



PASTOR'S PEN More Proverbs

Pride & Humility: A popular counselor believes that the only way to help people is to humbly listen to their personal story and learn from them how one might serve them. This person has spoken worldwide, written numerous books, and conducts training sessions at his own retreat center, so he would have every reason to believe he would "have all the answers." Yet, it is the counselee who is providing the answers for themselves while the counselor listens humbly before his client to unravel the person's personal entanglements. This also allows the counselor to identify fully with the struggles and challenges of the counselee.

When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom

Proverbs 11:2

When we get angry our pride usually comes to full bloom, because our true insecurities are aroused, and then "comes disgrace." We know the disgrace even though we may not let it be known, otherwise, we are so convinced of our "rightness" that we have walled off any feelings of disgrace. Our pride, then, has consumed us. Ultimately, pride becomes a road block to the humility needed to gain wisdom for a wholesome life.

The proverb tells us that to live a life clothed with wisdom, humility is essential. Unless we

conduct our life with humility the practical wisdom to navigate the trials and tribulations of life will not be there. Humility gives us the key to unlock the door to God's wisdom and a more wholesome life to lived. How does your humility need to be improved to gain greater wisdom?

Wisdom of Silence: A couple of years ago, two of my neighbors had a difference of opinion. One neighbor confronted the other and "read him the riot act," blaming him for some severe flooding after a heavy rain. Unfortunately, the "riot act" was logically unfounded. However, fortunately, the other neighbor "held his tongue," and as a result their relationship is pretty much back to normal.

A man who lacks judgment derides his neighbor, but a man of understanding holds his tongue.

Proverbs 11:12

How often have you witnessed such a dispute or been part of one. We all have. How did you respond? We know foolishness lies with both sides continuing the dispute and a continual escalation. If we participate in this frenzy, it degenerates essentially to emotion and any sign of understanding has dissipated.

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The wisdom comes when one person "holds his tongue." Silence is golden!

I often hear people say, "I always seem to know what to say afterwards." This may be true but would these words be helpful, either? The non-response or silence was probably there for a reason and we need to understand how it served the moment. This can lead to wisdom because wisdom seeks to understand the point of view of the other person. The wisdom of silence is listening, is perceptive, is understanding, not simply a moment devoid of words. This is what makes silence golden and....important to God.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Johnson

Interim Pastor David F. Johnson



CHILDREN MINISTRIES

Sunday School has had had some great teachers teaching the children God's word. The children did a great job marching around the church on Palm Sunday.



KICK has started working on Mother's Day projects already. They have also toured the Lake Wissota Animal Hospital for one of their fun activities.

During IMPACT we had a rubber band war and discussed just as a rubber band becomes more useful when stretched, God also stretches us to make us more effective and use us more fully for his glory. The youth decided that their first community service project would be at the Humane Society, that is planned to happen in April.



Ask the LORD for rain in the springtime; it is the LORD who sends the thunderstorms. He gives showers of rain to all people, and plants of the field to everyone .

Zachariah 10:1

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 March 8th and finished Chapter 4 of Colossians, which also concludes our study of Paul's Epistle to the Colossian. From our study, a summarizing title for the Epistle might be "*The Christian's Path to Glory*" (from Colossians 1:27-28; 2:6-7; 3:1-4; 3:17). Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 pm, when we will read and discuss Psalm 25: "*A Humble Sinner Prays for God's Mercy.*"

FUTURE EVENT CALENDAR:

Saturday, April 7th 8:00 am

Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, April 12th 6:30 pm

Men's Bible Study

Save the Date

This Year's Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, April 21, 2018

Tickets are available for purchase in the office.

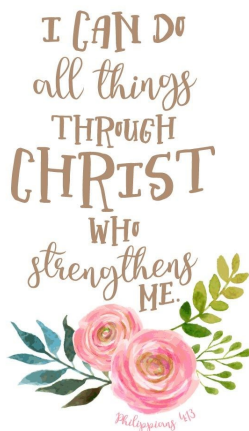
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Auction tickets are available for purchase in the church office, stop in or call 715-723-8273.

A HEALTHY congregation

The Alban Institute, in their years of studying congregations, believes that a congregation is healthy and vital if the congregation is:

- 1. Enriched, not imprisoned by its past.** The congregation remembers its story, its crises, and its triumphs, its heroes and its villains, its turning points and its learning points. It is aware of its norms and values.
- 2. Open to the guidance of the Spirit.** The congregation balances an appreciation of its strengths with a willingness to try new things and to take risks in the pursuit of faithfulness.
- 3. Committed to an effective discipline process.** New members hear that “the meaning of church membership is that we expect you to grow continually, spiritually, theologically, emotionally, and intellectually, and we have a variety of ways to help you do that depending on your particular personality type. We expect you to be a different person five years from now.”
- 4. Developing the “community soul” of the congregation as well as individual souls.** The congregation pays attention to its community culture, climate, morale, and behavior in order to become the kind of community that empowers its members.
- 5. Comprised of people who demonstrate the capacity to relate their faith to their daily life.** Folks can “do theology” on the job and adhere to their values in the workplace, home, and community as well as in church.
- 6. Able to face and deal constructively with conflict.** Diversity is valued and people differ with enmity. Concerns are addressed and conflict is not avoided. When confronting one another, people honor the “ground rules” for fighting fair. Whenever possible they look for a win/win solution.
- 7. Committed to a shared vision from which it prioritizes and uses its energies and resources.** The vision unites and motivates the people to work together toward a desired future.



APRIL CONFIRMATION

Acolyte Schedule:

- 4/1:** Jordan Bergevin
- 4/8:** Georgelle Benson / Nathan Cowell
- 4/15:** Conrad Ledebuhr / Kelcey Benson
- 4/22:** Abbigail Volrath / Evan Freed
- 4/39:** Nathan Cowell/ Jordan Bergevin

Thank you

My family and I would like to thank those who were able to stop in and visit with VeeAnn and myself. Thank you, everyone, for your condolences, cards and prayers for my family, on the passing of my wife VeeAnn. Our family and I greatly appreciate your kindness and support during this difficult time.

Sincerely,
Dave Solum and Family



JOYFUL FAITH circle

Last months meeting we continued with our "Ten Women of the Bible" by Max Lucado Bible Study on Mary the Mother of Jesus. What a humble, trusting women of faith she was! We were reminded that God is more interested in our trust in him then our talents. Also, that Christ live in and thru us. Others measure Christ by how we act and speak. Are we raising Jesus up by our behavior of dragging Him thru the mud with our deliberate sinning?

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 4th at 9:30. Hostess will be Laura, all women welcome.

RAISING CHRISTIAN KIDS

"Why can't I watch Family Guy. All my friends talk about it at school. I don't want to be left out,"

Our culture says you can make your own rules and that if it 'doesn't hurt someone else' it's ok to think and do. **That is not what God says.** He says in the Bible He has the right to make the rules and **if we don't do it His way it's wrong.** The Bible is our 'play book'. It tells us how to live a life that pleases God. Kids need to know that Christian parents make rules based on God's rules provided to them thru the Bible. The more a parent understands what the Bible says the better he/she can share God's values with the kids.

"You can't watch Family Guy because it doesn't please, or bring honor to God. In this house we serve the Lord."

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15



congregational MEETING

Catch up on what's happening here at Christ Lutheran Church. Plan to attend our annual congregational meeting.

**Sunday, April 22, 2018
Following Worship Service
In the Fellowship Hall**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

CELEBRATE WITH US
FOLLOWING
SUNDAY SERVICE
APRIL 15TH

Mitchel Shervey	1	Ameilia Bergerson	21
Wes VanNurden	7	Conrad Thorsen	22
Mary Kuhnert	10	Peyton Alexander	23
Josie Steltenpohl	10	Leonard Licht	24
Olivia Peterson	10	Logan Freed	24
Arizona Bergerson	11	Janie Rhody	25
Sydney Belonge	12	Britton Belonge	25
Jacob Marek	14	Kim Pitsch	28
Stephanie Thompson	15	Muriel Shervey	29
Emil & Bonnie Langel	16	John Steltenpohl	29
Linda Bedford	18	Bayleigh Buss	29
Gene & Julie Morse	19	Cindy Boos	30
Don Shilts	20	Paige Peterson	30

ADDITIONAL
information and dates

april
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Bryan Thompson
Tim Bergevin
Al Bateman

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ANNUAL AUCTION

Join us for Christ Lutheran School's biggest fundraiser of the year - April 21st. Tickets are on sale now in the office. The event includes a silent auction, buffet dinner and live auction with something for everyone! Funds raised are used for curriculum and tuition financial assistance.

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CHURCH FACILITIES

If you would like to use the fellowship hall, kitchen or gym, please check in with Stephanie in the church office to ensure the space is available and to fill out the required paperwork.

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 Carol Johnson at: 715-723-1676



Memorial

A memorial has been given in honor of VeeAnn Solum from Bob & Ellen Wing.

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

april 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 EASTER SUNDAY</p> <p>8:15AM Praise Group 8:30AM Fellowship 9:30AM Worship/SS/ Communion</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9:00AM Peacemakers</p> <p>CULVERS DAY 10AM - 10PM</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30pm Soul Sisters</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30AM Joyful Faith Circle</p> <p>NO Bible Study</p> <p>4:30pm IMPACT</p> <p>5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old)</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30AM Willing Workers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00am Men's Club Breakfast/ Meeting</p>
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<p>15</p> <p>8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS/ Communion 10:30AM Fellowship/ BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Soul Sisters</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:00AM Peacemakers</p> <p>4:30pm IMPACT</p> <p>4:30PM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old)</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30AM Willing Workers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>5:00PM CLS ANNUAL AUCTION EVENT EAGLES CLUB LAKE HALLIE</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:15AM Praise Group 9:30AM Worship/SS 10:30AM Fellowship</p> <p>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Newsletter Submissions Due to the Church Office</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:30pm Soul Sisters</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00AM Peacemakers</p> <p>4:30PM Bible Study</p> <p>5:30-6:30PM K.I.C.K. (3-11 years old)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30AM Willing Workers</p>	<p>28</p>
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