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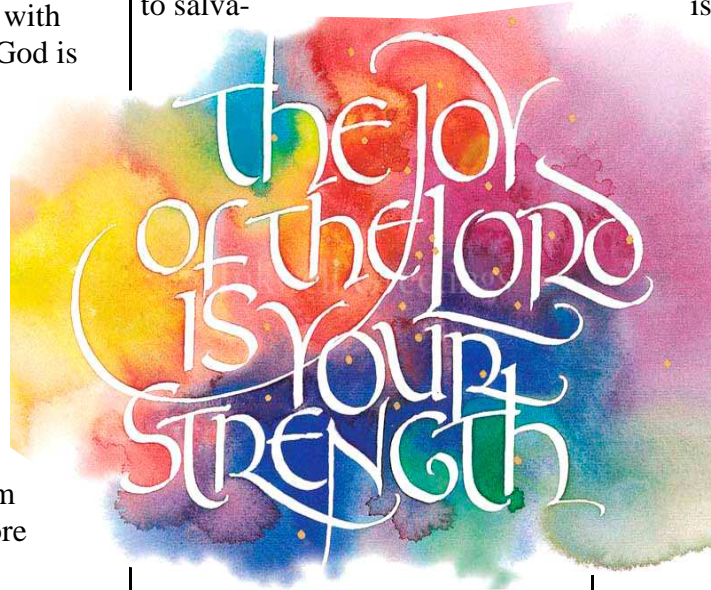
## The Joy of Church

**Note:** This was from last month's Newsletter which was posted only on the Website, and after looking at the statistics from the website it appears that only a half dozen or so actually saw it, so I'm putting it in this month's Newsletter as well . . . Enjoy.

The true beauty of the Holy Bible is that it is literally teeming with joyous, paradoxical truths: God is Three in One. God is Man. God dies on a cross. The God who visits His vengeance upon trespassers has mercy only on upon sinners. You and I, we both die to live and we live to die. We Christians are at the same time both saint and sinner – both righteous and holy, yet so unholy that apart from Christ we cannot stand before God and live. The weak are mighty and the mighty are weak. Afflictions are really nothing more than blessings in disguise. The word of man is at the same time the very Word of God. The poor are rich, and the rich are poor. The first are last and the last are first. Law and Gospel work together to save us from our sins by killing and making alive.

Now it is a hallmark of Lutheranism that we Lutherans do not, as a matter of principle, try to resolve

these paradoxes placed before us in God's Word. We don't try to answer the question as to whether what we receive in the Lord's Supper is bread or body, wine or blood, for the Biblical texts simply state that it is both. If salvation is God's act alone, faith is a result of eternal election to salva-



tion (Ephesians 1), and God wants all sinners to be saved, then why are all not saved? Must not God then, from eternity, also have determined that He would condemn as well as save some? No, this cannot be (in spite of how it looks), for the Bible also says that "God wants all to be saved" (I Timothy 2:4). And since it is an axiom that God cannot lie, then we Lutherans simply let the paradox stand!

The maladies in the life of the twenty-first century Church, and in the Church of every age for that matter, are the result of missing "the narrow way" (Matthew 7:13-14). It is a paradox itself, that the "high" road of orthodoxy – right teaching and right praise – is absolutely freeing! For ortho-dox-y

is both right doc-trine and right dox-ology (or praise) – with "ortho" meaning straight, right, or proper, as in orthodontia, which means "straight teeth." So also orthodoxy leaves plenty of room for us to rejoice in all the God-pleasing differences of gifts, emphases, and even personalities that exist within the Church.

Even the Church herself is a paradox. She is the Bride of Christ, "spotless," "holy," and "washed" (Ephesians 5:25-27), the "pillar and foundation of truth" (I Timothy 3:15), and the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:1ff). And yet at the very same time she only appears in this world hidden under the guise of poor sinners, flawed leaders, tension, division, and yes, sometimes even false teaching. This is at once both disturbing and comforting. It is disturbing because at

times we even find ourselves in such “spotted” congregation, denominations, and Christendom. It is comforting because – despite its outward appearance, despite the fact that there have been times in the history of the Church when the pure teaching of the Gospel all but disappeared from the public confession of the Church and its practice – nevertheless, we still have our Lord’s promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18).

So, the Church endures because Christ Himself endures and will never fail in His work of bringing sinners into the Kingdom. Our Lord Christ will never allow His Gospel to go un-believed until the end of time – until that time when all those who will believe have believed, and then will come the end. That’s Good News worth rejoicing over, especially in the perilous, crazy times in which we now live.

The secret of living a Good News life in this bad news world is in knowing that despite our manifold weaknesses, our sins and our rebellion against Christ and His Church, Christ will remain wherever, so far and so long as, His Word is proclaimed and heard, and to the extent that true Baptism and the Lord’s Supper remain. That is the expansive joy of generous, faithful Lutheranism. Thus genuine Lutheranism is simply nothing more nor anything less than genuine Christianity, and Christianity, with all its manifold weaknesses and sins, is far broader than genuine Lutheranism.

That’s the joy of a generous, faithful Lutheranism. It is generous in recognizing the Church wherever the Gospel is proclaimed faithfully and the Sacraments are distributed

according to Christ’s institution, and is faithful in recognizing its sacred duty to always be faithful to the truth of God’s Word. It may be a paradox, but it’s a joyful paradox, nonetheless.

*Excerpted and slightly modified from President Matthew Harrison’s*

## 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

## Baptisms

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  
Vic Edwards ..... 10/10

## Anniversaries

Gary & Diane Schmidt  
9/6/1968

Drew & Linda Newman  
9/13/1969

Jack & Nancy Oldag  
9/16/1972

Curt & Char Henke  
9/19/1980



John & Dianne Mischlich  
9/20/1969

Mark & Jackie Augur  
9/21/1981

Melvin & Erma Altis  
9/25/1971

Chris & Jessica Blunk  
9/30/2000

Bryan & Christi Fent  
10/7/1972

John & Linda Bosky  
10/9/1982

## Elders

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

## Acolytes

Sept. 6 ..... Simon Korondi  
Sept. 13 ..... A.J. Martinez  
Sept. 20 ..... Eli Ramer  
Sept. 27 ..... Gabriel Sowell  
Oct. 4 ..... Ben Starkebaum  
Oct. 11 ..... Andrew Swain

Oct. 18 ..... Alex Abend  
Oct. 25 ..... Joe Goodroad

## Ushers

9/6 ..... Bill Moore, Jack Oldag  
9/13 ..... Jack Oldag, Ken Meier  
9/20 .. Tony Propst, Darrin Abend  
9/27 ... Tony Propst, Darrin Abend  
10/4 ..... C. Schley, K. Schroeder  
10/11 ..... C. Schley, K. Schroeder  
10/18 ... Bill Moore, Norm Sowell  
10/25 ... Bill Moore, Norm Sowell

## Greeters

9/6 ..... John & Carol Diaz  
9/13 ..... Christensens  
9/20 .. Andy & Michelle Fairhurst  
9/27 .... Vic Edwards, Mary Ellett  
10/4 ..... Mark & Donna Fairhurst  
10/11 ..... Bryan & Christi Fent  
10/18 ..... Dan & Emily Goodroad  
10/25 ..... Larry & Kari Goodroad

## Altar Guild

*September 6 & October 4*  
Pat Owens, Mary Ellett

*September 13 & October 11*  
Deanna Korondi, Kari Goodroad

*September 20*  
Dee Hoffman, Leslie Young

*September 27 & October 25*  
Clemens, McCubbin

*October 18*  
June Ramer, Leslie Young

## Flowers

*September 13*  
Joni Martinez

*September 20*  
Kimberly Murphy  
in Memory of Dan

*September 26*  
Nathan Pedersen  
& Sarah Mayes Wedding

## Spaghetti Dinner

The LWML will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner on September 20<sup>th</sup>

to raise funds to help make some much needed repairs on the building due to water infiltration and the heavy rains this Spring. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. Thrivent will be assisting by providing much of the food for this fundraiser.

## Board of Director's Meeting

*July 13, 2015*

**Members present:** Mark Fairhurst, Dan Goodroad, Nelson Hayes, Dee Hoffman, Ian Larson, Bob Marchert, Norm Sowell and Leslie Young.

Bob called the meeting to order.

Nelson moved we accept the minutes from last month. Mark seconded.

**Pastor:** N/A

**Vice President:** See New Business

**Treasurer:** Mark moved to receive the May financial report. Norm seconded.

**Elders:** N/A

**Properties:** See New Business

**Evangelism:** nothing new to report

**Education:** Cleaned up the Pre-school area and held a garage sale for the unneeded items. Vacation Bible School is July 20-24th.

**Stewardship:** Will be working on another article to submit in the fall.

**Youth:** N/A

**Public Relations:** Has been submitting articles to the newspaper and Facebook. We have had great success lately with Trinity Facebook posts being 'liked' and 'shared'.

**Planning:** Will be working on organizing a long-range, goal setting



planning effort. For example, a 5 year, 10 year plan, etc. for the church.

**Services:** Delivered a wedding basket.

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Due to the amount of rain our area has gotten lately, the church has had some major issues. The carpet bubbles up because of many factors such as rain, humidity, and hot temperatures.



## BOARD MEETING

Also, we have a leaky roof in the kitchen, a need for additional sump pumps and repair to our current ones.

Norm moved we use the Kitchen Renovation fund, \$1180, to fix the roof in the kitchen, including any electrical work and repairs needed to the area. Dan seconded.

Emily moved we give Ian the authority to get someone to repair the current sump pump in the south side of the building and extend the drainage hose on the elevator sump pump. Bob seconded.

Leslie moved we give authority to a member of the board to use the Building Repairs fund, \$1132, to purchase two dehumidifiers. Nelson seconded. All passed by vote. Nelson moved we adjourn. Norm

seconded.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Emily Goodroad, Secretary

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August 10, 2015

Members present: Connie Brammeier, Daniel Goodroad, Larry Goodroad, Nelson Hayes, Dee Hoffman, Bob Marchert, Pastor, Norm Sowell, and Leslie Young.

Bob called the meeting to order. Pastor opened with prayer and con-

tinued with our study on the Augsburg Confession.

**Pastor:** nothing new to report

**Vice President:** See New Business

**Treasurer:** Norm moved we receive the report. Nelson seconded.

Elders: Nothing new to report.

**Properties:** N/A

**Evangelism:** N/A

**Education:** VBS went well with roughly 30 kids in attendance. Looking for Sunday School teachers for the school year.

Stewardship: Nothing new to report.

**Youth:** Four kids went to Higher Things and learned a lot. They will be having a Thank You breakfast soon. Thinking of having a talent show for a fundraiser.

**Public Relations:** Continuing to submit articles and update Facebook.

**Services:** Working on wedding baskets for the upcoming weddings.

**Planning:** Nothing new to report.

**Unfinished Business:** We signed an annual maintenance agreement for the elevator. Please do not clean up the kitchen! The circuit breaker is bad and we think the side of the building may have been struck by lightening. Properties is meeting with Dry Basement to talk about our water issues at the end of August. The sump pump on the east side was replaced and the drain hose off of the elevator was extended. The Donut Gang will be making a comeback to help with minor fixes around the property. Lastly, Bob has made a 'punch list' of duties that need to be done so we can avoid confusion or repeats on tasks that need to be done.

**New Business:** The board would like to investigate an action plan for building security. This might include having the ushers take on more observation in their role.

Pastor closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Emily Goodroad

### 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.

**LWML**

July 13, 2015

**Call to Order:** Dianne Mischlich

**Opening Hymn:** "With the Lord

Begins Your Task”

**Opening Prayer:** In Pastor’s absence Dianne Mischlich opened with a poem by Helen Steiner Rice “Sure Way to a Happy Day”.

LWML pledge was recited.

**Attendance:** Dianne Mischlich, Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Marlo Howard, Janet Miller, Joyce Lehning, Judy Goodwin, Janis Bozarth

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kay Sowell reported a current balance of \$1,008.10 including \$68.99 in mites. A free will offering was taken.

**Quilting Report:** Janet Miller brought a beautiful blanket she made for quilt Sunday.

**Unfinished Business:** Janet Miller discussed Mission Grant Story – Native American Outreach Training Center, Fairbanks, AK. Marlo Howard reported on information from Ronald McDonald House. Majority decided the hours of 1-3:00 on 9/17/15 would work best for us to work.

**Regarding Best Choice labels:** Subject was tabled for the time being due to lack of interest.

**New Business:** It was decided we would serve the wedding reception of Adriel Benningfield the last Saturday in August.

A fund raiser for floor covering fund for church will be held in the fall. Thrivent will contribute \$250 for purchase of food and/or supplies. It was decided we would host a spaghetti dinner and third Sunday treats on 9/20/15. Marlo Howard made the motion and Janet Miller seconded. Motion carried.

**Third Sunday Treats** August 16: June Lueckert, Janet Miller, Dianne Mischlich; September 20: Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich; October 18: Mary Wornson, Janis Bozarth, Dianne Mischlich

Next meeting will be Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. with Diane Schmidt as hostess. Business meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Judy Goodwin.

**Bible Study:** Dianne Mischlich led the Bible study entitled “Shame” Recognizing and Neutralizing the Toxicity taken from LWML Quarterly.

No quilt meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Bozarth, Secretary

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**Date:** August 10, 2015

**Call to Order:** Dianne Mischlich

**Opening Hymn:** “Lord Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word”

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Newman led opening prayer and LWML Pledge was recited

**Attendance:** Pastor Newman, Dianne Mischlich, Dee Hoffman, Judy Goodwin, Kay Sowell, Marlo Howard, Janet Miller, June Lueckert, Diane Schmidt, Joyce Lehning, Janis Bozarth

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

**Treasurer’s Report:** Kay Sowell reported a current balance of \$1,174.25. A free will offering was taken. Mite report balance \$91.21.

**Quilting Report:** Janet Miller brought another beautiful throw and Janis Bozarth brought items for quilt Sunday. All items will be displayed last Sunday in October

and silent auction will be first Sunday in November. A motion was made by Kay Sowell and seconded by Marlo Howard that a portion of the proceeds should go to local charities.

**Unfinished Business:** Dee Hoffman, Janet Miller and Kay Sowell have volunteered to serve the wedding reception of Adriel Benningfield the last Saturday in August.

We discussed the spaghetti dinner to be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in September (LWML Sunday). Marlo Howard will apply to Thrivent for the \$250 to be used for purchase of food and/or supplies. Motion was made by Kay Sowell and seconded by Janet Miller that proceeds go toward kitchen appliances. There was a discussion about the menu. An announcement will be put in the newsletter and an insert will go in bulletin.

**New Business:** Discussion was had about volunteering at Ronald McDonald Wiley House from 1 to 3:00 P.M. on September 17.

**Third Sunday Treats:** September 20: Diane Schmidt, Kay Sowell, Dianne Mischlich; October 18: Mary Wornson, Janis Bozarth, Dianne Mischlich; November 15: Judy Goodwin, Penny Harris, Dianne Mischlich

Next meeting will be Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. with Joyce Lehning as hostess.

Business meeting was adjourned with prayer and prayer requests led by Pastor Newman.

**Bible Study:** Pastor Newman led the Bible study on Psalms 32 entitled “The Penitential Psalms”.

Refreshments were served by hostess Diane Schmidt.

No quilt meeting was held.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janis Bozarth, Secretary

## 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 Dee Hoffman at 320-2490.

## LWML Quilt Sunday

Our second annual LWML Quilt Sunday will be Sunday, November 1st. Our quilting ladies have been busy this year making quilts, table runners, and Christmas tree skirts for you to purchase for yourself or for Christmas gifts. This year we will be doing things a little different than last year. We will have the quilts on display the Sunday before, which will be October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year we will have a silent auction. You will be able to put a bid on any quilt you wish to purchase. However, others can also bid on the same quilt! The following Sunday, November 1st, you will have one last chance to place a bid. You can bid as many times as you want. Highest bidder gets the quilt. As we did last year, there will be a minimum price on all quilts.

Proceeds from the quilt sale will go to local charities for part of our annual Christmas donations.

## Top Of The Hill

The Group will meet Tuesday, September 8, at 10:00 A.M. at church. We will be then proceed to Shirley Kueck's for a visit and delicious lunch of ham and beans. Please join us for lots of fun, fellowship and great food!

## Youth

Our youth group just returned from Las Vegas, Nevada, where they attended the **Te Deum 2015** Higher Things conference. The group left Kansas City on Sunday, July 12, and returned on Friday, July 17. There were two youth that attended this years' conference along with 4 adults. Thank you to Kari Goodroad and Pastor Newman for chaperoning the group!!

Please watch the newsletter as the youth group will be preparing a Thank You breakfast for the congregation and have the opportunity to share some of their experiences and what they learned from the trip.

Planning for the 2015-2016 school year will be underway soon. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon to kick off the school year to do some brainstorming on fund-raising ideas, events the youth would like to participate in and activities to promote team-building and fellowship. The youth group is comprised of grades 6-12 and everyone is welcome and encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Starkebaum or Connie Brammeier.

## Ladies Night Out

Our next get-together is Sept. 14. We will be meet at Ventana Gourmet Grill @ 6:00 P.M. If you've never been there, you are missing out! Questions - contact Shari Schley @ (816)686-3270. Hope to see you Sept. 14!

## Family Fellowship

The group will get together on Saturday, September 26, for an hors d'oeuvres party. The party will be hosted by the Brammeiers at their home and will begin at 6:30. Bring some of your favorite hors d'oeuvres and a beverage to share. Sign up on the kiosk. Any questions, please call Connie at 210-9792.

