



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, July 2018

Dear brethren,

The Fourth Commandment is: *Honour your father and your mother.* And our Catechism teaches us that this means that *we should fear and love God, so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honour them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

From Holy Scripture we learn that this applies also in Church: *Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.*

Hebrews 13:17

This not easy for a Pastor to preach and teach, at least not in his own congregation; well, for some it is only too easy, and shame on them for that. Nevertheless, the words are there, in Holy Scripture, and call for more than for the guidance of a Pastor to be taken into consideration: *Obey your leaders and submit to them.* It is a bit of a burden for a Pastor to have had laid upon him, not only to teach a demand obedience to himself, but also to preach and teach and guide in a such manner that it will be safe for those entrusted to their care to submit to him, even *obey* him. But then again, that is what it means to have had the duty entrusted to you to *keep watch over souls* as *one who will have to give an account.*

Holy Scripture also recounts that the Apostle Paul admonished the Pastors in Ephesus: *Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.* **Acts 20:28**

And this is the reason why this burden is laid upon Pastors, to preach and teach so as to demand obedience: because the Holy Spirit has made them overseers *to care for the Church of God, which He obtained with His own blood.*

In this regard, also, it holds true that *there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed (Romans 13:1-2),* be it the Pastor himself or those entrusted to the care of a Pastor.

The admonishment of the Apostle to the Pastors of Ephesus emphasise, also, the importance of this: It is for the Church of God Pastors have been made overseers, *obtained with His own blood.* In other words, nothing less than the salvation of sinners is at stake, sinner so precious to God that His Son, who is Himself God, has shed His blood to ransom and redeem them and claim them for His salvation, and more than that, has borne Himself the fullness of death, the judgement of His own goodness against evil and ungodliness.

What has been entrusted to a Pastor is nothing less than to guide those precious to God into His salvation, and to guide them in their life under His salvation. Therefore, a Pastor cannot be content to resign himself and be content to see his preaching and teaching and guidance reduced to suggestions and advice to be considered, and perhaps rejected. *For they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.*

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

LWML In-gathering for the Wind River Lutheran Mission: At the LWML District Convention in Cheyenne on June 21st, the following items will be collected for the Sunday School on the Wind River Reservation: Colouring books, Crayon boxes, notebooks, markers, winter hats, mittens, soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes, stuffed animals, small toys, silly putty, Barbie dolls, toy cars, toy tractors and the like. If you wish to contribute, and have not yet brought your items to Grace, call Pastor Tinglund by **Tuesday, June 19th, at the latest**, to make arrangements for your donation to be brought to the convention..

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for LWML District Convention from Thursday, June 21st, through Saturday, June 23rd, Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly. Should an urgent need for pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

Help with Vacation Bible School: Help is needed for Vacation Bible School on August 7-9, not only with "big" things like teaching and leading groups, but also with smaller tasks such as being there during class to help the children, and help serving snacks. Think it through, if you would like to help out, and with what, and be on the lookout for the opportunity to sign up.

Vacation Bible School Staff meeting at Grace on Wednesday, July 11th, at 7 pm.

Board Meeting at Zion on Wednesday, July 25th, at 6 pm.

Free will-offering at Grace on the fifth Sunday of the month, Sunday, July 29th, in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

Vacation Bible School at Grace Tuesday, August 8th through Thursday, August 10th, for children aged 3 - 5th grade, culminating with a program and dinner on Thursday evening. Feel free to spread the word, particularly to parents of children in the target age group with whom you may have contact or upon whom you may have influence.

LWML Meeting at Grace not until Monday, August 27, at 7 pm.

This we believe

- of our Lutheran Confessions

Note, therefore, that the force and power of this commandment [regarding the day of worship) lies not in the resting, but in the sanctifying, so that to this day belongs a special holy exercise. For other works and occupations are not properly called holy exercises, unless the man himself be first holy. But here a work is to be done by which man is himself made holy, which is done (as we have heard) alone through God's Word ... *Of the Large Catechism*

LWML meets at Grace at 7 pm. on the first Monday of every month except July, August and September, and on the **last** Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, according to the LWML rules, and thus both invited and more than welcome to attend all LWML meetings - as are all ladies of Zion.

Just so we do not forget:

For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. What does this mean?

This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so." *Of the Small Catechism*

Birthdays in July

- as known to the editor

July 7th:

Earl Jensen

July 12th:

Candace Tanksley

July 17:

Denise Catlin

July 19th:

LeAnn Frazier

July 21st:

Cassandra Cauffman

July 22nd:

Dennis Bernard

July 23rd:

Dale Schmoltdt

Anniversaries in July

- as known to the editor

July 5th:

John and Tanya Kraft

July 28th:

Gordon and Karen Preis

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

Regular Summer Worship Hours

Zion:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

Grace:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.