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CATECHESIS OF CHILDREN CONT.

Last month I wrote on the lack of catechesis that has existed the last several decades in the Church. This month we will attempt to remedy the problem by making sure our children are well catechized and are better equipped to withstand the assaults of evil doctrine that will batter them daily.

The first step in catechizing our children is by getting the Word of God in their hearts and minds. This can be done by having them memorize Scripture, hymns, and of course, the Catechism. All of these should be directed and encouraged by the Head of the Household. Do these things as a family.

There are probably several resources available for picking verses to memorize, but I would also suggest using the Scripture passages that are listed in the explanation section of the Small Catechism. These passages can be memorized in conjunction with the parts of the Catechism that the children are memorizing. Many of these passages are foundational, essential passages that express Christ and His Work on our behalf.

As for learning hymns, CPH has a YouTube channel where you can learn a hymn a week. Just Google; "*One LSB Hymn a Week.*" They currently have 86 hymns posted and will be adding more. As you know, there is no better way to learn and internalize something than by singing it. Music is such a powerful, wonderful tool to ingrain the Gospel in all of our minds. Not to mention, it sticks with us the rest of our lives. I bet you can think of several songs that you learned as a child that you can still remember even though you haven't sang them for years. How much better it is to sing hymns of God's love and mercy for us, especially in times of trial or affliction!

Finally we have Luther's Small Catechism for our children (and you) to memorize. That is one of the reasons the LWML handed out Small Catechisms to the children of the church. They recognized that the proclamation of the Gospel, Missions, begins in the home. Our greatest duty as parents is to point our children toward their true Heavenly Father. The Small Catechism does just that.

So now that you parents/grandparents have received such a wonderful gift, now is the time to use it. Have your children or grandchildren start memorizing it. Some have already started and are reciting to me, piece by piece, what they have memorized. A couple of children are already over half way through the 10 Commandments. My goal in having the children do this is for them to have the basic foundation from which to build. They will memorize and plant in their hearts the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer, and when that is accomplished I will talk with the parents and the child to determine if they are ready for receiving our Lord's Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. That way our children will be fed, nourished, and strengthened as they continue their catechesis leading to their Confirmation when they are older.

I would also encourage you to review *your* Catechism and take it to heart. Catechesis/Instruction is not something you are ever finished with. If you think you know everything, you are well on the path to ignorance and hard-heartedness. Instead of that, at least help and encourage these little ones as they begin their instruction in the Gospel and learning what it means to be a Baptized child of God!

In Christ,
Pastor Peck



Another announcement from our Pastor:

Pastor and Vicar will be out of the office, but in town, Monday-Friday, August 21-25. They will be participating in a Continuing Education Class at Trinity Lutheran Church, Denver on the Letter to the Philippians as taught by Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft Wayne professor John Nordling, This class is also open to all lay people as well, so if you so desire, we would love to have you come with us. See me.

Pastor

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Pastor's Reading List

1. Ten Ways to Destroy the Imagination of Your Child - Anthony Esolen
2. Ten Ways to Destroy the Humanity of Your Child - Anthony Esolen
3. Guns of August - Barbara Tuchman
4. Sacramental Exegesis in the Early Church - Hans Boersma
5. Suicide of the West - James Burnham
6. The First World War - John Keegan
7. 10 Ways to Kill Your Pastor - Christopher Thoma

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STEWARDSHIP TODAY: When we are taught that stewardship is really about our responding to and managing the gifts of the Lord for the glory of the Lord, even the smallest congregation in Synod has enough resources to carry on the ministry God has given to it. (from: StewardCAST – LCMS)

“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord. 2 Cor. 8:1-3 “ The Lord enlists us to be a blessing to others. So, whenever you put that envelope in the collection plate, when you set out to serve at the local food pantry, when you sit down to help your kids with homework, think of this: The Lord has blessed you, so that you will be a blessing. (from: LCMS Stewardship Ministry)

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**Board of Lay Ministry
Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church**

Attendance/Communion Count

March 2017

Date	Attendance	Communion
3/1/17 (Ash Wed.)	58	54
3/5/17	116	97
3/8/17 (Lent)	52	None
3/12/17	110	96
3/15/17 (Lent)	48	None
3/19/17	99	88
3/22/17 (Lent)	snow	None
3/26/17	110	100
3/29/17 (Lent)	52	None

Total for March 2017	645	435
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April 2017

Date	Attendance	Communion
4/2/17	106	92
4/5/17 (Lent)	50	None
4/9/17	116	100
4/13/17 (Maundy Thurs.)	50	48
4/14/17 (Good Friday)	50	None
4/15/17 (Easter Vigil)	30	None
4/16/17 (Easter Sunrise)	57	38
4/16/17 (Easter 10 am)	124	100
4/23/17	91	83
4/30/17	92	82
Total for April 2017	751	543

May 2017

Date	Attendance	Communion
5/7/17	115	100
5/14/17	100	Not Available
5/21/17	78	Not Available
5/25/17 (Ascension)	37	37
5/28/17	108	93
Total for May 2017	438	230+

NOTE:

The Board of Lay Ministry is committed to providing information about our Worship Services. It is our intention to publish this information each month into the future.

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THANK YOU!

*Thanks to all for the prayers, well wishes, and lovely cards.
They were all very much appreciated. Pat Proell*

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L.W.M.L.
Lutheran Women In Mission



Welcome to all women of the congregation!

The mission of the LWML is to assist each woman of the LCMS in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

JESUS CHRIST ABOVE ALL

NATIONAL LWML CONVENTION in Albuquerque, NM

Delegates to the 36th Biennial Convention of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) convened in Albuquerque, NM, from June 22 to 25, 2017. More than 3,400 Lutheran Women in Mission from across the nation gathered to conduct business, renew friendships, elect new officers, select new mission grants, and rally around God's Word.

The theme of the convention was "**Jesus Christ Above All**" based on the Scripture passage: *Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name*" (Philippians 2:9). The organization adopted a mission goal of \$2,075,000 for the 2017-2019 biennium. The funds raised over the next two years by the organization's 250,000 members nationwide will be used to support 22 mission grants.

Alice Decker, carrying the 75th Anniversary banner and giving the opening prayer, is the great-granddaughter of the first LWML President, Clara Schmitt. Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, LCMS Synodical president, was the proclaimer for the Thursday evening worship service. Bible study leader, Deaconess Betty Knapp, shared insights from Scripture, along with the history of 75 years of LWML, with convention participants. Keynote speaker, former LWML president Ida Mall, shared her faith saying, "If it doesn't have anything to do with your salvation (or someone else's salvation,) don't worry about it." RMD President Rev. Allen Anderson was the proclaimer for the closing Sunday worship service.

The Mission Servants Committee reported that over 30,000 items were collected from attendees at the LWML Albuquerque Convention. These "Gifts from the Heart" were donated to three local agencies in the Albuquerque area.

"One of the greatest gifts was seeing the joyful reactions of the workers from the various ministries when they came on Saturday morning to pick up their items," reported committee members. "They all had to get bigger vehicles!"

Participants viewed a video explaining the meaning of our new logo shown below. The heart represents the love and giving nature of God through His children. The drop symbolizes the blood of Christ or a tear of compassion. The cross above all else clearly shows purpose behind all that we do in the LWML.



NORTH CENTRAL ZONE NEWS

The Fall Rally will be held September 16, 2017 hosted by **Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Resurrection in the City Lutheran Church**, 3560 York St., Denver to begin at 9:00 a.m.; registration and fellowship will be at 8:30 a.m. Theme: **"He shares in our comfort"** is based on the passage from 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

ROCKY MT. DISTRICT CONVENTION

Start planning now to attend the Rocky Mountain District Convention in Boulder on June 8-10, 2018 at the Millenium Harvest House. Watch for more news about this Convention. The theme is: **"Bold in Christ!"** based on the passage **"Since we have such a hope, we are very bold."** 2 Corinthians 3:12