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## Rightly Handling The Word of Truth

*Or, What Should We Expect From Our Pastors' Sermons?*

What follows is an article by the District President of the South Dakota District, the Rev. Dr. Dale Sattgast. It first appeared in the South Dakota District News, January, 2014 . . .

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth. But avoid irreverent babble, for it will lead people into more and more ungodliness..."* II Timothy 2:15-16

What should we expect from our pastors' sermons? That's a good question that probably should be asked more frequently. I would add that the question should be asked both by those who sit in the pew and by those who stand in the pulpit.

Some years ago a visitor from another congregation gave me some counsel concerning what he thought made for a good sermon. He lamented the fact that his current pastor just didn't preach like his former pastor. But because his comments followed hearing one of my sermons, I couldn't help but think that his comments may have been directed a bit toward the sermon I had just delivered.

The key to a good sermon, he

shared, was that it kept the hearer's attention *by having two or three jokes* embedded in the sermon. Because the hearer would never know when the jokes were coming, he or she would have to listen to the whole sermon to avoid missing the jokes when they came. Incidentally, the man told me a couple of jokes he remembered from his



former pastor's sermons, and they were funny. However, at the time I didn't think to ask if he remembered anything else from his former pastor's sermons aside from the jokes!

From time to time telling a joke or funny story during a sermon may have its place. Indeed, I confess to having included a few jokes or funny stories in my sermons over the years. I add the

caution, however, that the joke or funny story should have some bearing on the content and point of the sermon, and must never draw attention away from God's Word's and the message of the Gospel. But the key to a good sermon is not that it has two or three jokes to keep people's attention. If that's what we expect from our pastors' sermons,

then we're expecting the wrong thing!

The Apostle Paul instructed Pastor Timothy on the importance of "*rightly handling the word of truth*" and avoiding "*irreverent babble.*"

To be clear, the "*irreverent babble*" was not referring just to jokes. It was a reference

to any empty and profane or godless conversation. But the matter of "*rightly handling the word of truth*" was another matter. The word Paul used – translated "*rightly handling*" – meant to cut a straight path so that the traveler can go directly to his or her destination. Just a few verses earlier, Paul spoke of that destination for God's people: "*that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with*

*eternal glory.*" (II Timothy 2:10 and II Timothy 4:8)

What should we expect of our pastors' sermons? Above everything else, our pastors should rightly handle God's Word in such a way that the path to salvation is cut straight and clear with nothing in the way! My wife's pastor used to say that every sermon should be preached as if it were the last sermon the hearer would ever hear, clearly presenting God's Word – the Law and the Gospel – so that in all things Jesus is set forth as the only way of salvation, so that there be no confusion.

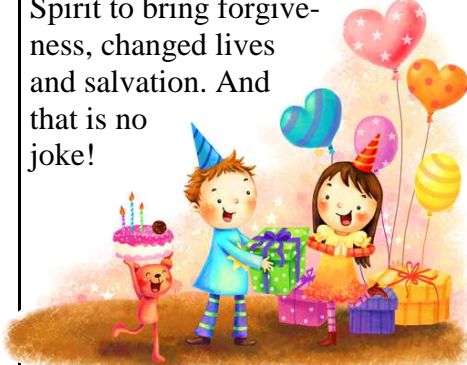
The first thing this means is that the sermon should be based squarely on God's Word and is faithful to the Scriptural text. The pulpit is no place for trivial stories on the one hand, nor "pious platitudes" which are not faithful to the text on the other. Perhaps that's why I so appreciate the account of Paul and Silas' preaching in Berea, for after hearing their preaching, it's reported that the Bereans made sure that what they heard was true to God's Word, as they "*examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.*" (Acts 17:11)

Second, every sermon should clearly convey God's Law in such a manner that every hearer realizes his or her sin and sinful nature, the total inability to merit God's favor and eternal life on his or her own, and the need for repentance. The clear preaching of God's Law is necessary. Where there is no sorrow or repentance over sin, true faith is missing. This is why the Apostle Paul wrote that "*if it had not been for the Law, I would not have known my sin.*" (Romans 7:7)

Most important, however, is that every sermon should cut the past

straight to Jesus and to God's saving grace that comes only through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for our sins and through His resurrection. Only there is forgiveness for repentant sinners. Only there is the assurance for salvation. Only there is the truth that Jesus does for us what we could never, ever do for ourselves. Only there is the central message of the Gospel. And only there is the Holy Spirit's power to change our lives.

What should we expect from a sermon, whether we are in the pew or in the pulpit? Nothing less than that sermon has been the result of "*rightly handling the word of truth*" and nothing less than that sermon can be used by the Holy Spirit to bring forgiveness, changed lives and salvation. And that is no joke!



## Birthdays

Sarah .....	Schroeder	9/1
Drew Newman .....		9/2
Alex Abend .....		9/2
Ben Starkebaum .....		9/2
Curt Henke .....		9/5
Yvonne O'Grady .....		9/7
Jessica Blunk .....		9/7
Jackie Augur .....		9/10
Shelby Starkebaum .....		9/10
Alan Bozarth .....		9/11
Craig Schley .....		9/11
Bill Wersinger .....		9/12
Tara Altis .....		9/14
Sarah Mayes .....		9/16
Zackery Schmidt .....		9/16
Ian Larson .....		9/17
Curtis Mayes .....		9/20

Allen Harris .....	9/20
Bill Moore .....	9/21
Brooke Schmidt .....	9/21
Andrew Swain .....	9/23
Mark Young .....	9/24
Nanette Stout .....	9/24
Joseph Goodroad .....	9/25
Shari Schley .....	9/27
Mike Jackson .....	9/30
Jeff Lehning .....	10/1
Jane Alshouse .....	10/3
Bonnie Harris .....	10/6
Cindy Williams .....	10/7
Scott Mayes .....	10/8



Blythe Larson .....	9/1
Tyler Walworth .....	9/1
Kimberly Murphy .....	9/2
Sammy Harms .....	9/5
Ryan Schmidt .....	9/7
Tanner Slawson .....	9/7
Diane Strack .....	9/8
Wyatt Mayes .....	9/9
Jeremy Harms .....	9/10
Gabriel Sowell .....	9/10
John Bosky .....	9/12
Drew Newman .....	9/12
Amy Martinez .....	9/13
Debbie Abend .....	9/15
Grace Schroeder .....	9/15
Jackie Augur .....	9/16
Mike Owens .....	9/16
Gary Schmidt .....	9/17
Caroline Mayes .....	9/21
Emily Goodroad .....	9/22
Judy Goodwin .....	9/26
Grace Slawson .....	9/26
Shelby Starkebaum .....	9/27
Ben Starkebaum .....	9/29
Curt Henke .....	9/30
Mike Jackson .....	9/30
Sarah Schroeder .....	10/2
Nanette Stout .....	10/6
Yvonne O'Grady .....	10/8
Sarah Mayes .....	10/9

**Elders:** At their June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting they reviewed the Board of Director's meeting notes, went over visits and continued their study on The Book of Concord.



**Properties:** We have been able to keep up with the mowing. Andy plans to get in contact with the company that did our parking lot because they didn't get all the cracks last time and we are having problems now. We were down one unit of cooling because the coil went out. Since the units are not accessible a hole will be cut through the cry room.

**Evangelism:** Nothing new to report, we've had some good activity on Facebook!

**Education:** VBS went well with 28 kids. They collected \$225 in offering that is going to go toward tornado victims in our area. Next step for education is to put together the fall class schedule.

**Stewardship:** Herb went over transubstantiation and the importance of being able to answer a question from one layperson to the other.

**Youth:** They had their last pre-trip Bible study. Lisa is still looking for a group to take over one Sunday of treats a month.

**Public Relations:** nothing new to report

**Planning:** The elevator installation is scheduled to begin mid-August, to be completed by the end of September. Telephone line scheduled for Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, in the morning. Bank loan has been approved for \$30k but Norm is only anticipating needing less than \$12k. LWML is planning another pie auction for October 5<sup>th</sup>. Norm would like to commend the congregation for their generous support of the project.

**Services:** N/A

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Tyler Walworth applied for scholarship for his final

year in the seminary. Norm moved we give him \$5k, Dan seconded, passed by vote.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Goodroad

## Board of Directors

August 18, 2014

**Members present:** Connie Brammeier, Daniel Goodroad, Kari Goodroad, Larry Goodroad, Curt Henke, Herb Israel, Bob Marchert, Pastor, Norm Sowell, Lisa Starkebaum.

Curt called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer and continued with our Bible study.

Norm moved we accept the minutes from last month, Larry seconded.



**Vice President Report:** nothing to report

**Treasurer's Report:** Larry moved to receive the report, Lisa seconded.

**Elders:** They did not have a meeting due to travel schedules.

**Properties:** The A/C is up to speed, working on killing weeds on the playground, and the wall in the cry room will be patched soon. Andy is looking into doing a clean-up day after the elevator is installed. Also, the Oldags would like to work on replacing the entrance crosses.

**Evangelism:** N/A

**Education:** Working on ordering curriculum and need to know how many kids are coming. We have 16 kids signed up for Preschool.

**Stewardship:** Herb is resigning effective September 1st.

**Youth:** 11 youth went to Utah; the thank you breakfast is set for September 14th. They still need a group to take over the extra Sunday for treats. We'll have 4 new kids moving up into youth group. Lisa will be putting together the new calendar of events soon.

**Public Relations:** Continuing to submit to the Courier and waiting on the list of baptismal birthdays.

**Planning:** The elevator project is going well; we are waiting on the roofer to complete the next phase.

Norm proposed we look into a 'Phase 2' and investigate putting in a chair lift to the choir loft. Larry seconded.

**Tim Brammeier/Boy Scouts Report:** Tim has 45 boys on the roster, 40 active. They had 7 Eagle Scouts last year and 4 this year.

Next meeting will be September 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Goodroad

## LWML Minutes

July 14, 2014

**Call to Order:** Dianne Mischlich

**Opening Hymn:** Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle - #454

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Newman  
LWML Pledge was recited.

**Attendance:** Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich, Marlo Howard, Janet Miller, June Lueckert, Janie Bozarth, Pastor Newman, and Mary

Wornson

**Minutes:** June meeting minutes were read and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay Sowell reported a current balance of \$953.11. A free will offering was taken.

**Mite Report:** June Lueckert reported total mite balance of \$255.12. Meeting mites were collected. The Mission Grant Story for July covered a devotion and prayers for the Native American Outreach Training Center in Fairbanks, Alaska for \$95,000.

**Correspondence:** A thank you note was received from Jonah Korondi for his High School Senior Quilt. Kris Wornson sent a thank you for the LWML lap quilt that was given to her. She uses it during her cancer treatments.

**Quilting Report:** Dianne Mischlich reported that Jana Schwartz has donated more fabric for our quilting projects. Several pieces are large enough with solid vivid color to make table cloths for our large tables. We have an upcoming wedding in August and will include a gift in the Care Group Gift Basket.

**Convention Report:** Marlo Howard thanked everyone for their help with the convention and we all thanked her for all her efforts as co-chairman in planning and carrying out this event. She reported there are some extra t-shirts if anyone is interested. Dianne Mischlich ordered a medium. There are also necklaces and charms left over from the convention. Several Convention Gift Bags were leftover and Marlo brought back enough to

share with our ladies. Marlo stated that almost \$5,500 was donated through the Mission Walk and over \$4,600 from the Mite-Y Mites homemade gift items sales. Thank you to everyone who contributed from Trinity. A new icon on the LWML website, "The Time Is Now," with 2-Minute Tuesdays is a resource to keep us reaching out to our next generation and sharing more about LWML.

**Unfinished Business:** Remember to bring your old pill bottles with labels removed to our meetings. They will be taken to Our Savior Lutheran Church for the PACE House in St. Joe. We discussed the LWML All Birthday Church Party/Volksmarch/Pie Auction and decided on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm.

**New Business:** It was also decided to hold LWML Sunday on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The Fall Rally

will be held at Trinity on October 18. We are planning a quilt sale after church on

November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will not be going to Ronald McDonald in August. We discussed sharing our convention information during Fellowship on an upcoming Sunday.

**Third Sunday Treats:** July 20: Marlo Howard, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich; Aug 17: Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich; Sept 21: Mary Wornson, Janis Bozarth, Dianne Mischlich.

Next meeting will be August 11, at 9 am, with Joyce Lehning as hostess. Business meeting was adjourned.

Pastor led us in prayer requests and concerns ending with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer. Pastor's Bible Study was from the Good

News Magazine, "Understanding Sin."

Dianne Mischlich served a yummy caramel apple coffeecake. We looked over the new fabric and then took some fabric for working at home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Wornson, Secretary

## Choir Starting Soon

The Trinity Choir will be starting up again beginning on September



10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM with our first practice. Few of our choir members have had any formal training, and certainly none of us are professional musicians. We simply enjoy making a joyful noise to the Lord through the gift of music. Won't you consider joining us this year?

## LWML Minutes

August 11, 2014

**Call to Order:** Dianne Mischlich

**Opening Hymn:** In the Shattered Bliss of Eden, #572

**Opening Prayer:** In Pastor's absence due to his health, Dianne Mischlich read, "Not by Chance or Happenstance," by Helen Steiner Rice

LWML Pledge was recited.

**Attendance:** Joyce Lehning, Kay Sowell, Marlo Howard, Dianne Mischlich, Penny Harris, June Lueckert, Diane Schmidt, Janet Miller, and Mary Wornson.

**Minutes:** July meeting minutes were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** A nice thank you note was received from Aaron Propst for his quilt.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kay Sowell reported a current balance of \$987.95. A free will offering was taken.

**Mite Report:** June Lueckert reported total mite balance of \$307.61. Kay Sowell will send a check to the KC North Zone Treasurer for our Mite Donation. Meeting mites were collected. The Mission Grant Story for August is for \$100,000 to expand local campus ministries through an online virtual campus sponsored through LCMS U. Lutheran students among many different college campuses will have a common place to gather, get connected, learn, and grow online to shine the light of Christ through witness in their academic communities.

**Quilting Report:** Dianne Mischlich showed us the two completed quilts that Diane Strack had pieced for us and Dianne Mischlich had quilted. Janet Miller brought back three completed tablecloths made from recently donated fabrics. Mary Wornson showed a completed quilt she had been working on. Diane Schmidt shared "just for fun" the pillow shams she had made and Dianne Mischlich had just finished quilting. They were beautiful. After discussion regarding our fabric supply, Kay Sowell moved that we reimburse Dianne Mischlich for plastic tubs to store the fabric. Motion was seconded by Janet Miller and motion passed.

**New Business:** Plans were discussed for the upcoming LWML

Zone Fall Rally on October 18 and the Zone Board Meeting on September 27. We decided we would serve a variety of soups for the rally: Dianne Schmidt – Vegetable Beef and Chili; Janet Miller – Potato Soup; Penny Harris – Chicken Noodle. Desserts: Marlo Howard, June Lueckert, Janet Miller, Kay Sowell. Coffee Cake or Breads: Mary Wornson and Kay Sowell. Decorations: leaves and fall items. For the Board Meeting, Dianne Mischlich and Penny Harris will bring breads, cookies or fruit.

**Third Sunday Treats:** August 17: Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich; Sept 21: Marlo Howard, Janis Bozarth, Dianne Mischlich Oct 19: Judy Goodwin, Penny Harris, Dianne Mischlich

Next meeting will be Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with Joyce Lehning as hostess. Business meeting was adjourned.

Penny Harris led us in prayer requests and concerns ending with everyone praying the Lord's Prayer. Dianne Mischlich led the Bible Study from the Lutheran Witness Magazine, "With All the Company of Heaven."

June Lueckert served a delicious peach crisp with ice-cream and the peaches were off her son's peach tree. Several of our ladies took home material to make additional table cloths.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Wornson, Secretary

## Top Of The Hill

The group will meet on Tuesday, September 9, at 11:30. Please join us for lots of fun, fellowship and a delicious lunch of potato soup, grilled cheese sandwiches and desserts.

## ACELC News

The long-awaited ACELC Film, "If Not Now, When?" has now been completed and is available for viewing online. You can go to [www.ancelc.net](http://www.ancelc.net) and click on the "ACELC Film Project" link on the menu bar to find the page where it is listed. There are also study guides being posted for anyone



who would like to use them for personal study. The film is also available via DVD if you would like to purchase a copy for yourself. The link to do that will also be on the above mentioned page. Thank you for your support!

## Martin Luther Academy

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. What an awesome start to another school year at Martin Luther Academy. Our theme this year is based on Romans 12:1-2 – *Transformed in Christ*. We have an incredible faculty and staff that are dedicated and committed to the nurturing and training of our students. We have an outstanding student body. We have supportive families. The families at MLA this year are focused on working together and supporting one another each and every day. All in all, MLA is a great place to be.



I have great news to share – after a lot of hard work and commitment on the part of our association pastors, teachers, and families, I am happy to announce that MLA is re-accredited for another five years. This is a great process to go through and it is very helpful for our continued growth and improvement as we maintain our academic excellence. MLA is appreciative and thankful to all of those individuals involved.



Those who will be serving at MLA this year are: Kindergarten, Judy Olson; Kindergarten Aide, Mary Gene Tedford; First Grade, Amy Kutz; Second Grade, Nancy Maas; Third & Fourth Grade, Michelle Meier & Mary Gene Tedford; Middle School Teachers (Grades 5-8), Lori Haase, John Maas, Kathleen Blouch, & me; K-4 Music/Choir, Andrea Arnold; 5-8 Choir/Band, Peter Olson; School Secretary, Rhonda Nyquist; Financial Secretaries, Michelle Meier & Mindy Klein; Before School Care, Jackie Bracale; After School Care, John Maas; Athletic Director, Nicci Engle.

We are so thankful to our God and Father for allowing us to teach so many students and serve so many families where we are able to share the Gospel message each and every

day. If you or someone you know would like to be part of this amazing family of believers, please contact me for a tour or to receive information. Your prayers and overall support are greatly appreciated and needed. Spread the word about how the Lord is using His people to do His work in this place. God's richest blessings to all of you.

Yours in Christ,  
Rick Schneider, Principal

## 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.

## 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.

## Our Precious Sins We Don't Want God To Forgive

*By Chad Bird, from his Blog,  
"Flying Scroll"*

It didn't matter if it was the dead of winter or the height of spring, if it was Monday or Friday, raining or the sun shining, a frown was frozen on this man's face. He was a customer on my delivery route, so I saw him on a regular basis. Now, we all have bad days, or bad weeks, so at first I supposed he'd just gotten out of the wrong side of bed or was going through a bad time in his life. But as weeks dragged into months, and months

into years, nothing changed. I tried joking with him. I found out his hobbies. I inquired about his family. Little by little, through snippets of conversation, I found out he led a relatively ordinary life. And I also realized that he was one of those people who couldn't seem to be happy unless he was unhappy. When things were going well, he was on the lookout for something to bellyache about. He saw a dark lining in every silver cloud.

There's a shadow of this man in me, and perhaps in you, but in a different, more spiritual sense. My customer nursed negativity, he clung to the bad things, and there's something about us that clings to our sins, as if we'd rather feel bad about them than have the Lord take them away. We'd rather have the dark lining of disgrace than the silver cloud of grace.

So when we pray in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our trespasses," we really mean, "Forgive us our trespasses...except our special ones." It's as if there are some sins we don't want to hand over to



our Father. Not yet anyway. They are our precious. We relish wallowing in the guilt they generate. We feel better knowing how bad we feel about them. We come to believe that our anguish is our atonement; our baptism is tears;

our Supper a body racked with regret. This kind of repentance is anti-repentance, for it actually clings tightly to the sin over which it sorrows because in that sorrow is its consolation. If God forgives these sins, if He takes them away and tells us that we can't have them back, on what will we rely? Then we'd have only His promise. Then we'd have to rely on someone else. And as everyone knows, if you want a job done right, do it yourself, even when it comes to atoning for your wrongdoing.

Now that takes us to the heart of the issue: that the Gospel of Jesus Christ excludes every hint of a do-it-yourself forgiveness. We want to do our part, especially when it comes to "big sins." The little transgressions God can take care of, of course, but the big ones need a little extra effort on our part. So we try to sorrow ourselves into salvation, to repent ourselves into redemption. We hang on to our sins not despite the fact that they hurt, but precisely because they do hurt. We need to hurt, to fret over them, to cry over them, to make amends over them, because by doing so, we will grease the wheels of God's forgiveness. If He sees how repentant we are, and what we've done to make things right, He'll be much more likely to give us forgiveness for those big sins when we're ready to ask for it.

But here's the shockingly beautiful truth: our special sins, to which we cling, are mere phantoms. The weighty bag of precious transgressions we carry out is full of nothing but air. Someone has taken them away, even before we asked Him to. While we're out attempting a do-it-yourself atonement, the true atonement has already taken

place. There is nothing more to be done. Every kind of wrongdoing, however minor or major we think it may be, has been done right.

"But what about that time I did \_\_\_\_\_?" Yes, it's taken care of. "What about all those years I did \_\_\_\_\_?" That, too. "What about those truly horrendous, life-shattering, despicable things I did?" Yes, absolutely, those too have been taken away. All our special sins, which are precious because we think we need to do our part to pay for them, are gone. God came along and snatched them away. And He won't give them back. He gathered up all – and I mean, all – the transgressions of all the people who have ever lived, and who will ever live, and He put them on Jesus. This Son of God, who knew no sin, became all sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God. All humanity shrunk down into this one man. It was as if a funnel was placed over Jesus, and God took the sinful world in His hand, and squeezed it over that funnel. Out oozed every single drop of iniquity, every imaginable horror that people have committed, every good deed they have left undone, and it filled from head to toe this Savior who loves us so. He drank it all in when He polished off the cup of judgment. And when He was done, when atonement was complete, He said so simply and so profoundly, "It is finished." And He meant every word.

Your sin is finished. Your atonement is done. Your special sins are not your special sins. Jesus took them away. And He will never, ever give them back. And that, friends, is a truly precious promise.

## LUMA Garage Sale

Help support the LUMA Garage Sale being held at Ascension Lutheran Church, 4900 Blue Ridge Blvd, KCMO. Proceeds will benefit *Christmas in the City* to be held December 9-12. Drop off items on August 7; Sale Days are August 8 & 9. Sale items, helpers & shoppers are needed! For more info email [luma@lumakc.org](mailto:luma@lumakc.org) or call 913-948-9700 x144.



Lutheran Urban Mission Agency will hold its Annual Dinner and Auction on Saturday, October 4, at Ascension Lutheran Church, KCMO. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for the Silent Auction. The complementary meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. Live Auction items currently include baseball signed by Royals All-Star catcher Salvador Perez, "Coat of Many Colors, Lord of All" signed print by Thomas Bradshaw II, and Thomas Kincaid collector plates. RSVP to Linda at 913-948-9700 x140 or [luma@lumakc.org](mailto:luma@lumakc.org).

## LWML Quilt Sunday

Would you like some help on your Christmas shopping this year? On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will be having an LWML Quilt Sunday. We will have small quilts for sale....table toppers, lap quilts (nice gift for your elderly loved ones), and "Lay Down For A Nap On a Cold Winter Day" quilts. Lots of variety! They all will be very reasonable



priced. More information will be coming in a few weeks.

## Youth

A total of 11 adults and youth traveled to Logan, Utah, for the 2014 Higher Things Conference "Crucified" the week of July 20<sup>th</sup>.

The week started off with

white water rafting

down the Provo

River and the

conference began on Tues-

day, July 22,

with the

opening Di-

vine Ser-

vice. Our

days were

completely

filled with

church ser-

vices such as

Matins, Vespers

and Evening Prayer.

There were Break-Away

sessions scheduled during the day

for adults and youth to pick from

that included topics of interest to

them about their faith and contro-

versial topics that we are faced

with in society today. The youth

also enjoyed soccer during their

free time, along with evening en-

tertainment that included a talent

show, a magician, and an evening

at the Cache Valley Fun Park that

included bowling and arcade

games.

In appreciation of all the support

that our congregation gives our

youth throughout the year, a

thank-you breakfast will be held

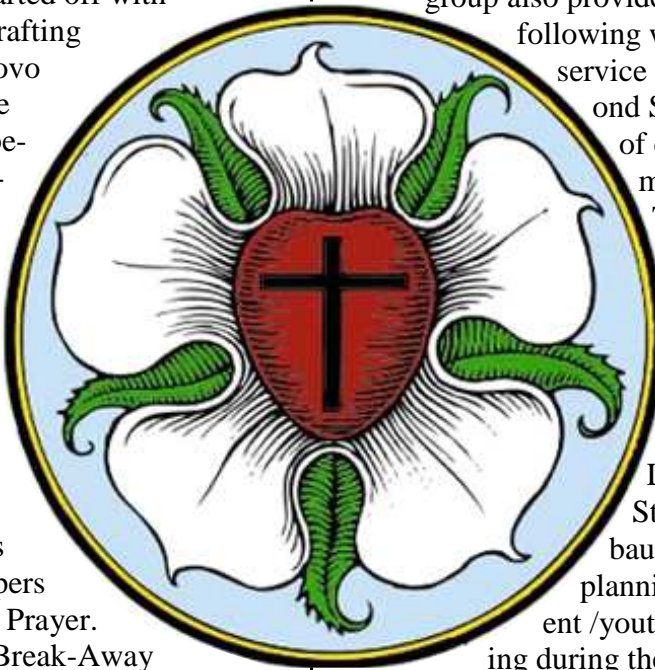
after church service on Sunday,

September 14. We hope that you

can join us as our youth share

some of the experiences of the

trip.



There is a lot of planning to do for this coming school year which is already upon us. I am looking for both parent volunteers and our youth to assist in the brainstorming of new and fresh ideas regarding the planning of events and fund-raising for this year. The youth group also provides snacks

following worship service the second Sunday of each month.

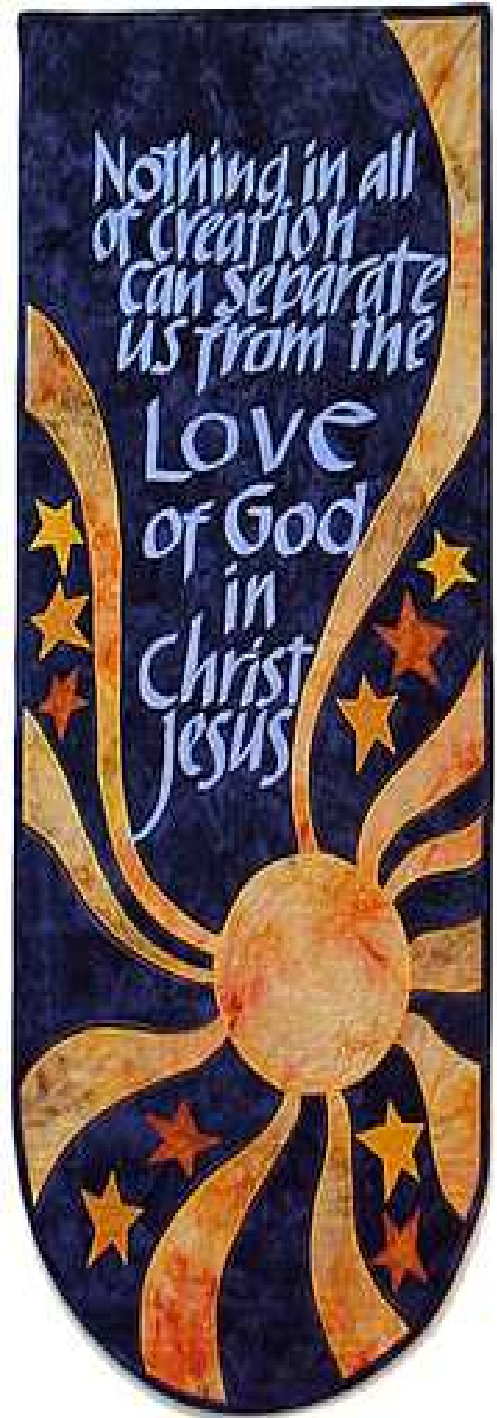
The youth group consists of 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Lisa Starkebaum will be planning a parent /youth meeting during the month

of September. Please watch the bulletin and kiosk for updates.

## Ladies Night Out

Please join us for Ladies Night Out on Monday, September 15, 6:00 PM. We will be meeting at La Fuentes Mexican Restaurant in Kearney for some good food and fellowship. Please sign up on the kiosk. Questions? Ideas? Please contact Shari, 686-3270.



you will keep him in perfect peace,  
whose mind is stayed on you  
because he trusts in you.  
isaiah 26:3