



South Big Horn Lutheran Parish  
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches  
Newsletter, November 2019

Dear brethren,

The Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder*. And this is the first Commandment to deal in specific detail with how we should conduct ourselves in our life with others - as opposed to the attitude and general principle taught by the Fourth Commandment.

And this shows us, again, how precious human life is to God.

It is significant that, unlike the false gods worshipped by the neighbours of ancient Israel, the true God did not demand and would not accept human sacrifices. Although all life belongs to Him and should be given to Him, He would demand only the firstborn, and in the case of the firstborn *human* child, His demand was that a substitute be sacrificed, rather than the actual child; except in the case of Isaac, of course, and in that case God Himself provided the substitute sacrifice, also, and thus He pointed forward to the sacrifice He Himself would give of His own Firstborn!

This shows not only that the nature of God is to *give* rather than to *take* - as opposed to most false gods, but also, again, how precious human life is to Him, and that this applies not only to human life as an abstract concept, rather, it means that *we* personally are precious to Him, each and every one of us.

And just how profound a reality this is is manifested in this, that for your salvation, as if you were the only one, and for that of everybody else, as if everybody else were the only one, God would give His own Firstborn over to death and eternal damnation to save us from exactly that.

The significance of how the true God is different from the false gods, made in the image and imagination of sinners, has become no less relevant in our day and age, where the modern cult of self-realisation calls for the slaughter and sacrifice of children.

The slaughter of an unborn child to secure one's dreams and desires, career, or wealth or emotional well-being could always justifiably be perceived as the sacrifice of a child to the subconscious god of self-realisation. But as female supremacy in general, and the celebration of abortion in particular, has clearly developed into a substitute religion for so many in recent years, its nature of being a cult demanding child sacrifices has also become clearer with the celebration of abortion as a manifestation of female supremacy, the power of a woman to give life or freely choose not to; not to mention that the cult of female supremacy no longer restricts itself to insisting on the right to have one's unborn children slaughtered, but now also insists on the right to leave unwanted newborn children to die from neglect - frighteningly similar to how primitive cultures would leave unwanted children to animals and elements!

God is life, and love. His nature is to give life, and to love. And it is a precious privilege He gives to His most beloved creatures, made in His image, to give life and to love, and serve Him as co-workers in His act of creation, and in His care for those He creates, in order for them to live and come to know His love.

Sincerely,  
**Jais H. Tinglund**

**Lutheran 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 1.**

**High quality cutlery and other food items** as well as delicious **Butter Braid pastries** are being sold as a fund raiser to help our young people participate in a Higher Things Lutheran Youth Conference in the Summer of 2020. Place your order on the sheet provided by **Sunday, November 3.** Your Pastries should be available to be given to you on Sunday, November 24 - just before Thanksgiving, and in good time for Christmas.

**Daylight Savings Time ends** on Sunday, November 3, at 2 am.

**LWML Meeting at Grace** Monday, November 4. at 7 pm.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for continued education Monday, November 4, through Wednesday, November 6. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216, which will be checked regularly.

**Lutheran worship** at Bonie Bluejacket Nursing home Thursday, November 7, at 3 pm.

**A visit from District:** Wyoming District President John Hill will visit our congregations on the weekend of November 9-10. He will meet with Pastor Tinglund and our congregational leadership and take part in our worship and Bible Study. He will also make himself available for anybody who would like to share thoughts and concerns with regards to life in our congregations. To set up an appointment, feel free to call him at 307-258-3171.

**Mission Fest** Sunday, November 10: At Grace, a free-will offering will be taken in favour of the Wyoming District's mission efforts. At Zion, the offering on that day will go to support the District. In the afternoon, at 3 pm., Pastor John Hill of Casper, President of the Wyoming District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, will give a presentation about the Wyoming District and its work. A Dinner will be served. Other congregations in the Circuit will be invited. A free-will offering will be taken in favour of the Wyoming District and its mission projects.

**Thanksgiving worship at Grace** on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 pm.

**Thanksgiving worship at Zion** Thursday, November 28, 10:30 am.

**Advent Dinners at Grace** on Wednesdays, December 4, 11, and 18, at 6 pm.

December 5: Served by the LWML.

December 12: Carrry-in

December 19: Served by the Youth

**Advent Mid-week Worship** at Grace on Wednesdays, December 4, 14, and 18, at 7 pm. Our theme this year will be *The only Son from Heaven, but not the Only Son.* We shall meditate on how the examples of fatherhood and sonship in Holy Scripture reflect the significance of our Lord Jesus being from eternity the Son of God.

**Birthdays in November**

- as known to the editor

**November 8:**

Evie Tanksley

**November 26:**

Gordon Preis

**Anniversaries in November**

- as known to the editor:

**November 21:**

Larry and Jackie Larsen

**Zion Finance Report, September:**

Debits: \$ 4,492.39; Credits: \$ 4,142.72

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**Regular office hours at Grace:**

Tuesday-Friday, Noon -1 pm.

**Regular 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.

**LWML** usually meets at Grace on the first Monday of every month at 7 pm., except in July, August and September, and also on the **last** Monday of August. All ladies of the congregation are members of the LWML, according to the LWML rules, as such 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.

