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Pastor's corner:

Whose Gospel Are You Hearing?

Probably the most forceful condemnation in the New Testament epistles comes from St. Paul after noting that the Galatian Christians are encountering “some who trouble you and want to distort the Gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.”

In light of that serious condemnation, pause and answer this question of yourself—How would you know if you're following a distorted Gospel of Christ?

Is your answer, “I'd just know, because it wouldn't feel right”? Is your answer, “If it conflicted with my understanding of God, I'd know it's false”? Or is your response the ever so popular, “It doesn't really matter what you believe as long as you love Jesus”?

Such answers are based on you; your thinking, your feeling, your perceptions. The truth is that you're wrong if you answer with anything other than, “I know the Gospel revealed by God in His authoritative Word and any teaching that conflicts with that is false.”

God's Word is the rule and norm for all that we believe as Christians. Yet Biblical illiteracy is rampant in the church. So, despite the warnings against false teachers throughout the Bible, the church is ripe for deception. Are you one of those content to bask in ignorance concerning the Word?

Consider misguided faith as if it were cancer. It can do you harm and blown up to it's full potential it can kill your salvation in Christ. Would you treat your cancer with whatever “feels right”? Would you base your cancer treatment on your own understanding even though you know very little about oncology? Would you say, “It doesn't matter what drugs you take as long as they're from the pharmacy?” Of course not! You'd die! So why treat your eternal salvation with such a cavalier attitude?

St. Paul warns, “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.” That time is now and the place is within the church.

St. John urges believers “Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.” This was true within a generation of Christ's cross. How much truer it is today 2000 years later!

Folks, you need to not only read your Bibles, but spiritually profit from sound teaching of the Word therein. You need to know the basic teaching put forth in Luther's Small Catechism and then grow in knowledge and faith through the never-ending study of God's Word of promise.

To be lackadaisical about the Word is to be careless with one's salvation. The Word and Christ are one and the same—He's the Word made flesh, remember?

Join a Bible study here at Grace or contact Pastor Rich about the many, many resources now available for free online through various Lutheran resources. There really is no excuse for not growing in the true faith through study of the true Gospel. Don't settle for any old Gospel because some of them won't save your soul. Seek out the truth of the only Word that matters—the one that God Himself sends to save you.

Lectionary Readings:

August 1, 2021—Tenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Exodus 16:2-15, Ephesians 4:1-16, John 6:22-35
August 8, 2021—Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
1 Kings 19:1-8, Ephesians 4:17-5:2, John 6:35-51
August 15, 2021—Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Proverbs 9:1-10, Ephesians 5:6-21, John 6:51-69
August 22, 2021—Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost (Green)
Isaiah 29:11-19, Ephesians 5:22-33, Mark 7:1-13
August 29, 2021—Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Ephesians 6:10-20, Mark 7:14-23

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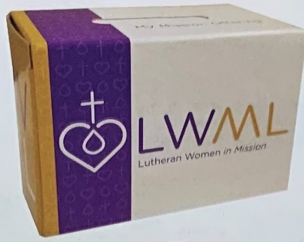
Seeking Mowers

The small courtyard behind the church needs to be mowed by hand because our lawn service's machines are too big and their weed-whackers are too brutal. We need a few volunteers willing to take on this task that requires less than an hour to accomplish. If you're willing, contact Pastor Rich and he'll show you where the mower and gas are located and add you to an email list to request a volunteer when the grass gets long. Thanks for your service.

2021 Elders

Derek Crawford, Gordon Fitzgerald, Joey Souther, John Wegner and Joe Deane

September 2021 Newsletter articles should be turned in to Lisa by
Thursday, August 25th. You may email these to secretary@gracehouma.org



2019–2021 MISSION GRANTS

LWML Mission Grant updates are frequently posted at lwml.org.

MISSION GOAL: \$2,100,000

1. Water and the Word for Rural Schools in Kenya: Evangelical Lutheran Church, Kenya	\$80,000
2. Teach Me Too — Preschoolers with Learning Needs: Lutheran Special Education Ministries	100,000
3. Mission Outreach for At-Risk Young Women in Africa: Lutheran Hour Ministries.....	100,000
4. God's Grace for This Generation: LAMP Ministry, Inc.	100,000
5. God's Word Changes Everything: Lutheran Bible Translators	95,000
6. Mobile Medical Mercy Mission Bus: Lutheran Church of Guatemala and Child Beyond International.....	100,000
7. Restoring Hope for Detroit Children and Families: Camp Restore Detroit.....	100,000
● 8. Lights for Christ Scholarships: Divine Savior Lutheran Church, Zacapa, Guatemala.....	95,000
9. Wind River Indian Reservation Transportation: Wind River Lutheran Mission.....	40,000
10. Ministry in Motion: Trinity Lutheran Church, Mobile, Alabama.....	58,000
11. Touching the Living Word: Lutheran Braille Workers.....	100,000
12. Women's Witness and Mercy Asia: Mission Central.....	100,000
13. Digital Media Development: Lutherans For Life.....	30,000
14. Hope and Healing Hub of Downtown Lincoln: University Lutheran Chapel, Lincoln, Nebraska.....	50,000
15. Pre- and Post-Seminary Training for Local Church Workers: Mission Training Center, Africa	62,650
16. Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow: LCMS School Ministries	80,000
17. Christ for You, Anytime, Anywhere: KFUE Radio.....	60,000
18. Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction: Office of International Mission.....	50,000
19. Making Jesus Known in the United States Ethnic Communities: Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.....	100,000
20. Music Outreach, Classes, and Resources on the Border: Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, El Paso, Texas.....	98,400
21. LCMS Deaconess Ministry: LCMS Office of International Mission.....	39,523

● -grant partially paid; purple highlight -grant paid in full

In the palm of God's Hands...

HEALTH CONCERNS: Billy Webre, Burt Hebert, Doug Villiot, Hunter Moore, Marabelle Leggett, Margret Cuccia, Mary Deane & Virginia Cunningham

BATTLING CANCER: Billy Palmer, Cindy Gorham, Georgette Savoie, Jay Cruise, John Adams, Nan Ashley Hebert, Penny Emling & Ursula Breaux

CHRONIC CONDITIONS & ELDERLY: Bobby Torbert, Brian Hoover, Camile Adams, Cindy Deane, Connie Oswald, Edna Marie Sevin, Helen Hoover, Jackie Webb, Kim Cape, Lisa Ledet, Rana DaSilva Moise, Richard LaCour & Sue Ackett

MOURNING A LOSS: the family of Ken Broussard.

NEW & EXPECTING MOTHERS: Amye Jakob & Stephen Carl Jakob, Jacey Corbitt & baby Corbitt, Kara Trahan & baby Trahan and Lori Prugh & baby Prugh.

SERVING IN OUR ARMED FORCES & THEIR FAMILY: Andrew Winn, Gage V. Romano, Haily Crawford, Heather Darce, Jack Hansen, Kyle Turcott, Leo Lampinen, Matthew Spolarich, Natalie Turcott, Nigel Koorie, Todd Mueller, Tom Hemminger, Victoria Shroyer & Zhain Shroyer

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Adriana Vitrano, Allen Trahan, Annie Reaves, Armand Erhart, Blayne Barras, Brandon Cinnater, Brooks Thomas, Emma Thomas, Donovan Domangue, Fielden Baker, Gabbie Corbitt, Hannah Cuneo, Harleigh Dahl, Isabella Appenzeller, Jared Moise, Karly Kyzar, Lauren Boudreaux, Madeleine Boudreaux, Peyton Kraus, Ross Reaves, Sophia Miller & Victoria Thalheim

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL UPDATE

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who volunteered this past week to help make our Vacation Bible School so successful. At "Rainforest Explorers" the children sang songs, heard Bible stories, learned Bible verses, made arts and crafts and enjoyed supper together every evening. Our thanks to the many members at Grace that donated supplies, Terrebonne Place, Senior Living for donating meals and to Auntie Annie's and Petersons for donating coupons. Thank you to everyone who supported the mission project for Bags of Hope. We're collecting monetary donations as well as non perishable items that are listed on the bulletin board in the hallway. We will be packing bags for the children in September to be distributed at the local schools.

We had great volunteers and hope that our next VBS will be just as fun.
Lisa Giroir
VBS 2021 Director

CONFIRMATION 2021-2022

Christ commissioned His apostles to baptize and to be *"teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."* Confirmation in the Christian faith is how we "confirm" the second part of this command has been carried out at a very basic level.

Confirmation class for the upcoming year is now being organized. Typically students begin the two-year course in 7th grade with classes starting in September. However, the class is open to younger children if parents believe they are mature enough to handle the material. Of course, the class is also open to older people who for whatever reason have not confirmed.

Pastor Rich makes every effort to schedule the weekly 90-minute classes when convenient. Past classes have usually been at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. While in-person class is preferred, Zoom participation is available. Parents and/or students are asked to contact Pastor Rich ASAP with scheduling preferences so he can nail down the details for this year's class.

Get in touch with Pastor Rich at the church office at (985) 879-1865 ext. 3, his cell phone (985) 226-1043 or via email at pastor@gracehouma.org.

Grace's Mission

**Building one body in Christ through Worship, Witness,
Stewardship, Service, Love, Teaching and Fellowship**



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August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pentecost XI Worship Sam/Food Bank Youth Biscuits follow S&S for all ages 10:45am Cameron Shroyer BA II Timothy 1-2	2 Numbers 13-16 Annie Reaves BD Numbers 21-24	3 Bible Study 1pm Shannon Lester BD I Chronicles 20-24	4 Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Chad Hannusch BD Psalms 105-107	5 Proverbs 22	6 Shelby Giroir BD Joel	7 Thibodaux Worship 5pm St. John's Episcopal Church John 13-15
Pentecost XI Worship Sam/Mite Boxes MG Baked Goods follow S&S for all ages 10:45am II Timothy 3-4	9 ECC Classes Begin Evelyn Brown BD Mona LaCour BD Numbers 17-20	10 Bible study 1pm Devin Crawford BD I Chronicles 25-29	11 Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Hannah Cuneo BD Seth Cunningham BD Psalms 108-110	12 Bible Study Time - TBD Rana Cassline BA Proverbs 23-24	13 DeAnn Barrios BD Amos 1-4	14 John 16-18
Pentecost XII Worship Sam Youth Biscuits follow S&S for all ages 10:45am Youth Group Meeting E. & J. Lapeyrouse W Titus	16 Numbers 25-28	17 Bible Study 1pm II Chronicles 1-5	18 Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Gage Romano BD Psalms 111-113	19 Proverbs 25	20 Chandler Theriot BD Amos 5-9	21 John 19-21
Pentecost XIII Worship Sam Baked Goods follow S&S for all ages 10:45am Jared Moize BA Philemon	23 St. Bartholomew, 24 Apostolic Bible study 1pm Donovan Domingue BD Rachel Moore BA II Chronicles 6-10	25 Potluck fellowship 6pm Praise & Praise 6:45pm Psalms 114-116	26 Bible Study 1pm Time - TBD PIPELINER ARTICLES DUE Isabella Chms BD Pat Bauman BA Proverbs 26-27	27 Obadiah	28 Acts 1-2	
Pentecost XIV Worship Sam Youth Biscuits follow S&S for all ages 10:45am Hebrews 1-4	30 Bible Study 1pm Miree St. Amant BD Jeannie Thalheim BD II Chronicles 11-15	Grace Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center 422 Valhi Boulevard Houma, LA. 70360 085-879-1885 / 1833 (fax) secretary@gracehouma.org www.gracehouma.org http://www.bible-reading.com/bible-calendar.html				

