



JOY TO THE WORLD

SEPTEMBER 2011

DEATH BEDS

Russell E. Saltzman is a friend and colleague now also serving in the North American Lutheran Church. For several years, he was editor of *The Forum Letter*, utilizing his considerable literary skills to provide a survey of, and perspective upon, Lutheranism in its many and various manifestations in the United States. He continues to write a weekly (Thursday) article in *First Things*, a highly respected journal of Theology and Public Life. In the July 21st Thursday article in that publication, Russ captured in words what I, and for many, many clergy I am sure, clearly comprehend as our view of, and experience in, our Pastoral call. This article cuts to the very heart of the Good News we as Pastors are called to boldly proclaim to all persons as a result of the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ, that delivers us from sin, death and the devil. I am convinced you also would be enriched by Russ's article, thus I share it here with you, with permission granted.

I have been called to numerous death beds, and I would like to say I have learned many things about the dignity of Christian death, but I cannot say so. Death is an indignity of the first order; that's all I know.

My feelings are complicated by an acute sense of inadequacy for the occasion. Something noble and fearless should arise to match the solemnity of the moment, but rarely does. There is little telling pastors what to do at deathbeds beyond prayer book rubrics, nothing to instruct us on how to be an authentic pastoral presence. I am struck by the paucity of the verbal repertoire I possess. I rely on the prayer book, old words that are not my own, wondering always if they are enough. In *Freedom for Ministry* Richard Neuhaus spoke of the "seeming absurdity" of ministry and the clarity of his description never seems keener than when I confront the deathbed of a parishioner.

There are some death scenes I remember well, and some I remember only too well — because something remarkable happened, because the individual had become a friend, or because by one of those mere tricks of memory it lingers still sharp. They were gentle or painfully excruciating, or humorous and, as must be with death, always chastening.

- Sam was an electrical and mechanical engineer. He also had one of the best voices I've heard, and he sang at my twentieth anniversary of ordination. In his last day of life with pancreatic cancer he disassembled the blood oxygen sensor that was attached to his index finger. He started fussing with it in the morning, setting off alarms at the nurses' station. They came in and tried to set things straight, but he'd be back at it again shortly. They finally gave up and just let him alone. He stopped responding to questions, but he kept at that sensor, eyes closed, until he had the thing in pieces arrayed on his chest, parts sorted in careful order. "Dad," his daughter asked, "why did you do that?" "I wanted to see how it fit together," were his last words. Had he lived another day, I am still convinced, he might have put the thing back together.

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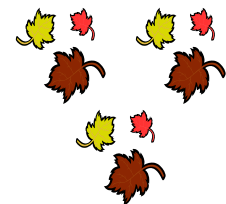
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PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prepare for worship each Sunday by reading through the assigned lesson prior to worship. Take some time to pray and reflect upon what God might be seeking to say to you in worship.

September readings are listed below by date:

12th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 4

Ezekiel 33:7-11
 Psalm 119:33-40 (35)
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

14th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 18

Jonah 3:10—4:11
 Psalm 145:1-8 (8)
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

13th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 11

Genesis 50:15-21
 Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13 (8)
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

15th SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

September 25

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
 Psalm 25:1-9 (6)
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32



SEPTEMBER WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

9/5	Larry & Linda Jacobsen	41 yrs
9/12	Eddie & Jennifer Kolojaco	36 yrs
9/17	Mike & Judy Ronning	23 yrs
9/23	Don & Emily Sattler	22 yrs
9/24	James P. & Brenda Goates	23 yrs
9/27	Parke & Gracie Wyant	16 yrs
9/28	Bob & June Tesch	43 yrs



Married couples who love each other tell each other a thousand things without talking.
 ~Chinese proverb



FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JULY OFFERINGS

GENERAL FUND:

\$23,336.50

(AVG. WEEKLY GENERAL FUND OFFERING FOR JULY:

\$4,667.30)

CAPITAL FUND:

\$204.00

TOTAL MONTHLY GIFTS from all funds:

\$26,296.15



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- After completing the Lord's Prayer I leaned over, took Margaret's hand, and spoke gently, "Remember, Jesus knows you and whatever happens, he is with you always." A look of irritation crossed her face and she opened her eyes and snapped at me, "I already know that." Then her expression softened a bit, and with a small smile she said, "But thank you for saying it anyway," as she patted my hand. I should have stopped with the prayer.
- The woman was ninety-four. Suddenly she awakened and announced, "We have to change our teaching! There's not supposed to be any pain in heaven!" "Grandma," her granddaughter told her, "you're not in heaven yet; you're still here with us." "Oh," the old woman said, "then it's all right."
- Harold was unassuming, quiet, an altogether nice man, with a deep sense of humor. His wife awakened me about midnight with a phone call; they had taken him to the hospital. I drove over and chatted briefly with him, said a prayer with the family, and after the doctor said Harold seemed stabilized for the night, went home. His wife called again, about three in the morning to say they didn't think he'd live through the night.

When I arrived, Harold was propped upright to ease his breathing. He wasn't speaking, eyes closed. Then Harold opened his eyes, looked for his wife, and winked at her broadly. Winked? Yes, then he closed his eyes, one breath, never another, and drifted into death. "Where the hell did that come from?" I unintentionally wondered aloud. "I don't know," his widow said, "but he was thinking of me, wasn't he." Then she wept and even laughed, a little.

- Lucille died of breast cancer. Her last coherent words were the *sursum corda* of Holy Communion, repeated steadily for a few moments until she lost final consciousness.
- George was the consummate small appliance hobbyist. He could fix anything and did, just for the fun of doing it. Thirty years before he bought his wife an anniversary "present," a twenty-five cent junk toaster from a flea market. He fixed it, and his wife had used it ever since. "Revenge," I think I heard her say. He had three, four good years in remission from leukemia, and then a stomach cancer took him within a year.

I really came to love the guy and, I have to say, he gave every indication the feeling was returned. It was terribly painful watching this good man die. As cancer combined with radiation treatments destroyed his digestive tract, McDonald's was running an advertizing blitz for McRibs. The commercials drove him nuts. His digestive track was crap but his appetite was intact. George promised he'd take me out for an order. We both knew otherwise; all he could take were ice chips. A few days before his death he took some ice chips, divided them in two paper cups, and gave me one. "We'll have to pretend these are ribs."

I was there the night he died, moistening his mouth with a swab. And I was angry, mostly because his family didn't know to keep his mouth moist. They could see, couldn't they, how badly the oxygen dried his mouth and how desperately he sucked on the swab? What was wrong with them? After he died, his daughter asked me to say a prayer. I did not want to pray for them, these people who wouldn't keep George's mouth wet. So I prayed for George, and I thanked God I had known him.

I had quit smoking six months before and driving home at three a.m., I fished in the glove compartment and found an old cigarette, as I had hoped. It was awful and I tossed it. Thinking about it through the years it would have been more fitting had I dropped by a twenty-four hour McDonald's for the ribs, but I instead stopped for a fresh pack of cigarettes.

I still haven't learned how to meet death with just the right word or gesture. Then again, could it be otherwise? We were not made for death, and death was not made for us. St. Francis would have us sing in praise of that "most kind and gentle death" but most of us, yet in the vigor of our years, gladly would settle for no death of any sort. It will come, nonetheless. And while anointing the head of the dying, as the prayer book bids, I will pray in words not my own, "Surrounded by angels and triumphant saints, may Christ come to meet you as you go forth from this life."

— Russell E. Saltzman



LUTHERAN CORE CONVOCATION / THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE



NALC CONVOCAATION



John F. Bradosky

The Rev. John F Bradosky

The 2011 NALC Convocation Aug. 11-12 in Hilliard, Ohio, elected a new bishop the Rev. John F. Bradosky to serve a four year term. The Bishop is the NALC's chief pastor and evangelist.



North American Lutheran Church Convocation, Lutheran Core Convocation and Theological Conference, August 9th – 12th, 2011

Pastor Tim, myself, Melissa, and Beth attended the Core Convocation as voting members. Pastor Tim and I attended the NALC Convocation as your representative, voting delegates. Melissa and Beth attended as guests.

The overriding emphasis for the week was Mission. I don't think you can be Christ Centered if you aren't Mission Driven.

The week of events started with the Lutheran Core convocation Tuesday August 9th, 8:30am with 400 people attending opening worship. Lutheran CORE adopted a new mission statement that will shape its future ministries: "Mobilizing Confessing Lutherans for Evangelical Renewal."

The highlight of the day was Rev. Buba, Missions Director for the NALC, being the keynote speaker. Rev. Buba used the story of the Resurrection of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew to contrast the "Great Deception" — those who conspired to cover up the truth of the Resurrection — with the "Great Commission" of Jesus. This man is truly inspired by the Holy Spirit and we are so blessed to have him here for our 25th celebration.

Wednesday and Thursday morning was dedicated to the Theological Conference entitled "Salvation Today", with 600 attending. The Rev. Dr. Carl E. Braaten started the conference by noting the importance of theology for helping the church to be clear about its mission, and how "Bad theology, like poisonous food, always makes the body sick, and that also goes for Christ's Body, the Church,"

There were four presenters:

The Rev. Dr. Gerald McDermott of Roanoke College in Salem, Va., addressed the "uniqueness and universality of Christ."

The Rev. Dr. Berhanu Ofga'a, General Secretary of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus, told the theological conference about the growth of his church body.

Dr. Robert Benne of Roanoke College addressed two ways that some Christians have politicized the church: 1. Politicizing the nature of the church and 2. Politicizing the mission of the church.

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson of the Institute for Ecumenical Research in Strasbourg, France, addressed "the Lutheran Legacy in the World wide Church."

And a panel with the Rev. Dr. Joseph Small former director of worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Rev. Dr. James Nestingen, and the Rt. Rev. Ray Sutton of the Anglican Church in North America. Gave their view of "Orthodoxy at Stake"

The NALC convocation opened with worship Thursday afternoon with about 800 present representing 168 congregations of which there were 270 pastors. Texas was well represented with delegates from Rosenberg, Boerne, Fredericksburg, Rockdale, Three Rivers, Tyler, Welcome, Bellaire, Richmond, and probably more.

There were representatives from many church organizations, world wide, giving their support to the NALC.

One of the first orders of business was to elect a bishop and eight council members. The current General Secretary the Rev. John F. Bradosky of Centerville, Ohio was elected bishop with 52% of the votes on the first ballot. All but one of the eight provisional council members, were reelected for 1 to 4 year terms.

Changes to the provisional constitution and eight resolutions were approved and will be submitted to all member congregations for ratification. This will probably be an agenda item for our next annual congregational meeting.

The Rev Buba announced the formation of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Society. Individuals, congregations and mission agencies can join the ELMS. He is asking for individuals to commit to support the society with a gift of \$20 per month — \$240 per year, and congregations to commit a gift of \$1,200 a year. Congregations, leaders and laity will be involved in the actual work of evangelism and world mission through first-hand experience and direct involvement. More information will be presented to the congregation soon. There are 50 new mission congregations in the NALC. Some are self supporting and some with support from other congregations.

The first missionaries to be sent by the NALC are Jim and Carolyn Nestingen who are going to Ethiopia, and Diedone and Serafina Panzo who are going to serve in Ecuador.

A plaque was presented to Thomas and Sandra Smith for their \$1M donation to the NALC. \$400K has been designated for a Great Commission Fund, of which \$100K was budgeted for use in 2012. \$400K for a Theological Education Fund with \$68K budgeted for 2012. The remaining \$200K is reserved for future programs.

During Friday's lunch break, Beth attended a meeting for the purpose of organizing "The Women of the NALC", where a constitution was adopted and leaders for 2012 were elected.

The NALC Bishop Paull Spring gave his report and told us it is his fifth and hopefully his last retirement. The NALC would not have been so successful, in the first year, if it were not for his dedication to the responsibilities of being a bishop. He and his wife, Barbara, received an overwhelming applause from the NALC Convocation after it approved a resolution in thanksgiving for his faithful leadership of the church and naming him as Bishop Emeritus.

The first NALC convocation was concluded with worship including Holy Communion, and installation of Bishop John Bradosky.

During worship I became very emotional, especially when I got up to receive Communion. I am getting emotional now as I am writing this and reflecting back on all that I experienced that week. Attending the Core Convocation last year and being present for the formation of the NALC was overwhelming for me. I couldn't wait to get back and share it with all of you and as I told you, if I was able, I would be back for the first NALC Convocation this year. God blessed me with that opportunity. I thank Joy's council and all of you for allowing me to be your representative. I took that responsibility very seriously and pray that I acted wisely on your behalf.

May God bless you as disciples of His Son, Jesus Christ, and let us go forward as individuals and a congregation to spread His Word to the world.

In Christ,

Larry Mikeska

ADULT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES!

JOY 101

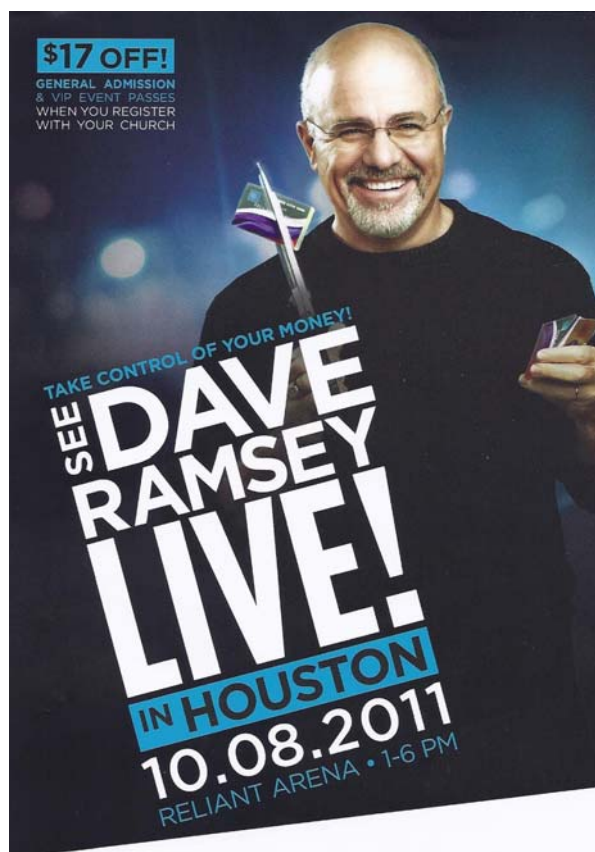
At Joy, we take seriously the obligation we have as leaders to provide solid, in-depth, and ongoing study of the scriptures for adults. Step one in this lifelong journey of being a disciple is Joy 101. Our goal is simple: every single adult disciple of Joy actively involved in ongoing study of the scriptures. Joy 101 is our basic introductory class. Here is where it all begins.

If it's been a while, or you need a refresher, or the Spirit has moved within you bring to your awareness your need to walk deeper with Jesus, Joy 101 is where it all begins. A signup sheet will be in the foyer. Joy 101 consists of 10, 2-hour classes. The fall session will be on Sunday evenings from 7-9. Please let us know if childcare is needed (it will be provided). The schedule for this fall is: **September 18, 25; October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; November 6, 13, 20**

A sizeable group of Joy folks have taken 101 (many multiple times), but many of you reading this have yet to participate. How about this fall? Eternity's a long time! 10-weeks is a pretty small investment of time and energy to make sure you are: *Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you.* (1 Peter 3:15 b).

Pastor Tim

(Classes are on video-tape so that if unforeseen circumstances prevent you from being present at a class, you can stay current (the material is sequential and each week builds upon the previous week) by viewing the video prior to the next class.)



Discounted Tickets are available through Pastor Tim! EMAIL - office@joyrichmond.org
More info is available at daveramsey.com/live.

Don't miss Dave LIVE in Houston

The largest, most exciting event on personal finance is coming to Houston on Saturday, October 8, 2011 and you don't want to miss it! Join Dave as he proves that, no matter what those "other guys" say, finances don't have to be complex and complicated. Come, laugh, learn, and prosper!

Take Control of Your Money

The Total Money Makeover LIVE Event is the LARGEST event on personal finances in the U.S. - period. Why? Because it's fun. In fact, it's the most fun you'll ever have learning how to win with money. Sign up TODAY!

It's a fun, interactive, high-energy presentation on financial principles that will change your life... "Like no other financial seminar on the planet!"

The LIVE Event is full of powerful information from America's trusted source for financial straight-talk...Dave Ramsey. It's entertaining!

You will laugh out loud as you learn along with thousands of people:

- What it takes to get out of debt
- How to spend your money with a purpose
- Keys to saving money like never before
- How to invest with confidence
- And so much more!

If you've heard Dave on the radio, then you know his philosophy and his energy. BUT you haven't REALLY experienced Dave until you've seen him face-to-face, live in action!

Dave says, "If you really want to get out of debt, you've gotta get MAD. You've gotta get wired up and fired up. You've gotta sell so much stuff, the kids think they're next." We see it every single event. People come to the event depressed and beaten down by debt, but they leave with hope and determination to eliminate it.

Experience it all for yourself by attending Dave Ramsey's LIVE Event

WATCH the toolkit for more information on Dave Ramsey's "Financial Peace University" presented at Joy! Classes will be at a later date and announcements will be made.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT JOY!!

JOYFUL WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

begins Tuesday, September 6th

Join us as we study the book of Acts. This book is a transition from the life of Christ to the new church.

Tuesdays 10 a.m. & 7p.m.

There is no cost associated with this study.

SIGN UP on the Joyful Women Bulletin Board or email Vickie Schoppe.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



Men's Bible Study will resume Thursday September 8th at 7:30 pm. All men are invited.

FORT BEND FAMILY PROMISE

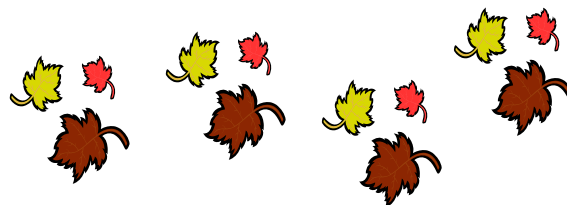
Meals are needed for homeless families at Fort Bend Family Promise from Sept 5-11. A sign up sheet will be in the Narthex on the bulletin board. Monetary donations also accepted and appreciated if you can not prepare a meal. For more information contact Shirley Morris.

INTERESTED IN BEING A DISCIPLE OF JOY?

Here is your chance. We would like to give you the opportunity to learn more about our mission to serve the Lord in our community and how you would fit right in.

The Incredible Journey is scheduled for Sunday, September 25, 2011 and The New Disciple Orientation is scheduled for Sunday, October 16, 2011. Both classes are on a Sunday at 12:00 noon, with lunch and Baby Sitting provided. The classes will last about 3 hours.

Please contact the Office at Joy if you are interested in attending these classes. Email office@joyrichmond.org or call 281-762-3310.



JOIN US!!

IT'S THE PITS COOKERS a ministry in partnership with Joy Lutheran Church AT the FORT BEND COUNTRY FAIR

FOR BBQ COOK-OFF

September 30th & October 1st

Culinary Grand Champions at the 2010 Fort Bend Country Fair Cookoff!



PEER COUNSELING TRAINING AT THE PREGNANCY CENTER

The Pregnancy Resource Center has a great need for Peer Counselor volunteers. It is our goal to be available for clients that work or go to school. To do this we must increase our hours of operation and our number of volunteers. The 7 class series begins on September 13th. The first six classes are on each Tuesday and Thursday and are from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The 7th and final class is Saturday, October 1st from 9:00-3:00pm. For enrollment, please contact Meggi Stewart at 281-232-2375 or meggi_prc@sbcglobal.net.

Class Schedule:

Sept 13th Tuesday 6-9 pm
 Sept 15th Thursday 6-9 pm
 Sept 20th Tuesday 6-9 pm
 Sept 22th Tuesday 6-9 pm
 Sept 27th Tuesday 6-9 pm
 Sept 29th Thursday 6-9 pm
 Oct 1st Saturday 9:00-3:00pm

The next Vision Hours are as follows: Aug 23rd 8:30am; Sept 8th 7:00pm; Sept 27th 8:30am; Oct 13th 7:00pm

TheGeorgeFoundation

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August 16, 2011

Greetings from The George Foundation.

We are currently making plans for our 2011-2012 Youth in Philanthropy (YIP) program. This year long program brings together junior and senior high school students from across Fort Bend County and provides them the opportunity to experience how volunteerism and philanthropy coexist to serve their community. The YIP Team participates in site visits and volunteer projects with area nonprofit organizations to increase their knowledge of the Fort Bend County nonprofit sector.

The 2011-2012 program is different than past years in that students will make individual application to the program. The YIP Team will be composed of 100 students being selected from the pool of applicants. Any high school junior or senior attending a Fort Bend County high school is eligible to apply.

We would like to invite you to help build the YIP Team by encouraging area youth to participate. The "Parents Guide", "Student Information and Frequently Asked Questions" and the "Student Application" can be downloaded by copying the following links into your web browser:

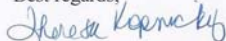
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http://www.thegeorgefoundation.org/UserFiles/File/YIP_2011-2012%20STUDENTAPPLICATION_Final.doc

Deadline for applying is September 14th. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact myself or Dee Koch at the Foundation at dkoch@thegeorgefoundation.org or by phone at 281-342-6109.

Best regards,



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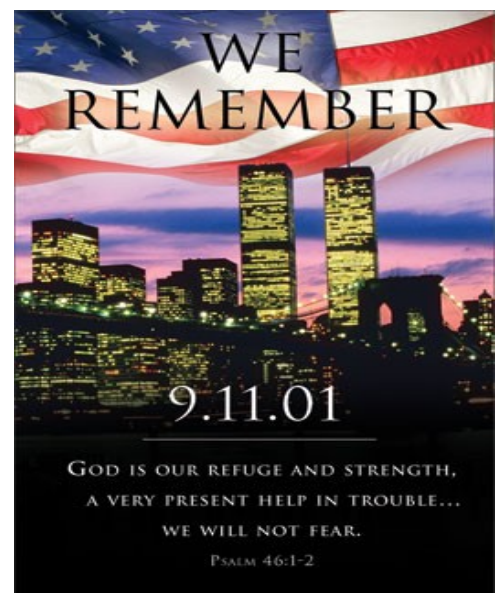
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HELPING HANDS for your generous donations of \$468. Thank you for your continued support.

Lutherhill Ministry for your recent gift of \$468 and year to date gift totaling \$3,480.00.

BIG HEART ORPHANAGE for your continued prayers and support.

Fort Bend family Promise for providing meals and gift cards during hotel week.





2011-2012 Sunday School Curriculum – Growing in Christ

This year, for Pre-K thru 5th we will be learning God's word from a the same curriculum as last year called Growing in Christ. The first day of Christian education will begin on September 5^h. Below you will find some information about this curriculum and how it is designed to share God's word with one another and beyond.

The *Growing in Christ* Scope and Sequence was designed with three guiding principles:

1. To teach the Scriptures as they reveal God's plan of salvation
2. To link Sunday school to the worship life of the church
3. To unite families in the study of God's Word

A top priority was to present God's plan of salvation as it was revealed in the lives of God's people throughout the Scriptures using as many Bible stories as possible. Equally important was the desire to match the lessons to the Gospel readings in the three year lectionary.

In the fall quarter of each year, students will study chronological sections of the Old Testament. By the end of the fall quarter in the fourth year of *Growing in Christ* the students will have studied all the major stories and texts of the Old Testament. In the Winter and Spring Quarters, the church enters the festival time of the church year and so the Sunday School lessons follow the appointed Gospel readings beginning in the Advent Season and following through Easter Sunday each year. These texts offer a nearly chronological presentation of the Gospels, really teaching about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The lessons after

Easter each year will cover chronological sections of the book of Acts, covering all of it by the end of the third year of *Growing in Christ*. *Growing in Christ* at every age level from Early Childhood through the corresponding Adult Bible Studies will study the same Bible

stories each Sunday. This is to enable a family to discuss what they have learned about their Lord as they go home in the car or around the dinner table. As children grow up in the *Growing in Christ* Sunday School they will come to recognize the Bible stories and at each age learn to discover the depth and riches of God's Word in each story.

Documented from Concordia Publishing House, www.sundayschool.cph.org

Sunday School Teachers this year.....

Age 2 to Pre-K	Kinder to 2nd	3rd to 5th	6th to 8th	Sr. High
Tammy Soward	Denyse Bray	Laura Parnell	Steve Budd	Shena Timberlake
Mary Budd	Melissa Meyer	Chris Parnell	Tracy Posey	Paula Curry
	Betty Christ	Hazel Leith		

Thank you for your continued commitment to serve this ministry.

Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from the LORD; they are a reward from him.

We will be doing the Commissioning of our Sunday school teachers during both services on Sunday, September 4th.

Please join us in prayer and blessings for our teachers this year as we celebrate the gifts God has given to them!!

Summer Sunday school draws to a close

Inside out and upside down on Main Street was a lot of fun this summer! The kids had a great time acting out parables in Parable productions, doing crafts in the fun factory and eating in the Brown Bag Bistro. We had so much fun learning about gratitude, compassion, grace, forgiveness, and faithfulness. Ask your kids to tell the words on the street and the stories that went with them! It was a lot of fun and we really enjoyed it!!



Please be on the lookout for upcoming details for the Beginning Sunday school Bible milestone presentation. Our youngest beginners will receive a Good night Bible, those beginning 3rd will get the Kids Study Bible and those beginning 6th grade will receive a Teen Study Bible. More info will be forthcoming.

HURRICANE PREPARATION

We are still in the middle of hurricane season, are you prepared at home? Here are some tips for preparing for a hurricane.

- Sit down with your family and develop a plan in case of a hurricane.
- Take pictures or video of your house and valuables for insurance claims.
- Trim trees and shrubs.
- In case of evacuation; know your evacuation route.

SUPPLIES TO HAVE ON HAND:

- **Water** - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 7 to 10 days. Katrina and Wilma should have emphasized the importance of having sufficient water on hand. Don't forget some for your pets.
- **Food** - at least enough for 3 to 7 days— non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices— foods for infants or the elderly— snack foods (Peanut butter; mixed PBJ; breakfast bars; crackers; canned fruit; raisins; chips; — non-electric can opener— cooking tools / fuel— paper plates / plastic utensils / paper cups
- Trash bags and duct tape - useful for clean-up, or patching leaks in an emergency
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes; Bug spray, Cortisone for bug bites; Sunscreen & Lotion
- Tarp to cover holes if needed; tarp tie downs; Rope
- Bleach and Water purification tablets; Waterless soap saves water for drinking
- Flashlight / Batteries; Radio - Battery operated & NOAA weather radio; Battery operated television, with extra batteries.
- Cash - Banks and ATMs may not be open or available for extended periods. Make sure you have small bills because it will often be difficult to get change.
- Keys to house, cars, boats etc
- Toys, Books and Games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag— insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc. Keep important phone numbers here. You may know them, but a loved one may not.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm. A pocket knife, nails, a hammer and rope are important elements. Towels and buckets are useful too if you develop a leak. An ax to use if you stay and need to escape from your house - or other uses.
- Pet care items— proper identification / immunization records / medications— ample supply of food and water— a carrier or cage— muzzle and leash

• Other Important Hurricane Tips

- If you can't get cell reception, move to high ground and you may be able to reach towers that are in working condition.
- Have a non-cordless plug in phone (a no-frills, phone that only plugs into the phone outlet and does not need its own power supply). Often phone lines will work, but without power, cordless phones will not work.
- If the power goes out during a hurricane, unplug appliances, TVs, stereos and computers to reduce potential damage from a power surge when electricity is restored.
- If a hurricane is coming within 24 hours or less: Listen to the radio; watch TV or go online for updates and official instructions; Store water in clean bathtubs, jugs and bottles; Turn refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting to keep stored food fresh longer if power is knocked out.



SEPTEMBER 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
EVERY SUNDAY 800a-Worship 915a-Christian Ed 1030a-Worship				1 730p Praise Band	2	3
4 PENTECOST 12	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED 	6 10a JW Bible Study 7p JW Bible Study	7 7p Joy Choir	8 10a Pan-Lutheran Ministerium 730p Men's Bible Study	9	10 6p Lutherhill S'mores Event
11 PENTECOST 13 	12 630p La Cocina 730p Church Council	13 10a JW Bible Study 7p JW Bible Study	14 7p Joy Choir	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	16	17
18 PENTECOST 14 7p Joy 101-1	19	20 10a JW Bible Study 7p JW Bible Study	21 7p Joy Choir	22 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	23	24
25 PENTECOST 15 12p Incredible Journey 7p Joy 101-2	26 	27 10a JW Bible Study 7p JW Bible Study	28 7p Joy Choir	29 730p Men's Bible Study 730p Praise Band	30 <i>It's the Pits Cookers</i> BBQ Cookoff	HELPING HANDS SEPTEMBER ITEMS Canned Beans Rice Personal Care Items

SERVING AT JOY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Date	September 4	September 11	September 18	September 25
Altar Flowers	Celebration of Hazel Shigley's 100 th Birthday & Jacobsen's Anniversary	To the Glory of God	Celebration of Bob & June Tesch's Anniversary	Celebration of Bubba & Brenda Goates' Anniversary
Usher — 8:00 10:30	Cliff & Shelly Halvorsen Paula & Kristen Curry	Bob & June Tesch Megan Budd & Abby Timberlake	Al & Candace Rieder Everett & Shena Timberlake	Duane Boenig Mike & Tracy Posey
Acolyte — 8:00 10:30	Abby Timberlake Hayden Posey	Abby Timberlake Hayden Posey	Abby Timberlake Hayden Posey	Abby Timberlake Hayden Posey
Assisting — 8:00 Ministers 10:30	Fred Kunzler John Garrou	Darin Mielke Chuck Canterbury	Bill Bray Corinne Light	Dan Strode Susan Krabbe
Lector — 8:00 10:30	Jill Kunzler Laura Cabato	Dan Strode Denyse Bray	Barbara John James Scheffer	Mike Meyer Matt Lyons
Cantor — 8:00	Fred Kunzler	Darin Mielke	Bill Bray	Dan Strode
Communion Assistant —10:30	Amy Cabato	Shirley Morris	Denyse Bray	Laura Cabato
Altar Guild	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska M. Peveto/P. Shipp	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska M. Peveto/P. Shipp	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska M. Peveto/P. Shipp	C. Bolner/M. Mikeska M. Peveto/P. Shipp
Children's — 8:00 Sermon — 10:30				
Communion Visitors	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray	Bill & Denyse Bray
A/V — 8:00 10:30	Beth Horstman James Goates	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe/Matt Lyons	Beth Horstman James Goates/Melissa Mikeska	Beth Horstman Kevin Loewe/Matt Lyons
Counters	Melissa Mikeska/Bob Jahn	Allen Schoppe/Fred Kunzler	Kathy Gann/Shirley Morris	Melissa Mikeska/Paula Curry