The Eagle July 2017

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May we continue to be used by God and share the Gospel with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!!

The righteous shall live by faith!

These words are what profoundly changed Martin Luther's understanding of who God is and how one is made right before God. At our Sunday morning services we have been looking at the Romans readings for our messages. I have put together a series titled "Doctrine Matters" from these readings. It is so important that we understand what we read in the scriptures. Luther was absolutely beat down with what the church of his day was teaching. During his studies on the Book of Romans he came across Romans 1:17. This is what Luther wrote about this verse:

> "At first I clearly say that the free grace of God is absolutely necessary to attain to light and eternal life; and I anxiously and busily worked to understand the word of Paul in Rom. 1:17: The righteousness of God is revealed in the Gospel. I questioned this passage for a long time and labored over it, for the expression 'righteousness of God' barred my way. This phrase was customarily explained to mean that the righteousness of God is a virtue by which He is Himself righteous and condemns sinners. In this way all the teachers of the church except Augustine had interpreted the passage. They had said: The righteousness of God, that is, the wrath of God. But as often as I read this passage, I wished that God had never revealed the Gospel; for who could love a God who was angry, who judged and condemned people? This misunderstanding continued until, enlightened by the Holy Spirit, I finally examined more carefully the word of Habakkuk: 'The just shall live by his faith'(2:4). From this passage I concluded that life must be derived from faith… Then the entire Holy Scripture became clear to me, and heaven itself was opened to me. Now we see this brilliant light very clearly, and we are privileged to enjoy it abundantly." (The Lutheran Study Bible note on Romans 1:17)

As we see in other passages in Romans, faith is the free gift that is given to us from God. This faith trusts in the promises of forgiveness and life that is ours only because of the perfect life that Jesus lived and the blood He shed on the cross for us. If we turn our faith into some kind of act of obedience on our part, then we no longer need Jesus or the cross. We stand right before God only because of what Jesus has done for us.

May we continue to be used by God to share the message of our risen Savior with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

Pastor Reich

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Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries

Opening/Breakfast
Sundays 8:30am

Sunday School
Sundays 9:00am

Church Worship
Sundays 10:00am

Small Group
Sundays 5:00pm
Beginning June 18th

Quilting
Tuesdays 9:00am

Men's Bible Study
Thursday 6:30am
& 6:30pm

Birthdays

2nd Justin Squyers
Brad Tomlinson
4th Rachel Bottlinger
Jenny Witzsche
5th Glenda Schoen
Slim Witzche
7th Colter Johnson
9th Nic Cantera
Colton Robertson
11th Karen Tyson
12th Caitlyn English
14th Jacob Ellis
15th Graham Bussey
Jill Muxworthy
17th Travis Moore
Greg Niemann
22nd Rhonda Geter
Stacy Reich
23rd Shirley Gerald
25th Emma Cantera
Dan Chorenziak
29th Kayla Edwards
Robert Hoemann
31st Charla Rudd

Happy Anniversary

June 2nd
Howard & Tracy Cox-6yrs

July 5th
Martin & Juanita Seider-48yrs

July 6th
Tim & Christina Rudolph-15yrs

July 11th
James & Donna Smith-26yrs

July 14th
Bill & Judy Knoll-45yrs

June 15th
Raymond & Maxine Wenzel-67yrs

July 17th
Darrell & Kristi Wagner-24yrs
Allan & Julie Watson-13yrs

July 18th
Stephen & Bobbie Young-46yrs

July 20th
Calvin & Laurel Friedrich-54yrs

July 21st
Charlie & Mischelle Bottlinger-33yrs

July24th
Danny & Elissa Crouch-24yrs

July 26th
James & Brandi Surley-2yrs

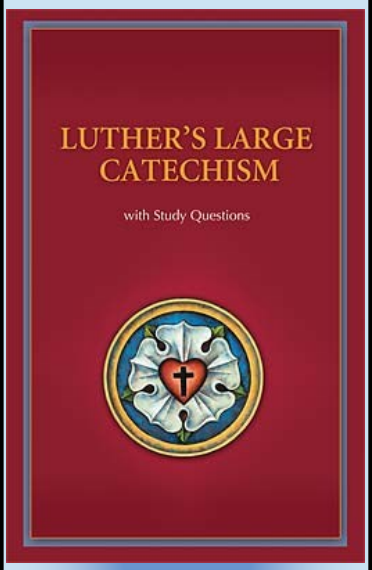
July 27th
Dennis & Glenda Schoen-15yrs

July29th
Mike & Brenda Armstrong-22yrs

July 30th
Bob & Suzanne Jarvis-40yrs

Baptisms

1st Ben Chorenziak
Mae Pietzsch
4th Ryan Polster
5th Louis Donahoo
6th Martin Seider
8th Doyle Roberts
Kristi Wagner
9th Piper McNeeley
11th Nic Bottlinger
Charlie Reed
Monica Reed
Justin Stanford
12th John Tyson
13th Kate McNeeley
14th Jean Ranney
15th Bret Bauman
Grant Bauman
Cole Bauman
Jason Clark
Artie Peters
Glenda Schoen
Luther Smith
Maxine Wenzel
Jenny Witzsche
17th Travis Moore
18th Kym Jeschke
19th Chris Niemann
Isaac Wenzel
21st Mark DeLoach
Shirley DeLoach
23rd Gary Gromatzky
Caleb Wagner
25th Cody Whitt
Julia Whitt
27th Mildred Bottlinger
Colton De La Garza
Greg Niemann
28th Cora Hurst
Grace Hurst
29th Paul Christensen
Annie DeLeon



Luther's Large Catechism is a catechism by Martin Luther. It consists of works written by Luther and compiled Christian canonical texts, published in April 1529. This book was addressed particularly to clergymen to aid them in teaching their congregations. Luther's Large Catechism is divided into five parts: The Ten Commandments, The Apostles' Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Holy Baptism, and The Sacrament of the Eucharist. The Catechism, along with related documents, was published in the *Book of Concord* in 1580.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

The French Reformer Who Limited Christ's Atonement to Only a Chosen Few

JOHN CALVIN

Born: July 10, 1509 | Noyon, northern France

Died: May 27, 1564 | Geneva, Switzerland

COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE FOUNDER of the Reformed tradition (today's Reformed and Presbyterian denominations). He was a "second-generation" reformer who began studying theology after Reformation materials were already widely available in Europe. Writing in both French and German, he popularized Reformation theology in northern France and what is now Switzerland. He had a high regard for Luther's theology and had an ongoing positive relationship with Melanchthon. Calvin even signed the Variata version (after Melanchthon had made changes) of the Augsburg Confession in 1540. He studied Luther's works as well as Zwingli's and developed a theology of his own that moderated between the two. His theology operated around the fundamental principle of the absolute independence and providence of God. While he valued Luther's writing, his own theology ultimately disagreed with Luther's views, most notably in regard to "double" predestination, the Eucharist and the use of the Law.

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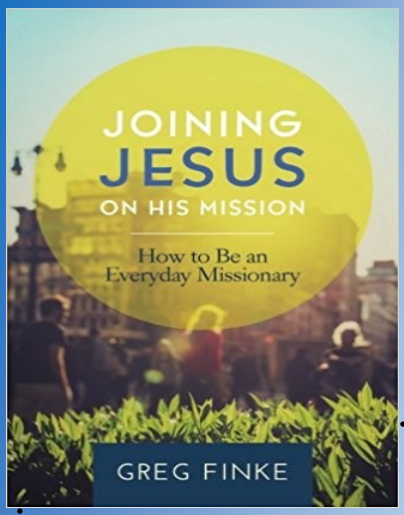

Summer Small Group Study

Sunday Nights

@ 5pm

Sunday morning services can be heard on

KCLW 900AM
CLASSIC COUNTRY

Wednesday evenings at 6:30 pm
Sunday mornings at 7:30 am

Missional Training

for the

Congregations of Circuit #17

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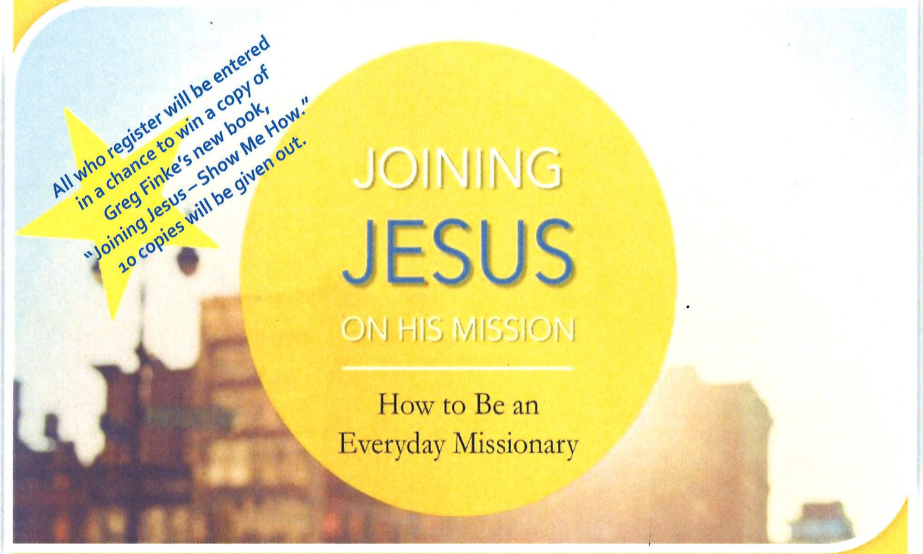

Alter the way you see your life as a follower of Jesus and live your life with Jesus. Simple, powerful and applicable insights show you how to be on mission and recognize where Jesus is already at work in your neighborhoods, workplaces and schools.

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:30 am Registration • 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Missional Training
Hosted at Grace Lutheran Church & School, Killeen, Texas

Presented by Pastor Greg Finke
www.dwelling114.org

Registration is $10.00 and includes a light breakfast and a deli lunch from McAlister's Deli.

Please register your attendance and lunch order at www.glckilleen.com/jjmregistration.

Music Notes by: Gary Gromatzky

Julia Ward Howe wrote these lyrics during the heart of the Civil War. She sent the words to the *Atlantic Monthly* magazine and received an honorarium of five dollars. But the money wasn't her concern. Her purpose was to provide some wholesome lyrics for the tune "John Brown's Body Lies A-Moldering in the Grave." She accomplished that and more. When President Abraham Lincoln first heard the hymn, he ask to have it sung again. Soon the entire nation was singing the song.

The text is filled with biblical allusions. The expression "grapes of wrath" refers to Revelation 14:19; the sounding trumpet is probably from Revelation 8. For the Christian, the message of this son is that God's truth is eternal. Although circumstances may appear overwhelmingly difficult, God will still accomplish his purposes, and his truth will endure.

It can be dangerous to identify political cause or even national patriotism with God's truth. Nations may rise and fall, but God's truth remains forever, "His truth is marching on."

Sunday Mornings @ 8:30
Come and join us!

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe 1819 – 1910

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of thr Lord,
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored,
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword-
His truth is marching on.

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watch fires of a hundred circling camps
They have builded Him an alter in the evening dews and damps;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps-
His day is marching on.

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
His truth is* marching *on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never sound retreat,
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His jubilant seat;
O be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me;
As He died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
Glory! glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

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Camp Lone Star

Lutheran Outdoors Ministry of Texas

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SUMMER UPDATES

PreSchool

St. John Lutheran Preschool is offering SUMMER CAMPS for the first time ever! WE are excited to extend our mission to the community through the summer months. Our upcoming Summer Camps are:

7/10 - 7/14: Outer Space Week

7/24 - 7/28: STEM Week

7/31 - 8/4: Ocean & Beach Week

8/7 - 8/11: Dinosaur Week

We had successful first camp the first week of June for Nature & Camping Week!

We are still accepting registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year. The registration fee is $100. Packets can be picked up in the church office or found on the preschool website.

Open house is

Tuesday, August 29th:

- Little Lambs 5:30pm - 6:00pm
- Mighty Lions 6:00pm - 6:30pm
- Kinder/Bridge 6:30pm - 7:30pm

The first day of school is Tuesday, September 5th.

Have a blessed Summer!

St. John Lutheran Church **Jr. Youth Group** will be leaving **July 9-14** to return to **Camp Lone Star**. We will be taking 9 kids this year. It is a blessing to be able to witness these kids become stronger in their faith. God is doing great things with our children.

1John 3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

AirMedCare NETWORK

A representative from AirMedCare has been in contact with the church and has group discount rates available for church members. This is an insurance policy that would cover air ambulance services. Applications are available outside the church office. This is not an attempt on the church's part to sell you something. It is simply to make available, at a discounted rate, an insurance policy to cover air ambulance travel if ever needed.

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Upcoming July Events

July 2– Nursing Home Dev. @ 1:30p
Fireworks Show @
Bottlinger Residence
6:30p-Parking begins
9:30p or dark– Fireworks begin

July 9-14- Jr Youth leaves for Camp Lone Star

July 10– Bd. Meetings begin @ 5:15p

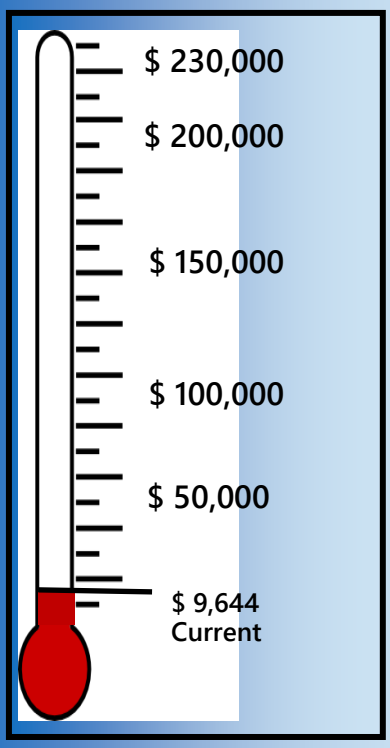
June 11– Glory Gamesters @ 1pm
Bd of Trustees & Finance @ 5:30p

June 17- Council Meeting @ 6:30p

June 24– Voters' Meeting @ 6:30p

June 25– Newsletter Deadline

June 30-5th Sunday Potluck
Families with last names J-Q
Setup/Cleanup



Pour Out God's Love

As part of Maker Fun Factory VBS, our church will participate in an Operation Kid-to-Kid™ mission project that gives kids the opportunity to help children in remote villages of Peru have access to safe, clean drinking water. This year, hundreds of thousands of children attending VBS will raise money to help dig wells in small jungle villages throughout the rainforests of Peru. Not only will donations fund effective wells, but the dollars will also allow teams to share the life-changing message of God's love and forgiveness.

For only $5, a child in Peru can have clean water for an entire year! During Maker Fun Factory VBS, kids will have the opportunity to drop donations into our "Clean Water for Peru" display. As the coins and bills stack up, they'll reach the picture of the Peruvian children at the top of the display.

If you would like to contribute to this exciting program or have questions about Operation Kid-to-Kid, please contact

Shawna McKandless (VBS Director) at 386-3158 (Phone)

Or simply send a donation with your child to VBS this week!

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500th Anniversary of the Reformation Regional Service

Sunday, October 29, 2017
Grace Lutheran, Killeen at 3:00 pm
Catered BBQ meal following service ($10 a person)

I, Pastor Reich, would like to encourage everyone to attend this event. Mark your calendars now. We will be taking the church vans and other transportation if needed.

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