

Pastor's Devo...

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. *Acts 16:9-10*

We're over the hump...we're on the downward side of the year 2020...and as we continue reflecting upon "vision", we have today, a portion of Luke's reporting of St. Paul's work serving God's people. A report where God gave His servant, Paul, a vision of someone who needed to hear the gospel...the "Good News" of God's love and care for His people.

So I ask, as I regularly do...Is there anybody you know who needs to hear, for the first time, or maybe be reminded, of God's love and care for them??? Is there someone who hasn't yet been blessed to know, that in spite of all these crazy things happening these days, that there's STILL a God in heaven who has such love and care for them, that He has promised that all these crazy things going on these days will soon become a distant, or even more probably, a forgotten memory???

We all have them, don't we...people in our lives that don't right now have the kind of relationship they should have with the Lord. We probably all know people who have either themselves or maybe their children who, once being baptized have fallen into some kind of belief that their "good to go"...they've "been saved" having formally done what they felt was needed to be done in order be considered "Christian" because, after all, God's word says, "Baptism... now saves you" (1 Peter 3:21).

But it doesn't, it shouldn't, end there...The Lord Himself said so. His "great Commission" said to make disciples by "Baptizing AND teaching..." teaching those baptized people "ALL that I commanded you". And "ALL" is quite a bit...isn't it...it can't be done with a couple of visits a year (Christmas & Easter...and maybe Mother's day). Jesus held adult instruction with His disciples every day for three years...(3 years X 365 days in a year X 12 hours a day (conservatively) spent getting taught = 13,140 hours of teaching...and by my simple estimates, my simple 15 minute sermons/homilies/"Reflections" on God's Word...I would need 52,560 of said "Sermons" to attempt to convey these teachings...and with 52 weeks in a year, that means ONE THOUSAND YEARS!!! That's what I would need to cover the teaching that the Lord covered with His disciples...who's with me???

JULY 2020
NEWSLETTER



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Pastor's Devo (Cont'd)

But seriously, I'm only wanting you to think about how you might share some really "Good News" with people you care about...people you love, if they're blood kin, or people you've known since you were both "wee-little"...or who you see every time you go out to celebrate a special event at that favorite restaurant, and you see that same person who you remember gave you such great service that you gave them a better than usual tip...or that you know whenever that car of your's starts making those funny noises you immediately take it to that one repair shop...these are all people for whom our Heavenly Father sent His One and Only Son to save...and He desires that they "all be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth" (1Tim2:4). No, we don't have to travel very far to find such people (although we do have a family that live near Persia)...they're right close...maybe even under our very roofs...or maybe, even closer than that...Amen!

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 5 David Costello

July 6 Ruth Noren

Ted Kalagian

July 8 Kathy Thurau

July 9 Rita Freitag

July 24 Stene Anderson

July 25 Ashli Bunch

July 29 Susan Hanenkrath

*Happy
Anniversary*

July 13 Reverend & Rita Freitag

July 16 Don & Sue Baldus

JULY READINGS

July 1	Joshua 6:6-27, Acts 10:18-33
July 2	Joshua 7:1-26, Acts 10:34-48
July 3	Joshua 8:1-28, Acts 11:1-18
July 4	Joshua 10:1-25, Joshua 10:28-22:34, Acts 11:19-30
July 5	Joshua 23:1-16, Acts 12:1-25
July 6	Joshua 24:1-31, Judg. 1:1-36, Acts 13:1-12
July 7	Judges 2:6-23, Acts 13:13-41
July 8	Judges 3:7-31, Acts 13:42-52
July 9	Judges 4:1-24, Judg. 5:1-31, Acts 14:1-18
July 10	Judges 6:1-24, Acts 14:19-15:5
July 11	Judges 6:25-40, Acts 15:6-21
July 12	Judges 7:1-23, Judges 7:24-12:15, Gal. 1:1-24
July 13	Judges 13:1-25, Ruth 1:1-4:22, Gal. 2:1-21
July 14	Judges 14:1-20, Gal. 3:1-22
July 15	Judges 15:1-16:3, Gal. 3:23-4:11
July 16	Judges 16:4-30, Judges 17:1-21:25, Gal. 4:12-31
July 17	1 Sam. 1:1-20, Gal. 5:1-26
July 18	1 Sam. 1:21-2:17, Gal. 6:1-18
July 19	1 Sam. 2:18-36, Acts 15:22-41
July 20	1 Sam. 3:1-21, Acts 16:1-22
July 21	1 Sam. 4:1-22, Acts 17:1-34, Acts 16:23-40
July 22	1 Sam. 5:1-6:3, 10-16, Acts 18:1-11, 23-28
July 23	1 Sam. 6:19-7:17, Acts 19:23-21:14, Acts 19:1-22
July 24	1 Sam. 8:1-22, Acts 21:15-36
July 25	1 Sam. 9:1-27, Acts 21:37-22:16
July 26	1 Sam. 10:1-27, Acts 22:17-29
July 27	1 Sam. 12:1-25, Acts 22:30-23:11
July 28	1 Sam. 13:1-18, Acts 23:12-35
July 29	1 Sam. 14:47-15:9, Acts 24:1-23
July 30	1 Sam. 15:10-35, Acts 24:24-25:12
July 31	1 Sam. 16:1-23, Acts 25:13-27

News & Notes

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY: Pastor will take a poll to determine what the group wants to do in regards to social distancing.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Cancelled until further notice.

LWML : There will be a virtual convention sometime in July. More info to come.

A determination on **SECOND SUNDAY BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY** celebrations will be decided at a later date.

REMINDER: For those who cannot be with us physically for our Service, Pastor is available for “Drive-By” Communion if you want to stop by while you’re out running errands. Simply call to set up a time for an appointment so Pastor can be ready when you arrive.

LADIES- SAVE THE DATE!

This year we can all attend the LWML District Convention-VIRTUALLY. Please join me Saturday, July 18th @ 10:00 am for our 2020 District Convention. It will be a few hours out of our day but sure to be an awesome time of fellowship and study. More details to come.
Laurie

ELDER’S MEETING: Tuesday, July 7th @ 6:00pm.

COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday July 14th @ 6:00pm.

LWML LADIES...

YES! It's a GO! As of right now we will be able to have our retreat IN-PERSON. Eagle Rock Camp is hosting campers this summer and will be ready to receive us in September. So, registration is open! Mark your calendars and spread the word. We will come together again at the fabulous Eagle Rock Camp for the weekend of September 25-27, 2020. I have attached the registration form, a poster in both color and black and white, and a PR document that you can give to your church secretary. Please feel free to edit the PR information to best suit your congregation.

If you have been to an event at Eagle Rock Camp, then you know how wonderful it is and I am sure you will want to return and bring all your friends! If you haven't been there yet, you don't want to miss this opportunity!!! The view is heavenly, the staff are angels and the food is divine. Our theme is **"It is Well with My Soul"** based on the familiar hymn and Matthew 11:28-30. The planning so far indicates that we'll have an action-packed, fun-filled weekend. So, start spreading the word! If you have any questions at all please don't hesitate to contact me. And, if there is anyone else at your church who would like to be added as a contact, just go ahead and send me their name and email address.

Please keep in mind that we MUST have at least 30 registered to break even on the retreat. That's about an average of 3 ladies per congregation. So, it's very important to get the word out. Be sure to extend personal invitations to ladies who aren't involved in LWML. And, consider the use of "scholarships" for ladies who might not have the funds to attend.

As an added note, if you are a Facebook user, please join the group named "East Tennessee LWML Zone". You can search for it or the direct link to it is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1170385099753101/>. Feel free to share this with all the ladies in your congregation. It's a great way to keep up with what's happening. Thanks!



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Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

Simple Life The Mended Life

In the Word

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17

Of the Word

We know Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall and had a great fall, but who was this egg?

It is believed that Humpty Dumpty was a huge cannon from the English Civil War.

This great weapon was struck by a cannon ball, knocked off the tower wall, and blasted into so many pieces that all the king's horses and all the king's men could not put it back together again.

Ever felt that way? Strong and secure one minute when suddenly the world just falls apart. We just can't get it back together. Others are either unwilling or unable to help, and we wonder if there is hope. Good news! We are not like Humpty Dumpty!

There is hope for us. No matter how broken and splintered life is, we can be put back together by the King of Kings Himself. His love and forgiveness heal us from the most devastating fall of all, the fall into sin. Though we are fragile, God can make us new again.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Walking with my Lord

Father, I am so fragile and sometimes broken, but You alone are my strength and salvation. Restore me, Lord, and make me Your new creation. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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