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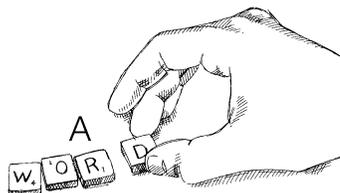
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from the
Pastor

But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. -Acts 15:1-2

This is the beginning of the account of what has come to be called the apostolic council. It took place to settle a dispute. It was a meeting of different people from different congregations. It took place during the time of the New Testament so that we would have an example to follow in deciding matters of doctrine and practice among ourselves in our own day and age. Thus The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod holds a national convention every three years. The next synod convention will be held in Tampa, Florida, July 20-25, 2019. A pastoral delegate and a lay delegate from every circuit in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod will be there to discuss matters of doctrine and practice in our church body so that like the apostolic council in Acts 15 all things may be done according to the Word of God, decently and according to a fixed succession (1Corinthians 14:40).

Our circuit will be holding a forum in the next few months to elect our delegates to the synod convention. In the meantime the Secretary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, John Sias, has requested nominations for certain synodical positions. The positions are listed as follows along

with the number of candidates to be elected and whether or not they are to be from the ordained, commissioned, or layperson categories. (Ordained people are pastors whether they serve a congregation or not. Commissioned people are rostered Lutheran school teachers, DCEs, DCOs, Directors of Parish Music, etc. Lay people are everyone else.)

Secretary of the Synod, 1 person to be elected, ordained.

LCMS Board of Directors, 2 people to be elected, one commissioned, the other a layperson.

LCMS Board of Directors, 1 person to be elected from the Central Region of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a layperson, and 1 person to be elected from the West-Southwest Region of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, a layperson.

Board for National Mission, 1 ordained or commissioned person from the Central, Great Lakes, and West-Southwest regions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and 1 layperson from the East-Southeast and Great Plains regions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Board for International Mission, 1 ordained or commissioned person from the East-Southeast and Great Plains regions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and 1 layperson from the Central, Great Lakes, and West-Southwest regions of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

Commission on Theology and Church Relations, 1 ordained person who must be a parish pastor (some pastors don't serve congregations) and 1 layperson.

Concordia Historical Institute Board of Governors, 2 ordained and 1 commissioned or layperson.

Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors, 4 laypersons.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund Board of Directors, 1 ordained or commissioned, 2 laypersons.

Concordia University System Board of Directors, 1 ordained.

Boards of Regents of the nine colleges and universities, 1 ordained, 1 commissioned, 2 laypersons per board of regents.

Boards of Regents of the two seminaries, 2 ordained, 1 commissioned, 1 layperson per board of regents.

Any member of a congregation belonging to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may nominate for these positions. Congregations as a whole may also submit nominations. Information about the different regions of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod may be found at the following link: <https://www.lcms.org/convention/districts-map>.

The form that is used to nominate may be found at the following link: [lcms.org/convention/2019-nomination-form](https://www.lcms.org/convention/2019-nomination-form).

Because of Jesus,
Pastor



G.R.O.W., a Christian ecumenical men's group in the Newman/Broadlands area, will meet Sunday, September 2nd at Immanuel. All interested Christian men in the area are invited to attend the meeting, which begins with breakfast at 7:00am and includes a devotion and a spiritually uplifting topic or speaker each month. There is no charge for the meeting, although opportunity is given for a free-will offering, which is used in various ways to serve others in the community and beyond.



BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARY

Those celebrating the anniversary of their Baptism into God's Holy Family during the month of September include:

- 1- Cody McKeever
Lynnae Struck
- 3- Linda Roberts
- 5- Kent Luth
- 8- Daniel Taylor
Kevin Wienke
- 9- Sarah Andresen
Leslie Luth
- 11- Gary Luth
Kirsten Place
- 13- Willard Rothermel
John Rothermel
Murray Franzen
- 14- Blake Roberts
Jack Humphrey
- 15- Eric Andresen
Pierce Andresen
- 16- Judy Struck
Corey Struck
- 18- Don Cress
Vicki K. Luth
- 19- Melissa Berning
- 20- Charles Benner
Don Clem
Tara Rutledge
- 22- Randal Cress
Gerhardt Mohr
Brenda Rohl
Jay Rohl
Tinley Luth
- 23- Darryl Negangard
Austin Cuppernell
- 24- Jerry Messman
- 26- Elijah Rittman
- 27- Teresa Rahn
- 29- Vrolock Martin
Kentlee Martin
- 30- Darrell Struck



Remember to save those printer cartridges. Turn them in at the office. We will recycle them and use the money to offset office expenses. The recycle company is now accepting old cell phones also. If you want to discard them, you may drop them at the office also. Thanks and happy recycling. Go Green!



The following address changes are for the regular directory or the picture directory, so please make changes as needed:

Emily Bushman
104 S. Garfield
Broadlands, IL 61816

Gerhardt Mohr
Helia Healthcare
1915 S. Mattis Ave
Champaign, IL 61821

Jacob & Kaylie Orwick
452 S. West St.
Vassar, MI 48768
Jake 217-722-5446
Kaylie 989-415-0596

We need the address for the following. If you know how to reach them, please let the office know.

- Kent Beck- phone number
- JoAnn Stahl- phone number
- Roy Wakefield- phone number
- Kerry Wienke- phone number
- Ann Wright
- Steve Stone- phone number
- Hillary Wienke- phone number
- Lauren Rardin- phone number
- Tracy Cokley- phone number
- Joselyn Howell
- Todd & Jennifer Buchanon
- Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Budde
- Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kelly
- Steve Messman- phone number
- Mr. & Mrs. Brian O'Donnell
- Austin Payne- phone number
- Mary Payne- phone number
- Beth Peregrine- phone number
- Rebecca Rahe
- Ryan Rahe
- Kathy Richter



The Knitting Group will meet Monday, September 17th 1:30pm. Please join us and help make blankets.

WHOEVER
is not against us
IS FOR US.

Mark 9:40



Immanuelite articles will be due in the office on, Friday, September 21st. If you would like something in the newsletter, drop off or email your articles. It would be much appreciated if the boards would update the office on calendar events and meeting dates for each month. Thanks!!



We have a collection box to help the schools by collecting Betty Crocker Boxtops and Campbell Soup labels. We will take our collection at the end of the school year and divide them among the schools that our students attend. This helps the schools purchase items that help the students. The collection box is on the red board in the hallway.

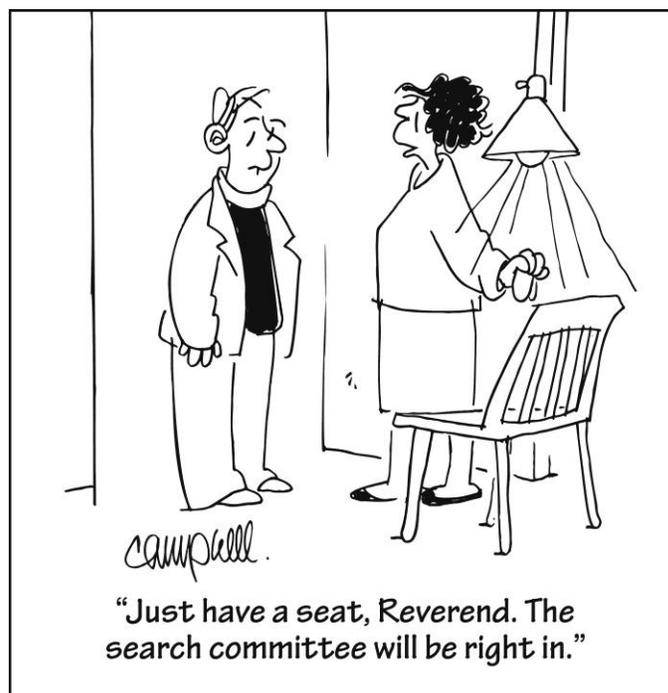


...Sunday, September 2nd, we will hold special offering the "CID Scholarship Fund" This money is used to assist members. Use the "Love" envelope and put "CID Scholarship Fund" in memo line with your number.

...Sunday, September 9th, we will hold our 3rd of 4 special offering for the "Car Fund". This money is used for repairs and maintenance. Put "Car Fund" in the memo line with your number.



Opportunity to participate in research study:
 Research Study on Religious Coping and Domestic Violence - Researchers at the University of Illinois are looking for women who would like to participate in the study of religious coping with domestic violence. If you are a woman who has experienced physical abuse from an intimate partner in the past three years, are at least eighteen years old, are able to read English, and consider yourself to be spiritual or religious in some way, you are invited to participate in the research study. The study would involve a 30-minute written survey. Participants would be compensated \$20 for their time in taking it. To find out more about the study, please contact Kristin Godlin by phone (217-979-3644) or email (kgodlin2@illinois.edu). Thank you for considering! Flyer also available to be viewed in the Parish Nurse office.





Minutes of 6/28/18 Council Meeting

John called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Pastor gave opening devotions.

Minutes from the 5/24 council meeting were read and approved. Steve moved to approve the minutes. Robert seconded. The motion and minutes were approved.

Board Reports

Evangelism- none

Stewardship none

Lay Ministry- Krista and Hank March have been accepted into communicant membership.

Ethan March was baptized and accepted into communicant membership as well.

Trustees- The mailbox is being moved due to a raccoon making a home in the tree above and causing some issues. Repairs were made to the plumbing in the church and parsonage. Trustees have received a 3rd bid for the cross and masonry. They believe this is the best option. The congregation had voted to move forward with the 2nd bid at the last voters meeting. A special voters meeting would like to be called to discuss this. Jay made the motion for Church Council to recommend the voters assembly give the trustees authority to accept their choice in bids of the three received to repair the masonry to the church column. Paul seconded, Motion Carried.

A letter requesting the special meeting will need signed by 10 voters. Sarah will get the remaining signatures needed to announce the meeting on Sunday 7/1/18. The special voters meeting will be held on Sunday 7/8/18.

Worship- Jay Hageman reported Gary Luth is coordinating with Josh on getting the new screens for the sanctuary

Education- Jackie Teague reported the Board of Ed is planning Rally Day and they are planning to replace the old chalkboards in the Sunday School

rooms with new dry erase boards.

Treasurer- Treasurer's report was reviewed. Steve moved to approve board reports and Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor gave his report. The convention workbook is available online. Convention will take place July 8-10th. Blake Biggs is representing Immanuel at District Convention.

Old Business- A mute button has been ordered to repair Pastor's microphone.

New Business- Steve discussed Pastor's microphone cutting out during the service and this issue has been addressed.

John made the motion to adjourn, Steve seconded. The meeting was adjourned with Pastor giving a blessing.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Andresen-Secretary



Reconciliation Training Close to Home by Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Exciting Announcement!! First-time ever opportunity!

Redeemer Lutheran Church, Seymour, Indiana, is hosting our **New Regional Training Event** October 22 – 25, 2018! This is the first time that a **Reconciliation Training Event** of this magnitude has been offered in this area!!

Who should attend? Simply – **anyone!**

Pastors, teachers, reconcilers, parents, spouses, lay leaders, executives, and camp counselors have all found this training to be life-changing.

This **Regional Training Event** will have a track for new reconcilers:

- Coaching People through Conflict &**
- Mediating People through Conflict**, plus

One of our advanced courses for experienced reconcilers:

- Reconciling Husbands and Wives**

We are also including an optional **Continuing Education and Fellowship** opportunity. This will include a half day refresher with one of our most popular seminars: **Fear, Cravings and Misplaced Trust**, followed by time to fellowship with other Reconcilers for mutual support and encouragement.

Register soon to take advantage of discounts!! Remember that we can partner with you to raise funds to cover your training registration fees! It's possible you can **attend these trainings for FREE** through AoR's **Crowdfunding Initiative**. This is a **win-win-win scenario**. You win through **reduced/eliminated training fees**, your friends win because they **learn about the ministry of reconciliation** and the **Kingdom is expanded**.

Let us know how we may help you begin your fundraising **TODAY** so you're ready for this training opportunity!

Blessings in Christ,

Julie Wehrkamp

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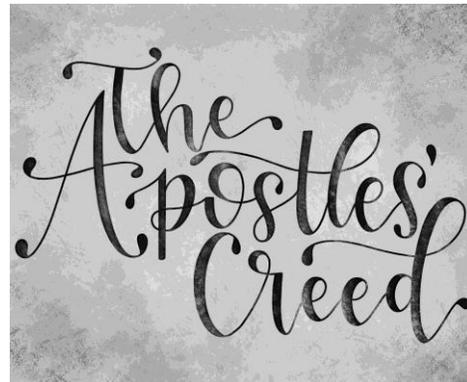
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"All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Corinthians 5:18-21 ESV).



First Article of the Apostles' Creed?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes and ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.