



# South Big Horn Lutheran Parish Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches Newsletter, July 2022

Dear brethren,

the Fifth Commandment is: *You shall not murder!* The heart of this Commandment is the demand of God that human beings as His most beloved creatures reflect His love in our dealings with each other. Wilfully taking the life of another person is the ultimate expression of *not* doing that. In other words, this Commandment can be inverted as such: *You shall love your neighbour as yourself!* - as it is, in fact, in Holy Scripture.

What it more specifically means to *love your neighbour*, Holy Scripture shows when the holy Apostle Paul writes about life in the Church: *As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, the holy Apostle Paul writes, put on compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so also you.*

**Colossians 3:12-13**

Clearly, what he calls for is not the mechanical observance of a set of rules; the phrase *put on* indicates that what he lists is a set of attitudes Christians should adopt, which should form and shape their actual conduct.

The word the Apostle uses for *kindness*, however, is one that describes actual conduct rather than attitude; it means to provide another person with that which is *good* or *beneficial*. Now, this can be done for other reasons than kindness, or in an other other than kind manner. Obviously, though, this is not what the Apostle calls for. Rather, again, the Apostle presents the activity of providing others with what is good in a list of qualities and attitudes Christians should *put on*; which, again, indicates that the Apostle is calling for something other than just the specific act. The actual exercise of charity is presented as something to which the Christian should become *accustomed*, or, in other words, in which he should *train* himself so as to develop a such *attitude* of charity that providing others with that which is good and beneficial becomes second nature to him, and responding to the needs of others not only when being made aware of them by others, but also developing an eye for and an interest in the needs of those around him.

So often, learned behaviours will affect our attitudes; perhaps not so much how we *think* about things, but rather how we respond to situations *without* having to think about it.

*He who looks into the perfect law of freedom and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does, writes James, servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

**James 1:25**

Looking into the love of God and allowing His love to live in us, as we train ourselves in doing good so that doing good is something we do without having to think much about, we are conformed to this His goodness, of whom our Lord Jesus said that *your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him* - and of whom He taught us that His will already is to give us all things good.

Sincerely  
**Jais H. Tinglund**

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for continued education Monday, June 20, through Thursday, June 23. Messages can be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Free will offering** for a Pastor's family in need. Pastor Neil Carlson of Sydney, Nebraska, is recovering from a serious accident. It is estimated that the family will be left with well over \$ 10,000 in out of pocket expenses. The Wyoming District has set up an *Emergency Pastoral Care Fund*, at first to help Pastor Carlson and his family, but also to be prepared for similar situations in the future. In the spirit of Christian love, we shall be taking a free will offering in our churches on Sunday, June 26. Please make cheques out to the *Wyoming District LCMS* and write *Emergency Pastoral Care Fund* in the memo line.

**Services of penitence and prayer** are held at Grace on Friday nights at 7 pm. in response to the Wuhan Virus, political chaos an oppression at home and abroad, war, and other current threats to the peace of the world, the freedom of the Church of Christ, and the general well-being of people here and everywhere - except that these services shall be **cancelled** on July 1, 15, and 22, as Pastor Tinglund shall be otherwise preoccupied.

**Pastor Tinglund shall be gone** for vacation from the afternoon of Sunday, July 17, through Tuesday July 26. Messages can nevertheless be left at cell phone 605-228-9216. Should a need for immediate Pastoral assistance arise, feel free to call Pastor Korb of Worland at 307-388-4044.

**Free will offering at Grace** on Sunday, July 31, in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

**Vacation Bible School at Grace** is scheduled for Saturday, August 13. Please exert any influence you may have upon children in our target age (5 yrs-5th Grade), or upon their parents, to secure their attendance.

### **Just so we do not forget**

*What does God say about all these Commandments?*

He says: "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to third and fourth generation of those who hate Me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments." **(Exodus 20:5-6)**

*What does this mean?*

God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore, we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore, we should also love and trust in Him and gladly do what He commands.

*Of the Small Catechism*

### **This is our faith - from the Lutheran Confessions**

We believe, teach, and confess that no true believer, as long as he retains living faith, however weak he may be, receives the Holy Supper to his judgement, which was instituted especially for Christians weak in faith, yet penitent, for the consolation and strengthening of their weak faith.

*Formula Concord, the Epitome*

## **Birthdays in July**

- as known to the editor

### July 2:

Nona Smith

### July 7:

Earl Jensen

### July 12:

Candace Tanksley

### July 17:

Denise Catlin

### July 19:

LeAnn Frazier

### July 21:

Cassandra Kaufman

### July 22:

Dennis Bernard

### July 23:

Dale Schmoltdt

## **Anniversaries in July**

- as known to the editor

### July 5:

John and Tanya Kraft

### July 11:

Jacob and Taylor Stewart

### July 28

Gordon and Karen Preis

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

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

### **Regular Worship Hours**

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

##### Grace:

*Penitence & Prayer* Fridays, 7 pm.

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:

*Penitence & Prayer* Fridays, 7 pm.

Sundays at 8 am.

Bible Study at 9:15 am.

##### Zion:

Sundays at 10:30 am.

Bible Study at 11:45 am.

**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.

