



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches Newsletter, October 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 account.*

Hebrews 13:17

The leaders to whom it has been entrusted to keep watch over the souls of Christians are the Pastors whom *the Holy Spirit has made overseers in the flock to care for the church of God, which He obtained with His own blood. Acts 20:28.*

But in what is it, then, that Christians owe obedience and submission to their Pastors, by the command of God? How is that Pastors are to be *overseers*?

In speaking of the Pastoral office, Holy Scripture frequently makes reference to the care of a shepherd for his flock. Obviously, this reflects the understanding that our Lord Jesus who Himself is the Good Shepherd, now continues His shepherdly care for His Christians in His Church through the Pastoral office. *Pastor* is, in fact, the Latin Word for a shepherd; although, literally, it means *one who feeds*.

As such, the Pastor is to be the *overseer* of the congregation in *spiritual* terms rather than in matters of this world.

As a shepherd leads his flock to green pastures and quiet waters, a Pastor feeds and refreshes the Christians entrusted to his care with the life-giving Gospel, that is: the Word of God of His salvation, in which He gives Himself and His heavenly life to sinners with His promise of forgiveness of sin and righteousness with God on account of what He Himself has done with His righteous life and His innocent sufferings and death. In this, Christians owe their own Pastor the obedience of hearing the Word of God from him, and taking it to heart, and observing it in terms of how and what they believe.

As a shepherd also leads his flock to where they should be, and away from where they should not be, a Pastor must teach Christians how they owe it to God to live so as not to be led astray and caught up in ungodliness and lost to God and His salvation; in this, also, Christians owe their Pastors obedience.

And as a shepherd protects his flock from predators, a Pastor must also warn those entrusted to his care as to what kind of preachers and teachers to avoid, and what kinds of teaching not to believe, so that they will not lose sight of the true faith. And in this, also, Christians owe it to God to obey their Pastors and submit to them.

The Holy Spirit makes particular men to be Pastors and overseers in the congregations. In this manner, the Good Shepherd continues His own shepherdly care for His Church. And to this His care Christians must submit - for the sake of their salvation.

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Free will offering at Grace on Sunday, September 30, in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone from the afternoon of Sunday, September 30, through Wednesday, October 3, for District Pastors' Conference. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, October 1, at 7 pm.

Let's do the time warp again: From Sunday, October 7, our Sunday worship times will switch over, so that Sunday worship at Grace will be at 8 am. and at Zion at 10:30 am.

LWML Sunday at Grace with muffins after worship on Sunday, October 7.

Worship at Bonnie Bluejacket Nursing Home on Thursday, October 11, at 3 pm.

Worship at Wyoming Retirement Center on Thursday, October 25, at 3 pm.

Remembering those passed on: As part of our observation of the Memorial Feast All Saints on Sunday, November 4, we shall remember before God by name those of our own who have passed on in the year gone by. If there is someone who was precious to you, whom you would like to have included in this remembrance, please make sure that Pastor Tinglund is aware of him or her **by Friday, November 2.**

High quality cutlery and other food items are being sold as a fundraiser for our youth work. Look through a catalogue if there is something you would like, whether for yourself or as a gift for someone else, for Christmas or otherwise, and let Mrs. T. know by **October 28.**

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 4, at 2 am.

Just so we do not forget:

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

What do you believe about this Office?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in Heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself. *Of the Small Catechism*

Zion Financial report, August: Debits: \$ 4,879,98; Credits: \$ 3,406.75

This we believe - *from our Lutheran Confessions*

In order that we may obtain this faith, the Ministry of Teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments was instituted. For through the Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith; where and when it pleases God, in those who hear the Gospel, namely that God, not for our own merits, but for Christ's sake, justifies those who believe that they are received into grace for Christ's sake.

Of the Augsburg Confession

LWML meets at Grace at 7 pm. on the first Monday of every month except in July, August and September, and on the **last** Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, and thus invited to attend - and so are all ladies of Zion.

Birthdays in October

- as known to the editor

October 2:

Betty Urwiller

Carrie Mazur

October 5th:

Terry Marchant

October 7th:

John Preis

October 23rd:

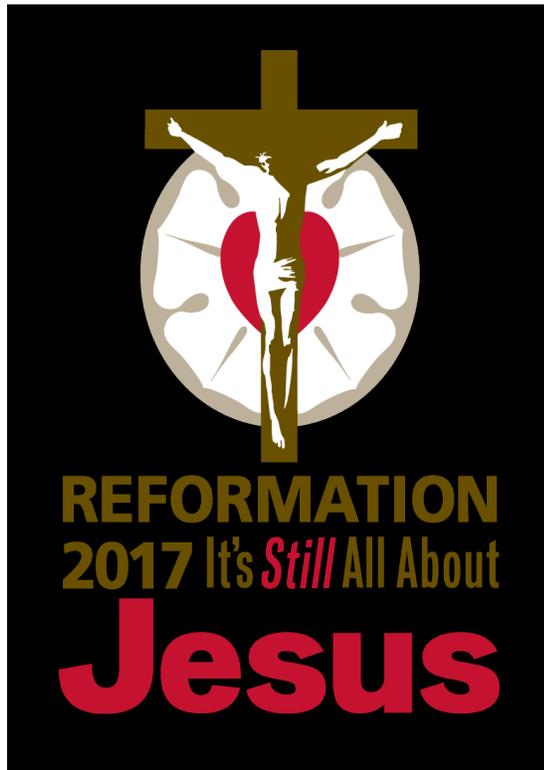
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Anniversaries in October

- as known to the editor

October 14:

Lillian and Pastor Tinglund



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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.

Regular Winter Worship Hours,

October-March

Grace:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

April-September

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.