

Friendship

Lutheran Church of



May 2019

From the Pastor's Desk

As we begin the month of May, *"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you completely. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:3).

In this past month we focused on Jesus' death, His resurrection and His appearing to the disciples behind locked doors, and breathing His peace upon them. Let's focus for a minute on that phrase "[Jesus] breathed on them and said "If you forgive anyone his sins they are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." There is a very important connection to be made here.

Jesus breathed on the disciples. He did so much like the Father first breathed life into Adam in the Garden of Eden. When God's mouth spoke, creation was knit together out of nothing. When God breathed His breath into humanity, male and female were created in the image of God. While the rest of creation was good, God gave humanity two big thumbs up calling us "very good". When I breathe on people they offer me a breath mint, but when God breathes on people, He creates, bestows and redeems life.

Earlier in John's gospel, Jesus said "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full!" Life is begun anew in Jesus, and it's connected to this forgiveness of sins thing. Even in our own earthly relationships, we know that peace is only achieved when forgiveness is asked and offered. The peace of Christ which surpasses all understanding is intimately connected to and fulfilled in forgiveness.

When we are savoring our bitterness and stroking our self-pity, we are blinded and can't see that forgiveness is actually beneficial for both parties. It is good for the person who is forgiven because it feels good to be relieved of a burden, doesn't it? However, it's more than a feeling; forgiveness means that a barriers in relationships are torn down. The guilt or shame that a person feels is shed when the injured party forgives them empowering the relationship to move forward.

Forgiveness is also beneficial for the one who forgives. Bitterness produces a sickly sort of bittersweet joy when we indulge our grudges. We may find a sort of release or escape for our anger, but in the long run, this is little more than self-pity and it is not good for our souls, our psyche, or our relationships. Withholding forgiveness is a form of psychological self-harm.

Jesus invites (actually commands) us to forgive others just as He has forgiven us - so that His peace may truly soothe our wounded and injured souls. His forgiveness directly frees us by releasing us from the sin debt we owe to God; while the act of forgiving others indirectly frees us by breaking the chains that bind us and empower us to freely forgive others who are indebted to us - this allows for restoring our wounded relationships as we become conformed to the image of God.

So once again, *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Romans 15:13)

In Christ,
Pastor Glen

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Elder's Corner

Is Your Life Holy for the Lord?

Recommended reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

The most basic duties of life should be an act of Holiness. For our entire lives are to be characterized by purity, reverence, service, and a desire to glorify God in all we do.

How can we cultivate such a holy lifestyle?

God's Word will bring Holiness to our lives. Psalm 119, the longest chapter in the Bible, reveals the change that comes over diligent Bible students. According to this chapter, when we devote ourselves to the Daily Study, memorization, meditation, and obedience of Scripture, we learn how to stay on the path to purity (verse 9); we avoid sinning against God (verse 11); we are inwardly revived and strengthened (verses 25, 28); our hearts are enlarged (verse 32); our eyes turn away from worthless things (verse 37); and we are comforted in affliction (verse 50).

Nothing can compare to the habit of meeting with God over his Word each day. All it takes is a Bible and a dedicated time. Don't miss this blessing!! The joy of discovery awaits all who read and obey the Word of God. Don't miss out on that joy by failing to know His Word.

Matthew Henry said: "The more reverence we have for the Word of God, the more joy we shall find in it!"

Mission News

Exodus 15; 11 “Who is like you, Oh Lord among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

I have wonderful news to share with you concerning Pascal’s work among the Baoule community. During their outgoing program, 225 people gave their lives to Christ. To help grow their faith, Pascale will be going to their Village every Thursday evening for service and to teach them the word of God and prepare them for water baptism in December. They chose Thursday night as Friday is their market day. People come from far away and will sleep in the village that night. Pascal will teach them Thursday night. On Friday, many sell their things and then will return to their homes. There are 21 Bible lessons suggested by Reaching The Unreached to be completed from March to October. In December, there will be water Baptism. Pascale writes: “Thank God, they are responding. God is hearing your prayers.” Praise God!!

Pascal has to take a taxi to this village. His motorcycle is in need of repairs. Between the motorcycle and taxi coats, it is taking all his salary. Last year our mission offering was \$900 over the \$300 monthly expense for the year. The \$900 was recently sent to Reaching the Unreached for Pascal. God knew of the

need and enabled us to help in a timely way. God is surely at work in the Ivory Coast. Praise God we can be a part of it.

Mission Sunday will be held May 26th and will feature Panera bread. This has been a special privilege and that’s why we will hold Mission Sunday later this month. Thank you most sincerely for your involvement in this ministry. The Lord is bringing forth fruit. Thank you for your faithful support to God’s Work!



Mission Sunday will be May 26.

Upcoming Events

SCHOLARSHIP SUNDAY



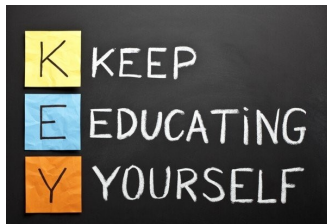
CID Scholarship Sunday is May 5th. Seventeen undergraduates and twelve seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies.

You may mail your gift to:

Scholarship Sunday Gift
Central Illinois District LC-MS
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

You may write a check payable to the “CID Endowment Fund”, which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the “CID Scholarship Fund”, where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2019-2020 school year.

Thank you for your support of our future pastors, teachers, and full-time church workers.



Upcoming Continuing Education Class Offered by CID-LCMS

Early Christian Preaching and Catechesis in A Pluralist Society

What does preaching and catechesis look like in the New Testament and in the Patristic period? The Church is entering a period of time which looks more and more like the early days of Christianity. What must pastors consider as they engage in preaching and catechesis in a pluralist society? What does the hearer need to hear? The course will consider major ideological shifts which have taken place in the Western world and how these shifts have affected the piety and faith of Lutherans today. Major Greek themes predominate in the New Testament as the apostles preach and teach. These themes will be examined in the Greek New Testament. Further, select Patristic homilies will be studied with some consideration as to how Patristic themes may aid our preaching and catechesis today.

Presenter: Rev. Chad D. Kendall, Ph.D

Dates: June 4-6

Place: Mt. Calvary Ev. Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL

Worship Schedule May—September 2019

Date	Worship Time	Elder	Opener	Reader	Communion	A/V	Greeters	Ushers/ Offering
5/5/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Hagen	Hagen	Zuehls/Hagen	Armstrong	Morgan	Bauman/ Weatherford
5/12/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Helmer	J. Fisher		Rodzen	Hellmer	D&M Carlson
5/19/2019	9:00	Beth	Miller	N. Miller	Beth/Miller	Carlson	Sexton	Howard
5/26/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Johnson	Oostdyk		Francisco	Stoller	Piper
6/2/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Arends	Arends	Arends/Rodzen	Armstrong	Hutchison	Johnson
6/9/2019	9:00	Beth	Francisco	Francisco		Rodzen	Beth	Feugen
6/16/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Hagen	Paulsrud	Beth/Hagen	Carlson	Busboom	Bauman/ Weatherford
6/23/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Helmer	Howard		Francisco	Ashwill	D&M Carlson
6/30/2019	9:00	Beth	Miller	Beth	Miller/Hagen	Armstrong	Drews	Howard
7/7/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Johnson	Hagen	Zuehls/Johnson	Rodzen	Ryherd	Piper
7/14/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Arends	J. Fisher		Carlson	Morgan	Johnson
7/21/2019	9:00	Beth	Francisco	N. Miller	Zuehls/Hagen	Francisco	Hellmer	Feugen
7/28/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Hagen	Oostdyk		Armstrong	Sexton	Bauman/ Weatherford
8/4/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Helmer	Arends	Rodzen/Arends	Armstrong	Stoller	D&M Carlson
8/11/2019	9:00	Beth	Miller	Francisco		Carlson	Hutchison	Howard
8/18/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Johnson	Paulsrud	Johnson/Howard	Francisco	Beth	Piper
8/25/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Arends	Howard		Rodzen	Busboom	Johnson
9/1/2019	9:00	Beth	Francisco	Beth	Beth/Francisco	Rodzen	Ashwill	Feugen
9/8/2019	9:00	Zuehls	Hagen	Hagen		Carlson	Drews	Bauman/ Weatherford
9/15/2019	9:00	Rodzen	Hellmer	J. Fisher	Rodzen/Howard	Armstrong	Morgan	Piper
Sept. 22	9:00	Beth	Miller	N. Miller		Rodzen	Hellmer	D&M Carlson
Sept. 29	9:00	Zuehls	Johnson	Oostdyk	Johnson/Miller	Carlson	Sexton	Howard

In Our Prayers

The Power of Prayer



- ♥ International students.
- ♥ Family and friends.
- ♥ Wishing good luck for Kim on her bowling tournament.
- ♥ Please pray for one of Marty Carlson's co-workers who has a cerebral bleed . She has had surgery to relieve the pressure but the source of the bleeding has not yet been located. Please pray for guidance for the medical team and strength for her family in these difficult days.
- ♥ Jacquie Voeks' daughter, Jenn, who had surgery.
- ♥ Roger Francisco's brother-in-law, Tom, who had surgery 4/18.
- ♥ Peggy Francisco's mother (successful treatment for pneumonia) and father (continued recovery).

Celebrations

May Birthdays

5/1	June Bauman
5/2	Lisa Hellmer
5/4	Nicholas Hellmer
5/7	Elizabeth Paulsrud
5/8	Shannon Pattenaude
5/8	Gayle Zuehls
5/9	Kristen Allen
5/11	Donna Courtright
5/11	Aaron Penick
5/12	Jacob Clark
5/17	Sarah Ashwill
5/17	Justine Hellmer
5/21	Caitlin Drake
5/25	Luke Armstrong
5/27	Robert Greer
5/31	Scott Pattenaude



May Baptism Birthdays

Luke Armstrong, Donna Courtright, Mia Drake, Hugo Feugen, Jean Hagen, Hazel Hutchison, Andrew Johnson, Leslie Miller, John Morris, Al Morris, Elizabeth Morris, Shannon Pattenaude, Andrew Paulsrud, Elizabeth Paulsrud, Annabelle Pearman, Brett Penick, Mindy Piper, Sharon Rohlfing

May Anniversaries

5/18	Rich & Suzan Armstrong
5/18	John & Fay Drews
5/7	Dale & Kristina Wright





Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

			1 6:00 pm Elder Mtg. 6:00 pm Praise Team	2	3	4
5 9:00 am Service*	6	7 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	8 6:00 pm Praise Team	9	10	11
12 Mission Sunday 9:00 am Service	13 11:30 am Elizabeth Circle	14 7:00 am Men's Bible Study 9-1 PEO Luncheon 6:00 pm Council	15 6:00 pm Praise Team	16	17	18
19 9:00 am Service*	20	21 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	22 6:00 pm Praise Team	23	24	25
26 9:00 am Service	27 Memorial Day Office Closed	28 7:00 am Men's Bible Study	29 6:00 pm Praise Team	30 6:30 Prayer Shawl	31	

* Bolded signifies communion will be offered at this service.

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"If telemarketers call, invite them to church."

Worship Schedule 

9:00 a.m. Traditional Service

10:15 a.m. Sunday School & Bible
Studies

Holy Communion is offered on the
1st & 3rd Sundays of the month .

OUR MISSION:

To *Joyfully* connect people to Christ and His family.