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Believe It or Not: There Is a God

When we look around us in the world we live in, it is easy to start to get very upset with events that are seemingly unjust and beyond our comprehension. We are even more amazed when someone else, confronted with the same situation, will have a completely different and many times opposite view of what is happening and, not surprisingly, a completely different solution. It might be a controversy over community events or state or national issues in politics... or even something as simple as to which way the toilet paper should hang from the roll, forward or from the back.

The point is that we live in a time when people are supposing that there is no true right or wrong, that what is "truth" is what is true to you and there is no foundational baseline to work from anymore. We have rejected religion, or have reshaped it to fit our individual beliefs thus making us our own God. We have dug in and become immovable in politics to the point that we can't have a civil conversation with someone with a differing stance and our fear and hate starts to well up within us... just ask my doctor about my blood pressure!

When we look to our self for the answers, for the "truth", that makes us the ultimate decider or in other words, makes you God on every issue. We can't all be gods and we all can't be right on everything. So in an increasingly godless world, in an increasingly lost and sinful humanity, we fight all the more and we refuse to even try to get along. What we are all missing and need so much in our world today and in each and every one of our lives personally is God himself. Regardless of if you are a believer in the Triune God or not, that fact is, there is a God! *"The fool says in his heart 'there is no God'" Psalm 14:1*

When we get back to the basics about God, we preach, teach, and confess that "I believe in God the Father, maker of heaven and earth". We can't help but look around us and see that there has to be some "intelligent designer" of all that is, such life could never be by chance. Thus, if there is a creator, God, that would make us... the created. As the created, we are dependent upon the Creator for all things, life, possessions, and ultimately truth. Truth doesn't change, truth isn't dependent upon how you feel, truth is truth and truth comes from our Creator. Our hope and trust should be completely in Him. *"The fear of the Lord, is the beginning of knowledge" Proverbs 1:7*

The truth that there is a God should be a great source of powerful comfort for all people. Having a heavenly Father to look to and count upon gives us a forward-looking confidence that can inspire us and gives us the ability to stand firm in the midst of whatever dark and evil times we find ourselves in because we know, God is in control. We can only do so much with the abilities that God has given us, and we should use those abilities wisely and in a godly manner. Ultimately, our hope is not in ourselves and in our ability to make things perfect in our own eyes, but instead to put such matters at the foot of the cross, and pray that God's will be done, not our own. I would not be telling you the truth if I said this is an easy task. Our old Adam keeps trying to lure us into our selfish and selfless attitudes and away from being "Christ like" in our interaction with each other. Luther said we should "daily drown the old Adam in the waters of Baptism", but as we all know, the old Adam is a good swimmer, and doesn't give up easy.

So with such a task before us as living as disciples of Christ and striving to keep a world view that is indeed Godly and pleasing to Him, how can it be accomplished? What will be our moral compass through the sinful storms of this world and its self-righteousness that is so prevalent, even among some Christians? The answer is amazingly simple... keep to the basics.

In my high school wrestling days, we would watch college and Olympic wrestling and see a very experienced athlete and be amazed at how many times what they did was the most basic of moves. A leg sweep, a single or double leg takedown, a half-nelson, cross-body ride. You would think that elite level athletes would do many complex moves, and sometimes they do, but for the most part they stick to the basics. That they have been practicing since they first started wrestling. Why? Because it works. It is a firm foundation that helps them win.

As Christians we too have a firm foundation that will help us to "win", mature in our faith and learn more about Jesus Christ and what God has done for us through His one and only Son. That foundation is the Word of God. We don't just read it once and say "I've got this". We, like professional athletes repeatedly cover the basics. We read, reread and continually study God's Word to help guide us in any situation this crazy world puts before us. The Small Catechism is an invaluable tool for us to use for every stage of our lives to remind us that there is a God, and we are not Him. We are totally dependent upon Him and His grace and mercy that is given through faith in Jesus Christ and the Word and Sacraments that have been given to us to sustain us. What a loving God we have that doesn't leave us to fend for ourselves. He gives us all that we need and for that we say, "thanks be to God".

Walking in the Light of Life... (John 8:12)

Pastor Klawonn

Council Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2019

Treasury: Lisa provided a written report, and she said that giving is covering expenses. Our balance on the fellowship hall is down to \$18,000.

Education: Jodi reports they're in hard preparation for VBS. They'll be holding a meeting for the teachers and volunteers soon to get everyone coordinated.

Evangelism(EV): Stephanie reports there is not a whole lot new to report. They will be meeting in the next week to get things rolling for the car show 9/14.

Fellowship(FS): Amy is absent, no report.

Property: Fred is absent, no report.

Stewardship: Andy reports there is nothing new to report. Things are going well.

Worship: Nancy reports their committee has not met, not much new to report. Karmen will be gone next two Sundays, and we've made provision for that.

Youth: Lisa reports there were 73 T-Shirt orders, and we were able to get shirts for all the Youth, who will be in the parade. We're going to do a Waterhawks event in early August. Pastor suggested that maybe the option of polo shirts be made available, and consensus is that it's a good idea.

Agenda Items:

Old Business:

AED Training Update

This will be tabled until the next meeting

New Business:

Air Conditioning in rental house

We received a report from the property managers concerning the A/C at the property in Elk Run.



Evansdale Community Days Parade

Prince of Peace participated in the Evansdale Community Days Parade. Thank you to all who helped put it together and participated in the parade.



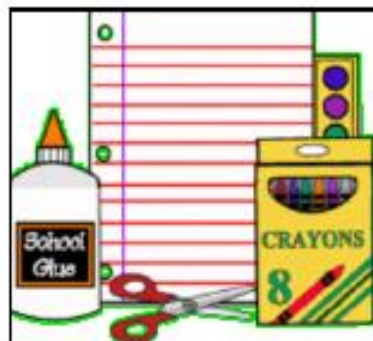


**Save The Date
September 14, 2019
Craft / Car Show
LOVE INC Fundraiser**

The Prince of Peace congregation will be hosting the Annual Craft / Car Show Love INC fundraiser, on September 14, from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

It is an action packed day and our planning has begun. The committee is in action— soliciting sponsors, buying food, advertising, recruiting volunteers, and praying.

It is an exciting time to put our love for people into action. Join us please for the fun of seeing how God puts this together.



**Needed
School Supplies**

The Women of Life are again collecting school supplies for Poyner students. This is a worthwhile community project and is very much appreciated by the staff at Poyner.

POP'S Disciples
 August 28th
 6:30-7:30

Carnival

We are going to have a carnival to kick off the POP'S Disciple's Mid Week program. It will be Wednesday, August 28th, from 6:30-7:30. Plan to bring a friend and enjoy the fun. All ages are welcome!



God is Good

We had a wonderful week learning that no matter what is happening in our life, God is Good! We had a great group of kids and a great staff to guide them through the week. Thanks to all who helped



PRAYER LIST

Laverna Rizner, Joyce Huse, Melissa Stansberry,
Bailey Hollaway, Pastor Len, Mandy, Martha Edler,
Jan Andersen,
Roxton Fulton,
Jerry Wilson,
John Magnuson, Kristie Rysdam, Brad Forbes,
Linsey Picha, Anna,
Howard and Ronda Fraser, Barbara Thomas, Richard Duhl,
Mike Sheeley, Regina and Melissa Morrow, Jolene Slater,
Vi Dahl, Marlyn Neuendorf, Fonda Anderson,
Jace Hicok, Aly Becker,
Gene Edler, Marsha Allen, Barb Schroeder, Marion Odom,
Jeanie Reeves, Lexy Kelley, Melodee Sortedahl,
Ellen Morris, Barb Roberts, Rick Day, Mary Lou Johnson,
Mark Brown.

Our Sympathy to Elaine Harvey and Laverna Rizner and family
at the loss of their brother, Ken Sortedahl.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

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		Bonnie and Elden Happel	Kathy and Roger Schwake
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	8 Darlene Durnis Marion Odum	9	10 Sam and Adam Morris
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	15 Randy Tharp	16 Greg Bunger Mike and Rota Kelley	17
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	22 Marilyn Benhoff Nathan Reints	23	24 Andy and Rose Schaffer
25			
	29 Gene Edler	30	31 Jim and Joetta Kelley
	5	6	7
	8 Bridget and Dillon Brandt		
	12	13	14 Sandy Francis
	19	20 Victoria Day Nick Goodin	21 Monica Myers
	26 Mike Kelley	27 Becky Roberts	28

