



The Dual-Parish Review

Message from Pastor

Innocent as Doves

[Jesus said], “A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.” (Matthew 10:24-25)

Last week a church in Mississippi was burned to the ground by someone who objected to them gathering to worship. Spray-painted on the ground was the message “*Bet you stay home now you hypokrits*”, along with a symbol used by certain atheist groups. Here in Marathon County, the police were called on churches who were gathering to worship – called out by their own neighbors – even though they were following the same guidelines used elsewhere. News articles are quick to mock Christians who get sick, as if they deserve it. *Ha, the pastor who said “Don’t be afraid” has died! That showed him!* But that only proves two things: A: That they have nothing but hatred in their own hearts and B: That they didn’t understand what the pastor was saying... what Jesus our Lord was saying.

Our Lord warned that we would be hated and attacked for bearing His name. In the first few centuries after our Lord’s Ascension, Christians were routinely attacked by both the government and by mobs. One of the charges against Christians was that they were disturbing the peace (see Acts 17:1-9). The angry mobs were deemed to be *their* fault and Jason had to post a bond against *the mob’s* behavior. Another common charge leveled at Christians was that they were “atheists” because they dared to say there was only one God. The charges change over time, but not the reason behind them. The hatred they feel towards Christians was there all along, bubbling below the surface. They hate us because they first hated Him.

We will probably see more of this in the coming months. There will be more localized outbreaks of the virus – of course, because it didn’t disappear – and Christians will be blamed because they gather to worship the only true God. We make easy targets because we do not fight back. As Jesus said, “**whoever does not take his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it.**” (Mt 10:38-39) Bearing the name of Jesus may only earn us scorn in this world, but in the world to come it brings joy and everlasting life.

We’re not out of the woods yet... and I’m not talking about the coronavirus. I’m talking about our lives as Christians. We are to take up our cross daily and be ready to explain to anyone the reason for the hope that is in us, including to enemies. Why do we act differently than everyone else? Because we believe differently. Our faith is not in man, in government or in “Science”, but in the Triune God. What Christ did for us shows the deep love of God for us all and that knowledge banishes fear, kindles hope and overwhelms us with His love.

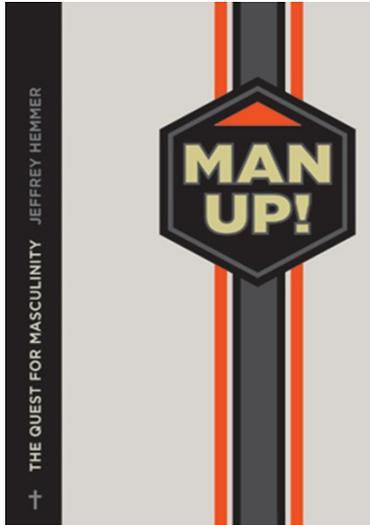


Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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Sunday Bible Study at 9:15 a.m.
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Calling all men! Pastor Schopp will be leading a men's Bible study to read and discuss the book "*Man Up! The Quest for Masculinity*" by Rev. Jeffery Hemmer. There will be seven weekly sessions starting Wednesday, June 24. If there are enough men from both congregations interested, we will have one at each congregation (the other starting on Thursday, June 25).

What is it about? It's about the Biblical definition of being a man and how not only is our culture attacking manhood, but we men are eager to cave in and surrender our God-given roles. To quote the author, "*If you were hoping for a book to teach you how to shoot guns, drive big trucks, and get your woman to submit to you, you should see if you can get a refund.*" Because there was one perfect man who modeled for us what it means to be truly masculine: Jesus.

Please call the office to sign up for the Bible Study, so we can order the correct number of books. The office phone number is 715-352-2888.

Photos Needed for Membership Directory

It's time to put your selfie skills to the test! We have been trying to get updated photos of members for the photo directory and were really counting on getting photos of people during the Easter season. Well, we all know how that has turned out. So it's time to come up with an alternate plan.

If each family can send in some recent photos we can continue to work on this despite the social distancing guidelines. We are asking for the following:

1. A photo of each member
2. A group photo of your household

Please include the name of the person in the file name, for instance, "Bob Smith_June2020.jpg" or "Smith Family- Bob, Suzy, Timmy - June, 2020.jpg" so we can quickly find the files and – most importantly – get the names right. If you already had your photo taken but want to send in a different one, that's perfectly fine. If you got a new hairstyle or shaved off your beard, we want to show the current you. If you e-mail these photos to either Sharon (secretary@bethstj.org) or to Pastor Schopp (cschopp@protonmail.com) we will get them into Church 360 and get the new directory produced this summer. Thank you all for your help!



Bethlehem

June Elders Meeting - June 8 - 6:00pm
June Council Meeting - June 8 - 7:00pm

St. John

June Elders Meeting - June 9 - 6:00pm
June Council Meeting - June 9 - 7:00pm

Prayers for Phyllis Diedrich, the Cutts family, Callies family whose beloved wife, sister and aunt Diana passed away on Sunday, May 12.

For All

Our friends at Zion Colby have invited you to celebrate!
WHAT: Retirement Celebration for Pastor Mark & Joan Neumann

WHEN: August 30, 2020

WHERE: Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Colby, WI

TIME: 10:00 AM Church service led by Rev Gary Schultz

11:30 AM Meal in church gymnasium

12:30 PM Fellowship

HOSTED BY: The Church Family at Zion. RSVP to the church office 715-223-2166.

June Birthdays

Bethlehem

Buss, Warren 6/4
Johnson, Madalynn 6/4
Ploeckelman, Dale 6/5
Kilty, Cheyanne 6/6
Venzke, Dolores 6/6
Buss, Russell 6/11
Kohnhorst, Mark 6/14
Kirchner, Aaron 6/15
Ballerstein, James 6/18
Marier, Joseph 6/19
Sprotte, Nathan 6/20
Niemi, Richard 6/23
Schafer, Rueben 6/26
Westphal, Nancy 6/26
Bunkelman, Russell 6/30
Denzin, Geanna 6/30

St. John

Kramp, Isabelle 6/1
Hamann, Mary 6/2
Schneider, Marion 6/3
Karl, Sue 6/5
Morien, Mae 6/8
Mueller, Linda 6/13
Koerner, Daniel 6/17
Cohen, Judith 6/22
Szymanski, Sharon 6/22
Thompson, Natalie 6/22
Wendtland, Madilyn 6/23
Werner, Jeffrey 6/23
Telschow, Katie 6/26
Pehlke, Traci 6/29
Wolff, Albert 6/30

June Anniversaries

Bethlehem

Michael & Marilee Neumann 6/5
Paul & Doris Clausen 6/6
Roger & Judy Empey 6/9
Thomas & Cynthia Graun 6/12
Jack & Barbara Ortman 6/13
Thomas & Dolores Venzke 6/15
Bradley & Ashley Thielman 6/27
Rick & Wanda Venzke 6/28
Edwin & Brenda Schmidt 6/30

St. John

Ron, Carolyn Hahn 6/5
Dean, Traci Pehlke 6/7
John, Sandee Schafer 6/8
Brad, Sandra Wendtland 6/11
Aaron, Karissa Niemann 6/14
Karl, Karen Heiden 6/16
Mark, Stacy VanHoy 6/20

Agnus Day by James Wetzstein



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BIBLE PASSAGE — He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ...

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Lutheran Hour Sermon Schedule

June 7

"An Undeserved Salute"

Speaker: Rev.
Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5:1-16)

June 14

"What You're Getting Into"

Speaker: Rev.
Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5)

June 21

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev.
Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5)

June 28

"TBD"

Speaker: Rev.
Dr. Michael Zeigler
New Series Sermon on the Mount
(Matthew 5)

Internet Resources:

Worship Anew is an online ministry put out by Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne available to view on the Internet. The current week's program can be found on their homepage at Worshipanew.org/ program.

Moments of Comfort is an online video ministry of Worship Anew which speaks to the sufferings we face in this life with the comforting message of God's Word. They have a list of archived programs listed on the site.

Lutheran Hour Website: lhm.org/covid-19/ Has special video messages of encouragement from Dr. Michael Zeigler. Messages of Faith and Hope in these difficult and confusing times.

Radio Broadcasts:

Lutheran Hour Ministries - God has called all laypeople to be powerful witnesses for Christ to their families and communities. At LHM, we strive to create convenient ways for you to connect with Jesus and share your faith with others. Our products are free, easy, and digital so that you can use them in your home, on-the-go, or wherever you may be.

In this time of uncertainty, don't find yourself feeling isolated. HE is always with you! Discover FREE resources for your entire household and continue enriching your faith even when we can't gather together. Visit lhm.org/covid-19 and explore all of the ways you can hear God's Word, equip yourself in outreach, and provide Gospel-centered activities for the kids!

Radio Broadcasts:

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Station	City, State	Freq.	Day	Time
WDLB	Marshfield, WI	1450 AM	Sun	8:00am
WRVM	Marshfield, WI	91.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Medford, WI	98.7 FM	Sun	10:00am
WRVM	Wausau, WI	101.3 FM	Sun	10:00am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	550 AM	Sun	8:30am
WSAU	Wausau, WI	99.9 FM	Sun	8:30am
WAXX	Altoona, WI	104.5 FM	Sun	6:30am

You can also go on line at www.lhm.org or download the free App @ LHM.ORG/APPS



Issues, Etc. is a ten-hour weekly syndicated radio talk show and podcast.

The program features expert guests, expansive topics, while extolling Christ. The program is hosted by Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Pastor [Todd Wilken](#) and produced by [Jeff Schwarz](#).

Expanded Mini Service Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Festival</u>	<u>Participants</u>
Thursday	5/21/2020	6:00-7:00pm	Bethlehem	Ascension of Our Lord	25
		7:30-8:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	5/24/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Seventh Sun. of Easter	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	5/31/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Day of Pentecost	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	6/7/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Holy Trinity	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	6/14/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Second Sun. a. Pente- cost	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	6/21/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Third Sun. a. Pentecost	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25
Sunday	6/28/2020	8:00-9:00am	Bethlehem	Fourth Sun. a. Pente- cost	25
		9:30-10:30am	Bethlehem		25
		11:00-11:30am	St. John		25
		12:30-1:30pm	St. John		25

Please call Sharon in the Dual Parish Office at **715-352-2888** to sign up for a particular service.

Her office hours are **Mon-Wed, 1-4pm and Fri, 1-4pm.** As of 5/18/20