



Seventy Times Seven!

I am almost positive that if you haven't had these words used on you, you have used them on someone yourself. We all know that behind this phrase is a huge word that can be so difficult for us to carry out — FORGIVENESS. In July and August we took a closer look at some of the parables in the Gospel of Matthew in my Sunday messages. One of those parables was The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant.

I will have to admit that this was a fairly emotional message. I had more responses to this message than I think I have ever had. I believe this goes to show that we all struggle with forgiveness. I want to express a couple of ideas on forgiveness and the phrase "seventy times seven".

When Peter asked Jesus if he should forgive the one who sinned against him as many as seven times, Jesus replied, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven". First, I believe this shows us how often people are going to sin. People are going to sin against us over and over and over. Likewise, we are going to hurt people over and over and over. We are going to have to forgive others and others are going to have to forgive us time after time after time.

Second, what I believe Jesus' remark points out is the fact that we will never be perfect with even forgiveness itself. We may forgive someone for the hurt and pain that they caused us, but it may be such a deep hurt and pain that something will trigger that hurt and pain and reopen the wound. Our emotions and even our mental capacity will be taken over by that initial hurt and pain so much to the point that we will relive how we were hurt. All of the hate, anger, resentment, frustration and confusion will resurface. We will find ourselves in a situation where we need to forgive again.

Finally, forgiveness is a process. It may take some time and I might add that just because we forgive doesn't mean that the memory of what happened will be erased. God forgives and forgets. We're not God. The physical make up of our bodies and the fact that we are sinful human beings does not allow us to forget. Jesus knows our imperfection. This is why He said, "seventy times seven". We have to forgive time and time again because people and we ourselves will sin against each other over and over. Even our forgiveness is not perfect because we will have to forgive time and time again even for the same hurt someone has caused us.

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

Pastor Reid



SEPTEMBER

Sunday Morning

- 8:30 Breakfast/Opening
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship

Tuesday

- 9:00 Quilting

Wednesday

- 6:30 Youth Group

Friday

- Office Closed

EVERY MONTH

1st Sunday– Nursing Home Devotions	1:30pm
2nd Wednesday– Preschool Board	5:30pm
2nd Tuesday—Board of Ed	6:00pm
2nd Week– Board Meetings	
3rd Saturday--Men's Club	7:15am

See Calendar
for more
information!!!



Lutheran Women in Mission

Ruth Guild will meet Sunday
September 14 at 3:00 PM.

Looking forward to seeing
every lady young, middle age
and old at the meeting.



Women's Bible Study

Bible Study: "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst.

Day: Thursday Evenings.

Time: 6:00pm

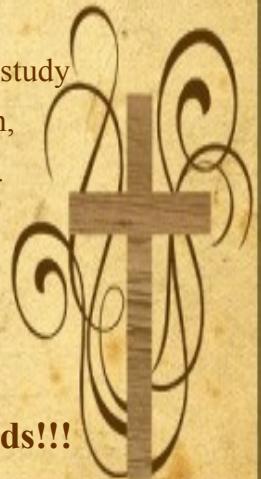
Where: Family Life Center

You will need to purchase book and study
guide online at Proverbs 31, Amazon,
Lifeway, Family Christian and more.

If interested in being a part of
this study please contact

Erica Bussey - 979-324-0923

All welcome, bring your friends!!!



Kids can play outside (hoping to find some mature assistants)

Glory GAMERS

We would like to invite you to a fun filled
afternoon of fellowship and games. This is
an opportunity to visit, eat a little, and play
some dominoes, chickenfoot, Skip-bo,
cards or whatever with others. Come join
us for the afternoon. We would love seeing



Children's Choir and Pre-Confirmation
Meets Wednesdays Sept 3 to Palm Sunday

St. John Lutheran Church invites you to be part of our Wednesday afternoon ministry program from 3:50-5:00 each week. Children in grade 2 and below will participate in Children's Choir under the direction of Diane Graham and Erika Bussey. We're hoping some Momma volunteers will be able to attend, too. They will play outside, eat a snack, make a craft or play a game, and learn new songs.

Children in grades 3rd through 5th will attend a Pre-Confirmation class with Misti Polster. This older group will learn material that will help them in confirmation class. This year we are focusing on the Books of the Bible in the fall and the Ten Commandments in the Spring.

We are needing Volunteers to pick up kids from school on Wednesday. Contact Church office if interested.

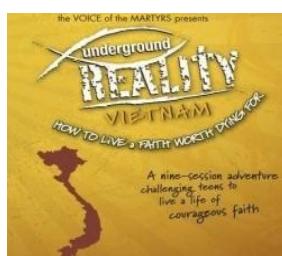


Meet each Wednesday at 3:50 at St. John. Grades 3-5 or regular bus riders can ride the school van. Meet by Rock Gym when school dismisses.



YOUTHQUAKE
REGISTRATION
DUE BY
NOVEMBER 5TH

obeying study God's gifts Christ's mercy sin fulfill congregation
Trusting renounce ways Lord's ways
Jesus turn world Christ faithful word member Lord's ways
Savior service worship help prayers ministry love
God gracious showing calling discipline evil
share power



Confirmation

Jr. Youth
Wednesday Afternoons
3:45-5:00
September 3rd
Church Vans will be available for pick-up from school

Sr. Youth Meetings
Sunday Evening
5:30-8:00pm
September 7th



MISSION U Coming Soon

Everyone is invited to come on October 11 from 9:00-2:00 to an exciting event where we learn more about sharing our love of Jesus. St. John Lutheran is blessed to be a growing church, but is there anything we could do to be better equipped to tell about Jesus? Of course. This is an opportunity to learn how to share that message of salvation. No, it's not going knocking on doors and handing out pamphlets. Come learn about evangelism in the 21st century.

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent? (Romans 10:13-15).

One in four American teens and young adults claim no religious connection whatsoever. How will they hear the message of salvation through Jesus Christ if no one reaches them? As a follower of Jesus, you have been commissioned to make disciples of all nations. Become equipped through MISSION U to help you fulfill your mission with boldness to the diverse mission field around you. You and your church can gain a scripture-based understanding of how outreach works in a culture that doesn't care about God. MISSION U features outreach training workshops tailored to your specific church led by Christian leaders in outreach, as well as free monthly webinars from Christian leaders and speakers about contemporary topics in Christian outreach.

MISSION U is Lutheran Hour Ministries' new witnessing training program. It is designed to give you the tools and training to confidently accept your mission: reaching people with the real news of Jesus Christ. MISSION U provides multiple course options addressing topics that meet your congregation's specific witnessing-training needs. By participating in MISSION U courses, your church will gain tools that sharpen and enhance your witnessing efforts to reach people of all ages and backgrounds.

The style and format of MISSION U mirrors a 21st-century university classroom - sequential yet flexible that offers personal training from speakers and additional online instruction.

At MISSION U the focus is equipping you, God's chosen ambassador, to carry His message of hope and salvation into a world urgently in need of good news.

Sign up now!

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast
Study together
Starting Back September 4th

Thursday Mornings
6:30am
Family Life Center

BUDGET TIME

All board chairmen need to begin looking at a budget for 2015. Reports for each board are in the mail-boxes in the church office. Please submit your board's budget to Church Office by October 1st.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

*Birthdays*

3rd	Mason Code
	Terri Martin
	Ryder Zschiesche
6th	Neil Muxworthy
7th	Ruth Young
9th	Lois Hungerford
	Kirsten Niemann
	Keith Reich
	Tim Rudolph
10th	Dixie Gromatzky
	Kameron McKandless
12th	Mae Pietzsch
	Kyle Zschiesche
13th	Mischelle Bottlinger
	Josh Cantara
14th	Charles Johnson
15th	Susie Odom
18th	Jacob Dossey
	Charles Rudolph
	Gretchen Rudolph
	Michael Rudolph
	Marshal Stork
19th	Owen Tyson
20th	Wilma Gaydos
	Ed Moyers
21st	Albert Peters
23rd	Erik Christensen
	Odell Niemann

Baptisms

2nd	Trint Jeschke
3rd	August Gaydos
4th	Harry Asquith
5th	Mary Ellen Kiely
8th	Jean Bottlinger
9th	Kase Kunkel
	Misti Polster
11th	Neil Muxworthy
15th	Shirley Meissner
17th	Robert Hoermann
18th	Melinda Lange
	Keith Reich
19th	Darman Wagner
20th	Amie Eilers
	Ruth Young
23rd	Terri Martin
	Jayson Whitt
24th	Dorothy Hoermann
	Kristen Payne
27th	David Burton
28th	Kayla Edward
	Cynthia McElroy

*Always Remember The
BLESSINGS
Of This Day*

Wedding Anniversaries

1st	Roger & Neet Bushee	52yrs
2nd	Johann & Kym Jeschke	14yrs
11th	Kris & Sarah Zschiesche	10yrs
18th	Ted & Barbara Jahns	60yrs
21st	Jacob & Kim Robertson	1yr

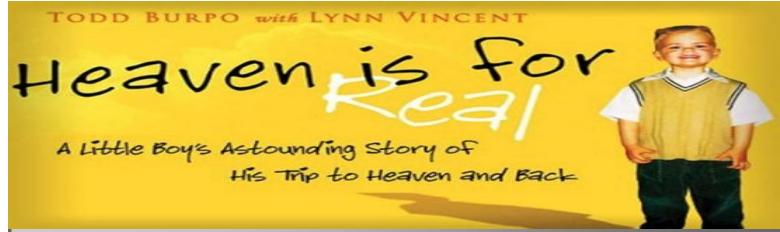


School is getting back in motion and we are excited to welcome the 55 students that will be joining us this year at St. John Lutheran Preschool. This year, we will be ministering to 24 Little Lambs, 19 Mighty Lions and 12 Kinder/Bridge students. On our peak days, we are expecting to have 11 students in the afternoon.

Our teachers have been working hard training and preparing the school for the new year. We extend a warm welcome back to all our preschool teachers this year. Sarah Bauman - Director, Kayla Edwards, Gayle Edwards and Shelley Hale will all be with us for a third year and Betsy Killian for a second year. We are welcoming Kathleen Payne and Dawn Johnson to the team. Kathleen will be teaching our afternoon class and working with our students in the mornings. Kathleen is a church member and is very enthusiastic about working with the preschool kids. Dawn is a church member and certified teacher who previously taught for 5 1/2 years at the Elementary level. With her oldest in first grade and her youngest starting at the Preschool, Dawn is excited to get back into the classroom. We are excited to welcome Dawn and Kathleen to our ministry team

Our Preschool Board would like to extend many thanks as this year starts:

- Bob Jarvis and Charles Jahns for building and painting the cabinets for our snack area. We are thankful to be able to have our snack necessities stored close to our snack area and keep the area neat and tidy.
- Jennifer Finstad and Hico ISD for helping us to secure the black playground border that has been installed around the playground.
- Coalson Excavation for helping us to install the new playground border and donating the new pea gravel.



Adult Bible Class and Worship Series Starting September 7, 2014

In the book "Heaven is for Real", Todd Burpo simply retells the story of his son, Colton's out of the body experience during his emergency surgery to remove his ruptured appendix. Todd relays what Colton saw during this experience. Everyone of us have had questions about heaven. In this series we will try to address the topic of heaven from a biblical perspective while taking in consideration all the near death literature that has been published over the years.

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| Sept 7th | Reality of Heaven & Hell |
| Sept 14th | What Is Heaven |
| Sept 21st | Distinction Between Heaven & Eternity |
| Sept 28th | What is the New Heaven & New Earth! |

"Heaven is for Real" books are available for purchase. \$8.00 each. Let Pastor or Church Office know if you would like one.

What do you believe about
Heaven?



Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

German Hymn

Canticale Sacrum, 1651

Translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)

Where is Jesus? There are several ways to answer that question: As God, he is omnipresent, all around us. He said that he was somehow present in the poor and needy people that we meet. Scripture also speaks of him sitting at the right hand of the Father. This is a place of honor, where he waits for the right time to return to earth in triumph. Through his Spirit, he is present in our hearts.

If Jesus is in all these places, why should we invite him to “be present now”? Well, there are several other Scriptures to take note of, Jesus said that where two or three gather in his name, he would be there with them. That happens each time we worship. Another verse says that the Lord inhabits his people’s praise. And Christ is also wonderfully present when we observe the Lord’s Supper.

This hymn is a call to worship, inviting Christ to inspire, inhabit, and enjoy our praise. It also serves to remind us that Christ has promised to join us on such occasions.

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Our hearts in true devotion bow,
Thy spirit send with grace divine, And let Thy truth within us shine.

Unseal our lips to sing Thy praise, Our souls to Thee in worship raise,
Make strong our faith, increase our light That we may know thy name aright

Until we join the hosts that cry, “Holy art Thou, O Lord, most high!”
And in the light of that blest place Fore’er behold thee face to face.

Glory to God the Father, son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To Thee, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

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



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