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When Dressing, Put on a Smile

We live in a time when fashions can become obsessions with us. Garments are constantly changing style as the fashion designers dictate what the “re-spectable” people will be wearing this season. And some Christians seem to be caught up in the whirlwind of flashy clothes and all the trinkets that go with them. Sure, God wants us to be properly clothed at all times, but it becomes very easy to take advantage of the accessibility of clothes and become nothing more than breathing mannequins.

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Christians must allow the purity of the Christian heart to decide what will be worn in public. I know of a woman who is a member of the church who must have a fabulous wardrobe. She always has something on which looks as though it came directly from the department store window. And if she wears the same dresses more than once, she does so at such intervals that no one could tell that she did not have access to an infinite variety of garments. But though her clothing is the latest in styling and usually very modest, she always appears a bit underdressed. Her countenance seems naked. She rarely has a smile

or a kind word for anyone.

The expression of a Christian life can be the most precious of garments. It really isn't what one wears on the outside that draws people, but what one is inside. Some of us haven't learned this yet. One of the most obnoxious "Christians" I have ever met is meticulous about his dress. What he doesn't realize is that if he changed his personality, he could wear bib overalls and people would still love him.

Paul warned of overdressing and suggests that there is a certain amount of judgment and discretion involved in deciding what to put on. "Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments; but rather by means of good words, as befits women making a claim to godliness" (1 Tim. 2:9, 10). When we slip into our clothes each day, we ought to be able to say, "Father, I know that you will be pleased with this outfit today."

When dressing, it isn't really the material or the pattern of the garment that is of paramount concern, but rather, that we are wearing the Spirit of Christ (Gal. 3:27). Oh yes, there's one more thing. The next time you get dressed to go out — be sure to put on a smile!

LWML News

Saturday, April 30 – Ladies Spring Tea

35 women attended a beautiful and tasty Spring Tea. Special thanks to Chef Ann and daughter, Chef Katie for the food. It looked beautiful and tasted awesome! You're hired! Thank you to everyone who made the room very festive and helped with last minute details and clean up!

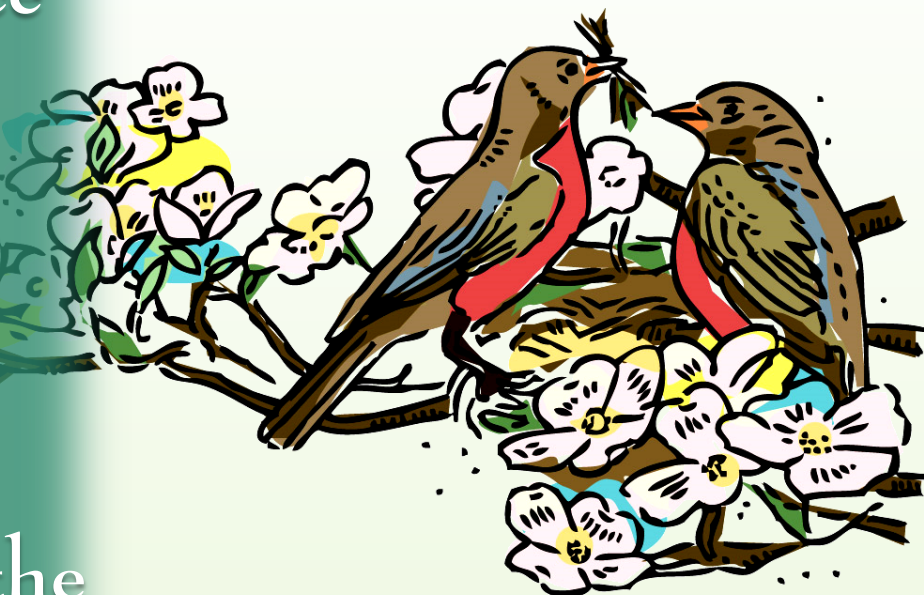
Save These Dates!

Monday, June 20 6:00 – Ladies Night Out (restaurant TBD)

Monday, August 26 6:00 – Board Meeting. If you have ideas for future activities, please bring them to this meeting.

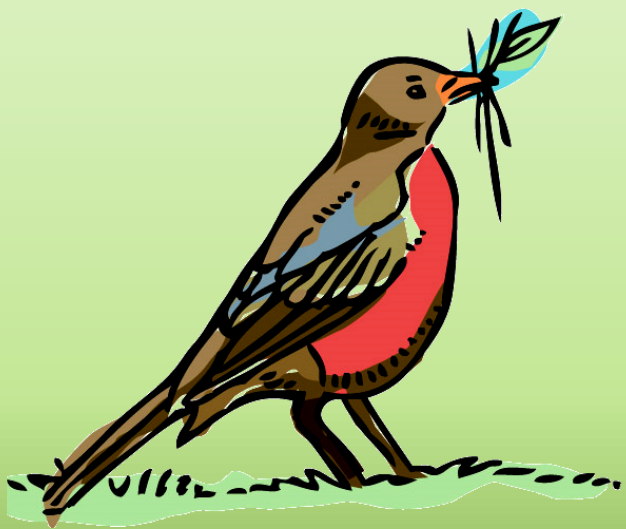
Monday, September ? – End of Summer Salad Potluck

There is still space
to sign up for
flowers in 2016.
The suggested
donation is \$30
and the flower
chart is hung in the
narthex.



Flowers & Fellowship

Please remember
that donations to
the 'kitty' help
fund our Sunday
morning
fellowship snacks
and coffee.



“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son” (John 3:16). “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays his life down for the sheep” (John 10:11). Love means sacrifice. Sacrifice means a humbling of oneself for the good of another. And this is what the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ teaches us: Love means sacrifice.

We love our families. And we love them by sacrificing ourselves for them. We put their needs before our own. We sacrifice our own wants and desires for their good and for their needs.

We love our country. And we love it by pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor to defend her. We ask not what our country can do for us, but what we can do for our country. We make sacrifices for our country’s good and we do it because we love her.

We love our church. And we love our church by giving of ourselves, by sacrificing our time, talents, and treasures in service to it. We volunteer to teach Sunday School, VBS, and other various boards. We help out cleaning and fixing what needs to be cleaned and fixed at the church property. And we give a portion of the income God has given us, so that the lights will go on, and the heat and air conditioning may run; so that a pastor will preach to us both law and gospel and administer baptism and the

Lord’s Supper; so that the Word will go forth into all the world through the missionaries we call and send out.

God has called us into these three spheres of family, country, and church. He puts the solitary into a home. No one is an island unto himself. Everyone is put into a family, a country, and a church. In these spheres, God cares for all our needs of body and soul. He employs other members of these spheres to ensure that we have everything we need for this body and life and for the next.

These callings place a claim upon us, a claim upon our presence, our prayers, our time, talents, and treasures. They give us a duty. That duty is to love. And love means sacrifice. And sacrifice means that we humble ourselves for the good of another.

So then, “let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:7–11). And love means sacrifice.

All About the Word

Jesus says, "The seed is the Word of God" (Luke 8:11). To illustrate the power of God's Word more accurately, the seed would have to be magnified billions and billions of times. Through His living Word, God not only created the world instantly, but through His Word in Baptism, God creates within us repentance, faith, justification (1Cor. 1:30) and a living hope that is eternal! (1Peter 1:3).

When God comes to us in His Word (Jesus is the Word in the flesh (John1:14) and we do not reject Him. God creates miracles in us and for us. Our relationship to God is all about the seed of the Word. God is always "at work" in those who believe (1Thess. 2:13)

God brings to the lifeless soil of our heart and mind the gift of His living Word (Matt. 13:3 ff.) The next time we think of faith, don't think of it as something we must do. Rather, think of faith as a wonderful gift from God! With our new forgiven status before God we will receive endless other gifts. These gifts come to us through God's Word. Begin receiving them by reading, meditating, and memorizing the first chapter of Ephesians.

Not only does God give us faith, forgiveness, and eternal hope but He also causes our faith to grow stronger. Every time we go to church to hear His living Word and receive Christ's body and blood, we are recreated and our faith grows stronger. Because the seed of God's Word is the most important and most powerful thing in our life!

From the Pews

The Number "Three" and Jesus

The study of numbers in the Bible is very interesting. A sort of spiritual mathematics. With "THREE" we come to the union, approval, co-ordination, completeness, and perfection. This is the number of the Trinity. THREE persons in One God. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. THREE members of Divine perfection.

The resurrection of our Lord on the THIRD day speaks of divine power. Jonah was THREE days and nights in the great fish as a sign of Christ's burial and resurrection.

Christ was crucified at the THIRD hour. The inscription over His head was written in THREE languages, suggesting the completeness of man's rejection of Christ. On the THIRD day, following His burial, He rose from the dead.

THREE persons were raised from the dead by Christ: Jairus' daughter, the widow's son, and Lazarus. This shows the completeness of His divine power in every stage of human existence, for the daughter of Jairus was 12 years old, just a girl; and Lazarus was full grown, an old man.

There are THREE offices of Christ which shows His perfection: Prophet, Priest, and King. The completeness of His Shepherd care is seen in these three titles: the Good, the Chief, and the Great Shepherd.

The perfection of Christ in His temptation is shown in His THREE fold use of "It is written!" THREE times the Heavenly Father spoke from heaven to His Son, showing His pleasure in the Son's obedience and the completeness in carrying out the mission for which He came.



Marinated Grilled Shrimp

"A very simple and easy marinade that makes your shrimp so yummy you don't even need cocktail sauce! "



Prep time: 15 min

Cook time: 6 min

Ready in: 55 min

Ingredients

- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2 pounds fresh shrimp, peeled and deveined
- skewers

Directions

1. In a large bowl, stir together the garlic, olive oil, tomato sauce, and red wine vinegar. Season with basil, salt, and cayenne pepper. Add shrimp to the bowl, and stir until evenly coated. Cover, and refrigerate for 30 minutes to 1 hour, stirring once or twice.
2. Preheat grill for medium heat. Thread shrimp onto skewers, piercing once near the tail and once near the head. Discard marinade.
3. Lightly oil grill grate. Cook shrimp on preheated grill for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until opaque.

Recipe By: BLONDIEPEREZ

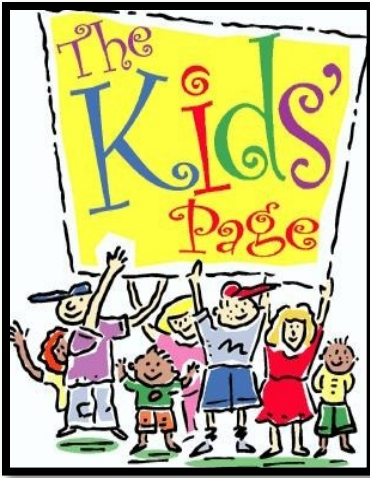
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Our Devotional

Sometimes in life we may need to help those who are facing difficult times, or we ourselves may find that we need help. Have you ever seen a friend drop a

pencil box in the hallway and the pencils fly everywhere? Whenever that happens, someone has probably helped the friend pick up the pencils. Aaron, in the Bible, is a lot like the person who helped pick up the pencils. God told Aaron to help Moses free the Israelites because they were in need. Aaron's job was to speak to Pharaoh for Moses. Aaron was the brother of Moses and alive during the time the Israelites were in slavery under Egypt. The Israelites worked all day in the blistering sun and were in need of help. God sent Moses, with Aaron as His spokesman, to plead to Pharaoh about freeing the Israelites. God helped the Israelites, as He helps us. The Lord certainly helped us when He sent baby Jesus to be born as our Savior on Christmas. Helping us in this way freed us from sin and the devil. Like the Israelites were enslaved to Pharaoh, we are enslaved to sin. To free us, Christ died on the cross. Jesus builds us up and helps us in our times of need just as Aaron helped Moses. Christ wants us to be helpers too. When we help others, we are encouraging and building them up. Helping others shows that we care about them. Remember this the next time a classmate drops something in the hallway or needs help in any way.

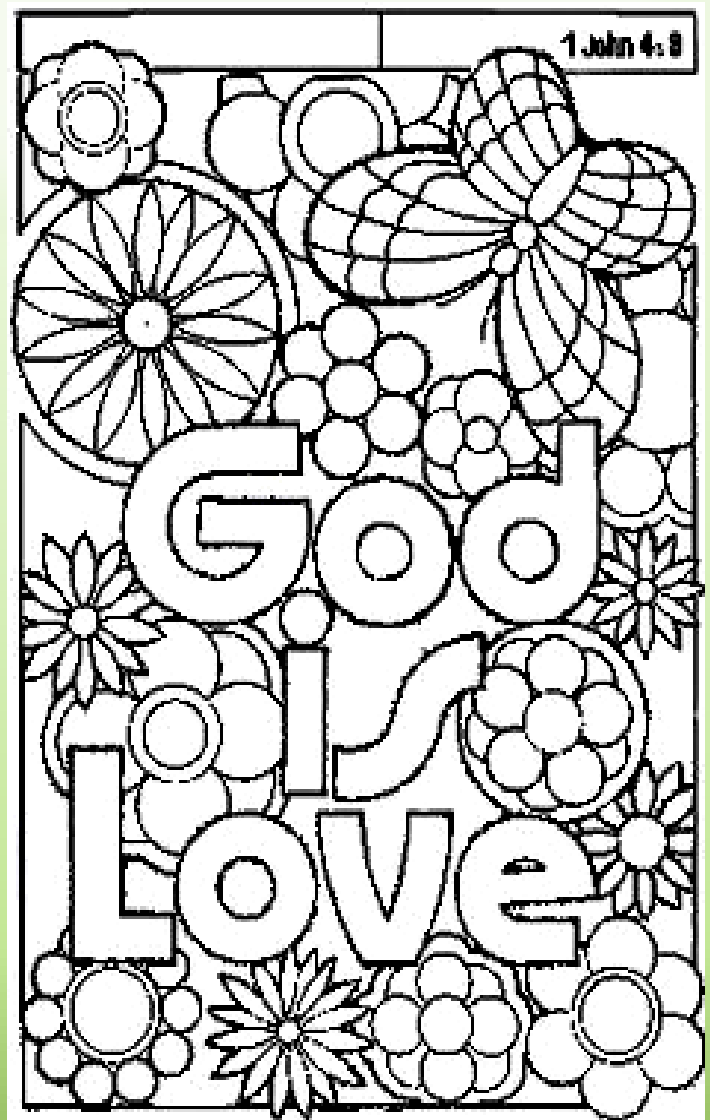
Bible Verse

"You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall speak to Pharaoh that he let the sons of Israel go out of his land." Exodus 7: 2

Prayer

Dear Jesus, Thank you for showing me your kindness and grace as you help me in my times of need. Please help me to be like Aaron and help others in their times of need. Amen.

Activity Page





Many Christian artists speak to teens and sing songs about empowerment, freedom, living like Christ and not falling into peer pressure to gain acceptance of their friends. Just like D.C. Talk captured the attention of hundreds of thousands of teens in the 90's, these artists each have a powerful message. Here are the

Top 10 Christian Songs for Teens.

1. All I Need Is You

by Lecrae

from the album Anomaly

2. Run Wild (feat. Andy Mineo)

by for KING & Country

from the album Run Wild. Live Free. Love Strong.

3. Free To Be Me

by Francesca Battistelli

from the Album My Paper Heart

4. Through It All

by Colton Dixon

from the album Anchor

5. Alive by Hillsong Young and Free

from the Album We Are Young and Free

6. Live Like That by Sidewalk Prophets
from the Album Live Like That

7. Dangerous by Group One Crew
from the album Fearless

8. Cray Button (feat. Lecrae)

by Family Force 5

from the single Cray Button (feat. Lecrae)

9. Run by Hillsong

from the album This Is Our God (Live)

10. Disconnected

by VERIDIA

from the EP Disconnected

Check These Out!



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LCMS Young Adult Ministry
Empowered to lead.



Atonement Monthly

2016



Anniversaries

- 23 Curtis & Ann Duggan
24 Manny & Judi Cruz

Birthdays

- 1 Manfred Luther
4 Shirley Tobin
6 Jan Stalman
Hanne Hartwig
12 Lynn Chiaravalle
14 Ludi Graf
17 Guida Rueger
22 Bonnie Geisinger
24 Stephen Cruz

June

Lay Ministers

- 5 Larry Betancourt
12 Mike Heidtbrink
19 Tim Hahn
26 Jim Dysart

Acolytes

- Junior Betancourt
Sheree Moody
Philip Brann
Becca Moody

Flowers

Ushers: Ethan Bowen

Heavenly Humor

You Might be a Lutheran If

- * requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, "If it's not too much trouble then..."
- * you know all the words to the first verse of "Silent Night" in German but can't speak a word of it.
- * you have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.
- * your house is a mess because you're "saved by Grace," not by works.
- * the doilies underneath the Thanksgiving flowers make nice snowflakes at Christmas.
- * your mother reminds you often that she wishes you'd studied the organ.
- * you dress up as your favorite reformer for Halloween.
- * you think that an ELCA Lutheran bride and an LCMS groom make for a "mixed marriage." (or any other two synods not in fellowship.)
- * Folgers has you on their Christmas list.
- * you're at an evangelistic rally and you actually manage to raise your hands waist high.
- * the only mealtime prayer you know is "Come Lord Jesus."
- * at the close of a memo it states "Peace be with you" and you respond "and also with you."



I'VE HAD A FULL LIFE ... YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE ME ANOTHER GO-AROUND

03-06-2015(See Genesis 2:18-25)






AND ZEBR ... OH MY ... I SHOULD HAVE BEEN BACKING UP OCCASIONALLY

04-03-2015



JULY 2016

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Divine Service 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	6 9:00 am Al Anon	7 9:00 am Al Anon	8 10:00 am Bible Study	9	10	11
12 9:00 am Prayer/Preaching 10:30 am Bible Study 10:30 am Sunday School	13 6:00 pm Church Council	14 9:00 am Al Anon 	15 10:00 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Scouts	16	17 Tutor Center starts Break	18 10:00 am Al-Anon Business Meeting
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Weekly Service

Sunday at 9:00 am

Bible Study

Sunday at 10:30 am

Tuesday at 6:00 pm (Men's)

Wednesday at 10:00 am

(On Break)

Wednesday at 6:30 pm (Women's)

Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 am

Confirmation

Tuesday's at 5:00 pm
(On break)

Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday's at 7:00 pm

Atoner's Bell Ringers

Tuesday's at 6:00 pm

Hiking Club

Last Saturday of each month. Location and times to be announced

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