



The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI OCTOBER 2019

Happy October everyone, fall is in full swing, leaves are turning and falling. The leaves and apples are getting red. Speaking of red, I don't know if you remember but last spring, I was going to start the Red Letter Challenge, unfortunately we ran out of spring before we would have been able to finish it. So I am going to refresh your memories as we prepare to try again. Following is a snippet about the Red Letter Challenge.

The Red Letter Challenge (RLC) is to help people live more like Jesus. Sadly, when people think of Jesus-followers it is a far cry from who Jesus actually is. After all that Jesus has done for us, we cannot be content with the picture and representation that we are sharing. We must change the story and perception of who Jesus is. At RLC, we believe that if people truly met the real Jesus, they would really fall in love with Him.

So, how do we change the story that we are telling?

We go back to Christ's words. You know, those red letters in your Bible. It turns out he had a lot to say to His followers about what we are called to do and how we are called to live.

The RLC is unique because it takes Christ's literal words and gives you practical daily challenges based on those words. The RLC will give you targets to shoot for to help you measure how you are practically following after Him. RLC believes that Jesus followers want to be the best Jesus followers that we can be, not out of obligation, but out of gratitude for what Jesus has done for us!

Do you have what it takes to really follow Jesus? To truly do what He said?
I believe you do!

The RLC will help you:

- 1) Have a deeper relationship with Jesus.
- 2) Receive God's forgiveness in your life and give grace to others.
- 3) Give you a greater heart of service.
- 4) Help you become more generous.
- 5) Give you confidence to speak about what Jesus has done in your life.

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Fri. - off

Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor Williams as he may be visiting shut-in's, at a conference, etc.

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Sunday Worship Service 9:00am
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm
Sunday School 10:15am (Sept.-May)
Bible Studies
Sunday 10:15am Monday 10:00am

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So, are you ready to take the challenge? We will have an introduction on October 6 during our worship and the small group study taking place during the Bible study hour. I have the RLC workbook for all who wish to attend. This program lasts for 40 days with a challenge of each day and will be an integral part of our worship studies for the month of October and into November and we will be finishing up just before the start of Advent the first Sunday in December. I believe this program will be both enlightening and enjoyable for everyone involved. So please consider joining in and seeing where the Words of our Lord lead you in your faith life. We may also be offering small group sessions once or twice during the week in case you are unable to make the one on Sunday. Again, I look forward to your participation with anticipation.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Pastor Rick





PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for

Linda Larson-Nelson Tim Smith

Kevin Heggie

Kate Smith

Bob Heggie

Alice Balmer

Brad Prill

Johnny Galligan

David Kaarre

Mary Bullis

Jim Bullis

Mike Dimich

Lloyd Koosmann Theresa Koosmann

Jim Johnson

Marty Kaarre

Rachel Juoni

Ally Gumz

Rebecca Gurske

David Gustafson

Mary Siefers

Penny Mattson

Penny Larson

June Williams

Janice Clements

Eugene Juoni

LeAnn Billing

Clarence Osmak

Ellen Hudgeson

Johnathon Samarziya and those in our hearts.

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them. *Walt Schutte, Arlene Zimmerman, Madge Houle, Donna Graves Violet Basina*

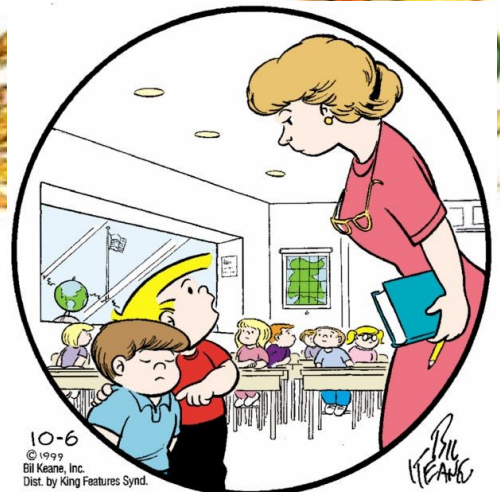
PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

David Wright, Emily Melecha, Tucker Melecha, Jordan Thimm



PRAYER



"Could you let Kevin and me pray in school today? His grandma is in the hospital and she's very sick."



SPAGHETTI and POTLUCK DINNER

Sunday October 27th 11:30am

(after Bible Study and Sunday School)

**Sign-up for attendance and dish
to pass in the Narthex
starting October 13th.**



Those are some pretty sad looking pictures of our front entrance steps and handicapped path. Efforts were made during the summer to get quotes for repair and the contractors just returned with bids. EEK! The Council received and bids and approved one, with the bid of \$7,080.00 for replacement. A simple solution of repairing the damaged areas just isn't going to work. The contractor will complete the work this fall if his schedule permits. The Council decided to see if monies could be raised/donated for this project. You can place any donations in one of the blue envelopes with your name and marked "Step Repair". It will be included with your offering financial statement then. Also, the Potluck Dinner will have a freewill basket with proceeds to go to the "Step Project".





LFOJ -

A photo of the school-agers on their reward trip to Kravin' for reading 300 books over the summer.



Three and four year old classes entertaining their grandparents on September 25th.



Sunday School Rally Day

September 8, 2019

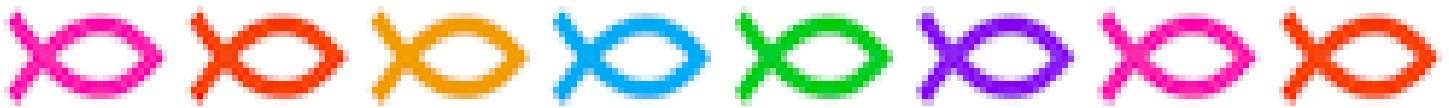
2019-2010 Theme “Let Your Light Shine”

Kids made sun catchers and of course a snack now and then.



Pastor's message for the day was from Philemon. He played Onesimus who had left Philemon, stolen from him and fled. Paul wrote to Philemon to accept Onesimus back to his household, but as a brother rather than a slave.





8 Stewardship

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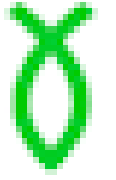


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TALENT
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TECHNOLOGY

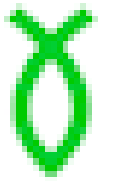
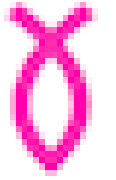
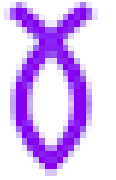


TECHNOLOGY

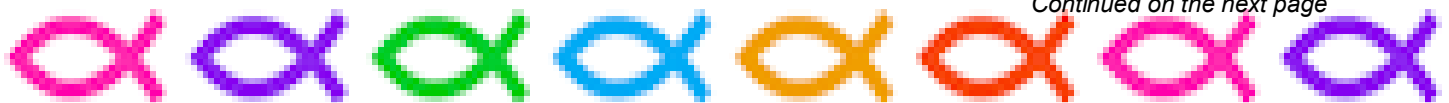
Once again, Christian Stewardship begins with the conviction that everything we have—time, talent, treasure, testimony, touch, tissue, trash, and now technology—is a gift from God’s hands. Our response as called and redeemed children of God is to seek to use these gifts effectively and efficiently to His glory and in service in and to the kingdom of God both here on earth and ultimately in heaven for all eternity.

As we deal with the idea of our Christian Stewardship of Technology I would like to narrow that definition to electronic devices and how they are used in our lives. We will leave things like genetic engineering, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, therapeutic cloning, etc., for another study.

As with anything else, technology can be used for “good” or for “evil”. The same laser beam that can cut the cancer from our body with very little damage to surrounding tissue, can guide the bomb to destroy the village. The car that carries people to church can also be the tool by which a drunken person can bring an end to life or a terrorist can kill many. The computer that can bring our Sunday morning worship service to a shut-in or a soldier deployed overseas can also destroy a young man addicted to pornography. How technology is used, as is the case in the seven other T’s is what we are talking about as we talk about Christian Stewardship. As with the seven other T’s a good question to ponder is; Is technology, or any of the other gifts God gives to us, our servant to use to His glory and for the benefit of His creation, or are we its slave? In short, how can we use any of these T’s, including technology, to the glory of God and in the service of His kingdom—in our individual lives, in our congregations, and in our communities as we live life in all those places as a forgiven child of God.



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Very briefly, technology is used incorrectly when it becomes our god and we are indebted to it and under its control. It becomes our god when it is an all-consuming part of our life and we in effect serve technology when we always have to be connected, instead of allowing it to serve us.

The technology we are talking about can also have incredible impact in and for the Kingdom of God as we practice good stewardship of this gift from God. Technology can and does (and has for centuries) helped God's people in making the most of the gifts with which He blesses us and has aided in proclaiming the Gospel message of salvation alone, through faith alone, in Jesus Christ alone, throughout the whole world. Think back to the invention of the printing press and the numbers of people who could now have their own Bible and other books; to radio and the ability in the day to broadcast the good news of Jesus Christ around the world; to computers today, and phones and tablets and other technology that allow us and everyone else to have the Word of God constantly at their fingertips. Without a doubt, technology, and more importantly our use of it, can enhance or destroy our Christian walk.

As we sum up these 8 T's of Stewardship, may I suggest that there is one foundational Word from God to us through the pen of St. Paul that we need to consider? It is found in 1 Corinthians 10:31 where he writes, ³¹ *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.* May this be our goal, to use every gift with which our Heavenly Father blesses us, in whatever quantity He sees fit to bless us, to achieve the purpose for which He has sent us out into His world, namely to make disciples of all nations so that His kingdom here on earth, and His kingdom in heaven, may grow as more and more people come to know Him as their Father, and Jesus Christ as their only Savior from sin and eternal death, through the power and working of the Holy Spirit in their life.

This concludes our 8-T's of Stewardship. If you would like to review any of the other "T's", they are in past Newsletters or a copy of the complete series can be gotten in the office.

In October, a maple tree before your window lights up your room like a great lamp. Even on cloudy days, its presence helps to dispel the gloom.

John Burroughs



October 2013
-A. Ellis

In that day:
A pleasant vineyard, sing of it!
I, the Lord, am its keeper;
Every moment I water it.
Lest any one harm it,
I guard it night and day;
I have no wrath. Isaiah 27: 2-4a



Before our recent trip to the southwest, I stopped at my parent's home to check on the grape crop. These grapevines were planted in the late 1980's by the woodshed; but when they did not thrive, my parents moved them to a proper garden plot. The transplanting worked its magic and from then on my parents had a good harvest of grapes. Now with Mom gone, Dad with us, and a renter in the house, no one is caring for the vines. On this particular day, I noted many grapes had withered, but woven in the nearby cherry tree were ropey vines weighted with clusters of healthy grapes. I hoped the bears would not get these grapes, and the fruit would wait for our return. And it did.

So, on Friday, I picked the grapes and filled two five-quart ice cream buckets. Plenty to make jelly. Herb rendered the juice with our (Finnish) mehu-liisa juicer, and we bottled $3\frac{1}{2}$ quarts of juice. I kept the juice in the frig, and yesterday set to work to make grape jelly. After the final water-bath the jelly was sealed in the canning jars (10 pints). It is always satisfying to see the concentrated red-beauty of homegrown jelly.

But my story is only a snapshot of a greater vineyard story where in the Book of Isaiah, God speaks to us. The God who is the keeper. The God who waters the vines every moment. The God who stands guard night and day. The God who keeps away those seek to harm the vineyard (even the bears). The God who bears no anger. The God who promises to be our faithful Bread-and-Butter God.

Yes, this generous gift of grape jelly means the winter menu at the Ellis home now includes Peanut Butter and (grape) Jelly sandwiches. Stop by... the table is set and we have plenty to share. As His beloved vineyard, we are invited to sing

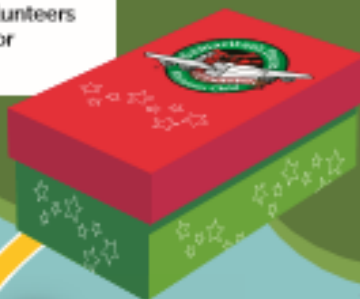


THE AMAZING JOURNEY OF A SIMPLE SHOEBOX GIFT BEGINS WITH YOU



PACKING, COLLECTING & SHIPPING

People pack shoebox gifts each year to bless children in need around the world. Churches and groups collect these boxes the third week of November. Then, thousands of volunteers inspect and prepare the shoeboxes for international shipping.



WORLDWIDE DISTRIBUTION

Long before shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train pastors and community leaders who want to share the Gospel and bless children.



OUTREACH EVENTS

Churches around the world hand out shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Good News is clearly presented. Along with the gifts, we offer Gospel booklets called The Greatest Gift to help shoebox recipients learn about God's Greatest Gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.



DISCIPLESHIP & MULTIPLICATION

After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enroll in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. As a result of what they learn, boys and girls grow in Christ and share Him with others. Families are reached, churches grow, new churches are started, and communities are transformed.



OCTOBER MONTHLY MISSION

Operation Christmas Child

1. Find a shoe box

Recycle and use a regular shoe box (you can wrap the outside in Christmas paper also),

A plastic shoe box (you can buy at Walmart), or

A red & green shoe box from church

2. Fill it with items

Suggestions: jump rope, markers, coloring books, nerf balls, sunglasses, dolls, cars/trucks, flashlight, hair clips, combs, hats, band aids, flip flops, playing cards, stuffed animals, glow sticks, socks, water bottles, hacky sack, marbles, play doh, stickers, etc.

3. Tape BOY/GIRL label to top of your shoe box.

Drop it off at church by November 3rd.

Do not include:

Candy, toothpaste, Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



Dear Members of Zion,

Thank you for your interest in Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993, Samaritan's Purse has distributed over 168 million shoebox gifts to children around the world in Jesus' Name. We thank the Lord for how he is continuing to work in children's hearts through this project.

The Greatest Journey, our 12-lesson discipleship program offered to millions of shoebox recipients each year, is raising up a new generation of evangelists. After three lessons of the course, Oleg, 13, from Latvia began inviting his friends to learn about Jesus along with him. At first, 17 children came, then 24, and eventually 36. Every one of them graduated from The Greatest Journey and accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior!

Thank you all for working with us to share God's love with millions of boys and girls around the world through Operation Christmas Child. May God bless you.

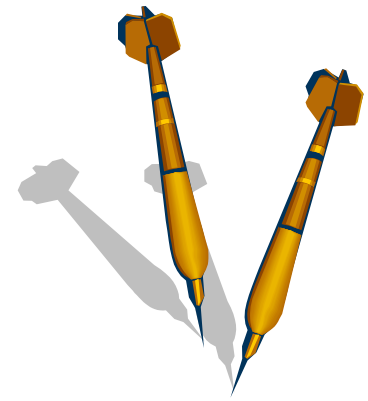
Sincerely,

Franklin Graham

Samaritan's Purse



North Star Dartball League Schedule 2019-20



Team:

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| 1—Saron Lutheran | 5. Zion Lutheran |
| 2—Messiah Lutheran | 6. St. Anne's Catholic |
| 3—Good Shepherd | 7. St. Paul's Lutheran |

DATE	Home vs. Visitor			
Sept. 30	2-1	3-8	4-7	5-6
Oct. 7	3-4	1-7	8-6	2-5
Oct. 14	No Games			
Oct. 21	6-2	7-8	4-1	5-3
Oct. 28	7-5	8-4	2-3	6-1
Nov. 4	1-3	4-2	5-8	6-7
Nov. 11	4-5	8-1	2-7	3-6
Nov. 18	7-3	8-2	1-5	6-4
Nov. 25	No Games			
Dec. 2	11-2	8-3	7-4	6-5
Dec. 9	4-3	7-1	6-8	5-2
Dec. 16	2-6	8-7	1-4	3-5
Dec. 23	No Games			
Dec. 30	No Games			
Jan. 6	5-7	4-8	3-2	1-6
Jan. 13	3-1	2-4	8-5	7-6
Jan. 20	5-4	1-8	7-2	6-3
Jan. 27	3-7	2-8	5-1	4-6
Feb. 3	Make-up Night (if needed)			
Feb. 10	Start of Tournaments			
Feb. 17	Tournament			
Feb. 24	Tournament			

DARTBALL will start with its first game on Sept. 30th against Salem Baptist. They could use a few more players, even if you have never played before. Speak with Scott Sapper or Jerry Frisco if you are interested or have questions.

October 20th Education Sunday


Little Friends of Jesus - LFOJ will be joining us at the worship service. Teachers, workers, helpers from LFOJ and Sunday School will be recognized during the service. LFOJ will be singing a couple songs, and the Sunday School kids will join in on one of the songs. There will be a craft day for the kids after the service and refreshments will be served.





Our Servers for our Worship Service are very important. We ask that if you are unable to serve on your designated date, please find someone else to take your place. We really appreciate your help in this matter!! If you would like to be added or taken off one of our lists please contact the office. Greeters and Ushers should arrive 20 minutes before services start. Thank-you to all who serve.

October	Elders	Acolytes	Ushers	Greeters
Wed. 2	John Pruss			
Sun. 6	Randy Spangle Doug Warren	Austin Gloria	Curt Harpster	Roger & Sally Gustafson
Wed. 9	Darryl Warren			
Sun. 13	Scott Thimm Dar- ryl Warren	Emily Ayeshia	Scott Sapper	Nick & Jule Javela
Wed. 16	Randy Spangle			
Sun. 20	John Pruss Doug Warren	Faith Gloria	Todd Vyskocil	Tiffany Darling, Gloria, Matt
Wed. 23	Scott Thimm			
Sun. 27	Darryl Warren Scott Thimm	Adeline Ayeshia	Ron Schwiesow	Linda Stenroos and Harpster's
Wed 30	John Pruss			
Nov. Sun. 3	Scott Thimm Doug Warren	Austin Eli	Don Moreland	Jerry & Sandy Frsico



October
 Lisa Warren/Tia
 715-209-8547
 Michelle/Taylor Vyskocil
 715-682-2498

OFFICIAL ACTS

Wedding:
 Jacob and Megan (Ylitalo) Johnson 9-6-19

Letters – Jordan Thimm is at Great lakes Navy Station in Illinois currently and would be glad to receive some mail – no packages. Although, his address will be changing, so when we get his new address we will post it on the bulletin board in the Narthex, along with some ideas of subjects to write about.



Andy Pruss will be leaving in October sometime for deployment. When he is able to receive mail and has an address, we will include him on the list to write letters to him also.



2019

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Confirmation 3:30-5pm Worship 6:30pm	3	4	5
6 Mite Sunday Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15-11:30am Sunday School 10:15-11am	7 10:00am Bible Study Evangelism Mtg. 5:30pm	8 LFOJ Chapel 11am Sewing Circle 1pm	9 Court Manor 10:15am AHRC 1:45pm Confirmation 3:30-5pm Worship 6:30pm	10 LFOJ Chapel 11am	11	12
13 Worship 9:00am Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Trustees' Mtg. 10:15am	14 10:00am Bible Study Altar Guild 6:00pm	15	16 Confirmation 3:30-5pm Worship 6:30pm	17	18 <i>Newsletter Reports Due</i>	19
20 Worship 9:00am Education Sunday Bible Study 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am	21 10:00am Bible Study Council Mtg. 5:30pm	22 Sewing Circle 1pm	23 Confirmation 3:30-5pm Worship 6:30pm	24	25	26
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