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PASTOR'S LETTER

impatient?

Numbers 14:18 - The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but He will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.

I will readily admit that I am not a patient person. Oh, I have some patience, just not enough of it. It's one of those things I need to pray for.

I'd like to tell you a story that I read in one of the recent devotions that Pastor Ken Klaus offered in the Lutheran Hour daily devotion series. It is a story that was told to him by one of his parochial school kindergarten teachers about 35 years ago.

It was winter in Minnesota, and boots and mittens were a necessity. Thirty-five years ago, without this stretchable rubber stuff, putting on boots was a struggle, a struggle the teacher did daily, without complaint.

It was only when she had almost wiggled and worked the second boot on one of her students that he commented, "Teacher, I think my boots are on the wrong foot." Sure enough, they were. This has been a long day the teacher thought to herself. It didn't get shorter as she took the boots off.

With a heaven-sent prayer, she started the process all over again. When finished, she helped her student to his feet. The boy looked down and said, "Teacher, these aren't my boots." In a calm, well-controlled tone the teacher whispered through clenched teeth: "Oh, I'm sorry, dear. Maybe that's why they went on so hard. Let's get them off and put your boots on."

Only after the boots were off did the boy comment, "These boots are my brothers. Mom said that I had to wear them today."

The Bible doesn't say so, but I have to believe there is a special place in heaven for people like that teacher who

knelt down and struggled to slide those boots on one more time. When finished, with a sense of satisfaction, she looked at her student and asked, "Now, where are your mittens?" He replied, "I didn't want to lose them so I stuffed them into the toes of my boots."

I hope that you have the type of patience that kindergarten teacher had. There are too few of such people in my experience. Sadly, I often see much the opposite. Road rage, being upset with slow-moving lines at banks, grocery stores, and fast-food joints -- all point to the fact that one of the most common of human attitudes is impatience.

In contrast to many of us, we have our Lord. His dealing with us is defined by the psalmist in the passage above. In that verse, I hope you notice two things:

1. The first part of the verse says "The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression." His desire to have everyone come to a knowledge of the truth and be saved is of prime importance. To make this possibility a reality, the Father sent His Son into the world to be the single sacrifice who would balance the scale of justice and save all who are called by the Holy Spirit. Patiently, the Lord waits for repentant hearts to be made.

2. The second part of the verse reminds us not to think God's long-suffering patience is the same thing as being forever suffering. God's grace holds out salvation to all believe, but His justice demands that those who reject His Son will, themselves, be cast out into darkness. So that means the day is coming when the Lord's patience will be at an end.

But that won't be a problem for you, will it? That's because you wait patiently for Jesus' return. As you and I wait and watch for the Lord's return, let's continue to be built up and growing in the faith through the Word and the Sacraments! I look forward to seeing you in God's house each week!

Pastor Mark

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JOYFUL FAITH CIRCLE

SUBMITTED BY JANIE RHODY

Pastor Homp presented information about the AALC Regional Conference the church will host September 22 - 23. He will provide more information as it becomes available.

Bible study encouraged us to consider what steps of faith God is calling to make right now in our lives. Rehab, the prostitute, took a small step of faith and protected God's spies. She faced her wicked past and still turned to God with trust and she and her family's lives were saved during the fall of Jericho. They were also accepted into God's family. A little trust on her part put her into the genealogy of Jesus!

Next months Bible study will start with Day Three, page 35.



NEXT MONTH:
All women are invited
and encouraged to attend
WEDNESDAY, JULY 19TH AT 9:30AM

KICK NEWS

SUBMITTED BY JANIE RHODY

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The church picnic raised \$143 toward KICK needs! A very special **thank you to the volunteers** who selflessly allowed a public pie-ing. Also, thank you to all the volunteers that made the picnic possible. God provided the perfect day for us to grow closer as a Christian community.

Kick kids provided an ice cream sundae bar for church fellowship the Sunday after the picnic as a special thank you for the generous support of the congregation.

BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS OTHERS

JULY/AUGUST RECIPIENT

Christ Lutheran School has been chosen to be the recipient of the blessing basket for the summer months of July and August.

They are in need of school supplies. There is a collection bin in the narthex or a donation jar for monetary gifts for the church to purchase items if you would like to help.

Thank you!



THE STORY

FINDING YOUR STORY IN GOD'S STORY

JOIN US FOR A JOURNEY
THROUGH *THE STORY*!

The Story is a book of selections from the Bible, arranged chronologically, that reads like a novel. During this unique 31-week experience, every member of the family reads their own version of *The Story*. Come discover together with us how our story is found in God's story!

Our journey begins September 10, 2017

during the 9:30 am service

Resources for children, teens and adults
coordinating the same themes to encourage
family discussions.

More information to follow in the coming weeks!



The Story is for every member of the family!

JULY

BAPTISM anniversary service

Join us at the Sunday, July 9th worship service in celebrating these children who were baptized at Christ Lutheran Church three years ago:

Amelia Jean Bergerson/ Baptized July 13, 2014

Kennedy Marie Staats / Baptized July 13, 2014

Peyton Ally Alexander / Baptized July 20, 2014

These children will receive their baptism keepsake and a continued commitment from the congregation to strengthen the gift of faith in their hearts.

*"Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me;
and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."*

- Mark 9:37

raising CHRISTIAN KIDS

SUBMITTED BY JANIE RHODY

One Scripture that is foundational for my parenting is Ephesians 2:10, which says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago" (NLT). What if we saw our kids as masterpieces, created to accomplish surprising things every day? To shine a light in the darkness. To compete with vigor and enthusiasm. To treat others with love and respect, offering cold water to the thirsty and help and hope to the weary. When kids understand that they are agents of love and change, the perceived need to fit in with the roller-coaster whims of the crowd will fade to white noise. In God's kingdom, everyone belongs. And His love is contagious.

Source: focusonthefamily.com



2017 CAMP LUTHER SUMMER CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Christ Lutheran confirmands will have the opportunity to attend the **Camp Luther Summer Confirmation Retreat** again this year!

The cost of camp is **\$120 per confirmand** and the Men's Club will **sponsor \$100** for each confirmand attending camp!

Please register with the church office at **(715) 723-8273** or at **secretary4clc@gmail.com** if you plan on sending your child to camp this year.

For further information about Camp Luther go to **campluther.com**

50th Anniversary Open House

Wheaton Park

Food starts at 12noon
until it's gone!
Live Music 2- 5pm



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www.BobandEllens50th.com
(for all the details!)

Join Us For The Celebration at:

Wheaton Park • Wheaton Fire Station

3900 38th Street
Elk Mound, WI 54739
Approximately (10) Miles West
of Chippewa Falls on Highway 29



CLC Logo T-shirts

Sizes Available

Adult: Sm - Med - L - XL - 2XL

View Samples in the Narthex

Purchase in the Church

Office



MEN'S CLUB CORNER

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

Colossians 1:24-26:
Paul's sufferings an unavoidable
condition of his work on behalf of
the Church - or better said,
avoidable if he would have
distanced himself from the Cross
(2 Corinthians Ch. 11)

NEXT BIBLE STUDY:

Monday, June 17, 2017
@ 6:30PM
Colossians 1:27ff
Paul's ministry in proclaiming
God's mystery.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Is God calling you to use the gifts He
has given you for His purposes?
We have a continuing need for
volunteers for home visitations, for
ushers and involvement with board of
Deacons. Or perhaps there is
something else you would like to
help with. God gifts the Church
through its members - even you!



SERVICE REQUEST:

If you are in need of a service to
be performed, please contact
us via the church office. We are
happy to serve you need!



NEEDED
SUPPLIES

Coffee
Cookies
Napkins

8 & 12 oz styrofoam cups
6 inch styrofoam plates
Hot chocolate mix packets

Rectangular Divided Styrofoam Plates
Decaffeinated Coffee
Liquid Dish Detergent



The
American Association
of Lutheran Churches

The AALC invites you to attend the 500th Anniversary of The Reformation Celebration.

We hope you will plan on joining us for this joyous occasion, which will be held at **Grace Lutheran Church of Deephaven** in Wayzata, MN. All attendees will receive a commemorative 500th Anniversary of The Reformation Luther Rose Lapel Pin.

October 31, 2017 to November 1, 2017

October 31, 2017: 9:00am – 8:00pm

November 1, 2017: 9:00am – 8:00pm

Location: 18360 Minnetonka Blvd, Wayzata, MN 55391

Category: Conferences

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

- 9:00–9:30 AM – Coffee & Fellowship
- 9:30–11:30 AM – Two Presentations
- Noon–1:00 PM – Luncheon provided
- 1:00–2:00 PM – Third Presentation
- 2:00 PM – Choir Practice for Worship
- 2:00–7:00 PM – Free Time for Fellowship
- 7:00–8:00 PM – Service of Worship

On Tuesday, October 31st, the presentations will focus on justification, the ministry, and the church. On Wednesday, November 1st, the presentations will focus on the beginning of the Christian life, living the Christian life, and the completion of the Christian life.

Pr. Eric Ishimaru will be our Choir Master. Special music is being selected and will be sent to every AALC congregation and Choir. Any and all Choristers are welcome to attend, rehearse, and sing with the Association Choir! The Service of Worship will feature a Brass Ensemble, the Association Choir, and your favorite Lutheran hymns.

For Further Information Visit: www.taalc.org



Mary Jo Buss	5	Evelyn Ledebuhr	15
Conrad Ledebuhr	5	Tony & Sheila Kvapil	18
Amber Alexander	7	Cody Cesafsky	18
Dorothy Schneider	8	Mickey Johnson	20
Vic Sippel	8	Mark Homp	20
Laura Zwiefelhofer	9	Nick Kischer	20
Heather Licht	10	Maddux Geurts	20
Wyatt Weiland	10	Donna Sorteberg	21
Richard & Connie Winger	11	Joelle Sedivy	22
Adam Kuechle	11	Larry Wooldridge	25
Bryan Thompson	11	Kristin Volrath	25
Abram Christensen	11	Darin & Cindy Boos	28
Lois Ryman	13	Robert & Ellen Wing	29
Don Dusick	13	Kleone Brann	30
Kathy Shervey	14		
Linda Kuechle	14		

ADDITIONAL information and dates

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Bob Wing
Joel McNulty

THANK
YOU

Thank you to Jan Langteau for volunteering your time and skills to the church office. We appreciate you!
Thank you to Joel McNulty for capturing photos of a rainbow over our church. Look for the photos to pop up here and there!

Prayer
CHAIN

If you find a need for prayer in your life or in the life of a friend, you are invited to put our Prayer Chain to use. Please call Marcie Greenwood at: 715-289-4504



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Check it out! Access this newsletter, most recent Sunday sermon, worship times, church facebook page and much more.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 No Men's Club Meeting This Month
2 8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/ Communion 10:30AM Fellowship 10:50AM Bible Study 6:30PM Adult Volleyball	3 5:30PM Bible Study	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY! GOD BLESS AMERICA!	5 9:00AM Peacemakers 6:30PM Worship Service /Communion	6	7	8
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