



August 2023 Newsletter

New Life in Christ

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On July 20th, 1969 Neil Armstrong stepped out of the Apollo II spaceship onto the surface of the moon. The next day an American traveling in Britain was greeted with these words, "Congratulations! Your landing on the moon was a great feat!" The American businessman who have never been higher than 35,000 feet in the Boeing 747 replied, "Thank you, it certainly was a fine accomplishment, wasn't it?"

Now the Britisher and the American knew exactly what they were talking about. The Britisher knew quiet well that the American businessman had not been on Apollo II. And the American was under no delusion that he was not personally involved in or responsible for the moon landing. It was American space technology that accomplished the feat. Since American space technology was paid by the American tax dollars, was approved by the American political process, and carried out by American scientists, it was an American triumph. Each American vicariously participated in the event.

Although that is not a perfect example to illustrate the point, but it may help us understand what Apostle Paul is saying in his letter to Colossians when he tells

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them, "You have died with Christ," and "you have been raised with Christ." (Col. 3: 1-17). Through this example, I want to present a frame of reference which will help us to understand the magnificent Good News that is ours because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. A whole new dimension of life called "eternal life" is introduced to us by Jesus Christ. It is a life that is independent of biological life. But, rather, it is a whole new quality of life that is injected into the very person by God's action - sometimes called being "born again." The Greek word "anōthen" is best translated as "from above" rather than "again."

To be born "anōthen"-from above—is to have injected into our personality and into our very being a whole new principle of life which is independent of our biological existence. That is what is meant by the "new birth." That is why Jesus said, "Except a person is born from above," he cannot enter the Kingdom of Heaven. It takes that supernatural ingredient, that supernatural injection of spiritual life, that comes when we open our hearts and lives to Jesus Christ. For some that moment of change, that moment of experiencing this new life, is a dramatic experience. For many of us it's an experience of gradual awareness of Jesus' presence in our lives. We simply know that, as a result of having been raised in a Christian home and having heard the gospel all our lives, we have come to believe it. It does not make any difference how we were born from above, but rather, that we have been born from above.

Communion Sunday

The Sacrament of the Holy Communion will be served on Sunday, August 6th. Come and partake the Holy Communion.



LET US KNOW

- Let us know if you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines.
- Let us know if you would like to receive the Verse of the Day devotions.
- Let us know if you are hospitalized. (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.) Contact the church through email huxleytumc@gmail.com or 515-597-2625 You may contact Pastor Dass directly at 515-447-7953 or emmanueldasse@hotmail.com

Prayer Corner

- For those that are home-bound, their caregivers, and those we especially name in our hearts.
- Ongoing prayers for those in the medical field who continue to care for those affected by COVID and the families and caregivers of those affected by the illness.
- For Trinity Church's mission, ministry, and laity as they continue to serve the Huxley community.
- For our government and the government of NATO countries as they make decisions around the invasion of Ukraine.
- For our military personnel and their families as they serve our country.
- For those in our community struggling with health or financial issues.
- For those who suffer from depression or other mental health issues.

Golden Angels

The Golden Angels will sing on Sunday, August 20. Please come and join the group in praising God.



Brown Bag Sunday

Help those in need by bringing a bag full of non-perishable food items on Sunday, August 20th. Let us help serve the needy in our community.

Suggestions from JeriAnn for donations are: Toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent, fabric softener, stain removal products, toiletries like tooth brushes and paste, floss, body wash, etc., cleaning products, cereal, mac and cheese, canned fruit, ramen noodles, boxed meals and canned tuna or chicken, diapers and baby wipes.

Garden Bounty

We are asking the congregation to bring vegetables from your garden to share with the church family. Place them in the fellowship hall for people to take some. Thanks



Garden produce shared with others is a blessing to all. Others get the good nutritious food. and you don't have to can or freeze it!



AUGUST CALENDAR

Wednesday VBS

Aug 2 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Thursday VBS

Aug 3 5:00 - 8:00 PM

Friday VBS

Aug 4 5:00 - 8:00PM

Sunday Communion Service

Aug 6 9:30 AM Worship Service

Wednesday

Aug 9 6:30 PM Council Meeting

Sunday

Aug 13 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday

Aug 20 9:30 AM Worship Service

Sunday

Aug 27 9:30 AM Worship Service

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Once again we are donating school supplies to the Ballard School District students. The Ballard Clothes Pantry is partnering with the schools to provide supplies for students in need. Please use the suggested list as a resource and bring your donations to church by Sunday, August 13. Thank you in advance for helping children start school with supplies. There is a box on the floor by the welcome sign for your donations.

School Supplies List

- Spiral Notebooks, wide-ruled, single subject, 70 count (red, blue, green)
- Package of wide-ruled loose-leaf paper
- 1" Binder clear cover, black or white
- 1.5" Binder clear cover, white or colors
- 2 pocket folders or 2 pocket poly folders (3 holes punched) (red, blue, green)
- #2 pencils sharpened (Ticonderoga are best)
- Colored pencils
- 24 count Crayola crayons
- Crayola colored markers, 8 count, regular colors
- Yellow highlighters
- Large pink erasers
- Elmer's glue sticks
- 4 oz. Elmer's white glue



WELCOME BAGS FOR THE NEW BALLARD TEACHERS

We are preparing Welcome Bags for the new teachers at Ballard. They will be delivered in time for the new teacher orientation on August 14th. If you have any suggestions about what should be included in the bags, please let Kathy Parmenter know. There will be a handout with information about our church and will have this prayer printed on the back. We would encourage you to pray this as this school year begins and throughout the year.

"Thank you for all the teachers who have dedicated their lives to educating our students. Thank you that they equip their students with the tools needed to grow and achieve. Lord, bless them with the patience, compassion, and creativity needed to engage and connect with each student, understanding their unique needs and potential. Strengthen their resolve to teach with passion and dedication, even in the face of difficulties or discouragement. Please keep their classrooms safe from all threat of harm and bless each student to feel safe and accepted."

WHY GO TO CHURCH

Someone wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every week. "I have gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons, but for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

I have been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this, they all nourished me and gave me the strength to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!

Faith sees the invincible, believes the incredible, and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and spiritual nourishment.



Faith is a Journey.

FUN TIMES

In July we had a Block Party and boy was it fun! We had a really good turn out and met some new people. We want to do it again for this fall. Robin Isaacson has presented the idea below and would like some ideas, suggestions and assistance putting the event together. Below is what we have so far, please get in contact with Robin if you have ideas and want to help.

Fall Outreach Event

Fall Family Fun

Some ideas....

Pumpkin decorating

Candy corn guessing jars

Punt, pass, kick

Outdoors games

Crafts

Decorating pumpkin cookies

Photo booth with fall/football
props

Submit your ideas to
Robin (515) 708-0554
rdisaacson@msn.com

VBS



Food Truck Party!
On a Roll with God!

VBS is this coming week!! August
2nd, 3rd, and 4th from 5:00-8:00
Please invite your children,
Grandchildren, nieces, nephews,
neighbors. All children aged 4 and
above are invited.