



**South Big Horn Lutheran Parish  
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches  
Newsletter, December 2021**

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* As this Commandment is born out of the love of God for human beings, though, it is not satisfied by abstaining from literally and physically putting others to death: it implies a command to reflect the love of God in our life with others; and as such, it prohibits us from making the lives of others miserable, and commands us to do all we can to actively seek to make the lives of others joyful!

Many of us tend to think of Christian love mostly in terms of great heroic deeds of altruism, which, for most of us, is really not realistic; they are out of our reach, and we are not in a position to perform them. The truth is, though, that whenever we deal with another human being, we hold a portion, however small, of his or her life in our hands, that is: we have the opportunity to make his or her life at least *a little* more miserable, or a little more joyful. And this means that we are all always in a position to perform Christian love in the life that is ours; or *not* to perform Christian love, as it were, if that is our preference.

Small and seemingly insignificant events can lead to greater events. It is called the *butterfly effect*, based on the notion that a butterfly flapping its wings in one part of the world can be one of many factors contributing to a devastating hurricane occurring elsewhere. In similar manner, small and seemingly insignificant acts of rudeness or kindness shown to a person can contribute to important things happening in the lives of others.

Being put in a bad mood by your rudeness can cause somebody to be unkind to others, or distract others from, say, paying attention in traffic, and thus cause serious accidents.

The commandment of God to reflect His love in our lives with others pertains to us all; and it pertains also to small things: even in small things, it is not right for a Christian to be selfish or rude or inconsiderate, or to ruin the lives of others by being that, or even to ruin somebody else's day.

The love of God should always be in our hearts and minds, wherever we go, and the love He commands us to show to others, and the obedience we owe to Him in this regard, also.

As such, the commandment of God is also a call to common courtesy and considerateness toward others, even in such small things as not to push yourself in front of the slower person in the queue at the grocery store register, or be impatient and rude with the clerk, or take up several spots in the parking lot by not parking between the lines; more than that, it is a call to be actively observant and mindful of those around us so as to notice if they might be in need of help with something, and if there is something we can do to help them out, or to just show kindness, and brighten up their day a bit. For again: whenever we deal with another human being, we hold a portion, however small, of his or her life in our hand; and so, we have an opportunity to do good, or to sin.

Sincerely  
**Jais H. Tinglund**

**Services of penitence and prayer** are held at Grace on Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus and other threats to the peace and freedom of the Church of Christ, and to the well-being of the country and the community.

**Saturday Communion Worship** at Grace at 7 pm. upon the request of those who intend to attend; please call the Parsonage by Friday evening.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** at Grace Tuesday, November 23, at 6 pm. A free will offering will be taken in favour of our youth work.

**Thanksgiving Worship** at Grace Tuesday, November 23, at 7 pm.

**Thanksgiving Worship** at Zion on Thursday, November 25, 10:30 am.

**Advent Dinners at Grace** on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, at 6 pm.

December 1: Mongolian

December 8: Spaghetti with meat sauce

December 15: Pork Loin and mashed potatoes

*Free will offerings will be taken for our Youth Account.*

**Advent Midweek Worship at Grace** on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15, at 7 pm. Our theme this year shall be *Three Trees*. While the Christmas trees are up around us, we shall meditate upon how Holy Scripture sets the promised salvation of God before us by telling us of three other trees.

**Christmas decorating at Grace** on Sunday, November 28, after worship and Bible Study.

**LWML Christmas Party** at Lisa's on Monday, December 6, at 6 pm. After dinner, devotions at Grace.

**Joint Council Meeting** at Grace on Wednesday, December 8, after dinner and worship.

**Seasonal Singalong** at the Parsonage Saturday, December 11, at 5 pm. Bring part of your dinner, and part of everybody else's.

**Christmas Eve worship at Grace** at 4 pm.

**Christmas Eve worship at Zion** at 6 pm.

**Christmas Day worship** at Grace at 10:30 am.

**New Year's Eve Dinner** at Grace at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent

**New Year's Eve Worship** at Grace at 7 pm. Afterwards, we shall gather downstairs to toast the new year.

**Epiphany Dinner** at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent. As Epiphany marks the end of Christmas, it would be most appropriate, and you should feel free, to bring your leftover Christmas goodies and let others help you get rid of them.

**Epiphany Worship** at Grace on Wednesday, January 5, at 7 pm.

## **Birthdays in December**

- as known to the editor

### December 9:

Mary Ann Jensen

### December 10:

Robert Klitzke

Gunnar Tanksley

### December 12:

Ashtyn Hill

Shayne Mazur

### December 13:

Carolyn Olin

### December 19:

Leif Tanskley

### December 24:

Jackie Larsen

### December 26:

Terry Cole

### December 30:

Jesse Preis

## **Anniversaries in December**

- as known to the editor

### December 4:

Jerold and Jennifer Preis

### December 20:

Guy and Becky Henderson

## **Zion Financial Report, October**

Debits: \$ 3,993.46

Credits: \$ 5,624.96

Year to date:

Debits: \$ 48,751.32

Credits: \$ 60,112.81

**LWML** meets at Grace at 7 pm. on the **first** Monday of February, March, April, November, and December, and also on the **last** Monday of August.

## **South Big Horn Lutheran Parish**

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### **Regular office hours at Grace:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,  
Noon -1 pm.

### **Regular Worship Hours**

#### **April-September:**

##### Grace:

Saturdays at 7 pm.

- please call the Parsonage  
to announce your attendance!

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

##### Zion:

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

#### **October-March:**

##### Grace:

Saturdays at 7 pm.

- please call the Parsonage  
by Friday night

to announce your attendance!

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

##### Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.