



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, September 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 placed in the congregations by God. But in what is it, then, that I should obey my Pastor? Is it in everything he thinks and says? Or is it, perhaps, only in that which he says, with which I happen to agree?

The reason Christians should obey their leaders in Church, and submit to them, is that *they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account.* And with that, it is also clear that that in which Christians should obey them and submit to them is that in which it has been entrusted to them by God to be leaders of the Church, and for which they shall have to give account, that is: that which pertains to the salvation and spiritual health of those entrusted to their care.

The authority of the Pastor, and the obedience obeyed to him, does not come from him being smarter than everybody else in the congregation, as he may very well be - and may just as well *not* be!

Rather, the authority of the Pastor is the authority of God Himself, and the authority which God has bestowed upon him in that particular regard in which God has bestowed authority upon him, which is to speak the Word of God, and to lead and guide Christians by means of the Word of God, with regards to the faith, and the life of the Church, and the life of the individual Christian, in accordance with the ways and will of God, as His will and His ways are revealed in His Word, in Holy Scripture.

The Pastor may know much about many things, and have strong feelings and convictions with regards to that of which he knows much; and like so many other people he may have even stronger feelings and convictions about that of which he knows but little. But in whatever matters his knowledge is not from the Word of God and does not pertain to Christian life and worship and the salvation of sinners, he has no particular authority, and his opinions should matter no more than the opinions of others of equal knowledge; of course, they should not matter any less, either, but that is another matter altogether.

A Pastor should also know the difference himself, between that to which his particular authority as Pastor pertains, and that with regards to which no particular authority has been entrusted to him. And a wise Pastor will be reluctant to compromise his actual authority by speaking too definitively to matters in which he can claim no other authority than his own wisdom and good arguments.

Sincerely

Jais H. Tinglund

Free will offering on Sunday, August 26, in favour of Lutherans For Life. Lutherans For Life is a *Recognized Service Organization* of the LCMS, which produces materials to encourage and support a Gospel centred testimony to the sanctity of human life in society and provides counseling to those struggling with abortion issues and other issues regarding the sanctity of life.

LWML Meeting at Grace Monday, August 27, at 7 pm.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for a Circuit Visitors' Meeting Tuesday, August 28, through Wednesday, August 29. Should an urgent need for pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone most of Tuesday, September 11, for a Circuit Pastors' meeting. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

LWML Zone Rally at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Cody Saturday, September 15th, beginning at 10:15 am. All ladies of the congregations are invited.

Let's do the time warp again: From Sunday, October 7th, 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.

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

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

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, according to the LWML rules, and thus all ladies of the congregation, of all ages, are not only more than welcome, but also actually invited to attend all LWML meetings - and so are all ladies of Zion.

Just so we do not forget:

What is Confession?

Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution from the Pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.

What sins should we confess?

Before God we should plead guilty of all sins, even those we are not aware of, as we do in the Lord's Prayer; but before the Pastor we should confess only those sins which we know and feel in our hearts.

Which are these?

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments: Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything or done any harm?

Of the Small Catechism

Birthdays in September

- as known to the editor

September 13th:

Carol Gernant

September 17th:

Aftin DeRosa

September 18th:

Dory Cauffman

September 23rd:

Karen Preis

September 24th:

Jordan Kraft

Anniversaries in September

- as known to the editor

September 21st:

Al and Christa Corbin

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Zion website:

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Regular office hours at Grace:

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

Regular Summer Worship Hours, April-September

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.

Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

Financial report for Zion, July:

Credits: 6,203.23 Debits:4910.35



