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"Stewardship in the First Commandment"



The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments. The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I) We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him. This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him. Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.



**"YOU CANNOT SERVE
GOD AND MONEY."**

LUKE 16:13, ESV

Let Your **MONEY** Serve **GOD!**

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one

of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood

and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect our belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

—LCMS Stewardship Ministry—

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship
9:00 AM

Sunday School
10:15 AM

OR ONLINE

Mt. Olive Lutheran
Facebook Page
Or

Mt. Olive Website
mtolivewatertownsd.org

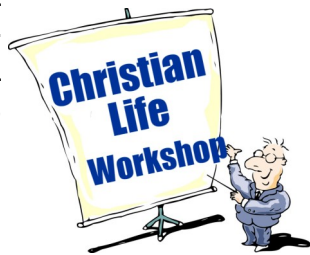
The Watertown Banquet

Mt. Olive will be serving the Banquet on Monday, Sept 18th at Grace Lutheran Church. They have asked us to prepare 150 plates. This is including guests, plus 2nds and volunteers. The menu is pork loin sandwiches, pasta taco salad, green beans, rice krispie bars and milk to drink. The banquet is open to anyone and serving starts at 5:30pm. The sign up sheet for workers and food is at the church. Also accepted are cash donations to help with expenses. Thank you for your help! Call Dorothy Bassingthwaite (605-882-1372) or Penny Adler(605-881-6155) with questions.



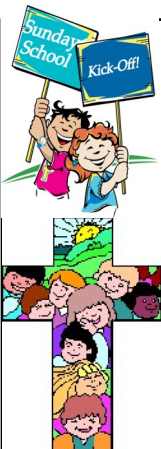
Christian Life Workshop

The District Christian Life Workshop for this area will be held on Saturday, September 30, at Zion Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls. The topic will be "The Impact of Original Sin" and will be presented by Josh Schmidt, DCE at St. John's Lutheran Church of Yankton. More information is on the flyer in the south hall. Ladies will car pool from the church.



Sunday School

Sunday school kick off is scheduled for September 10th. Pot luck and games following worship/fellowship. Sunday school classes themselves start September 17th.



Pot Luck

September LWML Information

The September meeting of Mt. Olive LWML will be held on Thursday, September 14, at 1:30 pm at the church. The topic will be "Here Am I, Send Me," taken from the summer *Quarterly*, and will be given by Ramona Voegele. Roll call will be items for the Beacon Center. Especially needed at this time include bathroom tissue, instant potatoes, Clorox wipes and canned fruit. Hostess is Florence Johnson. All ladies are invited to attend.



BEACON CENTER

Supporting Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

For Clark, Codington, Deuel, Grant & Hamlin Counties

Mt. Olive Birthdays

As we continue to remember those members of Mt. Olive celebrating birthdays on the "5's" and those 90 years and older, we find no one to celebrate in September.

Scan QR code to link to the church website.



MOUNT OLIVE
Lutheran Church



SCAN ME



Station	City	Freq	Day
KMSD	Milbank	1510 AM	Sunday 7:00 AM

People Of Christ With The Message Of Hope

September 3

"Entryway"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

The Psalms are God's words, given to us as an entryway into His presence.

(Psalm 26:8)

September 10

"Not Just a Formality"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

After trust has been broken, forgiveness is more than a mere formality.

(Psalm 32)

September 17

"The Problem of Praise"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 103)

September 24

"High Ground"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler

(Psalm 27)



September Birthdays

9/1	Kenedy Schlenker	9/21	Charles Drevecky
9/2	Mikaela Schoenefeld	9/21	Ashley Drevecky
9/3	Jaxson Ajdari		Remmington
9/4	Madison Schoenefeld	9/22	Schanbeck
		9/22	Josh Konrad
9/5	Gabriel List	9/24	Ted Drevecky
9/6	Nora Pownell	9/25	Craig Crismon
9/7	Dan Drevecky	9/26	Lorie Endres
9/8	Lloyd Linke	9/27	Al Haselhorst
9/11	Kim Konrad		Jolene Krantz
	Betsy Oleson	9/29	Mason Semrad
9/12	Bea Carr	9/30	Laura Feller
9/13	Mary Pat Drevecky		Karen Riedel
	Robin Erickson		Ezra Luoma
	Gerald Maag		
9/14	Dorette Clark		
9/17	Joey Ramsey		
	Hazel Schoenefeld		
9/18	Barry Koepke		
	Ardis White		
9/20	Tammy Arbach		



September

Celebrations

September Anniversaries

9/1/84	Tim & Roxanne McElhany
9/3/67	Jim & Dorothy Bassingthwaite
9/5/81	Lloyd & Cindy Linke
9/7/85	Steve & Julie Geerdes
9/7/19	Brent & Katelyn O'Bryan
9/15/12	Chad & Samantha Ochsendorf
9/16/89	Jon & Tracy Brandenburger
9/17/11	Josh & Bobbi Steidl
9/23/11	Lynn & Linda Moyer
9/26/81	Arvid & Eileen Kraemer
9/30/17	Jamie & Abigail Jordan

September & Care Family "Family of Abraham"

Elders of the Month:
Stephen Heidenreich & Steve Magedanz

Arbach, Heather	Passow, Ken & Jean
Arbach, Tammy	Pownell, Chris & Jill
Carr, Beatrice	Rittmann, Lorraine
Brink, Geno & Shirley	Schoenbeck, Joyce
Davis, Blake	Schoenefeld, Aaron
DesLauriers, Carolyn	Schoenefeld, Ashley &
DesLauriers, Melissa	Bryan Murnough
Engbretsen, Robin	Schoenefeld, Brooks &
Fuerstenau, Kaitlyn	Carisa Vavruska
Fuerstenau, Megan	Schoenefeld, Evan & Jill
Fuerstenau, Sarah	Schoenefeld, Mikaela
Fuerstenau, Todd	Schoenefeld, Noah
Fuerstenau, Troy & Audrey	Schoenefeld, Rich &
Geerdes, Steve & Julie	LaVonne
Grund, Orville & Lois	Schwan, Mary
Helle, Chris & Brooke	Seidell, Val & Nick
Helle, Pam & Pat	Swenson, Blake & Brittany
Jerke, Derrick	Swenson, Hope
Jerke, Doug & Theresa	Swenson, Karna
Johnson, Everett & Jackie	Turnquist, Alicia
Johnson, Harry & Florence	VanLiere, Kasey
Johnson, Kristen	Voegele, Ramona
Johnson, Megan	Waba, Evan
Magedanz, Steve & Sue	Waba, Lindee
Nord, Hunter	Wold, Samantha
Meyer, Kevin & Glenda	
Pasch, Donald	

October Faith & Care Family "Family of Benjamin"

Elders of the Month:
Dennis Anderson & Neil Schamber

Anderson, Dennis	Kannas, Allen
Bjerke, Elva	Kannas, Gloria & Larry
Bjerke, Vickie	Kannas, Sydney
Bludorn, Kathy	Konold, Annie
Boogaard, Francis	Kraemer, Arvid & Eileen
Brandenburger, Erik	Kraemer, Clyde
Brandenburger, Jon & Tracy	Krause, Olive
Brandenburger, Tyler	Meier, Bradley & Joleen
Crismon, Craig & Jenny	Meier, Jay
Crismon, Cami	Merriam, Roger
Crismon, Collin	Meyer, James
Crismon, Evan	Moyer, Lynn & Linda
Ehlers, Robert	O'Bryan, Brent
Ennis, Renae	Paulson, Angela
Ennis, Sarah	Ragels, Jean & Glen
Feller, Laura	Ragels, Tylor
Feller, Maddie	Schmeling, Rich & Melissa
Feller, Mary	Schoenefeld, Daryl & Dalynn
Gilbertson, Kim	Schoenefeld, Damara
Goche, Alexis	Schoenefeld, Dankia
Goche, Brianna	Schoenefeld, Delaney
Goche, Sara	Schoenefeld, Donovan
Gunther, Bernida	Sears, Joe
Haselhorst, Alan & Mindy	Sears, Steven & Melissa
Haselhorst, Charlie	Snittjer, Maze
Haselhorst, Nicole	Tesch, Marjorie
Herding, Shaina	Tvinnereim, Sierra
Jerde, Candace	Young-Cunningham, Charlene
Johnson, Chad & Taylor	
Kannas, Alex	

Each family unit at Mt. Olive is assigned to a "Faith and Care" family. These groups give our members the opportunity to put their faith into action, and to care for one another. Family assignments and sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board.

SUNDAY SERVICES: Everyone is encouraged to help with the regular tasks of the church on Sunday. These tasks include ushers, acolytes, readers, greeters, and also servers during fellowship time.

FELLOWSHIP: People have the opportunity to get to know each other better by working together, and planning together. Each Faith and Care family should gather early in the month before their turn is up, to organize and schedule.

This gathering could be a pot-luck just for that group, or some other event that gives everyone a chance for worthwhile fellowship.

CARE: There is a wide variety of people in each group. There are some who will not be able to be directly involved in group activities, because of health reasons. Or perhaps they have responsibilities at home or work and are not able to get away. We hope the Faith and Care group will be in touch with everyone in the group at least once during the month they serve. If there is a special need that exists, perhaps someone in the group can help.



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ELDERS OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

Stephen Heidenreich
&
Steve Magedanz

ACOLYTES



Acolyte Calendar

ACOLYTES



September

9/3 Blake Davis
9/10 Alexis Goche
9/17 Kate Hulscher
9/24 Ezekiel Sauer

October

10/1 Jady Lee
10/8 Gabe List
10/15 Hunter Nord
10/22 Ashlynn Patten
10/29 Masyn Warne

