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Special Dates in July, 2022

Canada Day	July 1
U.S. Independence Day	July 4
Church Potluck & Picnic	July 10

PASTOR'S PEN

by Pastor Mark Lovett

*Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.
2 Corinthians 4:16*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Word made flesh that our flesh would be reconciled to the Father and glorified by the Spirit.

There is always a movement within mankind to divorce the body from the “true person,” the real me. Our experience seems to tell us that there is something going on inside of us – thoughts, emotions, conflicting ideas, etc. – that doesn’t necessarily affect the body, or that even seems to contradict the body. We are accustomed to talking about a deceased loved one’s body as not them, but that he or she has left the body and is in heaven. The body is spoken of as ourselves only in so far as it houses – so to speak – the real us, which is our mind or our consciousness. The body is not thought of as the “real self.”

In history this way of thinking (called Gnosticism) has ebbed and flowed to one degree or another and right now is flowing among us like an uncontrollable flooding river that has crested its banks and dams, and has even broken through its levies and is carrying everything away in a raging torrent. It is the bedrock thinking of the LGBTQ movement; it is at the core of so-called “gender reassignment surgery,”; at the core of those who think of themselves as a man or woman trapped in the wrong body. It is heresy.

And it is not confined to unbelievers alone. I would venture to say that most Christians – most Lutherans – don’t think of their bodies as their “real self”. Even if they care for and love their bodies to a high degree, there is always the nagging sense that when we die, we will put off this body and either be some sort of spiritual imprint of ... what? Or else we will put on a new body. But that, too, would not be “us” since the new body would simply be the new vessel of the same self that inhabited the old body. This, too, is heresy.

The apostle Paul says:

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. (1 Corinthians 15:51-53)

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Our bodies – the ones we have now – are as much a part of the “real us” as are our minds, intellect, and emotions. They are not an expression of us to be changed like a garment depending on our mood. We adorn them not to give glory to our inner selves, but we adorn them, as we adorn our inner selves, in glory of God who created us and is translating us from one glory to another.

It matters how we treat the body: how we dress and how we conduct our bodies. For God has called us to holiness, not impurity. This doesn't only have to do with sex, but also in not letting our tongues defile the reputation of another, and to bridle it, as St. James says, so that it blesses and does not curse. It means we control our eyes, averting them from shame and focusing them on Jesus (who calls us to see Him in the poor, hungry, and destitute, even in our so-called enemies, whom we are to love). We are to control our hands so that they do not hurt or harm our neighbor but help him in every physical need. We are to control our feet so that they do not drag us around to where we should not be but discipline them to bring us to the Lord's Divine Service and to our neighbor for their good. We are to control our stomachs so that we do not defile ourselves with gluttony, but live by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.

But wait, if “we are to control” or “conform” our bodies, doesn't that mean that “we” something inside our bodies, which we might call the “self”, is separate and therefore can control the body? No. For our minds and emotions, our will, are controlled by the Word of God, which is implanted in us and able to save us from death. So, our bodies are as much controlled by the Word of God as is our mind or will or intellect. The whole self – body and soul – belongs to God through the Word by the Spirit. And though the outer self is wasting away and the inner self is being renewed day by day, the outer self will one day catch up, as it were, to the inner self and itself be renewed in glory by the Lord whose body was also renewed (raised from the dead), never to die again.

Therefore, beloved, walk in faith.

Peace be with you all.

+Pastor

BOARD OF EVANGELISM

Greetings to all of you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

If you are able, please plan to join us in fellowship at a church potluck and picnic at Watson Park (3022 S McLean Boulevard) on Sunday, July 10 from 4:00 to 8:00. Members are asked to bring their own service and a dish to share. You also can bring your favorite outdoor game or ball or participate in activities at the park.

We also are still looking to ready for an ice cream social in the latter summer months.

Peace be with you!

Eric Stuewe
Board of Evangelism

Refresh my soul

It's so easy to get caught up in
this fast-paced, rapid-fire world and to forget
the peace that passes all understanding,
the love that casts out all fear.
So slow me down, Lord.
Steady me.
Infuse my life with harmony and calm
and refresh my soul in you.

BOARD OF PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

The outside protective window was broken above the east steps so we are getting bids to repair it and possibly the protective windows over the other stain glass windows. The stain glass windows are irreplaceable.

We are also continuing to get bids to have the mold under the tower stairs professionally cleaned.

Thank you to all the members that help care for the facility. If you see anything that needs attention, please don't hesitate to let one of us know. Please contact me, George Huenergardt, Cecil Wulf, Elaine Todd, or the church office.

Kevin Stuewe, Chairman
Board of Property Maintenance

"In the cause of freedom we have to battle for the rights of people with whom we do not agree. ... If we do not defend their rights, we endanger our own." —Harry Truman

Enjoy your freedom

Because many Americans have never known other circumstances, it's easy to take our liberties for granted. The Israelites knew firsthand the oppression of slavery. Yet when God finally led them out of Egypt, they had problems adjusting to their newfound freedom. Fearful and rebellious, the Israelites grumbled against their leaders, Moses and Aaron, saying they would've been better off as slaves in Egypt.

Our freedom as Christians cost Jesus his life. But we, too, often find it easier to fall back into sinful habits. In Galatians 5:1, Paul offers this encouragement: "For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery" (NRSV).

We're no longer bound by sin and death. That "independence" is worth celebrating every day!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

(All “Maturing Stewards” articles are prepared by LCMS)

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the

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Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage. —Anonymous

Notes from the:



In the education world, Josh Shipp has a saying, “ the power of one caring adult.” He was a foster child who was kicked out of many foster homes, but at the age of 14, he finally found a family that stood by him. They showed him love and tolerance. Now, Josh is a motivational speaker who encourages building relationships so students can be successful. I would like to go one step further by saying there is an amazing power of caring people in all areas. We feel peace when we are around people who help when needed, show interest in our lives, and are genuine friends. I am grateful to have so many of those people as a part of my church family. Look for ways that you can be the “one caring adult (person)” to others.

Thank you to everyone who provided special music during June. I especially appreciate Sarah Carpenter, Tracee Snyder, and Eric Stuewe for filling in during my absence. Please let me know if you would like to provide special music during July.

Musically Yours in Christ,

Becky Schmidt

Declaration of Interdependence

Let it be declared, announced and hereby celebrated ...

- That all people everywhere are dependent upon one another.
- That everyone needs everyone else for freedom, life, love and happiness.
- That all things in the natural order are dependent upon every thing else.
- That our little planet and all the planets and stars in the solar systems are in a state of mutual dependence upon one another.
- That this universally shared dependence comes from God and is of God.
- And that each individual part of this relationship has its own part to play — its own destiny to fulfill in God’s plan.

HOW TO PRAY

Pray where you are. God is present everywhere and ready to listen.

Pray, when possible, in a quiet place where you can be alone. It is good to fix your mind deliberately on God, apart from confusing distractions.

Pray to God simply and naturally, as to a friend. Tell him what is on your mind. Get help from the prayers of others.

Pray, remembering the good things God has done for you. Give thanks for all your blessings.

Pray for God's forgiveness for the unworthy things you may have done. He is near to a humble and contrite heart.

Pray especially for those things that will make your life more Christlike.

Pray for others, remembering the help they need for the situations they confront.

Pray for the world in its need, and for God to guide you toward ways you can help.

Pray that God's will be done in you. His purposes are deeper and wiser than our own.

Pray, and then allow God to answer your prayer.

“America stands on two great pillars — faith and morality. Without these, our foundation crumbles.” —George Washington



Serve the Lord with Gladness...Psalm 100:2

LWML— Summer Greetings,

In July we will be quilting on July 12th and 26th at 9:30 am. If there are any school workers off for the summer, feel free to join us anytime. On the 12th, we will have a short LWML meeting after we eat lunch.

Update on Alice and Gladys: They have both been having cold like systems---not covid. It started when the AC came on. They are thinking they might have allergies and a new filter would help. We are still trying to get to Pratt to visit them. In July Gladys will turn 100, so we would really try to get there this month.

Thanks to everyone who has donated material and quilting supplies lately. It looks like we will have enough to make quilts for a long time. Have a safe and fun July 4th. Keep the USA in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Phyllis Ioerger

"America"

Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist pastor, wrote the hymn "America" in 1831. Smith was studying a tune he had never heard, although he knew the British used it for the hymn "God Save the King." The British had borrowed the tune from the Germans, who gave it patriotic lyrics.

Smith described what happened as he contemplated the tune: "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn 'America,' as it is now known everywhere."

Smith's friend and classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes once told him, "Your name and fame will live when I and my works are forgotten."

4th of July Word Search

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AMERICA
COLONY
COOKOUT
DECLARATION
EQUALITY
FIREWORKS
FOURTH

HAMBURGERS
HOTDOGS
INDEPENDENCE
JEFFERSON
LIBERTY
NATION
PARADE
PICNIC

REVOLUTION
RIGHTS
SPARKLERS
THIRTEEN
WASHINGTON



Fate of the revolutionaries

We call them heroes. The British called them traitors. Many of them turned out to be martyrs. Here is what happened to some of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence:

- Five were captured and tortured as traitors.
- Nine joined the revolutionary army, fought and died.
- Eight men had property looted by the British army or by vandals.
- One signer's home was taken over by a British general. The owner, Thomas Nelson Jr., asked General Washington to burn the home down. The general did.
- The home of Francis Lewis was destroyed and his wife put in jail. She died shortly thereafter.
- Three men had their fields and mills destroyed.

In one way or another, all of the men paid a dear price as a result of their rebellion. Still they were faithful to the pledge they made on July 4, 1776:

"We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress, Assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by the Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

"The road of life twists and turns, and no two directions are the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination." —Anonymous

PUZZLE



Beyond number

God is all-knowing, and his thoughts toward us are beyond number.

Directions: Solve the addition problems and use the code to complete Psalm 139:17-18, NIV.



How to me are your , God!

13+10

12+6



How is the of them!

8+11

10+3



Were I to them,

15+6

they would the grains of

3+12

4+18

when I , I am still with you.

13+4



PSALM 139:17-18, NIV



Answer: precious, thoughts, vast, sum, count, outnumber, sand, awake

SANDY SCENES

Make a scene with this fun summer craft you can create outdoors.



What you need:

- Play sand
- Spoons
- Empty jars
- Powdered tempera paint
- Cardstock paper and pencil
- Craft glue
- Paintbrush

What you do:

1. Pour a few tablespoons of sand into empty jars. (You need one jar for every color of paint you make.)
2. Add a small amount of powdered paint to the sand and then mix. Experiment with the amount, using more paint to create deeper colors.
3. Lightly sketch a design on cardstock.
4. Working in one small section at a time, paint an even layer of craft glue on the paper.
5. Use a spoon to sprinkle colored sand atop the glue. Tilt the paper so extra sand falls off. Repeat to complete the entire design.
6. Let dry on a flat surface before displaying upright.

Happy
4th of
July



Announcements

Church potluck and picnic at Watson Park (3022 S McLean Boulevard) on Sunday, July 10 from 4:00 to 8:00. Members are asked to bring their own service and a dish to share. You also can bring your favorite outdoor game or ball or participate in activities at the park.



Gladys Pagenkopf will be celebrating her "100th" birthday, July 14. Cards may be sent to the following address: Parkwood Village, Apt. 102
401 Rochester
Pratt, KS 67124

DO YOU LIKE COFFEE? If you like to drink coffee on Sunday mornings, please consider giving to the Kitchen Fund so we can continue to provide coffee. The Kitchen Fund is currently in the "red". If you would like to contribute, please indicate on your offering envelope or on the memo line of your check made payable to Immanuel.



One person's junk is another's treasure. What treasures do you have hiding away at your house? Immanuel will be having a "garage" sale July 28-30. How can you help?

1. Bring your donations to the church by July 27.
2. Volunteer time at the sale.
3. Volunteer time to help organize and price items.

July 18 - 23 - Price and Organize
July 24 - "Preview" of sale for church members
July 25-27 - Last chance to bring in donations

Sale dates

July 28-29 7:30 am- 4:30 pm
July 30 7:30 am - 1:00 pm



Kristi Lovett	7/2	
Erin Muller	7/2	
George Huenergardt	7/10	
Gladys Pagenkopf	7/14	“100”
Becky Schmidt	7/15	
Harvey May	7/16	
Phyllis Jenish	7/17	
Brenae Stuewe	7/18	
Wanda DeLapp	7/22	
Pat Engelken	7/22	
Michael Muller	7/25	
Barbara Dilli	7/26	
Phyllis Ioerger	7/30	

Frank & Virginia Sandifer
 Tony & Bev Giamassi
 Todd & Bethany Dafforn
 Mike & Sarah Carpenter
 Ron & Carol Balke
 Doug & Sally Hermann
 Dan & Karen Bitner
 Mike & Wanda DeLapp

<u>DATE</u>	<u>YEARS</u>
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7/11	59
7/15	22
7/16	11
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7/25	52



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