chapter each day.

May our loving triune God help us to always treasure and use the wisdom and knowledge of, not just Proverbs, but of all of the Word of God.

May the love of the Lord Jesus always be in your hearts!

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“LCMS Disaster Response is committed to helping hurricane victims for the next three years, as tens of thousands of people who have lost all their earthly goods begin to rebuild their lives. As we continue caring for people in the wake of Harvey and Irma, we also are preparing to respond — along with our LCMS missionaries in the area — to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic. In the stead of a multitude of generous Lutheran partners, we are committed to providing body-and-soul care to individuals and entire communities.”

— REV. DR. ROSS JOHNSON, LCMS DISASTER RESPONSE DIRECTOR

To Give:

- **Online** — Visit lcms.org/harvey and lcms.org/irma.
- **By text** — Text “LCMSHARVEY” or “LCMSIRMA” to 41444.
- **Over the phone** — Call the LCMS toll-free gift line between 8 a.m. and 4:10 p.m. Central time at 888-930-4438 or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267.
- **By mail** — Make checks payable to “The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod” (or “LCMS”). On the memo line, write “Disaster Response/Relief,” and mail to the LCMS, P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO, 63166-6861. Gifts also can be designated specifically for Hurricane Harvey and/or affected areas by stipulating in the memo line.

Gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Additional information about our LCMS response, and the impact your gifts are having, will be available over the weeks and months ahead at lcms.org, on the Synod's social-media outlets, and in our official periodicals and publications.

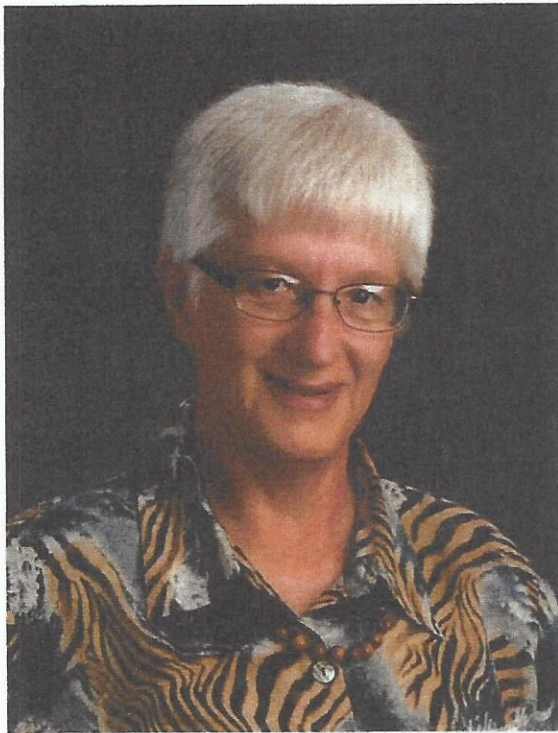
Prayer:

Father of mercy, God of all comfort, our only help in time of need, with the dawn of a new day renew the hope of Your children. You are the God who brings light out of darkness, and You can turn adversity into blessing. We beg you to show Yourself a very present help in time of trouble to all who cry out to You this day; through Christ our Lord. Amen

NOTE: The following information is provided by Karen Herrick, Peggy Haase's sister.

Notes from Peggy Haase at her mission in Juaben, Ghana:

- First major event was to help prepare for and attend the September 2 wedding for the daughter of the pastor [Pastor Joseph] who led the start up of Jewel International Christian School
- The Jewel International Christian School opened Sep 5 for young, energetic grade schoolers. Peggy reports that schools are "managed" a bit differently in Ghana so she is adjusting her teaching to align with the more "fixed" approach and trying to grow comfortable with that difference.
- Peggy has shared many photos on her Facebook page. The children all look so happy and excited to be in this school.
- In addition to the teaching ministry, Peggy gave the message during the church service two weeks ago at Pastor Joseph's church. She also reports that the pre-school children and she find it the hardest to understand each other's "accents" whether they communicate in the native language, Twi, or in English. The older children can understand her newly-learned Twi much better. And, she adds, it isn't like she has a huge vocabulary yet in their language. But, they do speak English with different sounds so "listening intently" is a must.



Pray for Peggy

- * Ministry with the Children
- * Ministry with the Teachers
- * Health and safety
- * Protection for my family and friends back home

Thank you for your support for my ministry in Ghana. This is an exciting year to come. You and your families are also in my prayers.

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Fellowship News

The Lutheran Witness is an official publication of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Copies of past issues of The Lutheran Witness are in the Narthex. If any spark an interest, please feel free to take them home with you any of the past issues.

1st Aid Kits are available. One is kept in the draws near the mailboxes in the Narthex. The other is in the Fellowship Hall closet where kitchen supplies are stored. **Ice-packs** are in the basement refrigerator's freezer in the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Red mesh stocking project

A monthly coin collecting project is underway. Ask Grace for a red mesh stocking if you would like to be a part of this social ministry project. Please put a few coins into your stocking each month. Then you will be asked to bring it to church in December. Your coins will be gathered together with those of fellow church members. The funds will go to special Christmas gifts to those needy in the congregation and /or to local charities.

Social Ministry

In the past years, St. Timothy Lutheran Church has been very supportive and generous in contributing to the various social ministry activities. Please look over the following list of activities the congregation has been a part of. Please let Pastor Flath and/or the church council know what your thoughts are in continuing to do some or all of these, or doing something that's not on the list.

Some of our activities in the past have been:

- During Lent: meals in a bag to the Lynnwood Food Bank.
- November food drive to replenish shelves at the food bank after Thanksgiving.
- Clothes collected and taken to homeless shelters.
- Collections at other times of the year for various charitable projects.

Jesus once said that "you'll always have the poor with you". Therefore, there will always be folks around us who are in need of some kind of physical assistance. As disciples of Jesus Christ who are moved by Jesus' love for us, let's continue ask the Lord for His wisdom so that we might use the time, talents, and resources that we have in the best possible ways to help individually and as a congregation some of those people in need.

AA (alcoholics anonymous) groups hold on going evening meetings weekly in Room 1.

NW Reformation 500

Save the date of Sunday, October 29, 2017, to join with Lutherans from throughout western Washington in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation's beginning. The LCMS-led worship service is being held at Overlake Christian Church in Redmond, WA due to the expected number of worshipers. Everyone is invited!

Important information:

Location -- 9900 Willows Road NE; Redmond, WA

Exhibits and fellowship opens at 2:30 p.m.

Festival Worship -- 4:30 p.m.

Presiding Minister -- Rev. Paul Linemen, LCMS NW District President

Preacher -- Rev. Dr. William Weirich, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN

ASL interpreters for the hearing impaired

nwreformation500.org

LWML NEWS

LWML MISSION MITES

are collected on the fourth Sunday of



every month. Please bring yours on
October 22 and November 26.

Donations will be collected during the
church service when you come to the
front for communion.



*SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS*

Psalm 100:2

Please note:

Items and events concerning the
Lutheran Women's Missionary League
will continue to appear in the newsletter
and in the Sunday bulletin

Ladies Guild Notes:

The **LWML Olympic Zone Fall Rally** will be on Saturday, October 14, 2017, at Messiah Lutheran Church (7050 35th Avenue NW – Seattle). Registration with a \$4.00 donation begins at 9:30 a.m. The program begins at 10:00 a.m.

Special speakers will be Rev. Jeffrey and Ronda Ries who will share their West African LWML Missionary Retreat in Cape Town, South Africa.

An in-gathering of hats, gloves, scarves, and socks will take place upon arrival. They will be given to the Everett Gospel Mission.

The **Ladies Guild group of St. Timothy** in May 2017 decided to go into hibernation for the time being. This came about because there are few ladies of the congregation that could take part in the meetings and other activities that they were involved with.

The Ladies Guild funds were transferred into the congregation's bank account as a line item. If there are certain projects or needs that the congregation may have, the women of the congregation can decide to use some of their funds or not.

This also means that St. Timothy will not be hosting any of the local LWML zone events. Our ladies will still be invited to attend as they have in the past.

Mites for projects of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League will still be collected during the worship service on the 4th Sunday of each month. An oversized Mite Box will be placed before our altar to receive our generous donations. For over 60 years, mites have been gathered in many congregations across our Synod to support various mission ventures locally and around the world. We thank the Lord that pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters (as well as cash) have added up over the years to accomplish much for the Kingdom of God.

Small Mite Boxes are available in the Narthex for your monthly collecting of coins.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Please Remember in Your Prayers:

Our homebound members:

Barbara; Wilma; Millie; Gertrud; Alex

Folks with Health Concerns:

Major; Steve; Wilma; Thirza; Liese
Family members and friends: Lynn; Jenae;
Tim; John; Ava; Logan; Todd; David; Betty

Those with Birthdays:

October 1 - George Rudy
5 - Beatrice Simon
8 - Grace Hundtoft
10 - Doug Spaulding
11 - Sandy Flath
21 - Debbie Zaske
31 - Mary Stewart

November 10 - Mike McEntire
20 - Alicia Gonzalez
28 - Charles Stewart

Those with a Wedding Anniversary:

November 28 David & Joyce Hammond

Please inform Pastor Flath if any birthdays and/or wedding anniversaries have been overlooked.

OUR CHURCH NEWSLETTER IS ONLINE

The St. Timothy monthly newsletter and calendar is available online! To catch up on current news, events, and see what we have scheduled in this month's calendar, please visit:

www.sainttimothy.lutheran.net

Let us know if you prefer to read your St. Timothy news online, and we will print one less copy – email us at:
stlc_office@frontier.com

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES

Listen to:

THE LUTHERAN HOUR Sundays

6:00 a.m. – 1320 AM KXRO
6:30 a.m. – 880 AM KIXI
7:00 a.m. – 1380 AM KRKO
7:00 a.m. – 107.3 FM KAWZ
7:00 a.m. – 105.3 FM KCMS
9:30 a.m. – 1180 AM KLAY



Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you are interested in receiving the official publication of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod called The Lutheran Witness, please speak with Pastor Flath. He will make sure your name gets on the list. Thank you!

December / January NEWSLETTER

Articles and Calendar

information need to be submitted by

Tuesday, November 21, 2017!

Please have all information printed or handwritten and place in the *NEWSLETTER* mailbox, OR hand it to Pastor Flath, OR send it via e-mail to stlc.office@frontier.net.

Please let us know if we have missed your birthday or anniversary. Thanks! 😊

YOU CAN READ THE BIBLE ON YOUR PHONE BECAUSE OF LUTHER.

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e love and treasure
the Word of God.
The Scriptures are
our sole source
for doctrine and
practice. The
Scriptures deliver

Christ to us, and for this we rejoice.

Luther desired that every person could have access to the Word of God. He translated the Bible into German so that every person could read it. A result of Luther's translation was the proliferation of Bible translations, and today, the multiplicity of media through which God's Word is freely available.

The Word is to be read, taught and proclaimed. The Word informs us in His will. Just as the Word made flesh came for the whole world, so God's written Word is given for all people.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
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REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

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