



Worship Leader’s Report

“Your existence has a positive contribution to humankind.” These kind, reflective words come to us not from some learned academic or philosophical person...but rather from the scrumptious morsel that is the fortune cookie! Then again, I suppose *someone* must have fed it into the computer to have it printed and stuffed!

Beloved, I share the above words, because we all need those feel-good affirmations every now and again! In a previous work environment, I had a folder in my email box labeled “Affirmations” which came from all sorts of contributors and I would go digging in that folder whenever I had faced a particularly bad day.

“It’s okay to not be ok,” is one phrase that catches me every now and then. Many a song and book have expounded on this topic. And in a post-pandemic age...these words ring true and may weigh heavily on us as we contemplate them. It’s sometimes easy to read that phrase and immediately dismiss our underlying feelings - writing them off as invalidated, but it’s a better idea to embrace them and try to understand where they’re coming from.

That’s one reason I’m not fond of marquee sign theology. It’s sometimes difficult to condense all we are facing, wrestling, struggling, grappling, juggling, feeling, etc. down to a few single words or a simple phrase. And once we do, all else is again, invalidated or ignored - and in so doing, we dismiss or write-off a lot of ourselves.

But every now and then we come face to face with a nugget of wisdom that makes us pause and think. Sometimes the nugget of wisdom is much more than a fortune cookie or marquee theology... Some of those few words or phrases actually become an identity. And that’s where we arrive at for this edition of our Love Notes. As you contemplate them over the coming days, weeks, and months, I invite you to share with me, your pew mates, your neighbors on where you see the Love of Christ living in the world, for not only do I truly believe that the following is true of Love of Christ - but that our mission and ministry is truly alive.

“Giving is Sharing. Sharing is Caring. Caring is Loving. Loving is Living.” - Bob Dymond

2023 Council President Report

Stewardship

What is Stewardship? If you ask 10 different people what the definition of Stewardship is, you will likely get 10 different answers. Years ago, I would have stated, "it is the time of the year when my Church wants to know how much money I will contribute over the next year".

You have all heard the saying, "the older I get, the wiser I become". Put me into that category of believing that we do get wiser, the older we become. Why is this? Is it because we gain so much knowledge from our experiences, or it is because we now have the time to reflect on the experiences and truly understand the significance of an experience.

In the past, maybe we thought that putting money into the Salvation Army kettle at Christmas time was done just to make ourselves feel good that "we donated some money to someone who needed it". Or maybe we thought that increasing our weekly contribution to the Church by \$1.00 was good Stewardship.

I now believe we get wiser as we get older because we take the time to truly reflect on an experience. A good number of years ago, I felt the urge to participate in my Church activities by becoming an usher. At that time, I did not see it as Stewardship, but I believe I am now wiser, and it is Stewardship. As stated in 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace".

At Love of Christ Lutheran Church, we are "good stewards of God's varied grace." We are blessed to have individuals step up to be good leaders. We have the financial resources available to share with others in our community who need help, and we know, understand, and appreciate that it is by the grace of God that we are good Stewards of the earth that he created.

So I ask each of you, think about how you are a steward of God's varied grace and how you might become a better steward of that grace.

Bob Chaloupek

CHRIST CARE...

Reflecting Christ's love in our community of faith! His inspiration! **Please, if you...or someone you know... could use some Christ care, some concern, some prayers, or some expression of the love of Christ in his/her life, LET US KNOW.**

You may do so by calling:
the church office (956) 447-1337

We at LOC want to care for you, for your friends, and for all who want to know the love of Christ in their life.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayers are offered while shawls are created. Then the shawls are given to the sick and those needing comfort. Shawls have been distributed to many within the community and they have been mailed to numerous locations within the United States and Canada as requests for those needing prayers and comfort are filled. We are pleased to fill requests.

Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631
or email bettybentson@aol.com

PRAYER SQUARES

We have a "Prayer Squares" project. A square is quilted and tied with loving strings of embroidery thread. Then when one of our members of Love of Christ (or a friend) is having surgery or is in a hospital, each of us say a prayer, tie a knot, and then give the patch to them. We want our prayers with them. Contact Betty Bentson 701-371-6631 or email bettybentson@aol.com

AURORA HOUSE WISH LIST

Foods:

Grocery Store Gift Card
*Fresh Fruits/Seasonal Fruits
*Fresh Vegetables
Frozen Juices
Butter/ Margarine
*Milk
*Eggs
Instant Tea (sweet & un-sweetened)
Tea bags
Coffee mate
*Coffee: regular & decaf
Soft Drinks: all flavors
Lemonade Mix
Bread
Lunch meat
Artificial Sweetener
Sugar Substitutes
Sugar
*Oatmeal
Potatoes
*Rice
*Pinto Beans
*Lentils
Olive Oil
Vegetable Oil
Cooking Spray
Red Wine Vinegar
Rice Vinegar
Bread Crumbs
Garlic Powder
Garlic Salt
Crackers
Flour
Cake Mix
Frostings
Mayonnaise
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Honey
Peanut Butter
Jam/Jelly

Household:

Plastic Cups
Foam Cups 8 oz.
Antibacterial hand Soap
Hand Sanitizer
Laundry Detergent (HE Only)
Foil Paper
Parchment Paper
Plastic wrap
Coffee filters
*Garbage bags- 13-gal/ 30 gallons
*Freezer bags gallon sizes
*Ziplocs 1 gallon & 1 quart
*Paper Towels
*Toilet Tissue
Air Freshener (sprays) – all aromas
Light Bulbs
Kleenex
Windex
Disinfectant wipes
Adult size wipes
Latex Free Nitrile gloves Medium
*Clorox
Floor Cleaners (Faboloso/Pine Sol)
Powder Cleaner (Ajax)

Kitchen:

Napkins
*Latex Free and Powder Free
Gloves small
Dish Soap

Office Supplies And Equipment:

Colored Copier Paper 8½ X 11
*Copier Paper 8½ X 11
Pocket Folders
Small sticky notes
Plastic File Boxes
*Manila Folders
Dividers
Highlighters
Binders with plastic cover in front

Lawn Maintenance:

30W motor oil (5)
2 Cycle Weed Eater Oil
Weed Eater String: 80 or 90 gauge
Lawn Mower
Gift Cards for gas for Lawn Mower
Home Improvement Gift Cards

Meats:

Fish
Beef
Poultry
Prepared Casseroles

***We use a lot**

Due to Health Regulations, we cannot accept the following: any opened items such as packages of meat, medications, opened/ expired bottles, boxes, canned food, cereal, rice, etc.





June Birthdays

- 02 Kathy Whitney
- 07 Gerald Gieseke
- 11 Marvin Dietz
- 14 Harlan Thompson
- 16 Judy Bradshaw
- 19 Donness Dietz
- 25 Gene Johnson
- 29 Sanford Sill
- 30 Marvin Hedlund

July Birthdays (con't)

- 28 Jenna Gutierrez
- 29 Jo Degener
- 29 Cathy Johnson
- 29 Donna Lidtke
- 31 Ann Thompson

August Birthdays

- 01 Will Baker
- 01 Rich Klindt
- 02 Jan Slade
- 02 Richard Twait
- 03 Nancy Karg
- 04 Ed Puder
- 06 Sharon Shull

July Birthdays

- 04 John Egan
- 08 Tom Young
- 24 Shirley Bowen
- 24 Chuck Wolff
- 25 Thomas Newcomer
- 27 Robert Slade

June Anniversaries

- 03 Aryls & Harold Buland
- 03 Gloria & Lyle Jaegler
- 04 Amy & Don Van Deest
- 07 Ed & Wendy Haught
- 07 Mike & Sharon Shull
- 08 Marilyn & Sanford Sill
- 09 Sharon & Tom Newcomer
- 16 Lee & Mary Nelson
- 30 Dar & Lou Vitek

July Anniversaries

- 08 Anne & Will Baker
- 12 Bonnie & Joe Moore
- 26 Darla & Robert Chaloupek

August Anniversaries

- 04 Derald & Priscilla Christensen
- 08 Kenneth & Lois Tanula
- 12 Raye & Richard Chandler
- 21 Bette & Sam Learned
- 22 Dean & Marilyn Garnett
- 26 Nancy & Rod Karg
- 28 Lynn & Marvin Hedlund

READING MACHINES

If you, or a loved one, have a vision difficulty that could be helped by the use of our reading machines, please contact Church office (956) 447-1337. Three reading machines are available to be used by anyone in need of help. The machines are "checked out" much as a library book and returned to the office when no longer needed or if the user does not remain in the Valley during the summer months. There is no charge for this use. If you have a problem picking up the machine from the church office, please make it known to the secretary at the church office and the machine will be delivered to you. This is another ministry of the Love of Christ Church!

Drop a personal note to one of your brothers or sisters in Christ at LoC who celebrates a special occasion this month and let them know how much their presence in our family of faith at LoC means to you.

THE LIBRARY

Come and check out the Love of Christ Library! Folks have donated some great reading, videos, and audio tapes. Come and browse or come and bring your donation to the Library and be an encouragement to the folks at Love of Christ church. The Library is located in the church office.

**JOINED THE CHURCH
TRIUMPHANT 2023**

Alan Bonsen

April 29, 1927 - March 8, 2023

Harold Buland

May 13, 1926 - April 25, 2023

Gerry Gieseke

June 7, 1926 - Feb 22, 2023

Elizabeth Sutton

Jan 10, 1938 - March 15, 2023

Jean Wegner

October 23, 1937 - March 10, 2023

O God, your days are without end and your mercies cannot be counted. Make us aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life, and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all the days of our life, so that, when we shall have served you in our generation, we may be gathered to our ancestors, having the testimony of a good conscience, in the communion of your Church, in the confidence of a certain faith, in the comfort of a holy hope, in favor with you, our God, and in peace with all humanity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray especially for:

Bill Brandt (Faith Lutheran Church)

Gail Brandt (Faith Lutheran Church)

Renate Chamberlain

Bruce Chaney (son of Alice Lichman)

Jo Coyle

Arlene Crawford

Pastor Sylvia De La Garza

Thelma Dutenhoeffer

Dean Garnett

Marilyn Garnett

Dennis Garnett (Dean's brother)

Rick Grider (John Wilkinson's brother-in-law)

Rita Halvorson (sister of Raye Chandler)

Marian Johnson

Nancy Karg

Rod Karg

Pauline McIvor-Szmutko (sister of Bob Dymond)

Maria Mendoza

Tom Newcomer

Betty Piper

Barb Puder

Ed Puder

Marilyn Rounds

Ross Rounds

Chuck Sornson

Staff and children of North Bridge Elementary

Amy Van Deest

Don Van Deest

Elaine Wisely (daughter of Lou Vitek)

David Wisely (son-in-law of Lou Vitek)

Cecilia Young

Tom Young



A Reminder:

We Lutherans and Presbyterians continue to work together to provide warmth to ALL students in the WISD (pre k through high school) by providing clean repaired coats, jackets, sweaters. Drop your donations off at church and we will deliver them. Thanks for your support.

And, any people experiencing violence in their lives, all the men and women of the police, fire, EMS, and all the men and women of the Armed Forces and their families.

4th of July Facts

1. The Declaration of Independence was not signed on July 4, 1776. That's actually the day it was formally adopted by the Continental Congress, but it wasn't signed by most signatories until August.
2. Americans typically eat 150 million hot dogs on Independence Day, "enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than five times," according to the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council.
3. Three presidents have died on July 4: Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Monroe.
4. John Adams believed that American independence should be celebrated on July 2, as that's the actual day the Continental Congress voted for independence in 1776.
5. Annoyed that Independence Day wasn't celebrated on July 2, Adams reportedly turned down invitations to July 4 celebrations throughout his life.
6. Massachusetts became the first state to make the 4th of July an official state holiday in 1781.
7. President Zachary Taylor died in 1850 after eating spoiled fruit at a July 4 celebration.
8. The famed Macy's fireworks show in New York City uses more than 75,000 fireworks shells and costs about \$6 million.
9. Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest is held annually on July 4. In 2018, champion Joey Chestnut ate 74 hot dogs with buns in just 10 minutes.
10. Independence Day became a federal holiday in 1870.
11. As of 2016, July 4 was the number one holiday for beer sales in the U.S., according to the National Beer Wholesalers Association.
12. In 1778, George Washington gave his soldiers a double ration of rum to celebrate the July 4 holiday.
13. Every July 4, descendants of the signers of the Declaration of Independence tap the Liberty Bell 13 times in honor of the original 13 colonies.

June:

- 14th Flag Day
- 18th Father's Day
- 19th Juneteenth

July:

- 4th Independence Day

August:

- 7th Purple Heart Day



Name: _____ Date: _____

Summer Word Search

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SUMMER

SUNNY

SUNSCREEN

POOL

LEMONADE

BEACH

SWIMSUIT

BUGS

VACATION

BASEBALL

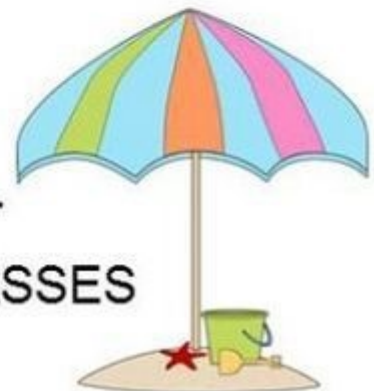
JUNE

JULY

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AUGUST

SUNGLASSES





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God's work. Our hands.



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