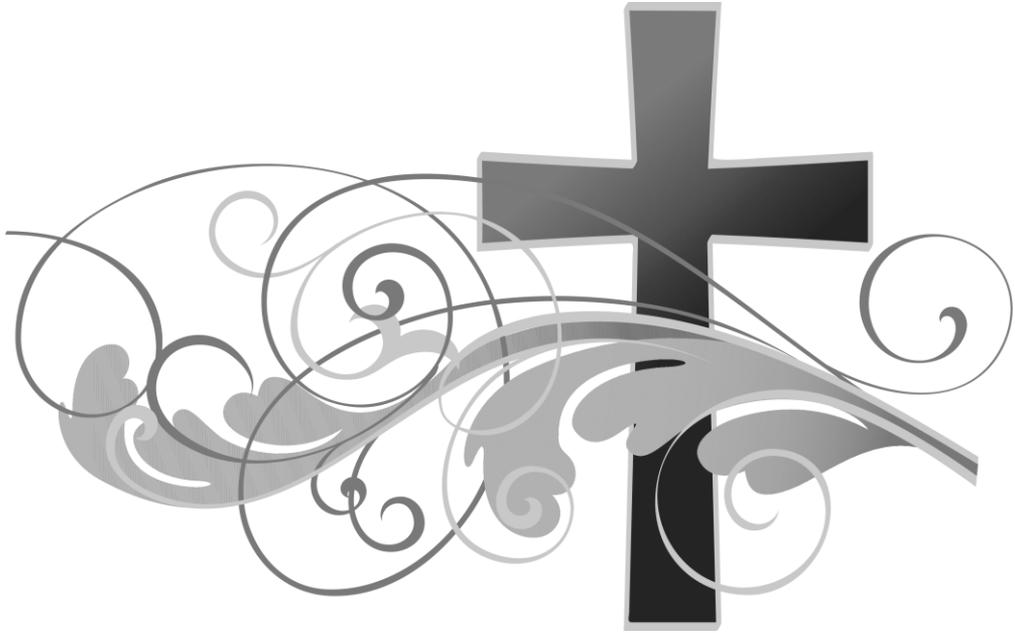


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Dearly Beloved,

Some time ago, my wife thought it would be a good idea to plant three ‘small’ pine trees in our front yard. Now, several years later, she thought it would be a good idea to cut them down since they were taking over the front yard and encroaching upon the house.

The cutting down was the fairly easy part. It was the stumps that were left that proved to be the real challenge. While the roots aren’t all that deep, the manner in which they spread out from the base of the tree is alarming. Like tentacles that refuse to give up their hold on the soil, so those roots resist every attempt to be removed.

Our sinful nature is like that. At first, it doesn’t seem all that difficult to remove certain vices from our lives—outward habits that just take a little concerted effort to change. But too often, we think that we have succeeded in really accomplishing something as far as our Christian lives are concerned. “Look at what I did!” we want to brag, and then take a false satisfaction in thinking that we are advancing spiritually.

But the problem is that the roots are still there—and they go down deep and wide. And no effort on our parts can ever remove that sinful nature—let alone all those transgressions of thought, word, and deed—that justly deserve God’s condemnation.

Sinful roots like that can only be removed in one way—dynamite! And that’s the precise solution that the Scriptures have given for our malady.

In Romans, chapter one, St. Paul writes, “***For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes,***” (Rom. 1:16). It just so happens that the Greek word that is translated here for ‘power’ actually is the same word from which we get the word ‘dynamite’.

The Gospel blows our sins out of existence—as far as God is concerned. As the Lord declared through the prophet Jeremiah,

“For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more,” (Jer. 31:34). For the sake of Jesus’ atoning sacrifice on the cross for us, our sins have been removed as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103:12).

Granted, that is the truth from God’s perspective. We still notice our sins and are haunted by our guilt. But that’s why we confess those sins to God. We don’t cover them up and try to pretend they really aren’t there. No, we take them all to the cross, for we know that God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Our endeavors to remove our sins ourselves will only result in backbreaking, futile work. Only Jesus has the power to take them all away—which He has most certainly done! And that Gospel is the power of salvation to everyone who believes in Him!

May Christ Abide,

Pastor Kilps

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Take advantage of our summer mid-week service, on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM, starting June 1st, especially if you know that you’ll be out of town for the weekend. Our Sunday schedule will remain the same with service beginning at 9:15 am.

LADIES OF GOOD SHEPHERD

The upcoming Mission Project will be "School Kits". We are in need of material for the back packs such as light weight upholstery fabric, denim, or canvas pieces of material that should be no smaller than 15 x 38. Also, anyone willing to help sew these backpacks please speak to Glenna Gauthier or Audrey Laurent . We will be sewing these within the next few months. When school supplies go on sale in August, we will furnish the gift bags for anyone who would like to contribute to our project.

Also, we will be having our summer picnic on **Tuesday, June 13th** beginning at noon. Sylvia Staff will host this year's picnic, and her address is: 3018 Adams St., Two Rivers. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend our potluck lunch!

CHURCH FUNDRAISER

Your church is in need of numerous repair projects. Those projects include the roof (second phase), repairing the stained-glass window frames, painting the exterior doors, and replacing the floor in the preschool's kitchen.

In order to raise the necessary funds, the Stewardship Board has chosen to have a special "Thank Offering". In the hallway leading to Pastor's office, you'll see 150 red envelopes, with a designated dollar amount to donate printed on each. Choose one or several envelopes in which to place your gift, and then return to church. If you like, you can specifically name one of the aforementioned projects on the outside of the envelope and leave your "Thank Offering" with the church secretary or place it in the offering plate during the Thursday or Sunday services. Our goal is to utilize every envelope on the board until they're gone and our goal is reached!

We are pleased to announce that matching funds for this special offering have been generously offered through Pastor Peterson's Memorial.

Please assist in any way that you can!

“STEWARDSHIP SENTENCES”

June 4 (Pentecost)

Acts 2:1 “When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place.” Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival – it happens around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was a picture and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to bring in through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

June 11 (Holy Trinity)

Matthew 28:19-20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” Behold the threefold Name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. This is the Name we are baptized into. We have been made a part of God’s family. And so we are now called to live lives that are in harmony with our new family: we are to be godly, to live in God’s image. As God is loving, and kind, and generous – so are we called to be.

June 18 (Proper 6)

Romans 5:8: “But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” God did not wait for mankind to make the first move. He did not wait for Adam and Even to come looking for Him – but He went and found them. And while we were still sinners, still enemies of God, still set against Him, He sent His Son Jesus to suffer, die, and rise for us. God was moved by His own love and generosity and kindness. We now seek to grow up into His image as loving, generous, and kind sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father.

June 25 (Proper 7)

Romans 6:13 “Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.” Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

THE CROSSING

We are supporting the invaluable efforts of "The Crossing," in Manitowoc, in their work of helping mothers-to-be and families in providing much needed counsel and help. Simply take one of the 'baby bottles' sitting on the kitchen counter, fill it with your change or donations, and return it on *Father's Day!*

MEALS ON WHEELS

We have been asked to help deliver meals to the homebound and your continued support is important to the Meals on Wheels program. Without your dedication it would be impossible for this program to exist.

The following weeks have been assigned to Good Shepherd.

July 24-28
September 18-22
November 13-17
December 18-22



If you would like to become a Meals on Wheels volunteer, speak with the church office.

Volunteers are asked to be at the Senior Center at 11:00 am. Thank you for taking to time to serve others in our community!

LUTHERAN WITNESS

If you are interested in receiving an annual subscription to Lutheran Witness, the cost is \$15.96 due by July 1st. For your convenience there is an envelope in your offering box to place your order.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Dvorachek, Alyssa	6/7
Van Lanen, Alyssa	6/7
Wilkey, Lisa	6/10
Saubert, James	6/11
Van Campenhout, Lexi	6/13
Engman, Sasha	6/15
Walesh, Dianne	6/15
Stoer, Gail	6/17
Wilcox, Sarah	6/20
Kilps, Billy	6/25
Eiden, Eliza	6/26
Kilps, Lori	6/30



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NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:

Monday, June 26, 2017

JUNE SCHEDULES

USHERS

1st- Team #4
4th- Team #1
8th- Team #2
11th- Team #3
15th- Team #4
18th- Team #1
22nd- Team #2
25th- Team #3
29th- Team #4

ALTAR GUILD

Lu Mielke
Deb Wochos

GREETERS

1st- O'Neill
4th- Schwantes
8th- Shimulunas
11th - Staff
15th- Wachsmuth
18th- Waterstreet
22nd- Whitehouse
25th- Williams
29th- Wochos

FLOWERS

4th- Anderberg
11th - Welsh
18th- Wilcox
25th- Mielke



JUNE 18TH