



PASTOR'S PEN
PROVERBS– WHAT IS WISDOM?

Background:

Over the past several years, I have used this column in a newsletter to conduct a written Bible Study. I am going to continue this at Christ Lutheran Church as well. During the next few months, we will examine some of the content of the Book of Proverbs. We cannot by any means study the whole book and its many proverbs, so we will choose a few representative ones. But first we should make some introductory comments about the Old Testament Book of Proverbs and proverbs in general

This is a book that provides general principles from God's Word, not promises or confessional material. It also provides insight into sanctity of God's law and showing the better way of faith and grace. So as you read through the Book of Proverbs, you might consider underlining, making notes in the margin, or writing these special proverbs, and others, for yourself in a journal. It will be your task to truly bring these and other proverbs into your life so that they truly function as God's Word for you.

Traditionally, Solomon is cited as the author of the Book of Proverbs. But it is probably more helpful to think of it as a collection of not only Solomon's but additions over the centuries after him. Over the past decades quotations or profound sayings have been collected and published extensively. If the author is known, his or her name and the source of the quote is noted for copyright reasons. This was not a concern in the ancient world "to give credit where credit is due." Instead, since Solomon was known for his wisdom and no doubt wrote many(1 Kings 4:32--3,000 proverbs), other wisdom words from God gravitated around this central figure which added authenticity and authority as God's Words of wisdom shared through the minds of other human beings besides Solomon. Solomon also lived in an era, like ours, with other collections being made so he may have even collected them besides those who followed after him.

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What is Wisdom? Wisdom is like climbing a step-stool. The first rung begins the climb with knowledge. Knowledge is information: The "what" and "where." Understanding provides the second rung: Insight to grasp "how does it work," "what does it mean," or "why is it this way?" The top rung is wisdom: The ability to discern from life's experience in order to make appropriate, wholesome and clear choices. Proverbs is about wisdom in life and faith.

However, Christian wisdom can not be separated from God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Jesus understood this because He used wisdom sayings Himself to help both the disciples and other followers understand His mission and message. Jesus' primary use of God's wisdom is His teaching through parables. Jesus knew the meaning of the words of the Book of Proverbs:

*The reverence of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)*

PASTOR JOHNSON



Men's Club corner

The Men's Club welcomes ALL men to our monthly breakfast and events. Breakfast meetings are informal gatherings during which we share some food and often some form of service to our church community or an informative lecture on a topic of interest (e.g. fish habitat, etc.).

Our Mission:

To support Christ Lutheran Church and School and its members through service and faith based activities while enjoying the camaraderie of friendship. To build our faith and knowledge of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit along with creating fellowship with our families and each other by serving and spreading the Word of God to our community.

Please note: Men's Bible Study has moved from the 3rd Monday of each month to the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.

Men's Bible Study: The Men's Bible Study met on Thursday, January 18, 2018. Continuing on in the "practical" chapter of Colossians 3, we looked at ten specific practices that ought not have a part in the Christian's life, listed in 3:5-8, as well as a charge to be truthful in verses 9 and 10.

Next meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2018, 6:30 PM. Colossians 3:12 and succeeding verses.

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR:

Saturday, February 3rd	8:00 am	Breakfast Meeting
Thursday, February 8th	6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study

Ash Wednesday & Lent

We will celebrate Ash Wednesday with a special worship service, Wednesday, February 14th at 6:30 p.m. with Communion. (The best way to spend Valentines Day is loved by God.) At 6:00-6:30 p.m. any one who wishes to take a special time in preparation with mediation, reflection and prayer, may come anytime during this half hour. They may also receive the imposition of ashes on your forehead, if you come to the altar rail.

Lent will continue with weekly bible study (4:30-5:30 p.m.), soup suppers until 6:30p.m. worship. The Lenten Theme will be: Biblical Characters, Contemporary People. Each week we will explore the life and times of six Biblical Characters and relate them to our contemporary life.

- February 14 A Treasure
- February 21 A Fisherman--Disciples
- February 28 A Carpenter--A Lineage
- March 7 A Tax Collector--Matthew
- March 14 A Banker--Anonymous
- March 21 A Teacher--Rabbi

See you at Lenten Worship!

**Volunteers
Needed:**

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For Lenten Soup Suppers,
anticipate needing to serve
about 40-55 people.



JOYFUL
Faith circle

Please note that Joyful Faith Circle meeting has been moved to the first Wednesday of the month beginning in February.

Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 7th at 9:30am.

Thank you!!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, February 4th, we will resume the Sunday morning Bible Study in the library. We will be studying the Pastoral Letters (1 & 2 Timothy and Titus) in the New Testament. The method will be to move through the letters at a deliberate pace, but also going verse by verse or section by section to discover not only the familiar passages but also those verses that are either ignored or over-looked.

We will attempt to meet nearly every Sunday, but when there is a meeting with the congregational leadership, etc., there will be no Bible Study.

Mardi Gras

Mardi Gras is a Christian festival borrowed from pagans. The pagans who survived the dreaded winter, showed their appreciation to their gods by throwing flour (the symbol of life) into the fields. Because it began to get out of hand, the tradition had to cease. Now, Mardi Gras "maskers" throw beads and trinkets to the crowds for their appreciation for coming to witness the parades.

The carnival season refers to the season from Epiphany, or Twelfth night (January 6th) of Christmas, until the day before Ash Wednesday. Mardi Gras (French for Fat Tuesday; also called Shrove Tuesday for those not celebrating Mardi Gras) is the single day of feasting before the Lenten fasting begins. Parades and Balls are held in many, many Louisiana & SE Texas communities beginning several weeks before Ash Wednesday.

Mardi Gras can occur on any Tuesday from February 3rd to March 9th. The fluctuating date was established by the Catholic Church, which designated the Gregorian calendar with a fixed date for Christmas, but a moveable date for Easter. Easter can fall on any Sunday from March 23rd to April 25th. This coincides with the first Sunday after the full moon, following the Spring Equinox. Mardi Gras falls 47 days preceding Easter (40 days of Lent, plus 7 Sundays).

The official colors of Mardi Gras are purple, green and gold and were adopted by Rex (Latin for king), the King of the Carnival in 1872. Then, in 1892, Rex assigned a meaning to each color: Purple represents Justice; Green stands for Faith; Gold signifies Power.

Then, there is Mardi Gras lingo:

- * Doubloons--aluminum coins tossed from floats by maskers that bear the krewe's emblem one side and the king's image or parade theme on the other.
- * Throws--strands of beads and other items tossed to the crowds by float riders.
- * Captain--The leader of each Carnival organization. The Captain runs the organization thru the year and oversees all preparations for Mardi Gras and usually leads the parade.
- * Den--The warehouse in which Mardi Gras floats are stored. They are also referred to as float barns.
- * Carnival Ball--For members of the area's many carnival krewes, the Carnival Ball is the climax of the festive season. In keeping with the club's secret or mystic nature, the attendance to these grand occasions is by invitation only.
- * Second Line--The Bayou Country's special brand of street dancing. The band is the first line and the crowd is the second line following the band. The dancers usually carry decorated umbrellas or wave a handkerchief.
- * Krewe--a generic term for all Carnival organizations in Louisiana since the Mystic Krewe of Comus coined the word in 1857.



February CONFIRMATION

Acolyte Schedule:

2/4: Reid Sommerfeld/Georgelle Benson
2/11: Jordan Bergevin/Nathan Cowell
2/18: Conrad Ledebuhr/ Kelcey Benson
2/26: Abbigail Volrath/ Evan Freed

February's
Bless Those Who Bless Us

Christ Lutheran
Church & School
Will be sponsoring a food
drive the week of
February 11-18th.

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY



January was a nice quiet month to ease into the year after the Christmas Season. Sunday School ran smoothly and KICK went snowshoeing by candlelight, actually headlamps, at the Wings on the 31st. Now February is going to be a great kickoff month!



KICK has Socks of Love Project in progress for the Sojourners House in Eau Claire. The kids will be stuffing warm winter socks with toiletry items and then tied off with a ribbon and a tag with our church name on it.



IMPACT stands for Influencing My Peers As a Christian Teen. All teens in 6-12 grade are welcome to join! We will be meeting the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays March - May, focusing on the teachings of the Bible, issues of today's World, servicing our church and community and having fun and fellowship.

There will be a Meet and Greet Pizza Party for the teens and I on Thursday, Feb 15th from 6-8pm here at church. Parents, please contact me to RSVP.

Join Us



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February Birthdays and Anniversaries

CELEBRATE WITH US
FOLLOWING
SUNDAY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 18TH

Steve Bedford	2	Teagan Anderson	14
Tabitha Poehls	4	Hank Rhody	16
Tim Walters	6	Larry & Mariann Seidlitz	17
Dave Shervey	9	Emily Sommerfeld	18
Sara Bedford	9	Seth Weiland	23
Judy Taylor	12	David Solum	25
Steve & Linda Bedford	14	Christi Krantz	28
Christopher & Misty Belonge	14	Danny Modl	28
		Matt Krantz	29

ADDITIONAL
information and dates

FEB
USHERS



Shervey Family

KITCHEN
NEEDS

Please check with the kitchen group for donations needed for fellowship.

FOOD DRIVE
Feb 11th - 18th

Donate non-perishable food items and hygiene products to benefit people in the Chippewa area. Drop Off Your Donation in the Church Narthex. Thank You!



Memorials

A memorial was given to the school in honor of Marcie Greenwood by Bob & Ellen Wing

save THE
DATE

The Christ Lutheran School 13th Annual Auction Event will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018 at the Eagles Club in Lake Hallie. Tickets will go on sale in February! Please contact Stephanie in the office with any questions.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:30AM Willing Workers	3 8:00AM Men's Club Breakfast/ Meeting
4 8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS/ Communion 10:30AM Fellowship 10:50AM Bible Study 6:30PM Adult Volleyball	5	6	7 9:00am Peacemakers 9:30am Joyful Faith Bible Study 4:30pm Bible Study 5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old)	8 6:30PM Men's Bible Study	9 8:30AM Willing Workers	10
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