

### **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. <sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

### **Colossians 3:1-11 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on things that are above, not on things

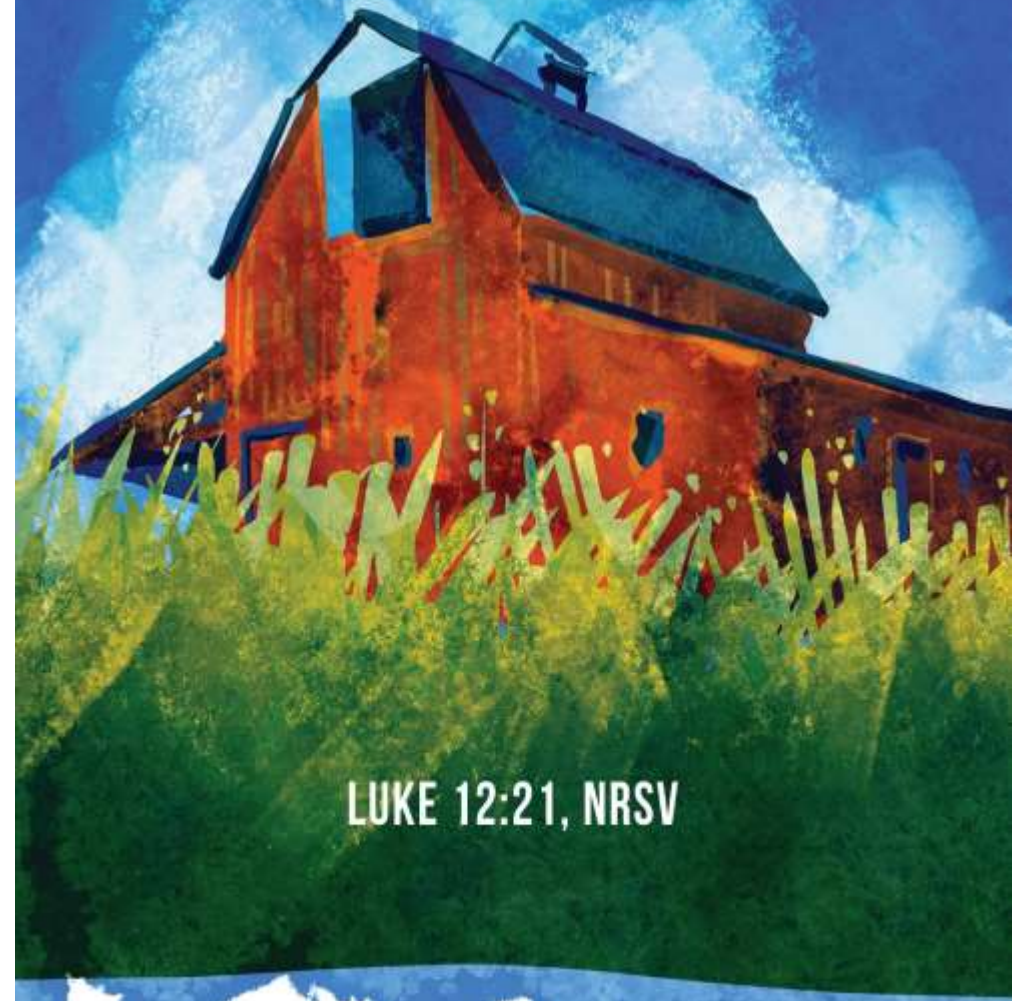
that are on earth. <sup>3</sup> For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. <sup>5</sup> Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming. <sup>7</sup> In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. <sup>8</sup> But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

### **Luke 12:13-21 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." <sup>16</sup> And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup> and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup> And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup> So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

### THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL

*"So it is with those  
who store up treasures  
for themselves but are  
not rich toward God."*



**LUKE 12:21, NRSV**

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**✝ In the Name of Jesus ✝**

**As We Gather ~ Faith in Christ Is Rich toward God.** To live for earthly things *“is vanity and a striving after wind,”* and work that is driven by such vanity *“is an unhappy business”* (Eccl. 1:13–14). The man who lives like that has nothing to show for *“all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun ... all his days are full of sorrow”* (Eccl. 2:22–23). So, too, your *“covetousness, which is idolatry”* (Col. 3:5), makes a god out of that which cannot give you, life or happiness. For *“one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions”* (Luke 12:15). But *“Christ who is your life”* (Col. 3:4), in giving you Himself, gives you all the wealth of heaven. Instead of striving to lay up treasures for yourself, be *“rich toward God”* in Him (Luke 12:21).

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## Our Measure of Love and Gifts

**Attendance last week – 60** *Needed for The Lord's Work at Zion \$4,316 ~ Received for the Lord's Work \$1,765*  
Capital Projects \$20.

**Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday:** August 3- Michael Lehman; August 5- Betsy Wietfeldt; August 6- Adam Rohde; August 7- Payton Staley, Alan White.

**Today's Memory Verse** ~ "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Colossians 1:15



 **Coffee Hour** ~ Please note that a volunteer is need for the third Sunday of each month to set up for coffee hour. Please see Lynn Tessin or Lois Tessin to volunteer.

**God's Helping Hands**, in addition to being open on the normal Saturday's will also be open on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month from 3:30-5:30 pm. This will only be open for adult and kids clothing and household items. No food or diapers will be given. We have need to reduce inventory in those areas. People will not have to register and there will be no waiting. Enter through the east door. Please pass the word to those you know cannot make it on Saturdays or have need of these items. Questions please contact Paul Bohn.

