

OUR REDEEMER

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From the desk of Pastor Matt Nelson

‘What did you say...?’

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life. John 5.24

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. Romans 10.17

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear. Matthew 11.15

In the 1920's Grandpa Clatanoff (my Mom's dad) snuck out of Catechism class and hid a cat inside the old pump organ just before the organist began to practice; in the 1970's I got lazy in Catechism class and Dad made me miss wrestling practice for a week in order to get caught up; in 2017 sometimes I look up to find one of 'my boys' tilted back in his chair staring slack-jawed out the window. My point is this: we pay attention to what we want to pay attention to, and the fallen nature will always present plenty of opportunities for distraction from God's Word.

In my life I have spent approximately 38 years in front of the pulpit and the last 15 behind it. Sometimes it was hard to listen (then), sometimes it's hard to speak (now), but the bottom line has not changed one bit – it is through the proclaimed Word of God that the Gospel is shared, and God's own (pastor and people alike) are spiritually strengthened. How that Word applies to one's life has also not changed: it is the message of salvation over against hopelessness and darkness and despair. It is a spiritual feeding intended to strengthen and sustain us throughout the week. But we have to pay attention and that means being "present" and "hearing"

When I was a kid I went shooting at a rifle range with a friend and his father. Shooting was an uncommon treat for me and I paid close attention to what my friend's Dad had to say – to make it even cooler he was a Special

Agent with the FBI! But my buddy had heard it all before so it was easier for him to drift off, imagining there was nothing new for him to hear. This trip to the shooting range came to an unhappy conclusion when his Dad handed him a loaded handgun and said: "This is loaded and on safe", to which my friend replied, "OK, but is it loaded?" Just in case you ever wondered, it's a bad idea to be inattentive to gun safety in the presence of an FBI agent.

When we try to grasp the magnitude of what God in Jesus Christ has done for us it compels us to pay attention. It is, after all, the very best "Good News" you can hear – that God loves you, and more than that, His perfect Love has caused Him to act, to accomplish your salvation and then deliver it to you through the means He established: Word and Sacraments. What is received in the Divine Service is nothing less than the precious, life-changing message of salvation – of course you have heard it before (you're a CHRISTIAN!), now hear it again! And give thanks!

The Peace of the LORD be with you dear friends.
- Pastor Nelson

Communion Schedule

July

- 2 - 8:30 am
- 11 - 11:00 am
- 16 - 8:30 am
- 23 - 11:00 am
- 30 - 8:30 am

August

- 6 - 11:00 am
- 13 - 8:30 am
- 20 - 11:00 am
- 27 - 8:30 am

Lending a Hand in July

Ushers: (early) (late) Larry Workman & Eric Creighton

Greeters: (early) Kathy Stamm and Lavern Kemp

Money Counters: Nancy Werner and Vicki Avsec

Altar Guild: Bev Oleson

Music: Joyce Baumgartner, Rae Workman, Nancy Landell, Jack Polzin, Tammy Jordt

Acolytes: Joey Peters, Georgia Morrell, Olivia Avsec, Vivian Eberhart

Blessings on your special day! Birthdays



- 1 - Larry Landell
- 1 - Dalton Sellers
- 2 - Irv Erickson
- 2 - Pastor Nelson
- 5 - Keith Eberhart
- 5 - Travis Turner
- 7 - Katie Daenzer
- 8 - Charlotte Chertudi
- 10 - Jan Thomas
- 10 - Maggie Stone
- 11 - Kevin Egger
- 11 - Timothy Kempff
- 11 - Shirley Thompson
- 13 - Christopher Avsec
- 13 - Darin Stone

- 13 - Courtney Tamburelli
- 14 - Kenny Earickson
- 17 - Hailey Sapa
- 17 - Cindy Younkin
- 19 - Mike Jurva
- 20 - Cainen Erickson
- 20 - Corey Johnson
- 21 - Brad Peters
- 22 - Leslie Moody
- 23 - Faith Eberhart
- 23 - Isaiah Moody
- 24 - Cayla Wing
- 26 - Taylor Jarrett
- 27 - Vivian Eberhart
- 27 - Ashley Herbert
- 28 - Sawyer Creighton
- 30 - Joe Peters
- 31 - Bill Hoppe

Anniversaries

- 6 - Travis & Linda Addington (21 yrs)
- 9 - Shannon & Tracy Click (23 yrs)
- 12 - Eric & Ann Creighton (37 yrs)
- 13 - Roger & Carla Swearengen (26 yrs)
- 16 - Eric & Kayla Sharpe (6 yrs)
- 23 - Joe & Lydia Peters (40 yrs)

If you have a birthday or anniversary that falls in this month and are not listed, please update your information with Deb.

2017 Schedule

	Offering Counters	Altar Guild	8:30 am Worship	
			Ushers	Greeters
January	Alyssa K & Kayla S	Kathy S	Jack P & Erik E	Art & Louise D
February	Linda P & Jana D	Tina K	Jay S & Keith E	Betty T & Kathy S
March	Diane N & Deb Starling	Diane N	Don M & Ron S	Don & Sally M
April	Robin E & Heather W	Lynda Peters	Joe P & Dwyght L	Dwyght & Sandy L
May	Robin E & Heather W	Peg H	Josh S & Chaemous H	Lea S & Ashley H
June	Peg H & Penny E	Vicki A		Orville B & Nancy W
July	Nancy W & Vicki A	Bev O		Kathy S & Lavern K
August	Diane N & Bev O	Kathy W	Ron S & Ken S	Ken & Carol S
September	Linda P & Sally M	Diane N	Joel K & Aaron J	Art & Louise D
October	Nancy W & Vicki A	Gwen S	David E & Jack P	Tyler & Alyssa K
November	Peg H & Kayla S	Ashley H	Jay S & Joel W	Joel & Ginny Wilder
December	Lea S & Bev O	Peg H	Kyle S & Eric S	Don & Sally M

Are you available to fill in the blank spots?
No experience needed!
We provide all the training!
Let Deb Sorenson know you are ready to volunteer!

Summer Sunday School

- Ages 3 - Grade 5 meet in the Education Wing. Alex and Megan Ekholt are leading this group. There will be learning centers , crafts and lessons.
- July Lessons are:
 - Samuel Hears God
 - A Woman's Oil Flows
 - David the Shepherd
 - Praying to God
 - Jesus Feeds a Crowd.
- Grades 6 - 12 meet at the back of the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 am . They will either go out for "Donuts & Devotion" or join Pastor's Class.

Save Box Tops for
Trinity Lutheran School
There will be a container for Box
Tops in the Fellowship Hall



North American Indian Days Browning, MT

- July 6 - 8 (Thursday - Saturday)
- Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall
- ORLC provides crafts for the children and water and conversation for those passing by.
- If you have any questions please talk to Larry and Rae Workman or Pastor.

This is a family event which consists of three days of traditional Indian dancing, games, sports events and socializing. The contestants and other dancers wear regalia or traditional dress (not "costumes"). The clothes worn by the dancers are hand made and often passed down.

Vacation Bible School July 24 - 28 (9 am - noon)

"Queens and Kings and Ding-a-lings"

- **Monday:** David and Goliath
- **Tuesday:** Nebuchadnezzar and the fiery furnace
- **Wednesday:** Esther
- **Thursday:** Darius and the lions den
- **Friday:** Jesus - the King of Kings and LORD of Lords.

The stories of selected royalty of the Bible are examined regarding their faithfulness to God culminating in the presentation of Jesus as the King of Kings. The stores emphasize the elements of Law and Gospel, faithfulness and unfaithfulness, and the culmination of all of the promises of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

Adults - if you want to help, see Diane Nelson. On Monday, July 24 we will be descended upon by 80+ kids!

All children Pre-K to entering the 6th Grade are invited to attend. Bring your friends and families.

Registration Forms are in the Fellowship Hall. Leave completed forms on Deb's desk.

Don't miss out on the AMAZING crafts, music, games, snacks, Bible lessons and working on the float!



Council Meeting ~ Our Redeemer Lutheran Church ~ June 5, 2017

Attendance: Joe Peters, Don Martinus, Deb Sorenson, Pastor Nelson, Brad Peters, Carla Heintz, Larry Workman, Peg Hoppe, Ben Moody, Kathy Stamm

Opening: Prayer by Pastor Nelson at 7:00 pm

Confirm Agenda: no additions

Minutes: Voters' Assembly minutes accepted as presented, motion by Pastor Nelson, seconded by Larry Workman. Motion carried.

Reports:

Treasurer (Ben Moody)

- As of May 31, 2017 there is \$52,120.97 in our accounts of which \$20,761.98 is held in dedicated accounts. Expenses are at 38% and Offering is at 40% of our year-to-date budget (At May 31st the percentage of budget should be around 42%). In reviewing the budget there are several budgeted line items that will be under budget by the end of the year.
- A copy of the Treasurer's Report is filed with minutes.

Elders (Brad Peters/ Larry Workman/Pat Wicks/Don Martinus) - No report

Evangelism (Peg Hoppe) – No report

Education (Carla Heintz) –

- **Preschool** – 19 students have registered for next school year (1 opening left)
- Will report under Unfinished Business

Welfare (Kathy Stamm)

- Preschool Fundraiser Garage Sale – June 9 & 10.

Property (Dwyght Lindberg)

- **Grounds Maintenance:** A new riding lawn mower was purchased for \$1,608. We are having the fence repaired and parking lot sealed and striped in June.
- **Building Maintenance:** Floors were stripped and waxed (\$1,352), windows and carpets are scheduled in June. Building and grounds were sprayed for bugs. Men's restroom toilet was replaced. Discussion about when carpets should be cleaned. The Fellowship Hall is cleaned twice a year, everything else annually. Chairs and pews are also cleaned annually. Schedule Fellowship Hall June and December, additionally if needed.
- **Misc. church repairs/maintenance** –
 - North landscaping – Council decided to replace grass with concrete. This allows room for VBS float group to work and is zero maintenance. Call Jeremy Raymond to see if he is interested in bidding the project. Email bid to Council.
 - Sprinkler by Pastor's office
 - LWML window replaced – Dan Creighton will complete this project.

Pastor Nelson

- **Counseling** – 3 couples in premarital counseling for upcoming weddings in June, July and Sept.
- **Membership Instruction** – 1 person taking membership classes.
- **Visitations** – 3 people hospitalized.
- **Marriage** – Ross & Cedar were married on June 2.
- **Baptisms** – Grady Kranz and Janet Sandefer

President's Report (Joe Peters) – no report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- **Church Policies:** Policies are being reviewed. All policies will be available for review after Council has approved them.
- **Church Directories** – should arrive anytime.
- **\$1,200 Donation** -Motion by Deb Sorenson, seconded by Pastor Nelson to put donation in Misc Deposit – Council dedicated account. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Milestone Recognition Sunday** – June 25: 10 year anniversary of Pastor & Diane being with ORLC and 20 years ago we started building the addition.
- **Air Conditioning** – After discussion a motion by Larry Workman, seconded by Don Martinus to continue with purchase/installation of air conditioning in the Fellowship Hall and offices. Motion carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Submitted by Deb Sorenson