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These past months we have been hearing a lot about Life Issues. It is our hope as Christians that we would sanctify the life that God has made. Unfortunately, we like many others in our country often de-sanctify this precious gift God has given in Christ Jesus. If you are like me, you might have been embedded with your own problems that caused you to de-sanctify life by thinking or saying, "Why doesn't God just take me home? I'd be better off dead."

It is a response that our society is saying more and more. A response directed toward those who are getting older or just can't do much anymore. So, is it true? Would we be better off dead?

Scripturally Yes, we as disciples of Christ would all be better off dead, for it was the apostle Paul himself who wrote "I desire to depart and be with Christ which is better by far" (Philippians 1:23). Paul can say this for it was true. Paul knew because of what Christ had done on the cross that he was going to a better place with Christ when his earthly life ended. We can also say this for it is Christ's presence in our death that comforts and gives us patience as we wait for this day. However, as we read further, St. Paul does not stop there and neither should we.

Death is not the only possibility for Paul. In fact, Paul says that it is "more necessary" to keep living, for God has additional plans. These additional plans require for us to live. Paul says, "to live is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). Therefore, living is required for the additional plans of our Lord, or "fruitful labor" as Paul later describes.

This is also true for you. No matter how young or old you may feel. No matter if you are ill or even unconscious, God gives you life. Whether life or death, as long as our Lord gives life, He gives "fruitful labor" for us to accomplish. This "fruitful labor" causes others great joy which overflows in Christ Jesus (Philippians 1:26).

It is a tragedy to think that the Lord is unable to do anything great or even minimal in our lives. But we as sinners often think this way and forget that it is God and His presence in our life that accomplishes "fruitful labor." We often limit the power of God and say, "God can only work in young and healthy people." He's God! Let Him be! Better off Dead? Yes... but, let Christ be exalted by letting Him work in us until our day is done. It is better off by far for the Christian to depart and be with Christ. But for right now it is more necessary that you go on living. Go on living for the Lord.

Pastor Michael Hageman



Christian Education and Family Life

Midweek

Jump into a New Year of Faith Development!

Join Us Wednesdays for Midweek!

Meal at 5:45pm

The Word at 6:30pm



Rally Sunday – Making Disciples

Join us September 11th

Worship and Sunday School

Worship - 9:00am

Sunday School - 10:30am

Opening in “Matthews Place” with classes to follow

Adult Classes

Matthews Place - Book of Mark

Disciples Place - Lessons of the Day

Children’s Classes

Pre-School -Kindergarten

1st-2nd Grades

3rd-4th Grades

5th-6th Grade

Weekday Bible Studies and Fellowship

Tuesdays

Get-Together-Girls – 10:00 a.m.

Join the ladies for fellowship, devotions, and card ministry. Drop-ins are welcome!

Brown-Bag Bible Buddies – 12:00 noon

Wednesdays

Adult Bible Classes – 6:30pm

Inspired by the Holy Spirit: Four Habits for Faithful Living

Baptism 101

Hymn of the Day Study

Youth Bible Studies – 6:30pm

Pre-School – 4th Grade – Bible Stories from Scripture

5th – 6th - Confirmation

7th – 8th – Life after Confirmation

High School - Connected to Christ: Why Membership Matters

Thursdays

Coffee With the Savior 9:00 a.m.

Join this bible study for mothers. Babysitting is provided.

Trinity Mission Trip to Dominican Republic

Pray for our short-term missionaries this month (September 17th – 24th) as they make their way to the Dominican Republic. Michael and Shanna Hageman, Kyle Horsfall, Melanie Algrim and Kallie Burgardt plan on serving the people of the Dominican with the Word of God and acts of mercy. Missionary activity in the Dominican began in 2004 when the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod entered into a partnership with Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services, Inc., and the Central American Lutheran Mission Society (CALMS).

The D.R. mission has since planted four churches, two adjacent Lutheran church-schools, and established a seminary for forming pastors. Concordia the Reformer Seminary was opened in 2017 in Palmar Arriba, Santiago where our missionaries will be serving. This Seminary serves all of the Caribbean, Latin America and northern South America, with ten residential students from seven countries. The seminary supports the formation of pastors to spread the Gospel, plant Lutheran churches, and show mercy. An emphasis of mercy work in the Dominican Republic is ministry to people with developmental disabilities through Good Shepherd Lutheran Homes (Hogares Luteranos el Buen Pastor), a group home for several young adults.

This ministry serves as a beacon to the community as an example of Christian care giving and has led to positive change within numerous government institutions. Keep our short-term missionaries in your prayers.

T.I.G. Birthdays, Anniversaries and Prayers

Birthdays

Peggy Ansel	9/7	
Kelly Drees	9/7	
Martin Nusser	9/7	
Cooper Drees	9/8	
Flavio Esquivel	9/9	
Tim Stone	9/10	
Brady Cessna	9/11	
Baylea Myran	9/11	
Cindy Messenger	9/12	
Charyl Obregon	9/12	
Kathy Wagner	9/13	
Robert Drees	9/13	
Suzanne Hewes	9/14	
Annabelle Myran	9/14	
Clara Jackson	9/16	
Alta Levin	9/16	
Seth Drees	9/17	
Kendra Oliphant	9/20	
Caroly Richmond	9/22	
Kristina Odneal		9/22
Ron Thiele	9/22	
Holley Douglas	9/23	
Emil Krug	9/23	
Melanie Algrim		9/24
Scarlett Schultz	9/26	
Arlyn Algrim	9/27	
Brenda Drees	9/28	
Dale Theye	9/28	
Marilyn Kohart		9/29
Tim Kohart	9/29	
Tom Calkins	9/30	

Anniversaries

Curtis Harman & Robin Schenck	9/5	
Kevin & Tammy Lampe	9/5	
Bob & Brenda Husband		9/6
Ron & Joann Berglund	9/15	
Eric & Debra Schiffelbein		9/17
Dale & Lisa Theye		9/17
Bob & Nancy Briggeman	9/19	
Jack & Dixie Beery		9/26
Dustin & Jenna Lampe	9/29	
Oscar & Charyl Obregon	9/29	

Prayers

Trinity Prayers

Wauneta Messenger, Wayne Combs, Terri Schweer, Steve Hamann, Shirley Frost, Tim Lavrenz, Dale Wilson, Bob Husband, Pat Bridges, Judy Schweer

Immanuel Prayers

Peggy Ansel, Agnes Molz, Don Neff, Ted Hesslink, Noretta Hesslink, Tim Kohart, Kasyn Hendrix

Grace Prayers

Chris Mason, Linda Hammer, Alan Bitter, Connie Walters, Norma Fisher, Letcher Waechter, Deanna Bitter, Kirk Pence, Linda Henning

Music Ministry

Join us Tuesdays at 6:30pm for choir practice and Wednesdays for Handbell practice following midweek!

T.I.G. Happenings



Members of Grace Lutheran, Ulysses, filling bags with goodies for the local USD 214 teachers. Bags were prepared after the Sunday Service on 8/14 and delivered on the Tuesday 8/16.



The baptisms of Jaden and Oliver at Grace Lutheran on August 21st



Locker 66:5 and Immanuel Lutheran Church handed out school supplies to the Lakin Grade School and Lakin Middle School

Pre-School News



THANK YOU to all who pick an apple or two and helped to fill our cupboards with much needed supplies!

God made all creatures, from the tiny mouse to the giant elephant! Trinity 4 went on a tour of the church looking for church mice, they didn't find any mice but they did find church workers busy and scurrying around like mice! Because we didn't find any mice on our tour we made our own mice, come down and see them!

Trinity 4 has been busy learning our left and our right hands and feet. We will be talking about our 5 senses that God gave us and how we can use them. He gave us ears to **HEAR** his word, eyes to **SEE** his wonderful creation a mouth to **TELL** about his love for each of us. While we learn our shapes we will be learning how many days it took God to create the world and all the wonderful things he provides us.

Trinity 3 is excited to be in school meeting new friends! After filling their paper backpacks with school supplies they will learn about how a mailman fills up his truck and bag to deliver us mail to our mailboxes. We will talk about how God also has messengers that brings us good news. Then we will discover how a fireman helps our community by putting out fires. God calls each of us to do special work!



We still have room for 2 children in our 4yr class and 6 openings in our 3yr class if you know someone who would like to join us have them call and talk to Tammy Lampe or Tina Davis.

Serving Christ together,

Tammy Lampe & Tina Davis



A table full of apples may be just a way you can help support our pre-school. Take a look in the church lobby (narthex)!

Youth News

Youth Group Wednesdays during and after Midweek
Sunday School at 10:30 am
Come for Spiritual and Relational Growth!



The youth had an impromptu bon-fire at their secret location to reflect upon the beginning of the new school year. Besides eating smores and taking selfies we were able to reflect upon Psalm 1 and the importance of God's Word.

Trinity's Elders:

Last Name	Elder	Phone
A-B	Ed Adams	276-3931
C-G	(Pastor Mike)	521-9991
H-L	Jerry Bitter	272-1237
M-P	Roy Cessna	272-9352
R-S	John Polson	805-6447
T-Z	Ron Thiele	640-2337

(Elders serve the members of Trinity with the last names listed above. Please do not hesitate to contact them in time of need.)

Immanuel's Elders:

Bruce Ansel
Tim Kohart
Bill Simshauser

Grace's Elders:

Mark Giesaking
Denton Schloemer

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Centennial News

Centennial Pictorial Directory

Along with all the celebrations we are having this year for our 100 year anniversary, we have secured a local photographer to come to the church so we can have a pictorial directory for the year 2022! We are all very excited!

The dates and times below are what are available to us. Please look at your schedules and set up a time to come down to the church and get your photograph taken. In order to make this as simple as possible, please contact:

Suzanne Hewes at 620.271.1220

Nancy Foreman at 620.271.2148

Either a phone call or a text message will be good. Sign-up sheets are also in the narthex.

Sign up dates and times

Saturday, August 27th from 8-5

Sunday, August 28th from 11:30-3

Friday, September 9th from 8-5

Saturday, September 10th from 8-5

Sunday, September 11th from 11:30-3

Wednesday, September 14th from 3-6

Thursday, September 15th from 4-8