

GOOD NEWS

“God made a woman...”

I’m a fan of Jeff Foxworthy, the Southern comedian. His “You might be a redneck” is some of the cleanest, funniest stuff there is.

Some time ago I received a forward entitled, “You know you’re a mom when...” In honor of the women who take care of us, I dedicate this to them.

“You know you’re a mom when...

the kids are fighting and you threaten to lock them in a room together and not let anyone out until someone is bleeding.”

your idea of a good day is making it through without a child leaking bodily fluids on you.”

spit is your #1 cleaning agent.”

You’re so desperate for adult conversation that you spill your guts to the telemarketer that calls and HE hangs up on YOU!”

AND

Christian Humor Light-hearted humor with a spiritual lesson

“Out of the mouths of children...” Here’s what Marie wrote.

“Dear Pastor,

How does God know all the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers?

Sincerely,
Marie, age 9”

in your bathroom there is toothpaste on the light fixtures, water all over the floor, the dog drinking out of the toilet, and the body hair is forming a union to protest unsafe and unsanitary working conditions.”

On day 6 of creation Adam found no other creature like him. God took from him a rib and formed woman—a creature of God’s design to complement man.

In this day of gender bending God’s Word still is best and true when it comes to the sexes. Each brings to the male-female relationship and possibly the marriage table those characteristics and qualities that together make a whole.

It’s not sexist to say that women communicate better, are more expressive with their emotions, and are more caring and nurturing. Martin Luther believed that the mother had the highest calling on the earth,

for she had the greatest amount of influence on her children.

Estimates today put women working outside the home at over 50%. Managing work and caring for a family can be a daunting task. But the mother who is in Christ is up to it, for she receives from Him the strength she needs to live out her calling. Happy Mother’s Day! - Pastor Plautz



Society divides people into two groups—good and bad. Those who break the law are called “bad” while those who stay out of trouble are “good”. But that’s not how God sees us.

God knows because He sees the heart—each sinful; sin makes us “no good”.

That’s why God gave us a Savior. Jesus was good in every way, every moment. Through Jesus, God declares us good. By faith Jesus enables us to live lives which honor Him.



From our DYFM, Valerie Brooks

I would like to wish all of the mothers in our congregation a **Happy Mother's Day on May 14th!** I hope that you are all able to celebrate these wonderful women that have shaped our lives. "Strength and dignity are her clothing and she smiles at the future. She opens her mouth in wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. Her children rise up and bless her, her husband also, and he praises her. Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord she shall be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done." - Proverbs 31:25-31.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, I'm going to be having a quick little fundraising meeting with anyone who is interested in helping plan a couple of quick youth/family fundraisers over the summer. We have a lot of events coming up over the next year, so I wanted to get fundraising soon (Confirmation Retreats, Youth Quake, 2018 Youth Mission Trip, 2019 NYG, etc.) for some of these things. Any youth in grades 5-12 can help work at fundraisers and the money will go into their individual accounts to help pay for trips/activities. Parents of these youth, or people interested in helping with youth ministries are invited to join me on May 3rd for this short meeting from 7-7:30pm in the youth room.

Our **last day of Sunday School** this year is May 7th. I want to thank all of the Sunday School staff members who have done such a wonderful job teaching the children and youth this year. You have all been such a wonderful group to work with, and I know the kids have really enjoyed Sunday School this year because of all of you and your amazing talents!

I also want to thank **Bill Musser, Tina Bernette, and Sue Smith** for leading the children with music this year. Bill comes in almost every Sunday for us and leads the younger classes in singing/dancing with the guitar while Sue teaches the older kids the ukulele. Tina has used her talents to direct our Christmas Program again this past December, and she directs the children's Handbell Choir for special performances as well. Thank you to all of you for your time and service!

This year, we will be having a little **celebration brunch with the Sunday School staff and families on May 7th from 9-10am**. I will be handing out some staff appreciation gifts, as well as recognizing the children for working on their memory work; they've all been working so hard at it! The Sunday School children will also be passing out little Mother's/Father's Day gifts to their parents, and we'll have a little gift for Pastor from all of us as well. This should be a nice little end to a wonderful educational year!

Every year we recognize our high school seniors as they celebrate the milestone of graduation with their loved ones. Our **Senior Recognition service is going to be on May 21st this year at the 10:15am service**. All seniors and their families are then invited to join us for a lunch in the Fellowship Hall following the worship service. Each senior family should have received their letters in the mail from me already, but please let me know if you have not. This is a wonderful service that we have each year, and we will be handing out the senior quilts during the service as well. We hope you all can join us as we celebrate the seniors.

On **Wednesday, June 14th**, I'll be hosting a **little family night** here at the church after worship. That evening, there will be a special music event after church, and then we'll spend the night playing some outdoor games and enjoying some s'mores together. Then, families have the option to camp out on the church lawn, inside the church, or they can bring their family camper if they have one and park it out in the parking lot. In the morning, we'll have breakfast and more games/devotions before wrapping up the event around 10am. I hope you all can make it!

Even though it's only May, I know a lot of families already have summer calendars filling, so I wanted to just put a note in here about our **2017 VBS dates**. We will be having VBS similar to what we did last year (Monday, Tuesday, and then Wednesday night worship). VBS will be **July 31st – August 2nd** this year, and is for children age 3 up through grade 6 (as of Fall 2017). I'll have registration forms for VBS out in the Narthex starting May 3rd, and you can always invite friends along too! I am also still in need of lots of volunteers to help out, so please also take a look at the volunteer sign-up form out in the Narthex as well. This should be a fun one!

Happy Spring! Valerie Brooks



May Bible Studies

Sunday School

Classes for kids ages 3—grade 6, Sunday's 8:45-10am. Singing, Bible time, crafts & activities. (Last day is May 7).

Sunday Morn Bible Class

Join us for a study at 9am led by Dick Walters. Topic: Lutheranism 101.

Youth Bible Class

This study is for young adults (ages 13-25) and meets at 9am. Leader: Corey Brooks.

Monday Aft Bible Class

Consider joining this group on Monday at 1pm. Leader: Sue Smith.

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday's at 6:30am. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: 1 Timothy. Led by Pastor Plautz. (no class May 2 & 9)

Thursday Bible Class

This class meets at 9:30am for Donna Pyle's Bible Study series for women. Leader: Pam Pfankuch

Couples Group

Come and join fellow couples of FLC for dinner at the Rumor Mill and a paint class on Saturday, May 13th. Dinner at 5:30pm & class at church at 7pm. Contact Lynn Musser for further details (715)861.5630.

May's Sermon Series Topics

May 7—Crucified Lord
May 14—Risen Lord
May 21—Exalted Lord
May 28—Lord/Giver of Life



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Mission & Ministry Council

April 10, 2017

6:35 - 7:20 p.m.

Attending Disciples: Scott Bernette, Larry Bohl, Jack Halbleib, Ed Klotz, Bill Miller, Janell Newcomb, Bob Normand, Pastor Plautz.

Treasurer's Report: The Council reviewed the checkbook register, summary report, and profit & loss year-to-date comparisons for January through April 10, 2017. The average monthly deficit is approximately \$3,500. The operating expenses continue to exceed the revenue.

Pastor's Report: The Easter Journey that was held at the Palm Sunday, 10:15 a.m. service went very well and received a good reception from the congregation. Pastor will do some additional checking into the use of the church by the wood carvers. Pastor Plautz will speak with Dick Walders about his internship and the possibility of starting communion visits with some of the homebound parishioners. Presentations by the Confirmation Class and dinner will be held on April 23rd; Confirmation on April 30th. Pastor may be attending the Board of Director's Meeting at Camp Luther on May 1st and 2nd. A presentation will be given at a future service in May promoting the military Bible sticks and donations that may be given to that cause if anyone wishes to do so. Pastor will be attending the Spring Pastor's Conference in Wausau on May 8th & 9th.

Cloutier Scholarship Fund (LCEF): At the March 13, 2017, Council Meeting, a motion was made by Scott Bernette and seconded by Larry Bohl that the Cloutier Scholarship Fund balance be moved to the Endowment Fund. The current balance is \$827.02. After discussion, Scott Bernette and Larry Bohl rescinded the motion and the second that was made at the March 13, 2017, Council Meeting. Jack Halbleib made a motion that the current balance in the Cloutier Scholarship Fund be split between Valerie Brooks and Dick Walders and given to them as a scholarship for their continuing Christian education. The motion was seconded by Ed Klotz and carried on a voice vote.

Pastor's Retirement Celebration: The date for Pastor's retirement celebration has been set for July 30th and it will be held at the Avalon Hotel & Conference Center in Chippewa Falls.

Voter's Meeting & Call Committee: Bob Normand contacted the North Wisconsin District-Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (NWD-LCMS) for direction on how to proceed with calling of a new pastor. The policy of the NWD-LCMS is to start the process when the current pastor has left the position. This allows for separation of the process from the responsibilities that the outgoing pastor has for the congregation. They also stated that the process can be determined by the retiring pastor. Bob Normand spoke with

Pastor Plautz and he graciously has given us his blessing to begin the process.

After reviewing the constitution of our Church, the first step is to hold a Voter's Meeting to give approval to the Council to set up a Call Committee. A meeting date of May 21, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. (between services) has been selected for this meeting. The only item on the agenda will be for approval to establish a Call Committee. It is very important that the congregation attend this Voter's Meeting so that the process can be started. Once approved, the Mission and Ministry Council will meet to determine the makeup of the Call Committee, review possible members, and make contacts to those selected for the Committee.

If anyone is interested on serving on the Call Committee, they should contact Bob Normand or Alice Helgeson. Reverend Steven Rutter will be working with us through the call process.

Other Business: A donation was given to the Church for the purpose of purchasing a wireless microphone for use during the "Joys & Concerns" portion of the service and for church meetings.

Respectfully Submitted by Janell Newcomb, Council Secretary

Special Voters Meeting

A special voter's meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 21 at 9am. The only item on the agenda is to give approval to the council to set up a Call Committee. Anyone age 16 and older is eligible to vote at this meeting. Pray for God's guidance throughout this process.

Pew Cushions Fund

The committee is happy to announce the arrival of Phase 1 (communion rails cushions) has arrived. The funding from various memorial funds has afforded this. Our congregation is raising funds for future expansion of this project. If you would like to donate, simply designate offerings to "Pew Cushions" and submit to the offering plate.

Military Bible Stick

Just \$25 provides a Military Bible Stick (the audio device with New Testament and selected Psalms) for our Troops who protect our nation and preserve our freedoms. Funds can be submitted anytime throughout the month of May. Thanks for honoring God and giving a life-changing gift to the Troops!

Pastor's Retirement

A date for Pastor's Retirement dinner has been set for Sunday, July 30th at noon. Please make a note of this special event on your summer calendars.

Mother's Day Recognition

On Wednesday, May 10 & Sunday, May 14 (following services) we will be offering a dessert & refreshments in recognition of our mothers. Enjoy this time in fellowship.

Faith's Preschool/Pre-K Graduation

Is scheduled for Thursday, May 18th at 9:30am. Hats off to Mrs. Juédes & Mrs. Robotti for another year in nurturing our children in personal growth & God's love.

Graduate Recognition

On Sunday, May 21 at 10:15am our 2017 graduates will be recognized. If you are graduating from high school or from another higher education please let the church office know so proper recognition can be given.

Women of Faith

Come to an evening of beautiful garden flowers (at Christensen's Greenhouse) & ice cream indulgence at Olson's Dairy on Tuesday, May 16 at 6pm. Delight in the creation God has afforded us!

**Return Service
Requested**

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May's Newsletter

May's Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

1-Matthew Engel, Bryon Nesvacil
2-George Flint
4-Todd Dreger
5-Bonnie Schimmel
7-Linda Ahlen
8-Renee Hoffmann
9-Eileana Hasart
10-Kendal Musser
11-Brenda Beaudette
12-Shari Schumacher, Patricia Smith
14-Talley Halvorson, Tarrin Halvorson,
Lehmen Larson
15-Mary Lee Halbleib
16-Paula Kohlbeck, Olivia Sedlacek,
Alyssa Voight
17-Amber Adams, Mason Newman, Don-
na Spaeth
18-Sophia Albert, Izabel Eliason
18-Bea Grassnickle
19-Judy Markow, Deanie Schaller
22-Michael Newman
25-Andrea Strand

26-Kara Hauptmann, Leonard Lang-
teau, William Mueller
27-Barb Erickson
28-Michelle Haller, Steven Jake
29-Betty Solin

Happy Anniversary!

2-Marvin & Shirley Schroeder
3-Emery & Janice Schindler
4-Eric & Jeannie Dubberke
5-Dale & Jolene Andersen
9-Steve & Barb Missfeldt
14-Allen & Sue Kern
25-Robert & Sandra Lulloff
26-Corey & Valerie Brooks

