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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pastor's Corner:

"Hide Your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me."
Psalms 51:9-10 (NKJV)

The season of spring is here. Not only do we want to be done with cold weather and snow, we're glad to see grass turning green, trees budding, and annual flowers popping up and blooming. Robins have returned from their trek south.

Some might also associate spring with cleaning. The house has been closed up all winter. We're glad to open the windows and let in fresh air and sunshine. But with the extra light, we notice that dirt has built up over the winter. Dust bunnies have multiplied in corners. The floors of our garages are caked with salt residue from our cars. Seeing all this grime we feel the need to clean!

King David once asked God for a cleaning. He prayed, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." David was not asking God for a better diet to lower his cholesterol. The heart disease he had was caused by the filth of his sin. Sin is in us all and eventually, if it is not cleansed, it will separate us from God forever.

But God does not want us to die in our sins. He sent his Son Jesus to die on a cross to take away our uncleanness. In baptism, God washes away our sin through Christ and gives us a new heart. He creates faith in us so we trust in him not only to forgive us but to make us pure through the perfect life of Jesus that God credits to us. God prepares us for the perfect purity of heaven.

It's good to do some spring cleaning around our homes. But, it's so much better when God cleans our hearts through His Word. Take every opportunity possible this month for spiritual spring cleaning.

Pastor Mellon

NEWS FROM THE PRINCIPAL

During the Maundy Thursday ice storm, when the wind was blowing hard and trees were coated with ice, some fell over, causing local power lines to snap. Power was out, and I was told over 3,800 WE Energy customers had no electricity. We wound up sending students home early, and Easter vacation began about 4 hours ahead of schedule that day!

It's amazing how dependent we are on those lights working – lights, electric pencil sharpeners, computers, printers, projectors, microwaves, etc. etc. etc. During a power outage, all things electric are utterly useless. But isn't it interesting how we keep flipping the switch on anyway as we enter a room?

"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." John 20:21-23

The power of Jesus' resurrection and the gift of His Holy Spirit are what keep Christians running, how we stay "powered up." Those gifts in our lives change absolutely everything! How useless it is to try to live now just using our own power – our own wisdom, our own ideas, our own plans on how things should be. It's like flipping on the switch when the power's out – deep down we should know nothing good will happen, not without the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are in the final eight weeks before the 2015-2016 school year comes to an end. There is lots of excitement packed into this stretch, from the KML Family Music Fest & Science Fair on April 8, to math competitions, to an all-school field trip to Cave of the Mounds on May 9, to Trinity's own Song and Skit night May 20. Through all of it, we are blessed to be in the charging station of God's Word each and every day. We are forgiven; Jesus' resurrection guarantees it and demonstrates nothing but awesome power! May the power of the Holy Spirit also be found in each of our homes. God bless and keep our families as they stay connected to the only real source of power – our loving, living Savior!

Mr. Aswege

TRINITY EDUCATION

Sunday Bible Class

We are discussing the topic: "*A Case for Christ.*" We will look at the apologetic evidence



for the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus and see how it coincides with the Gospel accounts of

God's Word. There will be a short video introduction each week by Lee Strobel. We meet on Sunday in the fellowship hall from 9:20 – 10:15 a.m.

Monday Bible Class

The Monday Bible class topic will be: Fruits of the Spirit. We meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Room. All are invited!

Sunday School

Sunday School for grades pre-school through 8 continues each week. The lessons are from the New Testament. The children also sing each week!

Teen Bible Class

Teen Bible Class meets twice a month with Vicar Stuebs. They will meet on April 10 & 17 with a study of the book of First Peter.

A SPECIAL CONCERT HERE!

Christian songwriter and performer Stephen Bautista – will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at



Trinity. Stephen Bautista is a WELS Christian recording artist. He is a full-time musician with original, Christ-centered music.

He tours the country with his family. To learn more go to www.stephenbautistamusic.com. Please invite family and friends to attend! His music CD's will be available at the concert.

PASTORAL CONFERENCE

Pastor Mellon will be attending the ELS Great Lakes Pastoral Conference in Okauchee, Wisconsin April 12-13.

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

The quarterly voters meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary.

LADIES GUILD INFORMATION

The ladies will once again have for auction at the church picnic a beautiful quilt handcrafted by one of our members. The Guild is also planning to purchase new carts for storing chairs and tables and to brighten up the lower level elevator entrance. Thanks are in store to those who cleaned the carpet in the gathering room. KML has contacted us to request donations of pies and desserts for the KML Music Fest.

PLAY ZONE

Our **Play Zone** program has concluded for the season. Many thanks to Jess Aswege and Amy Beseke for the many hours they spent planning and presenting with this wonderful community outreach program!

NEWS FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Plans are starting to take shape for this year's church picnic. Several early items can be mentioned at this early date. First, since this year is our 160th anniversary, we are looking for ways to celebrate at the picnic. If you have any suggestions, please give them to the pastor or one of the elders. You can also start making plans to bake some goodies for the pie donation this year, and if you know of any area business that would be willing to donate a gift certificate or item to the auction, please help us by contacting them. If requested, the school board will send the businesses letters of thanks for tax purposes.

WITH GOD'S HELP

A man caught in a flood prayed to God for help. While he was on his knees praying, a police officer came to the door and offered to evacuate him, but he said, "No thanks, Officer, I'll stay here, God will deliver me" and resumed his prayers.

Next a person in a rowboat came by as the waters were rising, and the man said, "No thanks, I'll stay here, God will deliver me" and continued praying to God for help.

The waters continued to rise and the man had to climb onto his roof. At last a helicopter came with a ladder and the pilot told him to climb aboard. He again refused, all the while sitting on the roof and praying to God. Finally the waters covered him and he drowned.

After he got to heaven he told God how disappointed he was that God didn't answer his prayers. God said, "What do you mean I didn't answer? I sent a police officer, a rowboat and a helicopter; what else did you want?"

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

1. A disciple will be like his master.

Luke 6:40 *"A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher."*

2. A disciple is willing to place his Lord above earthly relationships.

Luke 14:26 *"If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters—yes, even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."*

3. A disciple must bear his own cross.

Luke 14:27 *"Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."*

4. A disciple must deny himself to follow Jesus.

Matthew 16:24 *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*

5. A disciple must bear fruit.

John 15:8 *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my Disciples."*

6. A disciple must have love for others.

John 13:35 *"All men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*

7. A disciple holds to Jesus' teachings.

John 8:31 *"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples."*

8. A disciple is willing to sacrifice everything.

Luke 14:33 *"Any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple."*

9. A disciple will heed Jesus' voice.

John 10:27 *"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

10. A disciple follows Jesus' example.

1 Peter 2:21 *"Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps."*

11. A disciple becomes a servant of Jesus

John 12:26 *"Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant will also be."*

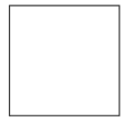
12. A disciple will teach and make other disciples.

Matthew 28:19,20 *"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

Something to remember . . .

“In his heart a man plans his course,
but the LORD determines his steps.”

Proverbs 16:9



*If you don't have time
to pray and read the Bible,
you are busier than God
intended you to be.*