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The Messenger

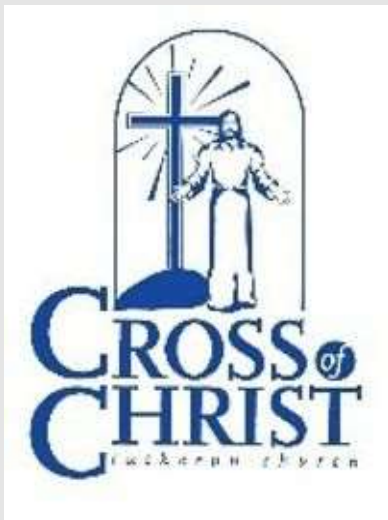
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Worship Services

Sunday: 10:00 am

Communion

1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays

Bible Classes

Sunday: 9:00 am

Tuesday: 11:00 am, 7:00 pm

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

HOW MANY TIMES... HOW MANY WAYS... HOW MANY PEOPLE..... HAVE YOU THANKED?

Survey companies are always asking someone about something somewhere, right? I have found that to be true no matter what topic I'm talking about. This time, in the spirit of the month, it was 'thanks.' See how close you can come to the figures I found online.

How many times a day does the average American say 'Thank you'? The average was 14. How many times do you think you say thanks in an average day?

How many ways do you say thanks? The average was 4. Included in the count were using the actual words, doing something nice for someone else, buying them a gift and giving them a smile.

How many people did you thank today? The average was 6. Spouse was #1, family was #2, God was #3, co-workers were #4, workers at restaurants and stores was 5, and #6 was random people who crossed paths on the bus, in line and the like.

Another tidbit I found interesting was this: out of the approximately 200 countries in the world, only 8 have a national holiday for Thanksgiving. Those countries are USA, Canada, Germany, Grenada, Japan, Liberia, The Netherlands, and Norfolk Island (Australian territory). All except Germany and Grenada have gotten it from us—something we should be proud of.

People usually find thanks to God flowing more freely during the 'Big Moments' of our lives. Good news from the doctor, getting a new job, finding that special someone, the birth of a child. But even then, do you find that you give yourself most of the credit, giving God vague credit? Do we thank God for everyday things like a house, food, safety, or love of others? Do you really express proper for God's daily care in so many ways? You know the answer. Ps. 106:6 confesses for us, "**We have sinned... we have done wrong and acted wickedly.**"

Even here we have something to be thankful for. **“While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”** Rom. 5:8 No act of goodness or thankfulness or praise on our behalf motivated the Lord to save our souls. It was purely out of love. We were helpless. **“In my anguish, I cried to the Lord, and he answered by setting me free.”** Ps. 118:5.



Freedom. Is there anything more deserving of thanks? Jesus set us free from sin and death. We are able to hold our heads up before the eternal judge because we are free in Christ. Living in the freedom Jesus won for us means being thankful. Ps. 118:28 **“You are my God. I will give you thanks, for you are my God and I will exalt you.”** It’s the perfect occasion to express gratitude in your heart for sins forgiven and the joy of eternal life. I hope you don’t need to take a survey to realize that. Come join us any Sunday or on Thanksgiving eve to thank God.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT..... Significance

My phone is full of pictures of moments that I thought were so very important. I have picture after picture of meals with friends, a beautiful view, or even selfies in a place I have never been before. Yet I must admit, I don’t do much with these pictures. Many of them are great memories, but I rarely look at them. Few get printed out. Eventually, my phone tells me I am out of storage, so I end up deleting them in large groups.

The book of Ecclesiastes reminds us that so much of our life is like the pictures on our phone. Significant in the moment, but not so significant long-term. Yes, there is joy found in time spent with family and friends. There is good work to be done at our jobs, in our homes, communities, and churches. God has given us a beautiful and bountiful world, and he wants us to find satisfaction from that world.

The book of Ecclesiastes also confronts us with the truth that there is nothing permanently gained in much of our lives. Much of our life consists of things that are good for the moment but are soon gone. Like pictures on my phone, they are important for a while, and then they are soon forgotten and eventually gone.

Ecclesiastes instead invites you to find your meaning in things that truly last. Find meaning for your life in God’s gracious Word to you in the love, forgiveness, and mercy he offers. Find meaning for your life in the work of Jesus that promises you a life to come that has no end.

So much of life is only for a short while. All of Jesus’ work for you will last forever.

God In Nature

Many creatures have, what scientists call, the “wonder net.” This is a special arrangement of blood vessels that certain animals need in order to conserve heat in their bodies.

A man standing with his bare feet in cold water would not survive long, but a wading bird can stand in cold water all day, and the whale and seal swim in the arctic with naked fins and flippers, continually bathing them in freezing water. All such warm-blooded creatures have to maintain a steady body temperature. How do they manage to do this?

They use what biologists call a “counter-current exchange.” It is a method of heat exchange used in industry. In animals it is called “wonder net.” The blood in one vessel flows in the opposite direction to that of an adjacent vessel, and in this way warm blood passes on its heat to the colder blood. It is equivalent to a double layer of circulating blood.

How did all those different animals, varying so widely from another, figure out how to do that? God planned it.

HUMOR

Christian Football Definitions

Two-minute Warning – The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings.

Instant Replay – The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations.

Flex Defense – The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life.

Draw Play – What many children do with the bulletin during worship.

Benchwarmer – Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit.

Staying in the Pocket – What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work.

Blitz – The rush for the restaurants following the closing prayer.

Sudden Death – What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes 'overtime.'

Backfield-in-Motion – Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service.

End Run – Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member.

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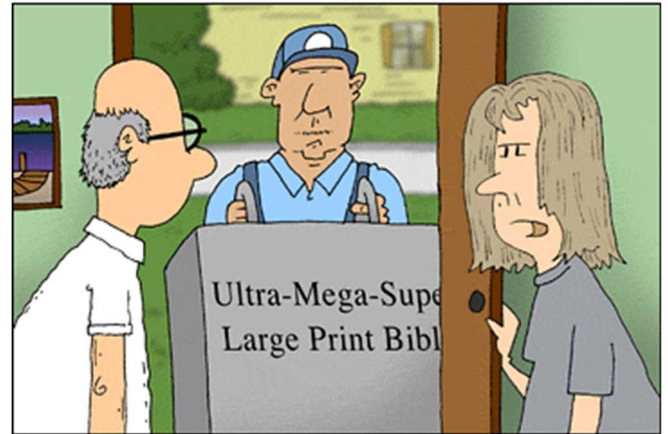


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HE THOUGHT THIS APPROACH WOULD LEND MORE AUTHORITY TO HIS SERMONS, BUT IT ONLY RESULTED IN SPRAINED NECKS

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IT'S TIME TO GET THE AUDIO BOOK ALREADY

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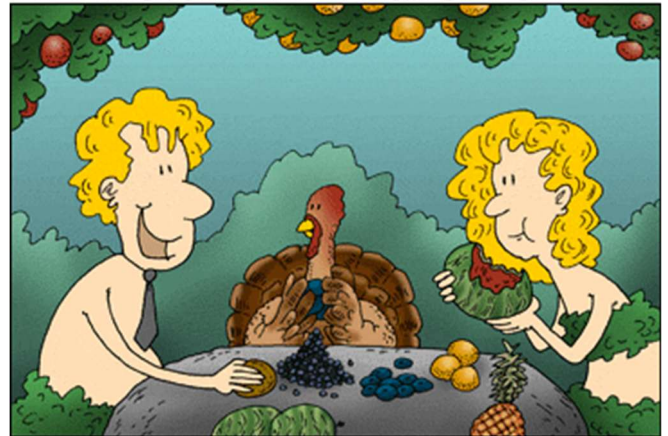
How Moses Crossed the Red Sea

A mother asked her nine-year-old son what he learned in Sunday School that day. He said the teacher told them how God sent Moses behind enemy lines to rescue the Israelites and lead them out of Egypt. When they got to the Red Sea, the army built a pontoon bridge and everyone walked across safely. Then they saw the Egyptians coming, so Moses radioed for reinforcements. Bombers came and blew up the bridge, so the people were saved.

His mother asked, "Is that really what the teacher said?"

"No," he replied, "but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it."

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(See Genesis 3)

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I'D LIKE TO GIVE THANKS FOR THE FOOD, FOR A PEACEFUL WORLD, AND THAT TURKEY IS ALWAYS ABLE TO JOIN US ON THANKSGIVING

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NOV BIRTHDAYS

9 th	Twillia Coleman
15 th	Gene Bishop
17 th	Susan Henry
17 th	Trish Olson
18 th	Richard Grant
25 th	Carl Barnes
29 th	Colton Vincent



NOV ANNIVERSARIES

1 st	Dave & Marilyn Jenkins
9 th	Carl & Shelley Barnes
20 th	Mike & Gale Dom
26 th	Gene & Shari Bishop
26 th	Mark & Rhonda Hutchins

NOV FELLOWSHIP MEAL SCHEDULE

DAY	MAIN DISH
6 th	Italian
13 th	Favorite Recipes
20 th	Thanksgiving (Turkey provided)
27 th	Mexican



NOV USHERS

**Zeke Jarcik
Ron McMillin
Merle Tilton**

THE LADIES CIRCLE

NOVEMBER NEWS

ALTAR COMMITTEE CHAIR - UPDATE

-There is no longer a sign-up sheet for Altar Committee Chair nominees. Trish Olson, President will be contacting individuals who have regularly set up the altar on Sundays, along with individuals who are interested in helping with the altar set-up, to further discuss a Committee Chair.

CRAFT SALE

-We will start accepting craft items on Sunday, Nov 7th. See Trish or Leena with your item/items.

-Craft items will be on display to purchase starting on Sunday, Nov 20th thru Sunday, Dec 4th.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

-Boxes of Christmas cards will be available to the congregation for purchase on Sunday, November 13th, at \$5 per box.

CHRISTMAS PLAY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for a few sewers and crafters to help with costumes for the upcoming Christmas play. Contact Trish Olson or Bill Neal if you can help out.

CALL LEADER- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

-Church Events Committee (calls made for prayer requests and funerals).

2ND EDITION CHURCH COOKBOOKS

Cookbooks are available (a nice gift for the holidays) - see Leena Meza, Committee Chair

KITCHEN

-The Sunday meal schedule is available in the Fellowship Hall.

-If you would like to be a Sunday meal host or help out in the kitchen (set-up or clean-up), contact Christine Hanson, Committee Chair or Trish Gename, Ladies Circle President.

NOVEMBER'S MONTHLY MEETING

When: Saturday, November 12th

Time: 9:30 am

Place: Education Building


Devotion series: God is in the Laundry Room (8 sessions about seeking God)

Monthly meetings are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September thru May. Committee call leaders will contact the ladies of the congregation prior to each monthly meeting.

All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and join in the fellowship, devotion topics, planning future activities, and the WELS Missions we support as a Ladies Circle group. By getting involved your time, talent and treasures will help continue God's work.

November 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9:00 am Bible Class & Sunday School 10:00 am Communion Worship Service 11:15 am Fellowship Meal		8:00 am Workday 11:00 am Bible Class 4:00 pm Choir 7:00 pm Bible Class	1:30 pm Bible Class	1:30 pm Bible Class		9:30 am Men's Bible Breakfast 9:30 am Ladies Circle Meeting 10:30 am Elders Meeting
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