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When Satan Attacks

Living as we do in a land where the teachings of our Churches have been watered down and influenced by the Evangelical world in which we live, it's difficult at times not to be influenced by the "Theology of Glory" that surrounds us on every side. What I mean by "Theology of Glory" is that we think when we are faithful as Christians God will bless us with many good things and Satan will leave us alone when he sees how strong we are.

Hence we are often tempted to despair when we feel Satan may actually attacking either us or our Churches. We wonder aloud with Rodney King (let the reader understand) when our old evil foe seems to be stirring up conflict among Christians why we can't "all just get along." But if you think about what Holy Scripture teaches on this subject you'll soon realize that the devil's attacks on the Church and her people are actually the highest compliment he could possibly pay. Think about it. Satan wouldn't even bother to attack the Church

if she weren't being faithful to her Lord's teaching. Consider for instance, would the United States ever consider attacking,



say the country of Belize in a war of conquest? Aside from the fact that nation-building is not what the United States is all about, we would never try to take over the country of Belize, because as nice as it is, it really has nothing the United States would want or need to own.

To the contrary, Satan is going to want to overthrow the Divine Truth of God's Word whenever and wherever he can pull it off.

And so you can be certain that he will always be on the offensive against a Church where that blessed truth is faithfully proclaimed.

There's a story that's told about two of God's junior angels who were being assigned to keep watch over two different Churches. In preparation for their new assignment their angelic supervisor took them to see where God was going to send them. When they came to the first Church they saw one lazy-looking devil reclining on the steeple of the Church. One of the angels was going to be assigned there.

The supervising angel next led them on to the second Church, and when they arrived the two junior angels were surprised to see the whole exterior of the Church seething with devils all howling and hammering all around the building. The junior angel assigned to this Church

lamented to his supervisor, saying: "Oh, why have I been assigned this Church rather than the other? This church seems to have some pretty big problems. Look at all those demons who are attacking it."

The supervising angel smiled at him and said: "You have it all wrong, friend. This Church faithfully proclaims Christ as the only Savior from sin. Her pastor and people are constantly proclaiming our Master's truth. The other Church is lazy and preaches what people want to hear, rather than what our Lord and Master wants preached. Our enemy, the devil, doesn't have much to do over there. Your brother angel has his work cut out for him. You're the one who got the easy assignment!"

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ: Satan's attacks against the truth of God's Word should lead each one of us to be more bold and forthright in our sharing of it wherever and whenever God gives us the opportunity, confident that in the end God Himself will obtain and secure the victory. Let us not be misled by false belief to be counted as one of those Churches where the devil doesn't have much to do. Let us rather envy all those whom Satan attacks for their faithfulness, and never despair when he attacks us for the same reason.

Martin Luther Writes:

"We must not despair amid the ragings of Satan and of the world against which our

Churches pray. The Churches themselves are satisfied with an insignificant and small gift. But I hope that when God hears our small and narrowly defined prayers, He will not only defend our doctrine but will also disseminate it and, in addition, will bring about marvelous things through it, so that our enemies (and all the enemies of the Gospel) – however boastful they may now be – will ultimately be brought to nothing. Thus the prayers of the Church will destroy the Turk and all who seek to destroy her, and we will find out that God always gives and bestows greater things than we were able to ask for – or even to understand."

From Martin Luther's, Lectures on Genesis

Birthdays

Eldora Keller	8/1
Blythe Larson	8/1
Vic Edwards	8/3
Lisa Hoffman	8/8
Emily Goodroad	8/9
Lynn Wood	8/10
Darrin Abend	8/13
Grace Schroeder	8/13
Ryan Schmidt	8/18
Caroline Mayes	8/19
Erma Altis	8/20
Larry Long	8/20
Bob Marchert	8/22
Gary Schmidt	8/26
Debbie Abend	8/26
Sarah Schroeder	9/1
Drew Newman	9/2
Alex Abend	9/2
Yvonne O'Grady	9/7
Jackie Augur	9/10

Baptisms

Alpha Wiese	8/1
Sean Williams	8/1
Curtis Mayes	8/12
Penny Harris	8/16
Melvin Altis	8/19
Kelly Schmidt	8/20
Larry Goodroad	8/21
Lynn Wood	8/24
Blythe Larson	9/1
Kimberly Murphy	9/2
Ryan Schmidt	9/7
Gabriel Sowell	9/10
Drew Newman	9/12

Anniversaries

Richard & Jeannette Buesing
8/4/1962



Terry & Lynn Wood
8/13/1972

Roy & Eldora Keller
8/14/1949

Brandon & Natalie Carty
8/28/2016

Gary & Diane Schmidt
9/6/1968

Drew & Linda Newman
9/13/1969

Elders

Larry Goodroad
Dallas Hoffman
Bill Moore
Vic Edwards
Ken Meier

Acolytes

Aug. 4 Conner Jackson
 Aug. 11 Simon Korondi
 Aug. 18 Andrew Swain
 Aug. 25 Sam Wornson
 Sept. 1 Jacob Wornson
 Sept. 8 Ethan Carmack
 Sept. 15 Joe Goodroad
 Sept. 22 Colton Harris
 Sept. 29 Conner Jackson

Ushers

Aug. 4 & 11
 Gary Schmidt, Norm Sowell
Aug. 18 & 25
 Terry Wood, Tim Wiese
Sept. 1 & 8
 Keith Wornson, Rick Soutter
Sept. 15 & 22
 Larry Long, Darrin Abend
Sept. 29
 John Barth, Tim Brammeier

Greeters

Aug. 4
 Carolyn Paterson & June Ramer
Aug. 11
 Tony & Ellen Propst
Aug. 18
 Dawn Riley, Debra Rhea
Aug. 25
 Dorothy Riley, June Lueckert
Sept. 1
 Craig & Shari Schley
Sept. 8
 Gary & Diane Schmidt
Sept. 15
 Kevin & Julie Schroeder
Sept. 22
 Jana Schwarz, Lee Wathen
Sept. 29
 Norm & Kay Sowell

Altar Guild

Aug. 4 & Sept. 1
 Mary Ellett, Pat Owens

Aug. 11 & Sept. 8
 Leslie Young, Dee Hoffman
Aug. 18 & Sept. 15
 Kari Goodroad, Deanna
 Korondi
Aug. 25 & Sept. 22
 Dawn Riley, June Ramer
Sept. 29
 Phyllis Clemens, Sharon
 McCubbin

Security Committee

In the interest of the safety and security of our members while they are attending activities here at our Church, we have formed, for lack of a better name, a "Security Committee" to look into ways that this can be done. We should all be well aware of the fact that the age in which we



live in is becoming increasingly dangerous, and that each of us needs to be more alert and vigilant as we go about our day to day activities.

If you would like to be more personally involved in this effort – or if you have ideas about how we might implement this plan – we invite you to speak with Melvin Altis, who is heading up this project.

Board of Directors

July 8, 2019

Members present: Connie Brammeier, Tim Brammeier, Mark

Fairhurst, Michelle Fairhurst, Dan Goodroad, Larry Goodroad, Bob Marchert, Pastor, and Norm Sowell

Tim called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer and continued our study on the Augsburg Confession.

Larry moved we accept the minutes from last month, Dan seconded, passed by vote.

Pastor's Report: Received by profession of faith, Bob and Billie Graham and Amy Davis reinstatement of membership. Curt and Char Henke requested transferred to King of Kings in Kansas City, MO. Mark moved we accept, Michelle seconded, passed by vote.

Vice-President: N/A

Treasurer: Mark moved to receive the treasurer's report, Dan seconded, passed by vote.

Elders: Nothing to report.

Properties: Trying to keep the humidity down. Labs back about ceiling in fellowship halls: nothing life threatening but needs to be taken care of. Need a new roof. Getting estimate on the air conditioners. The exterior wall on the elevator needs to be repaired.

Evangelism: Hoping to get a committee meeting put together for the Jesse James parade float.

Education: VBS started today, we have 8 participants, 3 student helpers, and 10 adult helpers

Stewardship: Nothing new to report

Youth: N/A

Public Relations: created a Facebook event for VBS

Planning: Need a replacement

Services: Passed kitchen inspection and served dinner for Hurschell's funeral

Unfinished Business: None.

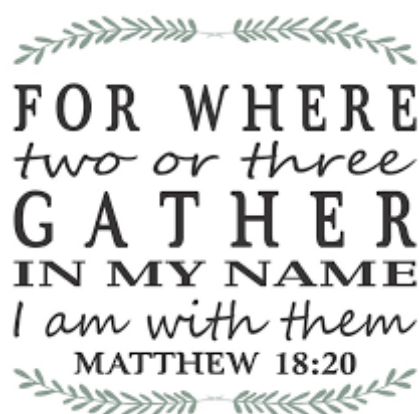
Constitution Review: No further work

Dan moved we adjourn, Mark seconded. Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Emily Goodroad

Random Thoughts

If the Divine Service is primarily viewed as our praising God, then you can do that just as well at home. In fact, once we have looked at the topic of "vocation," you will see that we can serve God better in the world than in the Church building. But if the Divine Service is seen as God giving us the forgiveness of sins, then you've got to be there. It is very possible that the low attendance at Sunday services seen by so many Churches today is a reflection of how we define the service. If I am the one acting I can do it another time. If God is the One acting, then I had better be there. (Rev. Klemet Preus, from "Fire and the Staff")



LWML

June 10, 2019

Call to Order: Mary Wornson, President

Opening: Mary Wornson

LWML Pledge: In lieu of reciting the Pledge, a LWML Pledge Responsive Reading was used. It was adapted from a reading written by Myra Case of the Missouri District.

Attendance: Joyce Lehning, Carolyn Paterson, Penny Harris, June Lueckert, Dee Hoffman, Jeannette Buesing, Mary Wornson, Janis Bozarth, Kay Sowell, Marlo Howard, Diane Schmidt.

Minutes: May Minutes were read and approved.

Correspondence: Thank you for donation to Kearney Food Pantry. \$127.00 from 2018 thru October. More donations are always needed.

Marlo presented a new outreach program from Myra Case, District officer. It is a Heart Blessing File. It can be Downloaded and little messages can be printed off and sent or left around for others to see.

Treasurer's Report: Kay Sowell Reported: Beginning Balance – \$727.19; Deposits

\$159.08; Expenditures – Zone LWML mites \$181.83. Previous Valance \$704.44 (minus \$145.50 to Quilt Fund). Ending Balance: \$558.94

Mission Grants Story: No Mission Grants Story. Mites sent to district \$181.83.

Unfinished Business: Senior Quilts were presented on June 9th to Mallory Swain and Tara Altis. Installation of Officers were also held. Pictures were shared from Rachel House.

New Business: There will be a Thrivent Concert on Thursday, June 13, from 6:00 to 8:00 in Gladstone Linden Square at 602 NE 70th St. The group performing will be Sanctus Real & Plumb. It is also sponsored by a local radio station. It is a fundraiser for Rachel House. Wear your Give Generously T-shirt. A sign up sheet was passed around. A group will leave from the church. Open discussion by the group.

Happy July Birthday to Mary Wornson on July 5th.

Our next business meeting is July 8 with Janet Miller as hostess.

Third Sunday Treats: 6/16, Marlo, Dee, Janis; 7/21, Diane, June, Janis; 8/18, Janis, Mary, Jeanette.

The business meeting was adjourned with prayer and prayer requests by Mary.

Bible Study: Mary Presented the study "Running the Race" from the quarterly. It was very informative and was enjoyed by



all. There was input by all.
Thank you Mary.

Refreshments of ice cream
floats was served by June.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Lehning, Secretary

It Is To Laugh

A new associate pastor arrived in town and shortly after his arrival he was told by the senior pastor that was to go down to the local a pauper's cemetery to do a funeral for an indigent man who had no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

The diligent young pastor got out of his car and walked over to the open grave, but found that the vault lid had already been placed over the casket. Feeling a bit guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.

As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years, and I have to say that I've never seen anything quite like that!"

Thank You

Dear Saints at Trinity Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the gift of \$810 we received in May for our fund for CTSFW at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. We are grateful you remembered the Seminary this way. Your gift helps us meet the need to provide 100% tuition assistance for our residential seminarians and deaconess students to reduce their out-of-pocket education costs. These gifts help reduce the amount and burden of student debt.

Yours in Christ, Rev. Mark Steiner

In everything give
THANKS
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

