

Prince of Peace Tidings

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Confessing Jesus as Lord

(The August article focuses on The Ten Commandments with respect to confessing Jesus as Lord.)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:

Jesus said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments” (John 14:15). Elsewhere, inspired by the Holy Spirit, St. Paul writes, “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved” (Romans 10:9-10).

What does it mean to love Jesus? Well, just as He says, “If ... you will keep My commandments.” So, we show our love for Jesus by keeping His commandments. You see, those who believe in Jesus will naturally love Him, and that love will show itself. As Christians, we pay careful attention to Jesus’ commands and observe them. We heed them. If we love Jesus, we will do the things He has told us to do. Our works will be the evidence of our faith and love for Jesus. This evidence of our love by our works is obeying, or keeping, the Ten Commandments, which are God’s good and loving will for the lives and well-being of *all* people. (All means all. The Ten Commandments are not just for Christians and Jews, but for all of humanity.) It is God’s will for all of humanity – *all of humanity* – to trust Him above all else, to love Him, and to love our neighbor.

Every human being has an inborn sense of right and wrong. This is known as our conscience. Our conscience is God’s instructions written upon the hearts of every human creature. You don’t have to believe in the one true God to have a conscience, since He has given us this gift freely. “For when Gentiles, who do not have the Law, by nature do what the Law requires, they are a Law to themselves, even though they do not have the Law. They show that the work of the Law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Jesus Christ” (Romans 2:14-16).

So, we all innately know right from wrong, even if we refuse to think so. We all know that stealing and murder is wrong. We all know that cheating on spouses is wrong. Robbers wear masks. Murderers hide behind the shadows. Cheaters close the curtains. Humanity knows right from wrong.

But just in case humanity wrongly comes to believe that truth is all relative and a conscience is just a figment of our imagination, God gave us the Ten Commandments. God gave us the Ten Commandments for three reasons: (1) to limit or prevent coarse outburst of sin, thereby helping to keep order in the world (*a curb*); (2) to reveal and condemn our sin (*a mirror*); and (3) to guide and direct our thoughts, words, and deeds as Christians in God-pleasing ways (*a guide*). God gave us His Ten Commandments as a show of His love for us, to show that we have all sinned and cannot keep His commandments, and so it makes known our need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the fulfillment of the Law.

The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. (*We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.*) We are always looking constantly for happiness, identity, security, and meaning in life. To “have a god” means to trust in and rely on something or someone wholeheartedly to help us in times of need and to give us all good things. “Having a god” is political. Who are you following? Who are you trusting in? Who do you rely on? St. Peter writes, “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7). When we trust in things rather than the one true God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confuse God with His creation and thus break every commandment. Jesus says in Matthew 6: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where

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thieves break in and steal. ... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19, 21).

The Second Commandment: You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. (*We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.*) When we trust God with our hearts, we use our lips to call upon Him as our Creator and Redeemer. How we show that the Triune God is our Lord by our speaking and daily conversations is overtly political. God gave us His Name for three reasons: (1) so that we might know who created and redeemed us, (2) to call upon Him personally as children do a father; and (3) to proclaim His name among all peoples. That third point is hard. How many of us proclaim His name in our daily vocations? How many of us choose to remain quiet, so that we can keep the peace among family and friends? We fear and love God by using His name by (1) seeking from Him all good things for ourselves and others; (2) calling upon Him in times of trouble; (3) acknowledge in thanks and praise that all good things have come from Him alone; and (4) speak and teach truthfully about God in accordance with His Word. Jesus said, “Sanctify them in the truth; your Word is truth” (John 17:17). The Lord says to Jeremiah, “Let him who has My Word speak My Word faithfully” (Jeremiah 23:28).

Some Examples of God’s Name: Yahweh, the Almighty, the Lord, Father, Immanuel, the Most High, Son of God, Jesus Christ, Holy Spirit, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace.

The Third Commandment: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.*) Coming to the Divine Service each week is extremely political. It is an outward sign of who we rely on. By making that drive to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, you are saying to the fallen world that you worship the one true God. You are also saying that you not only worship Him, but you rely on Him for all your needs of not just your body, but also your soul. We keep the Sabbath day holy by (1) meeting together in the Divine Service to receive God’s Word and Sacraments; (2) treasuring God’s Word as sacred; and (3) devoting ourselves to His Word. St. Paul writes in Colossians 3: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching, and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God” (Colossians 3:16). From Acts 2: “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). From Acts 17: “They received the Word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so” (Acts 17:11b).

Now that we understand how the one true God is to be front and center in our lives as our politic, how then do we live? How do we act as people who trust in Jesus as our Lord?

The Fourth Commandment: Honor your father and your mother. (*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*) Because we respect and honor Jesus, since He is our Lord, we also respect and honor those people who have the unique task for the well-being of all society. Outside of Christ, the next most important political figures are your parents. Fathers and mothers serve as God’s representatives, His ambassadors, through whom He bestows and nurtures human life on earth. Like our parents, we have other authorities who serve as God’s representatives, or ambassadors, for the support and protection of our life on earth. These “other” ambassadors are the likes of legal guardians, pastors, teachers, employers, and government officials. We fear and love God as our Lord by receiving and recognizing parents and other authorities as His representatives. We do this by (1) honoring them; (2) serving and coming to the aid of our parents; (3) obeying our parents, pastors, teachers, employers, and government authorities; and (4) loving and cherishing our parents and other authorities on account of their God-

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given vocations. St. Paul writes in Ephesians 6: “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother’ (that is the first commandment with a promise), ‘that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land’” (Ephesians 6:1-3). Also, St. Paul writes, “Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God” (Romans 13:1). However, there may come a time when it is the Christian duty to not obey our authorities. This time is only when our authorities require us to disobey God’s Word. If Jesus is our Lord, then when fallen man forces us to disobey Christ, we stand with St. Peter and the apostles who said, “We must obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29).

The Fifth Commandment: You shall not murder. (*We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.*) From the very moment of conception, every person whom God has created is our neighbor. Our neighbor is not just our literal next-door neighbor, but everyone we meet in our daily life. Our neighbor is especially anyone in need of our help and assistance. We keep Jesus as our Lord as we fear and love God by not harming our neighbor. We show that Christ is not our Lord by doing the following: (1) murder – taking the life of another person without just cause; (2) doing or saying anything that injures or endangers another person’s life; (3) neglecting to assist people in bodily need; and (4) harboring anger or hatred in our hearts against our neighbor. St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4: “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:31-32). St. John writes in 1 John 4: “We love God because He first loved us. If anyone says, ‘I love God,’ and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him: whoever loves God must also love his brother” (1 John 4:19-21). As disciples of Jesus, we prove our love for Him by (1) coming to the aid of our neighbor; (2) speaking in a way that helps and defends our neighbor; and (3) treating our neighbor with kindness and compassion. St. Paul writes in Romans 12: “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink” (Romans 12:20). He also writes in Ephesians 4: “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you” (Ephesians 4:32). Human life is God’s gift, so every human life is precious to Him and is also to be precious to us.

The Sixth Commandment: You shall not commit adultery. (*We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.*) God created us live faithfully as male and female by respecting His purpose for sexual activity within the context of marriage. Marriage was created by God as the lifelong union of a man and a woman for their mutual help and joy and for the procreation and nurturing of children. A man and a woman enter into marriage by the public course to live faithfully together until death. This again is political. If Jesus is the Bridegroom and we, His church, is His bride, we are to be loyal to Him as He is loyal to us. This same goes in our marriages between husband and wife. We fear and love God by living as men and women who respect God’s purposes for marriage. We do this by (1) treating our bodies as holy – set apart for the purposes for which God created us as male and female – not as objects that serve our selfish desires; (2) speaking and acting to one another as male and female in ways that build up rather than tear down (such as crude talk, derogatory comments about appearances, or immodest dress); (3) reserving sexual intercourse for marriage rather than before or outside of marriage; (4) refraining from lustful desire of any kind, whether it be heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, or otherwise; (5) treating our husband or wife as a gift of God and loving him or her sacrificially. St. Paul writes in Colossians 3: “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry” (Colossians 3:5).

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The Seventh Commandment: You shall not steal. *(We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.)* If you trust in Jesus as Lord, you will not: (1) steal your neighbor's possessions and money; (2) be lazy or sloppy when working as employees; and (3) acquire goods by dishonesty, fraud, or by taking advantage of others. By stealing, we are saying that the one true God is not providing for our earthly goods. In fact, God provides our earthly goods through (1) the bounty of the earth; (2) the vocation of parents, family, and neighbors; and (3) our jobs and careers. The Psalmist writes: "You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for You have prepared it" (Psalm 65:9). St. Paul writes in 2 Thessalonians 3: "For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living" (2 Thessalonians 3:10-12). We show ourselves to be good stewards of God's gifts through the following: (1) our family is provided with shelter, food, education, health care, etc.; (2) others benefit from our grateful and charitable use of what God has given us at home, in church, as neighbors, and as citizens; (3) the church has the resources it needs for the proclamation of the Gospel; and (4) all creation prospers under our care for the land, water, and air. St. John writes in 1 John 3: "If anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?" (1 John 3:17). Hebrews 13 says, "Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God" (Hebrews 13:16).

The Eighth Commandment: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. *(We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.)* As disciples of Christ, we follow His command to speak truthfully and charitably about our neighbors so that others view them in the best possible light. King Solomon writes: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold" (Proverbs 22:1) and "A good name is better than precious ointment" (Ecclesiastes 7:1). We cannot live without a good reputation. In his Large Catechism, Luther writes, "God does not want the reputation, good name, and upright character of our neighbor to be taken away or diminished, just as with his money and possessions. He wants everyone to stand in his integrity before wife, children, servants, and neighbors." We fear and love God by not speaking about others in ways that harm them. Harmful speech includes: (1) telling lies about our neighbor in everyday life or in a court of law; (2) betraying our neighbor by making public their private faults or secrets; and (3) slandering our neighbor by rushing to judgment, complaining about them, or spreading rumors. St. Paul writes in Colossians 3: "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices" (Colossians 3:9). Zechariah writes: "Do not devise evil in your hearts against one another, and love no false oath, for all these things I hate, declares the LORD" (Zechariah 8:17). So, what would a person who is loyal to Christ do? They fear and love God by speaking constructively about others, which includes (1) defending our neighbors when others speak badly of them; (2) drawing attention to our neighbor's good qualities and deeds; and (3) seeking to understand our neighbor's actions in the most positive light and explaining them in the kindest possible way. St. Paul writes in Ephesians 4: "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).

The Ninth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. *(We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.)*

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The Tenth Commandment: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.)

These last two commandments are for the heart. We may be able to say that we have followed commandments four through eight, since we tend to focus on those as outward acts. Coveting is wanting what you do not have. This wanting is a sin of the heart. It's like saying, "I don't trust that God will provide for me, so I want what my neighbor has." St. James writes in James 4: "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask" (James 4:1-2). We prove our loyalty to Christ as our Lord by not coveting the gifts that He has given to our neighbor. This includes: (1) not plotting to acquire our neighbor's possessions in a way that appears proper or legal and (2) not plotting to lure away our neighbor's friends, spouse, or employees (or turn them against our neighbor). Micah writes: "Woe to those who devise wickedness and work evil on their beds! When the morning dawns, they perform it, because it is in the power of their hand. They covet fields and seize them, and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance" (Micah 2:1-2). As disciples of Christ, we fear and love Him by being satisfied with what He has provided for us and for others. This includes (1) being thankful for all that God has given us; and (2) helping others to retain what God has given them and encouraging their spouse and workers to remain faithful and loyal. Hebrews 13 says: "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.' So we can confidently say, 'The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?'" (Hebrews 13:5-6).

How well have you done in remaining loyal to Christ? How well have you kept His commandments? Are you showing evidence of your faith in Christ in your daily life? To be sure, if a person could keep God's Law and do what it requires, then salvation could indeed be achieved that way. But if a person falls short of the Law's requirements, as every sinner does, then the Law accuses the sinner and turns on the would-be earner of salvation with a curse. "Cursed be anyone who does not confirm the words of this Law by doing them" (Deuteronomy 27:26).

Salvation is not a matter of doing and earning, but a matter of receiving. It's a matter of politics. It's a matter of confessing with the mouth that Jesus is Lord and confidently believing that God raised Him from the dead as our Savior and our substitute.

So, if you have failed in loyalty to Christ, repent. Turn away from sin, turn away from those false voices, and to Christ by receiving your Lord's forgiveness. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ came down to earth to live the perfect life sinners could not live; He kept the Law for you. He lived a perfect life to earn the righteousness that sinners needed. He died the death sinners deserved for our many transgressions. With His lifeblood, He paid for our lack of keeping the Law. By His perfect obedience, He earned the righteousness necessary for our salvation.

Christ has done everything. So, with confidence, we can say, "This Jesus is *my* Lord!"

"For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved" (Romans 10:10).

All politics ultimately is religious. As Christians, how we live day to day is to be centered around our Lord Jesus Christ. And when you fail, repent, and take those failings to your Lord and receive His forgiveness. For everyone in Christ, our politics begin and end with Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Adelsen

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Sunday Adult Bible Study: 1 Corinthians

In many ways, the Church of Corinth is much like the Western Christian Church today. Corinth was a major Greek seaport complete with traffic, travelers, sailors, and merchants. Corinth was cosmopolitan, pagan, idolatrous and immoral. At its height, Corinth was the fourth-largest city in the Roman Empire. Among its inhabitants were Roman colonists, ex-slaves, former soldiers, admirers of Greek wisdom and culture, and a scattering of Jews. It was a very prosperous and wealthy city, but it was also a very irreligious city.

Naturally, when the Christian faith collided with the paganism in Corinth, the young congregation founded by St. Paul, was plagued with many problems and questions. These problems included congregational factions, lawsuits, promiscuity, marriage and divorce, desertion, the place of women in the church, the Sacrament of the Altar, and the resurrection of the body. The Church in Corinth turned to St. Paul for guidance and counsel.

The Church in Corinth was not a perfect congregation, but through the Holy Spirit, St. Paul told this imperfect congregation about God's grace. The experiences of the Church in Corinth are increasingly those of present-day Christians, not only in traditional heathen countries, but also in so-called Christian lands slipping deeper into pagan ways. The impact of the fallen world's morality on the Church is all so evident today, with political factions growing, marriages failing, sexual morality sinking, and church disorders increasing. Today's Christian faces many of the moral dilemmas reflected in this epistle.

At the same time, 1 Corinthians is a letter of hope for our times. In trying to hold the Corinthians to the Word of God, St. Paul found it necessary to state both their human faults and their proper goals. In the epistle, St. Paul shows them the way of error and the way of truth. This epistle is practical as it presents everyday problems confronting Christians in the world as the Holy Spirit supplies the answers to our daily problems.



Crafts Needed: We're participating in West Salem Cares downtown West Salem on September 1. We're having a craft table and we need crafts to sell! Bring your items to the church or give to Patty Horstmann or Leatta Danielson. Kids crafts are welcome.

Hello Church Family! We will be going to Living Waters Bible Camp on September 29 for a **Tabernacle Tour**. We will have a light lunch at the church before heading out. Sign up sheets will be at church coming up, watch for them. This is a very family friendly activity, all are welcome! Recommended donations are \$10 per adult, \$5 per child age 4 to 12, kids 3 and under are free. Questions? Talk with Carrie Horstman.

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Men's Bible Study

What does it mean to be a man? Masculinity is attacked by the fallen world as "toxic." Masculinity is giving of yourself for the good of those around you in your care. Being masculine is counter-cultural today.

The fallen world says many things about masculinity, but what God speaks in the Bible of manhood is far different. God gave men responsibilities that are distinct from those He gave to women. Our Lord and

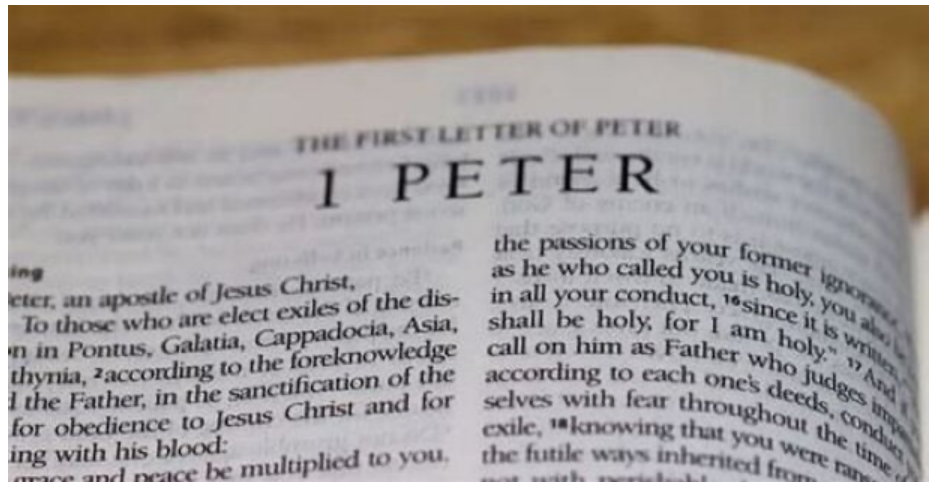
Savior, Jesus the Christ, gives men the perfect example of a man, since He is the perfect man. His example sets the paradigm for perfect masculinity.

Beginning in September, all men of Prince of Peace are invited to Men's Bible Study. We will begin with a study on Masculinity. The date and time of the study is still to be determined. If you are interested, contact Pastor Adelsen (email: pastor@wspop.org).



Wednesday Morning Bible Study: 1 Peter

The people who received Peter's Letters often faced persecution for their faith. They could not worship the community false idols or the national gods. They had to refuse participation in the local feasts and parties, often dedicated to one of the many gods or goddesses in the region. They couldn't even perform the patriotic act of burning incense to Caesar because it was a form of prayer. Idolatry was woven into the daily life of



the individual and the community. As a result, their friends and neighbors turned against them. Persecution became a daily fact of life for people who trusted Jesus for their salvation. Was their faith in Jesus Christ worth the suffering, persecution, and isolation they had to endure?

Amazingly, St. Peter tells them that persecution actually benefits God's people. Perhaps we can illustrate this benefit by turning to human relationships. Difficult times often make or break relationships. Tragedy, terrible personal crises, and loss force us to come together and become stronger. Many of us have stories of critical times when our life and trust in someone was put to the test. These critical times forge the bonds of our relationships. Those that survive the test are stronger than before.

We meet each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.!

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Mercy and Grace Lead to Generosity

“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift” (2 Cor. 9:15)! This is St. Paul’s exclamation upon hearing the Corinthian church’s response to the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his request for support for the church in Jerusalem. The Christians in Corinth heard and received God’s mercy in Christ, and they responded to St. Paul’s call to support Christians in Jerusalem with a collection. The Corinthians’ joy filled Jerusalem’s need.



This is the reality of stewardship. Because of God’s generosity in the giving of His Son to die on the cross for us, we are to be generous with all that we receive from Him. What do we receive? Everything. All that we are and all that we have is the Lord’s. He is the creator and the giver. We are His creatures and those who receive what He gives.

It sounds easy. And it is. But then again it isn’t. Stewardship is easy because it is God’s work. Through what God gives, we give to others. Through what God gives, we support the work of the church for the life of the world. He gives; we receive. And like our generous Father in Heaven, we, as His children, use what He gives to us to love and serve others.

But stewardship is also difficult. That is because it goes against our natural inclination to think that what I have is mine to do what I want with. This is our sinful nature. It is our selfishness and our greed. How can we who have been given everything — life, food, clothing, house, home, forgiveness, divine sonship, an eternal inheritance — be so stingy with what we give to the church, the place where we hear about and receive all that God gives us and does for us? We are all guilty of this kind of thinking. And the only godly response is to repent and trust in the Gospel.

For if God has given you His own Son, will He not give you all things? Yes. He will. This is His sure and certain promise. God provides for His people. He provides everything we need for this body and life and for the life that is to come.

The church is a mercy place. It’s a place where God’s mercy in the death and resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ, is given and received. For us who believe it means forgiveness, life and salvation in the face of sin, death and the power of the devil. Here in the church, we inhale God’s mercy in Word and Sacrament, and exhale this same mercy in love and service to our neighbor. And that is an enduring, joyful thing to do. Our joy fills our neighbor’s need because His joy filled ours (Heb. 12:2). Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

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CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

August, 2024

Prince of Peace has recently experienced a period of financial uncertainty and shortfalls. The church council authorized and executed various short-term fiscal maneuvers to meet current expenses. Church finances have been a long-term issue at Prince of Peace. I thank God that I am able to report that Prince of Peace has received a number of monetary gifts that have carried us through this difficult period. I encourage all of us to seek divine inspiration as we consider the stewardship of God's blessings that He has provided to us. I consider all gifts to the Prince of Peace mission in the Word, whether it be time, talents and yes, money, a direct reflection of our priority of and dedication to God in our lives. Thank you all.

Our Evangelism Committee and LWML will be initiating a number of OUTREACH-FUNDRAISER programs in the future. Some of the ideas that have been discussed include chicken que and packaged meal drive through sales at church in an outreach effort to draw the general public into our site. A developing idea also includes sponsoring a "famer's market" within our parking area. There are opportunities for our members to volunteer for fund raising efforts with various vendors. Watch for more information with respect to these efforts. I am hopeful that everyone in the congregation will actively volunteer in these programs. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Thank God for you.

We can expect to see the start of Marcie's Pet Spa earth moving and building construction activities south of our church property this month. We are also advised that our neighbor who owns the property to the west of the church is considering the sale and development of his property. We have no specific information yet, but you will be advised as we know more.

Please keep our congregation and God's work in your prayers.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST. ALLELUIA!

Kurt Childs, Congregational President

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE REPORT

The Evangelism Committee will be participating in the **National Night Out Community** event being put on by the Village of West Salem. This is the 3rd annual National Night Out opportunity for you to meet your local police and other West Salem businesses.

The Evangelism Committee and Pastor will staff a table providing information to the community about POP. All are invited to attend and enjoy free food, beverages, music and games.. It will take place on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 from 5:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.,in the Village Park West Salem.

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LWML News:

On August 3 at 9 a.m. we will be meeting at Debbie's house for our monthly meeting.

We'll have a short meeting, Bible study and fellowship.

Mark your calendars for October 5 at 9:30 a.m. We will be hosting our zone Prayer Meeting. The annual Prayer Meeting theme this year is Grace, Mercy, Peace and will be led by Pastor Adelsen and Pastor Erdman from Necedah.

The prayer meeting will be taking a closer look at grace, mercy and peace and there will be prayers led by the pastors and some hymns.

The entire congregation is invited to join us.

We will be celebrating LWML Sunday on October 6.



Our August birthdays

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| Garry Hensley | August 2 |
| Willie Danielson | August 3 |
| Justin Zezulka | August 5 |
| Sarah Zezulka | August 10 |
| Blake Hundt | August 11 |
| Austin Hinds | August 12 |
| Kari Moen | August 16 |
| DJ Riniker | August 18 |
| Bill Pyatt | August 20 |
| Eric Grube | August 21 |
| Hannah Moen | August 23 |
| Paul Zezulka | August 24 |
| Carly Otto | August 26 |
| Melissa Adelsen | August 28 |
| Jeff Schmidt | August 30 |
| Peter Adelsen | August 31 |

See the bulletin board for our August anniversaries.

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August Schedules

Ushers

August 4-Roger & Ginny Emmons
August 11-Randy & DeAnne Otto
August 18-Barb Hinds & Garry Hensley
August 25-Dan & Kari Moen

Greeters

August 4-POP Family
August 11-Mike & Carolyn Dosland
August 18-POP Family
August 25-POP Family

Money counters

August 4-Elaine Schmidt & Ona Childs
August 11-Chris Leis & Barb Alsobrooks
August 18-Lori Peters & Debbie Dunnum
August 25-Barb Hinds & Elaine Schmidt

Song Leaders

August 4-Sarah Kolander
August 11-Brooklynn Scholze
August 18-Holly Ford
August 25-Brooklynn Scholze

Altar Guild

Barb Hinds
Ginny Emmons

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August 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 29 Pastors' Conference Divine Service: 7 p.m. | 30 Pastors' Conference | 31 Pastors' Conference- No Bible study today | 1 | 2 Pastor's day off | 3 LWML 9:00 a.m. at Debbie's house |
| 4 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Elders: 11:30 | 5 Divine Service: 7 p.m. | 6 | 7 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. | 8 | 9 Pastor's day off | 10 Women's Bible study: 9 a.m. |
| 11 Divine Service: 9 a.m. Bible study for all: 10:30 Church Council: 11:30 | 12 Divine Service: 7 p.m. | 13 | 14 Bible study: 9:30 a.m. | 15 | 16 Pastor's day off | 17 Women's Bible study: 9 a.m. VBS at POP, 9 to 12, lunch |
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Vacation Bible School

Invite your family, neighbors & friends to VBS August 17, from 9 to noon. Lunch is provided. Register at wspop.org

We need your crafts

We'll be having a table at the craft fair at West Salem Cares on September 1. Bring your things to church and/or talk with Patty H. or Leatta.

Outdoor Worship

Join us Sunday, September 1 at 9 a.m. for an outdoor worship service, weather permitting.

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