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The Messenger

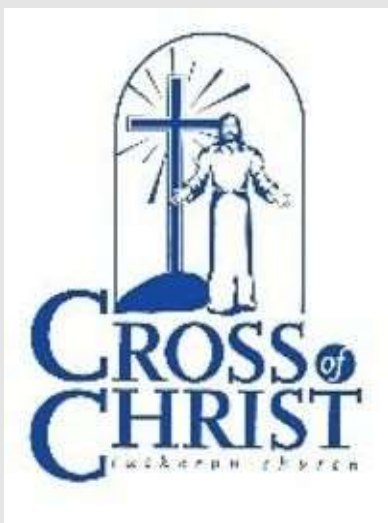
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Communion

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am

Wednesday: 1:30 pm

Thursday: 1:30 pm

Men's Bible Class

Second Saturday: 9:30 am

Sunday School

Sunday: 9:00 am

Message from Pastor

Been There and Done That

I really enjoyed the TV series M*A*S*H back in the 80s. One episode featured the chaplain, Father Mulcahy. He tries—but cannot—comfort a wounded soldier because the soldier wants to talk about the emotions of battle. But Mulcahy has never been on the battlefield and can't know what the soldier went through. After some introspection, Mulcahy decides to secretly stow away in a truck headed for the front. Upon his arrival, he finds himself in the middle of a full-fledged firefight. When it's finally over, he returns to the hospital where word of what he's done has already spread through the ranks. The final scene of that episode is Father Mulcahy sitting down once again with the same soldier. The chaplain looks him in the eye and says, "Now, let's talk."



When you talk to your Savior in prayer, you are not talking to someone who's sitting back on his distant throne in detached serenity. Rather, you are talking to someone who has been exactly where you are. Jesus did not merely get a small taste of what the battles of the world are like. Instead, Jesus fully felt the very worst that this world can launch against us. He faced hatred, jealousy, opposition, rejection and then some.

But remember, Jesus did this not only so he could feel what we feel. He did it to be our perfect substitute. "***He was tempted in every way, just as we are, yet was without sin.***" Heb. 12. He willingly took the punishment for our failures. He knew what it would cost him, and yet he paid for them completely at the cross.

Every day through his Word, Jesus sits down with you. Every day Jesus says, "Let's talk." When he does, think about where he's been. Think about what he's done for you. He knows what the battle is like. He's the one to carry you through.



All are welcome to celebrate the **4th of July** here at church. The meal will be provided (fresh grilled burgers and ice cream) and you are welcome to bring a dish to share. There will be games – cornhole and Bible Family Feud. To top it off, we’ll watch the fireworks display from the parking lot.



Something to Think About Ever Feel Like a Sheep?

Jesus said] “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” John 10:11

The Bible often compares people to sheep. Maybe that sounds like a compliment. After all, sheep are soft and gentle. They don’t hurt anything and seem pretty innocent.

But sheep are also pretty helpless. And sheep aren’t very smart. If someone compares you to a sheep today, they probably mean that you don’t think much for yourself but follow others blindly. That’s what sheep do, even if they are following right into danger or death. They have little or no ability to defend themselves from predators. They get lost easily. They need a shepherd to provide for them and defend and lead them. The people in Bible times would have understood the comparison well.

As unflattering as it sounds, you and I are aptly described as sheep. We are spiritually vulnerable and helpless. On our own, we’re unable to defend ourselves against the attacks of the devil, who attacks us like a wolf attacks a flock of sheep. We are easy targets.



At the same time, we aren’t just helpless victims. Too often, we choose to wander and get hopelessly lost. The Bible says, “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way.”

And Jesus, our Shepherd, knows how much you and I are like sheep. He sees those wandering thoughts of anger or lust that we may just ignore as normal. He knows about the selfish motives that taint some of our kindest actions. He knows when our hearts covet worldly things, even if we never act on those desires.

But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, doesn’t leave his wandering sheep. He shows us his tender mercy by caring for every need of our bodies and our souls. He picks us up and carries us through the dangers of life. And he doesn’t abandon us when things get dangerous. He sees the devil coming, and he defends us. He would rather die for us than see us die in our sins. And that’s exactly what he did!

Your Good Shepherd won’t run away when life is dark and difficult. He stays with you through it all. You can count on it!

Pastor Jon Rossman

HUMOR

Lost Man

A man had been lost and walking in the desert for about five days. One hot day, he comes to the home of a preacher. Tired and weak, he crawls up to the house and collapses on the doorstep. The preacher takes him in and nurses him back to health.

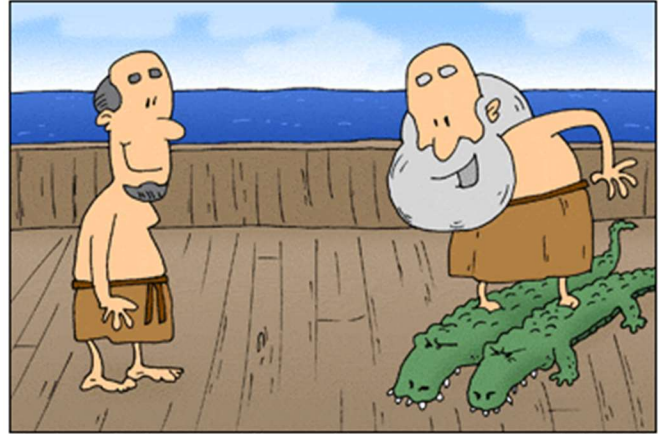
Feeling better, the man asks the preacher for directions to the nearest town. The preacher tells him the directions, and offers to lend him his horse to make it. The preacher says, "However, there is a special thing about this horse. You have to say 'Thank God' to make it go and 'Amen' to make it stop."

Anxious to get to town, the man says, "Sure, okay," and gets on the horse. He says, "Thank God" and sure enough, the horse starts walking. A bit later he says louder, "Thank God, Thank God," and the horse starts trotting. Feeling really brave, the man says, "Thank God! Thank God! THANK GOD!" and the horse is soon up to a full run!

About then he realizes he's heading for a huge cliff and yells, "Whoa!" But the horse doesn't even slow! It's coming up REAL QUICK and he's doing everything he can to make the horse stop. "Whoa, stop, hold on!" Finally, he remembers, "AMEN!!!"

The horse stops a mere two inches from the cliff's edge, almost throwing him over its head. The man, panting and heart racing, wipes the sweat from his face and leans back in the saddle. "Oh!" he said, gasping for air, "Thank God."

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Thanks to Dad or Sheryl Hengeveld

07-09-2007

YOU'RE RIGHT ... THESE CROCS REALLY ARE COMFORTABLE

Six Signs That You Are Not Reading Your Bible Enough

1. You open your Bible to the Gospel of Luke and a WWII Savings Bond falls out.
2. The pastor announces the sermon is from James . . . and you reply, 'Bond, James Bond.'
3. You think Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may have had a few hit songs during the 60s.
4. Your favorite Old Testament character is Hercules.
5. You keep falling for it every time when pastor tells you to turn to First Condominiums.
6. And the No. 1 sign you may not be reading your Bible enough: The kids keep asking too many questions about your usual bedtime story: "Jonah the Shepherd Boy and His Ark of Many Colors."

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Thanks to Karl N

07-21-2006

ALTHOUGH HE HAD STOOD STRONG AGAINST THE SIX OTHER DEADLY SINS, JAKE WAS OVERCOME BY SLOTH

THE LADIES CIRCLE



JULY NEWS



Baby Bottle Campaign ("Change for life")

-Thank you to everyone who took part in the annual "Baby Bottle Campaign" that started on Mother's Day, May 8th and ran through Father's Day, June 19th.

-All collected donations will be divided between the Advice and Aid

Pregnancy Center here in Kingman and the WELS Christian Resource Center.



ALTAR COMMITTEE - FLOWERS

-If you would like to provide fresh flowers for a Sunday service, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Any questions, contact Trish Gename, Ladies Circle President.



KITCHEN

The Sunday fellowship menu schedule is available in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to help out in the kitchen, contact Christine Hanson or Trish Gename.



SUNDAY MEAL HOSTS

The Kitchen Committee is still looking for volunteers to help out in the kitchen set up for the meal after Sunday service. If you are interested, please see Christine Hanson or Trish Gename for details.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE	
DAY	MAIN DISH
3 rd	Sloppy Joes
10 th	Pizza
17 th	Mexican
25 th	Salads
31 st	Sandwiches



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Irma Wilmer
8 th	Linda Mangelsdorf
9 th	Jeanne Neal
10 th	Oleta Dusek
13 th	Bob Ohlemann
22 nd	Don Nomann
29 th	Tim Mangelsdorf
30 th	Jesse Mangelsdorf
31 st	Nilda Cox



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

3 rd	Harold & Twilla Coleman
20 th	Shawn & Shaunna Nelson

BIBLE CLASSES


Thursday afternoons (1:30) and **Sunday mornings (9:00)** both just finished a video study of Daniel, and have just begun a look at **2 Samuel**.

Roadmaps to Reading the Bible, a class where we scan every book of the Bible to see its purpose, author, timeframe, and main parts, will begin on **Wednesday afternoons (1:30)** starting July 20. Reading is required.

Foundations of Faith class, the beginner's class, will start on **Tuesday afternoons (1:30)**. The first class is July 19.

July 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship Meal	 6:00 pm 4 th of July Celebration	8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class		1:30 pm Bible Class		9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 10:30 am Elders Meeting
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