

From The Editor

Well THIS has been a Year!

Whether it has been spent masking up and touring the out of doors or at home puttering in the garden, this has been another area of testing of our congregation. Remember to contact a person who might be needing to hear from members of their church family. Participation during Zoom meetings has also helped to keep us in sight and mind.

As our new Church year gets closer, please keep in mind all of those who are homebound or suffering from seasonal or other depression. Send a card, a text, an email to let the homebound know they are still in our hearts and minds, and we are looking forward to the day we all worship together again.

VBS

VBS was a literal breath of fresh air. 19 kids attended, God showed up with perfect weather and everybody had fun. We got to see some of the members who have compromised immunities, like Melissa Ratliff, and her family. Kids were grouped according to playmates and not age, those that had friends that they hung around with during quarantine, brothers, sisters, cousins. It worked out well. The picnic was abbreviated but nice and is was a real mood booster. Thanks to Elizabeth Eppler's leadership and everyone pitching in in areas they were comfortable with, it was planned in very little time. Thank you to all who worked at creating the VBS magic kind of last minute due to COVID-19 restrictions.



OPPORTUNITIES IN GOD'S WORD

Tuesday Morning **Bible Study** at 10:00 a.m. is and has been in session since May.

What makes the Lutheran confession of faith unique? Why is Lutheran worship different than at the church next door? Does it have to be confusing? If you're a lifelong Lutheran looking to dig deeper, new to Lutheranism and want answers, or are just curious about the Lutheran church—this book is for you! Conversational and fun to flip through, this reference guide helps you easily get to know theology basics in a way that won't make your brain hurt.

Both Tuesday and Sunday Studies can also be attended by zoom.



Pastor Snider's Sunday Adult Bible Study has also been continuing with social distancing and other COVID-19 practices. They are currently studying the book of James.

We hope to see all of you at one or more of these Bible Studies.

2020 Life Chain Event

October 4 was a great opportunity to witness to the community on the sanctity of life and the prolife message. We were blessed to have Pastor give an opening prayer before 65 members of various churches in the surrounding area took signs to the sidewalk along M-36 in Pinckney to convey the prolife message from 2-3 in the afternoon. People all across the country stood in silent witness for life with us.

It was a very meaningful opportunity to stand up for the unborn.



Waking with My Lord: Always walk with Jesus.

In the Word

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight
(Proverbs 3:5–6).

Of the Word

Traveling alone can be scary. No one else to depend on, to help in an emergency, to fend off danger. It's different when we travel with a trusted companion and friend.

When God called Abraham to travel to the Promised Land, Abraham trusted God to travel with him. Abraham had a friend in God. When God told Moses to lead His people out of the desert and return to the Promised Land, God assured him: "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest" (Exodus 33:14). Moses had a Friend he could trust to go with him for the journey.

Jesus called His disciples to journey with Him, preaching the Good News that God loved sinners and had sent His Son to save them. Jesus called them His friends. Jesus told them: "The greatest love you can have for your

friends is to give your life for them (John 15:13 GNT). Jesus did that for all of us.

We were God's enemies, but he made us his friends through the death of his Son... we rejoice because of what God has done through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has now made us God's friends (Romans 5:10a, 11b GNT).

Walking with my Lord

Jesus, I trust You with all my heart. Always walk with me, dear Lord. In Your name I pray. Amen.

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Mustard Seed Daily Devotions

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May the Lord of all gifts fill your heart and mind with the joy he brings to us through These Things which he has spoken to us.

Super Heroes

Long ago, when I was a little boy, we looked forward to the "funny papers" that came on Sunday. Unlike the drab black and white of the newspaper, these supplements were bursting with primary colors, and unreal cartoon people did funny things that made us laugh. The humor was slapsticky and simple-minded, but we were innocent and we enjoyed it.

In our adolescent years, the "comics" became deadly serious. Buck Rogers, Flash Gordon, and Dick Tracy fought, week after week, against villains who disrupted human life for the sheer joy of evil, while our heroes rescued us, time after time, just as evil was about to triumph. These comics had their counterpart in movie serials, short films starring the same heroes, bringing us back to the theater each week to see if they would escape disaster one more time.

Each hero had impeccable character, strong, honest, kind toward friends, uncompromising to enemies, just a shade smarter than the villains, but humble and polite. They also had science on their side; Buck Rogers had his personal rocket pack; Dick Tracy had his two-way wrist radio.

When I had children of my own, the comics continued to

evolve, except that they had their own dedicated magazines and a few feature-length movies. The old space explorers and detectives had been joined by Superman, and we adventured in outer space, except for Dick Tracy and others like him. A few of the old funny guys hung on, such as Popeye, and a few new ones like Charlie Brown.

Now we are well into the 21st century, and all branches of the media are grinding out fantasies. The comic magazines have become "graphic novels", and a whole new group of superheroes have come forward. On the internet, in feature films and in the newspapers the new superheroes compete for the affections of our young people. Each hero has a superpower, but also has a weakness, or several. Iron Man is an evil capitalist, also an alcoholic; Batman will kill a man without remorse; Spiderman is a moody, lonely teenager and young adult; the Hulk has other mental problems beside anger management. When you put on a hero's tee shirt, along with his superhuman talents, can you ignore his negative character traits?

In a sense, the stable of heroes which the media promoters are trotting out on the stage somewhat resemble the multiple Greek and Roman gods who were falling out of

favor in the time of Jesus' ministry. In those days, you could pattern your conduct on any one of a number of dissolute gods. They set examples of wilfulness, cruelty, adultery, drunkenness, or any other sin that could be envisioned. If you followed Juno the wife of Jupiter, were you expected to be spiteful and vindictive, or ignore your husband's mistresses? People imitated gods, primarily, to acquire some of their godly power, not their virtue. In medieval times, the warrior knights and Roman Catholic saints provided better examples to emulate.

It is difficult to envision the next generation of heroes for our youth. The media insists on highlighting every lapse of righteousness of every respectable individual. Conversely, every human weakness and perversion is depicted as a chronic disease which we should accept. Perhaps it is an awkward attempt to "level the playing field", so that no person should be considered better than another. But where is the example that your teenager can hold up and say "I want to be like him/her!"?

As with individual heroes, the same considerations are applied to the causes for which our young people are expected to fight and expend their lives. Side effects don't matter; they are mere "collateral damage". Moral blindness is required to achieve ideological purity.

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Prayers of Trinity

Praise and thanksgiving:
 Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honor, power and might be to You, our God, now and forever! Hear us who pray in peace in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. O God, Holy and eternal, who did permit us to enter into the fellowship of that holy suffering by which Your dear Son, our Savior, conquered sin and death; grant that we may celebrate the remembrance of His passion with true devotion, accept the cross as his disciples, and thus fulfill Your holy will; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. We pray for those among us

who are in special need of your guidance and healing:

- Tom Wick undergoing tests
- Carolyn and Joe Benkovsky, especially Joe
- Dave Finazzo. -.healing and strength
- Brendon Jacoby – –Home now, pray for healing and strength
- Gina, fighting breast cancer and depression
- Shut-ins--Caroline C, Al J
- Carol Welser, Don, Dianne Vik, Dennis Melissa Ratliff - strength and health

- Continued healing: Cynthia Moehring
- Thank God that His name is holy. Rejoice that all can trust in the Lord, for His Word is truth
- Thank God that His will is done on earth as it is in heaven. Pray that God would keep us firm in His Word and faith until we die.

“ASK, AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU; SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK, AND THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU.

FOR EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO

KNOCKS THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.”
MATTHEW 7: 7-8



At some point, we expect the young person to make the transition from fictional hero to living mentor (hopefully Christian). We pray for him to become a loyal follower of the perfect man, Jesus Christ. Is it any wonder that we have to deal with a youthful skeptic, who cannot risk a total dedication to any person or cause? At an earlier age the child, still innocent, will trust in the words of an adult guide. They will search our speech and our conduct for clues to righteousness and act accordingly. We are the stewards of that young life. Willingly, prayerfully, we accept that responsibility. There will be great joy when we see a positive response, the good fruit from the seed that we have planted.

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Birthdays and Anniversaries

Haydin Gray	11/1	Sharon Huetteman	11/25
Betty Love	11/2	Tim Erisman	11/29
Daniel Krueger	11/8	Mitch Minger	11/29
Porter Hindman	11/10	Dahlia Schlaff	11/29
Joseph Benkovsky	11/11		
Tom Voltattorni	11/12		
Caroline Cadeau	11/15	Bryan and Amy Bickel	11/28
Jarred Snider	11/15		
Cha Snider	11/17		

Stockbridge Community Outreach

Stockbridge Community Outreach – Cathie Snider said they are in high need of dish soap. We’ll collect it in October and Cathie will deliver.





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