



**South Big Horn Lutheran Parish
Grace and Zion Lutheran Churches
Newsletter, November 2023**

Dear brethren,

the Sixth Commandment is: *You shall not commit adultery!* Throughout Holy Scripture, however, we can observe that the intent of this Commandment, rather than merely to address the most obvious manifestation of sexual immorality, is to hold *the sanctity of marriage* before us. *Let marriage be held in honour among all, as the Letter to the Hebrews writes it, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

Hebrews 13:4

And marriage is sacred to God, not only as an imagery of His salvation, but also as a reflection of His very own nature; well, those could be said to be the same, since it is in His salvation of sinners God reveals His *goodness* to be His very innermost nature, and who really is, at heart.

God the Father, who is the Father in God, is *He after whom all fatherhood is named*, writes the holy Apostle Paul, or every family, as the Greek word also could (but should not) be translated.

Ephesians 3:15

According to Holy Scripture, marriage is the foundation of family life, because it is that according to the ordinance and arrangement of God; as Holy Scripture says it, with regards to marriage: *A man shall leave his father and mother and bind himself to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Genesis 1:26, 27

This is the foundation of all family life according to Holy Scripture: A man is emancipated from his home and family to be established himself as the head of another. And this ordinance is founded in the very nature of God, and the life the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit shared from eternity, in love. As Holy Scripture teaches it: In the beginning, God the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit said to Himself, and to each other: *Let us make Man in our image, after our likeness.* And so He did. *God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

Genesis 1:26, 27

As men and women, made to live together in love, we are made in His image, who is eternal love, to represent His goodness in the created world by our life together in love. And made in the image of God, as men and women, we have the precious privilege of taking part in His project of creation by bringing new life into the world, out of our life together in love.

Marriage is indeed a sacred ordinance, and one that is crucial to our life as servants of God, and to God Himself. Being born as either a man or a woman is fundamental to who we are before God, and His will for us and our lives. To live in the love of God, and reflect His love by living with someone of the sex opposite to our own, under a commitment and obligation to remain together and continue to each give oneself to the other in life, that is the purpose for which we were made to begin with (that this does not happen for all of us is a topic for another day). And this ordinance of God is a reflection of His very nature, who He Himself is.

Sincerely
Jais H. Tinglund

Free Will Offering at Grace on Sunday, October 29, in favour of the Community Outreach Fund.

High quality cutlery and other food items as well as delicious **Pastry Puffin pastries** are being sold as a fund raiser for our Youth Account. Place your order by **Sunday, October 29**.

Remembering those passed on: On the Feast for All Saints on Sunday, November 5, we shall remember before God by name those who have passed on in the year gone by. If there is someone whom you would like to have included in this remembrance, please make sure that Pastor Tinglund is aware by **Friday, November 3**.

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 5, at 2 am. Members are encouraged to set their chronometric devices **back** (those that do not do so automatically) so as not to be unreasonably early for Church.

Pastor Tinglund shall be gone for Continuing Education from Monday, November 6, through Wednesday, November 8. Messages can be left on cell phone 605-228-9216.

LWML Meeting at Grace on Saturday, November 6, at 7 pm.

Mission Fest at Zion on Sunday, November 12. The offering on that day will go to support the mission projects of the Wyoming District. Luncheon with tacos after worship, sponsored by Thrivent, beginning at 12:30 pm. Members are asked to bring salads and/or desserts.

Pastor Andrew Richard of Casper will give a presentation about Luther Classical College. A free will offering will be taken for Luther Classical College.

Visit from our District President on Sunday, November 19. President Hill will meet with us at Grace at 12:30 pm. to address the situation in our congregations with us. Pizza will be served, sponsored by Thrivent. Members are asked to bring salads and/or desserts.

Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace on Tuesday, November 21, at 6 pm.

Thanksgiving Worship at Grace on Tuesday, November 21, at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving Worship at Zion on Thursday, November 23, 10:30 am.

Free Will Offering at Grace on Sunday, November 26, in favour of Luther Classical College in Casper.

LWML Christmas Party Saturday, December 4, beginning at 1 pm. with lunch at Lisa's. All ladies of the congregations are invited. Each lady should bring either cash or a cheque to pay LWML for her own meal, and also cash for a tip to the server.

Advent Dinners at Grace on Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20, at 6 pm., sponsored by Thrivent.

December 6: Soup and pie dinner

December 13: Tacos

December 20: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Advent Midweek Worship at Grace on Wednesdays, December 6, 13, and 20, at 7 pm. Under the theme *Psalms of the Son*, we shall meditate upon some Old Testament Psalms and how they testify to that which was to come, and has now come, with our Lord Jesus.

Birthdays in November

- as known to the editor

November 26th:

Gordon Preis

This is our faith

- from the *Lutheran Confessions*

There is upon earth a little holy group and congregation of pure saints, under one head, even Christ. This group is called together by the Holy Spirit in one faith, one mind, and understanding, with many different gifts, yet agreeing in love, without sects or schisms. I am also a part and member of this same group, a sharer and joint owner of all the goods it possesses. I am brought to it and incorporated into it by the Holy Spirit through having heard and continuing to hear God's Word. *Of the Large Catechism*

Just so we do not forget

And lead us not into temptation. What does this mean?

God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory. *Of the Small Catechism*

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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 10 am. on the first Saturday of February, March, April, and November, and also at 7 pm. on the **last** Monday of August - unless advertised otherwise.