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Some Thoughts on The Creed

Every Christian has a creed, either formal or informal. In other words, we all have something about which we would be able to say: “**This** is what I believe.” And that is precisely what “Creed” means. It comes to us from the Latin word “credo,” which means: “I believe.” I thought you would enjoy something which found its roots in a very old Lutheran theology book whose name I can’t remember, but it is quite old, possibly as old as the early 17th Century. It’s quite simply a phrase-by-phrase presentation of the Apostles’ Creed with appropriate Bible texts from both from the Old and New Testament. It cites verses you may already be familiar with as “proof texts” for the Creed, but interestingly, it also cites texts you might not at first think of as proof passages for the various phrases in the Creed. Most importantly, however, it reveals the true nature of how the Bible was understood in Lutheran Orthodoxy, and to this day among genuinely confessional Lutheran Churches. I pray you will find it to be helpful.

I believe (Hab. 2:4; Rom. 4:5)

In God (Deut. 6:4 1 Cor. 8:6)

The Father (Psalm 89:27; Matthew 7:11)

Almighty (Genesis 7:1; 2 Cor. 6:18)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.

Maker of heaven and earth (Psalm 33:6; John 5:17)

And in Jesus (Zech 9:9; Matthew 1:21)

Christ (Daniel 9:24; John 3:34)

His only (Zechariah 13:7; John 1:14)

Son (Psalm 2:7; Matthew 16:16)

Our Lord (Jeremiah 23:6; John 20:28)

Who was conceived (Jeremiah 31:22; Luke 1:31)

By the Holy Spirit (Daniel 2:45; Matthew 1:20)

Born (Isaiah 9:6; John 1:14)

Of the Virgin Mary (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:43)

Suffered (Isaiah 50:6; Luke 23:25)

Under Pontius Pilate (Psalm 2:2; Luke 18:32)

Was crucified (Psalm 22:17; John 3:14)

Died (Daniel 9:26; Rom. 5:8)

And was buried (Isaiah 53:9; John 12:24)

Descended into hell (Psalm 16:10; Ephesians 4:9)

And on the third day (Hosea 6:2; Matthew 26:32; Acts 10:40-41)

He rose again from the dead (Isaiah 63:1; 2 Timothy 2:8)

Ascended into heaven (Psalm 68:19; Col. 2:15)

And sits at the right hand of the God the Father Almighty (Psalm 110:1; Mark 16:19)

From thence he will come (Isaiah 66:15; Acts 1:11)

To judge (Wisdom of Solomon 6:6; Acts 17:31)

The living and the dead (Daniel 12:2; 1 Cor. 15:51)

I believe in the Holy Spirit (Zechariah 12:10; John 15:26)

The holy (Psalm 45:14; Ephesians 5:26)

Christian Church (Psalm 22:26; Matthew 16:18)

The communion of saints (Exodus 19:5; Ephesians 4:3)

The forgiveness of sins (Psalm 32:1; Acts 10:43)

The resurrection of the body (Isaiah 66:14; John 5:28)

And the life everlasting (Psalm 16:11; 1 Peter 1:4)

Amen! (Psalm 72:19; 2 Cor. 1:20)

Birthdays

Carl Wilson 7/2
 Andy Fairhurst 7/4
 Mary Wornson 7/5
 Trisha Brockhoff 7/10



Gabriel Sowell 7/12
 Stacy Stout 7/14
 Fred Walworth 7/15
 Ben Augur 7/15
 Herb Israel 7/17
 Colton Harris 7/17

Tanner Slawson 7/22
 Tom Clemens 7/29
 Kenneth Rogers 8/1
 Diane Strack 8/1
 Blythe Larson 8/1
 Vic Edwards 8/3
 Jeremy Harms 8/3
 Sydney Strack 8/5
 Lisa Hoffman 8/8
 Emily Goodroad 8/9

Baptisms

Bob Howard 7/1
 Jensen Mayes 7/5
 Alexandria Fairhurst 7/8



Carson Schmidt 7/10
 June Ramer 7/11
 Samuel Goodroad 7/14
 Matthew Brammeier 7/19
 Andy Fairhurst 7/22
 Kari Goodroad 7/25
 Jim Wornson 7/25
 Mary Wornson 7/28
 Gabriel Burns 7/29
 Colton Harris 7/30
 Alpha Wiese 8/1
 Sean Williams 8/1
 Herb Israel 8/9
 Samantha Slawson 8/9

Anniversaries

John & Jamie Luppess
 7/1/2006
 Curt & Gwen Mayes
 7/2/1989

Terry & Mary Ellett
 7/4/1997

Steve & Adyline Christensen
 7/11/1965



Tony & Ellen Propst
 7/11/1987

Sam & Dana Goodroad
 7/13/2012

Norm & Kay Sowell
 7/18/1971

Scott & Lacey Mayes
 7/23/2011

Rick & Diane Strack
 8/10/1996

Elders

Vic Edwards
 Larry Goodroad
 Ken Meier
 Herb Israel
 Dallas Hoffman
 Peter Korondi
 Bill Moore, Jr.

Acolytes

7/6 Aaron Propst
 7/13 Eli Ramer
 7/20 Gabriel Sowell
 7/27 Alex Abend

Ushers

6th R. Stumpfenhaus, W. Suter
 13th ... F. Walworth, B. Wersinger
 20th ... F. Walworth, B. Wersinger
 27th Jim & Keith Wornson

Greeters

6th..... Keith & Mary Wornson
 13th..... Mark & Leslie Young
 20th..... Darrin & Debra Abend
 27th..... D. Adcock & J. Augur

Altar Guild

6th..... Ellett, Owens
 13th..... Goodroad, Korondi
 20th..... Ramer, Owens
 27th..... McCubbin, Clemens

Board of Directors

June 9th, 2014

Members present: Connie Brammeier, Mark Fairhurst, Dan Goodroad, Larry Goodroad, Kari Goodroad, Penny Harris, Herb Israel, Pastor and Lisa Starkebaum.

Larry called the meeting to order then Pastor opened with prayer. The board continued their bible study over The Augsburg Confession led by Pastor.

Mark moved we accept the minutes from last month, Dan seconded.

Pastor: Made 3-4 calls and several hospital visits.

VP: N/A

Treasurer's Report: Dan moved we receive the report, Penny seconded.

Elders: On 5/19 they had a meeting and discussed visits, things happening in the Church, such as, the doxology review and studied the Book of Concord. The next Doxology review session is set for 6/29.

Properties: The ants are under control and mowing is going well.

Evangelism: The seminar on 5/31 went well with 37 attendees from 5 different congregations. Public Relations is going to take over the Facebook page.

Education: The Sunday school has reached its 100th mosquito! We have 1 class for over the summer and Kari is looking for volunteers to teach any Sunday they would like. A sign up is on the kiosk.

Stewardship: Herb read from Luther's sermon from the 5th Sunday of Epiphany which talked about putting an emphasis on the gospel and setting aside everything earthly.

Youth: Plane tickets for the conference are purchased and Lisa is now working on hotels and minivan rentals. Pre-trip Bible study is underway.

Public Relations: continuing to submit articles to the paper and preparing to take over the Facebook page.

Service: We had the funeral for Ardena Hoffman. 17 were involved with the help.

Planning: N/A

Unfinished Business: We still need a Preschool Board and a Vice President.

New Business: We are looking for an additional group to take over 1 Sunday a month to serve snacks as the Youth is too small to continue doing 2 Sundays a month. Also, the Board of Director's meetings

will be shifted around in the next few months to accommodate our President's increasingly busy work schedule.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Emily Goodroad, Secretary

Vacation Bible School

We are excited about this year's Vacation Bible School program, "Crucified," which is drawn from the central teaching and goal of the Christian faith as expressed by St. Paul when he wrote that he was determined to know nothing in his work among God's people but Jesus Christ *crucified* for sinners.

This year's VBS will held from 9:00 to noon from July 7 through July 11. We have most of our teachers and helpers lined up but could still use more help, specifically in the area of bring snacks and teachers aides.

As in the past registration is available on our website, www.trinitykearny.org. There is a link to fill out the online form right there on the homepage. So, if you know anyone who has kids and might be interested in attending, please invite and encourage them to come – and if you're free that week,

**VACATION
 BIBLE
 SCHOOL**



we'd love to have you join us for a great time of speaking about and confessing the only name given among men by which we must be saved, Jesus Christ.



LWML

LWML Meeting Minutes Call to Order: Dianne Mischlich

Opening Hymn: Why Should Cross & Trial Grieve Me - #756

Opening Prayer: In Pastor's absence Dianne Mischlich led us in prayer.

LWML Pledge was recited.

Attendance: Dianne Mischlich, Janis Bozarth, Marlo Howard, Penny Harris, Joyce Lehning, June Lueckert, and Mary Wornson

Minutes: May meeting minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Wornson reported for Kay Sowell today's current balance of \$706.38. A free will offering was taken.

Mite Report: June Lueckert reported total mite balance of \$164.27. Meeting mites were collected. The Mission Grant Story for June gave highlights of the grants completed over the years with over \$100 million given over the 70 years of LWML history.

Quilting Report: Dianne Mischlich shared that A.J. Martinez and Jonah Korondi were presented their senior quilts after Church service this past Sunday. Aaron Propst was unable to attend so will receive his quilt on the following Sunday. The young men were very pleased with the finished project. We will continue to work on quilts for future projects.

Convention Report: Marlo Howard reminded us of the June 20-22, 2014, LWML Convention at the KC Expo Center. Our banner sec-

tion has been added to the big banner and looks really good. Marlo stated we could go to kansascity.eventful.com for more information on the convention and mite grants. Convention information was also placed in the *KC Star*, the *Kearney Courier*, St. Joe and Liberty papers.

New Business: Penny Harris made a motion that we would include the

Serve the Lord With Gladness Pie Auction Event into our All Birthday Party/

Volksmarch/Picnic to raise money for the elevator fund. Seconded by June Lueckert and passed. A date in August will be decided at our next meeting. It was decided that we would not be going to Ronald McDonald House for the month of July. Eight Mission Grant Proposals were decided for our delegates to vote for at the Convention.

- 1) Weekend Food Backpack Program – St. Clair MO - \$4,500;
- 2) LUMA Van – Kansas City, MO- \$10,000;
- 3) Rural & Small Town Mission Worker Retreat – Concordia, MO - \$5,000;
- 4) Ship Humanitarian Aid Supplies to Latvia – St. Louis - \$6,500;
- 5) Heart-Song Outreach – Branson, MO - \$3,500;
- 6) Financial Assistance for Concordia Theological Seminary to purchase food at the co-op – Ft. Wayne, IN – \$8,000;
- 7) Reaching Out in Konobo Lan-

guage to African Immigrants – Kansas City, MO - \$7,860;

- 8) Raising Up Children in KC to Know Jesus – Kansas City, MO - \$5,000. We will see how many are chosen at the Convention. Marlo moved to pay half of the Convention Registration (\$42.50) for Kay Sowell and Mary Wornson, seconded by Janis Bozarth. Motion passed.

Third Sunday Treats: June 15: June Lueckert, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich; July 20: Marlo Howard, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich; Aug 17: Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich.

Next meeting will be July 14, at 9 am, with Judy Goodwin as hostess. Business meeting was adjourned.

Penny Harris led us in prayer requests and concerns. Dianne Mischlich led us in Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly, "When God Seems Silent."

Penny Harris served a wonderful coffee cake. No quilting meeting was held.

Respectfully Submitted,

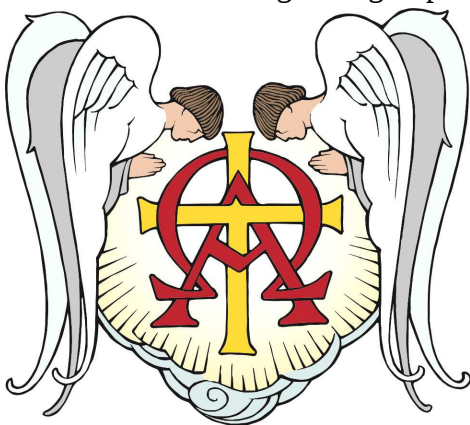
Mary Wornson, Secretary

Youth

We are finalizing travel arrangements for the 2014 Higher Things Conference at the end of July in Logan, Utah. We have a total of 11 adults / youth attending from Trinity Lutheran Church. In preparation of the conference, Pre-conference bible studies began on Sunday, June 22 after Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall. The remaining two Bible studies will be held on June 29th and July 13th

at 12:00 pm following Sunday school. We are working on a T-shirt design centered around the conference theme "Crucified" to wear one day during the conference. Lisa will be sharing more details about the trip with parents during our Sunday meetings. Both youth and parents should plan to attend.

Lisa is also looking for a group



who would be willing to take one weekend each month to provide snacks during fellowship after Church. Currently, the youth provides snacks two of the four Sundays each month (2nd and 4th week). We prayerfully request that you consider this opportunity to serve as we would like for this group to take over at the beginning of the next school year, or mid-August. Please talk to Lisa Starkebaum if there are questions.

It Is To Laugh

It was fun being a baby boomer, but now some of the artists of the 60s are revising their hits with new lyrics and titles to accommodate all the rest of us aging boomers...

Here are some you might want to consider purchasing for your collection::

Herman's Hermits: "Mrs. Brown, You've Got a Lovely Walker"

The Bee Gees: "How Can You Mend a Broken Hip"

Bobby Darin: "Splish, Splash, I Was Havin' a Flash"

Ringo Starr: "I Get By With a Little Help from Depends"

Roberta Flack: "The First Time Ever I Forgot Your Face"

Johnny Nash: "I Can't See Clearly Now"

Paul Simon: "Fifty Ways to Lose Your Liver"

The Commodores: "Once, Twice, Three Times to the Bathroom"

Marvin Gaye: "Heard it Through the Grape Nuts"

Procol Harum: "A Whiter Shade of Hair"

Leo Sayer: "You Make Me Feel Like Napping"

The Temptations: "Papa's Got a Kidney Stone"

Abba: "Denture Queen"

Tony Orlando: "Knock 3 Times



on the Ceiling if you Hear Me Fall"

Helen Reddy: "I am Woman, Hear me Snore"

Willie Nelson : "On the Throne Again"

Leslie Gore: "It's My Procedure and I'll Cry if I Want To"

The Beatles: "When I Was 64"

Lutherans For Life

The Northland Chapter meets the quarterly at the home of Fran and Marsha Szarejko. If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Murphy, 628-6815. Everyone is invited to join us at these meetings.

Fond Farewells

The month of July has meant major changes for a number of the families in our congregation, and certainly our congregation, along with each of them.

Will Israel has made a career change that is taking him, Amy, Garrett and Erik to the Seattle, Washington area. They are moving on the 8th of this month. Herb will be staying in Liberty for awhile, but this Fall will be moving back to his former home in Ithaca, New York.

Kevin Brockhoff received a promotion in his company which necessitated that he, Trish, Cole and Camiron move to Rogers, Arkansas. They will be leaving around the end of July.

Finally, we just learned that Aaron Edwards' company has moved him to Springfield, Missouri, so he and Becky will also be moving around the end of July.

We are glad for the opportunity each of these moves will provide for the families involved, but we will miss them all as they leave us. May our Lord and God graciously watch over all of them as He guards their footsteps until we meet again!

Trinity Care Group

Do you need assistance because of illness, birth of a baby, death, hospitalization, etc.? Trinity Care

Group can help. We would be happy to arrange for providing meals, doing errands, visiting with the family, etc. Please contact Penny Harris at 628-4121.

A Dose of Luther

It is truly a sin and a shame, indeed a miserable plague, that the time should come in Christendom, not only in these days of the world's last dregs but even already in the time of the apostles, yes, even among those whom they had



shortly before visited and taught, even where they had shortly before planted and founded Christianity, that such a calamity should befall so soon, that some of them dared to arise, such as the apostles' disciples, and publicly proclaim that there was no resurrection and no future life, and that those who professed to be Christians should deny and ridicule this article, although they were baptized on it and had become Christians by reason of this, the article on which also all their hope and consolation should be based. Thus they had forfeited everything with this and had be-

lieved, acted, and suffered in vain. For where this article is surrendered, all the others are gone too; and the chief article and the entire Christ are lost or preached entirely in vain.

Martin Luther, *Luther's Works*, Vol. 28: I Corinthians 7, I Corinthians 15, Lectures on I Timothy, ed. Jaroslav Jan Pelikan, Hilton C. Oswald and Helmut T. Lehmann, I Corinthians 7:40 (Saint Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 1999).

MLA

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. MLA is thankful for your support as we seek to do the work of the Lord. We had an outstanding 2013-14 school year, and we are really looking forward to the 2014-15 school year. As we transition from one school year to the next, I would like to thank Mrs. Natalie Evans for her four years of service at MLA. Mrs. Evans accepted a new position at a Lutheran elementary school in Nebraska. MLA is thankful for her work here and wishes her God's blessings as she does His work in a new place. MLA would also like to thank Mrs. Lori Haase for her ten years of service in the teaching ministry. It is great having Mrs. Haase at MLA, and we appreciate her hard work and dedication over her ten years of serving as a teacher in the LCMS.

The 2014-15 school year theme is based on Romans 12:1-2 – *Transformed in Christ*. As we look to improve each and every day as people of God and His servants, we are focusing on how that transformation takes place as the Holy Spirit works in our lives. We are so

very fortunate to teach in a Lutheran School and share God's word daily with our students. We know that His word does not return void. Trusting and believing is this, we look forward to a new school year with new students and their families, seeking to nurture our children spiritually, emotionally and academically.



Again, thank you for your wonderful support of Christian education at MLA over the past many years. MLA appreciates all of your prayers, and looks for ways to continue to support our Churches and their people. God's richest blessings to all of you as we traverse through the summer and prepare for the next school year.

Yours in Christ,

Rick Schneider, Principal

Ladies Night Out

Our next event is Monday, July 21, at 6:00 PM. We'll go to Smokehouse BBQ at Zona Rosa.

Ask The Pastor

Is the use of crucifixes a Roman Catholic practice? Doesn't the empty cross provide a better symbol for Lutherans [Note: A crucifix is a cross with a statue of the crucified Christ on it].

A common misunderstanding

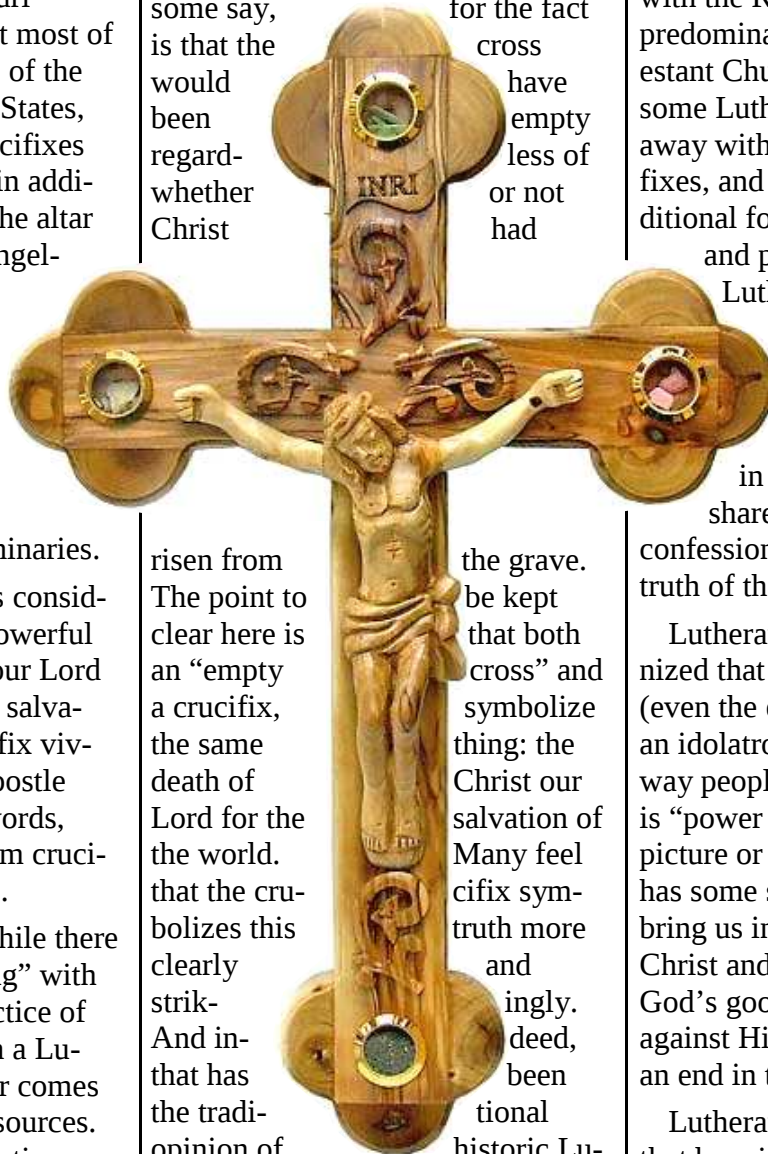
among some Lutherans is the opinion that a crucifix, or the use of a crucifix, is a “Roman Catholic” practice. The history of Lutheranism demonstrates that the crucifix was a regular and routine feature of Lutheran worship and devotional life during Luther’s lifetime and during the period of Lutheran Orthodoxy. It was also the case among the founding fathers of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. If you were to visit most of the original congregations of the LCMS here in the United States, you would find lovely crucifixes adorning their altars, and in addition, beautiful statues on the altar of Christ and the four evangelists, or other such scenes. There is nothing uniquely Roman Catholic about this. Many Lutherans and Lutheran congregations use crucifixes, and crucifixes are used in the chapels of both of our seminaries.

Lutheranism has always considered the crucifix to be a powerful reminder of the sacrifice our Lord Jesus made for us and our salvation, on the cross. A crucifix vividly brings to mind the Apostle Paul’s divinely inspired words, “We preach Christ and Him crucified” (I Corinthians 1:23).

Interestingly enough, while there is certainly nothing “wrong” with an “empty” cross, the practice of using an “empty cross” on a Lutheran congregation’s altar comes more from non-Lutheran sources. At the time of the Reformation there was conflict between Lutherans and Reformed Christians over the proper place of pictures, images, statues and the like in the Church. Lutherans stood with historic Christendom in realizing that

such art in the Church was not wrong, and was a great aid for helping to focus devotional thoughts on the truths of the Word of God. And to be sure, no greater truth can be found anywhere than that the death of Jesus Christ our Lord is the source of man’s salvation.

The “empty cross” is not a symbol of Christ’s resurrection, as some say, for the fact is that the cross would have been empty regardless of whether or not Christ



risen from the grave. The point to be kept clear here is that both an “empty cross” and a crucifix symbolize the same thing: the death of Christ our Lord for the salvation of the world. Many feel that the crucifix symbolizes this truth more clearly and truthfully. And indeed, that has been the traditional opinion of historic Lutheranism, at least until the last fifty years or so, due to the influence we will now mention.

Some Lutherans began to move away from crucifixes during the age of Lutheran Pietism, which re-

jected much of Lutheran doctrine and consequently many Lutheran worship practices. At the time, Lutheran Pietists – contrary to the clear position of Luther and the earlier Lutherans – held that symbols such as the crucifix were wrong. This was never the view of historic Lutheranism. Here in America, Lutherans have always felt a certain pressure to “fit in” with the Reformed Christianity that predominates in many of the Protestant Churches here. Thus, for some Lutherans this meant doing away with things such as crucifixes, and vestments, and other traditional forms of Lutheran worship and piety. It is sad when some

Lutherans are made to feel embarrassed about their Lutheranism by members of Churches that teach the Word of God in error and who do not share Lutheranism’s clear confession and practice of the full truth of the Word of God.

Lutheranism has always recognized that the use of any symbol (even the empty cross) can become an idolatrous practice, if in any way people are led to believe there is “power in the cross” or that a picture or representation of a cross has some sort of ability, in itself, to bring us into relationship with Christ and His Gospel. Any of God’s good gifts can be turned against Him in this life and become an end in themselves.

Lutherans have never believed that banning or limiting proper artwork in the Church is the way to prevent its improper use. Rather, we believe that proper teaching and right use is the best way, and the way that is in keeping with the gift of freedom we have in Christ

to use all things to the glory and honor of God. Thus, many Lutherans use and enjoy the crucifix as a meaningful reminder of our Lord's suffering and death. It might interest you to know that our Synod's president has a beautiful crucifix adorning the wall of his office, constantly reminding him and visitors to his office of the great love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord.

In short, and this is the most important point of all: there is nothing contrary to God's Holy Word, or our Lutheran Confessions, about the proper use of the crucifix, just

as there is nothing wrong with the proper use of an empty cross, or any other Church symbol by which we are reminded of the great things God has done for us. We need to guard against quickly dismissing out of hand practices that we believe are "too Roman Catholic" before we more adequately explore their use and history in our own Church.

In Christian freedom, we use either the crucifix or an empty cross and should not judge or condemn one another for using either nor not using either symbol of our Lord's

sacrifice for our sins.

Family Fellowship

The group will have a barbeque cookoff on Friday, July 5 at the home of Andy & Michelle Fairhurst. Bring your best barbeque dish and a side to share. Lawn chairs and yard games are optional. We'll eat at 5:00 but bring your smoker as early as you would like to begin cooking. Please sign up on the kiosk.

The float trip is being organized for August 15-17. Watch the bulletin for more details.

I AM
THE RESURRECTION
AND THE LIFE;
HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME,
THOUGH HE DIE,
YET SHALL HE LIVE.

JOHN 11:25