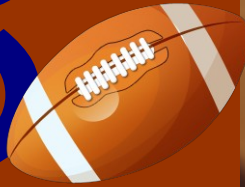


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I PRESS ON TOWARD THE GOAL TO WIN
THE PRIZE FOR WHICH GOD HAS CALLED
ME HEAVENWARD IN CHRIST JESUS.

~PHIL 3:14

From The Pastor's Desk: "The Believer's Treasure"

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies (2 Corinthians 4:7-10, ESV)."

Have you ever been in a difficult situation and you didn't know where to turn? I remember thinking, as a young believer in Christ, that all the people in the Bible were super-Christians and experienced no issues or struggles at all. Many times I felt as though the persons God inspired to write the Bible were so holy and righteous that I could never hope to achieve that level of maturity. As I grew in my faith I quickly realized that struggles, difficulties and tragedies were experienced all throughout Scripture, even

by many of its writers. The Bible went from being this book that seemed so unapproachable and not relevant to my life, to being an encouragement and a close personal friend I could always rely upon. Reading about people like the apostle Paul struggling with the same issues we struggle with, is not only comforting, it's instructional.

In this passage written by the apostle Paul, as the Holy Spirit carried him along, Paul addresses facing hardships as a believer. 2 Corinthians is a follow-up letter to 1 Corinthians, addressing the repercussions of the first letter. Division and sinful behavior was a primary issue in the first letter and in this second letter Paul addresses a different sort of division, division between him and the congregation at Corinth. It appears that "false apostles" from outside the church exploited the existing hostility and it led a serious anti-Paul rebellion. This troubled Paul and as you read

through his second letter you can hear the aching of his troubled heart.

In the midst of this division and controversy Paul finds his strength in the sufficiency of Christ's salvation and the power God endows believers with through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:1-5 is Paul's testimony as to where his peace comes from and the call for a believer to endure suffering. Paul's strength comes from the Lord alone. Paul is also vividly aware of the life-giving message of the Gospel that he carries around in his heart and mind and the responsibility believers have to share that message, even in the midst of pain and suffering.

Was Paul grieved at the situation in Corinth? Yes. Was he troubled in his spirit as to the current division between himself and the congregation in Corinth? Yes. Did he ache in his heart for things to be reconciled and restored? Yes! But even in the midst of Paul's

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discomfort and heartache, Christ remained his source and his strength. Paul did not forsake his call or the responsibility to be a light in the midst of a dark and sinful world (2 Cor. 5:20)! His salvation was firmly planted in the power of Christ to bring to completion that which God had authored (Phil. 1:6)!

Paul had a personal intimate relationship with Jesus and no matter how the Corinthians would or would not respond, one thing remained secure; his salvation and God's promises! All believers, like Paul, have this great earthly treasure in being vulnerable, insecure earthen vessels. Believers carry around in them the saving message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with all of its promises! This is what comforted, strengthened and preserved Paul. It was these truths that kept him in a hopeful state of mind. Paul knew *"that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us."* It is God's power and God's strength that preserves and keeps us as His children (1 Peter 1:3-5).

I write this not knowing what you are experiencing or going through. You may be struggling in your faith or with life itself. You may have felt like throwing your arms up in surrender to the pressures that surround you, or maybe, like Paul, someone has broken your heart and you are now at odds with that person. Whatever the case may be, be encouraged by the words of Paul. Paul suffered much on behalf of the Gospel and through all of his suffering and persecution he had peace (Phil. Ch. 4); a peace that surpassed all human understanding, a peace that guarded his heart and his mind in the Savior that he served with all of his heart, mind and strength.

We too, *"have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies."* May the life of Christ manifest itself in your heart this day! May His power and His strength carry you through whatever it is that weighs you down. Because as Paul stated, *"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal (2 Cor. 4:16-18)."* Have a great September!

~Pastor Brian Ricke

PRAISING THE LORD + MUSIC + SUPPER = BLESSINGS!

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name;
Proclaim his salvation day after day.

~Psalm 96:1-2

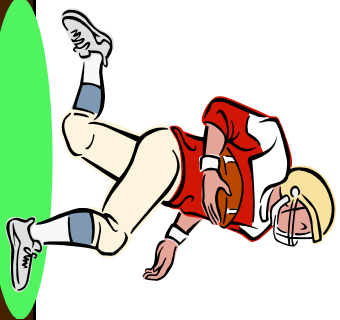
On October 5, 2014 at 7:00; Calvary Free Lutheran will be praising the Lord with an evening of music with the MASTER'S VOICE QUARTET. These men from the Sioux Falls area, will be sharing their testimonies and message of salvation with a variety of music. A free will offering will be taken.

A free light supper will be served beginning at 6:00 providing an opportunity for Christian fellowship. Mark the date, October 5, and invite your friends!

Guess Who's Coming To Dinner?

A fun experience to be had by all who join!
Sunday, September 14th
5:30 pm

Forms can be found in the Narthex and need to be turned in by Sunday, August 31st.



September

2014

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
		7:00 pm WMF (women's) Bible Study Meeting		1:30pm WMF (women's) Bible Study Meeting		9:30am -WMF Meeting Cathy Fosland guest speaker
7 RALLY SUNDAY	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 6:30 pm-Bible Study	7:30 PM Men's Bible Study		4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	6:30pm Deacon's Meeting 8:00pm Full Council		5:30pm -Family Bible Study
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:00 am Prayer 9:30 am SS 10:30 am Worship 5:30 pm-Guess Who's Cooking The Dinner			4:30- 1ST YEAR CONFIRMATION 6:30- 2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION	9:30am -Quilting!		6:30- "God's Not Dead" Movie
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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28	29	30				
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CFLC CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

The CFLC council met on 8/14/2014. Joel Schneider called the meeting to order and led with scripture and prayer.

Present: Joel Schneider, Larry Groom, Alan Boyd, Todd Smidt, Brian Ricke, Paul Danielson, Dan Kleinjan, Marty Haufschild, Mike Barker, Joe Spilde and Jody Weiss.

SECRETARY REPORT:

The minutes from last month's meeting were read.

Motion made to approve minutes as is by J. Weiss, 2nd by A. Boyd, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer's report was given by Marty Haufschild.

Total funds for the month of July = \$43,264.65, General Fund Balance = \$22,210.30.

Motion made to approve by L. Groom, 2nd by M. Barker, motion carried.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trees have been removed behind church and dirt work will begin soon. Lights have been changed out. Parsonage repairs, insurance claims and bills were discussed. Mowing is lined up for the rest of the season.

DEACON'S REPORT:

"God's not Dead" movie will be shown Sept 20th at 6:30 pm. Guess who's coming to dinner will be Sept 14th. Rally Sunday will be Sept 7th with a congregational meeting for new member acceptance.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Confirmation will start Sept 10th at 4:30 and 6:30. Sunday night bible study will start Sept 7th at 6:30.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairs will be done towards the end of August and looking for someone to go down and pick up. Heidi Spilde has started her positions. Tables for Sunday school are in. Good Shepherd will be Sept 14th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Kohl will be contacted to see how much goes to ARC and to see if there would be any interest in directing more to that cause. Motion to replace entry runners and to have the decorating committee pick it out by D. Kleinjan, 2nd by M. Barker, motion carried.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn by T. Smidt, 2nd by D. Barker, motion carried.
Brian closed in prayer.

Secretary: Joe Spilde

A Note of Thanks...

Our church is made up of the very best people God has made. Those in charge let it be known that our men are willing to be helpful in any way to those who need help.

God supplied me with the blessed service I was needing. One of our young men along with his wife and son came to my home and did marvelous carpenter work on my house. After Reggie died, my needs were great! How marvelous to receive the help. I thank this nice young man for his willingness and for completing the task. I know God will bless those who take part in this special service.

Words cannot express my deep thanks and I just want our members to know about this and if anyone ever needs in this way to contact the council or Pastor Brian.
God Bless our church!!

My love to you all! Shirlee Olson



A new book is in the library: Max Lucado's paperback, "Grace," subtitled More than We Deserve/ Greater Than We Imagine. It's an excellent book, easily read, and has a Reader's Guide also. Lucado writes: When grace happens, Christ enters. "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27).

Lines from the LIBRARY

For many years I missed this truth. I believe all the other prepositions: Christ for me, with me, ahead of me. And I

knew I was working beside Christ, under Christ, with Christ. But I never imagined that Christ was in me. I can't blame my deficiency on Scripture. Paul refers to this union 216 times. John mentions it 26. They describe a Christ who not only woos us to himself but "ones" us to himself. "Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." No other religion or philosophy makes such a claim. Influence? Instruct? Entice? Yes. But occupy? No.

Yet Christians embrace this inscrutable promise. "The mystery in a nutshell is just this: Christ is in you" (Col. 1:27 MSG). The Christian is a person in whom Christ is happening.

Grace goes beyond mercy. Mercy gave Ruth some food. Grace gave her a husband and a home. Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace threw him a party. Mercy prompted the Samaritan to bandage the wounds of the victim. Grace prompted him to leave his credit card as payment for the victim's care. Mercy forgave the thief on the cross. Grace escorted him into paradise. Mercy pardons us. Grace woos and weds us.

Martin Luther: Should anyone knock at my heart and say, "Who lives here?" I should reply, "Not Martin Luther, but the Lord Jesus Christ."

John Stott: Faith's only function is to receive what grace offers.

Augustine: For grace is given not because we have done good works, but in order that we may be able to do them. It is not that we keep His commandments first, and that then He loves; but that He loves us, and then we keep His commandments.

Lewis Smedes: Grace is the gift of feeling sure that our future, even our dying, is going to turn out more splendidly than we dare imagine.

Anne Lamott: I do not at all understand the mystery of grace-only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us. ...an old man at church once told me never to give the devil a ride. Because if he likes the ride, pretty soon he'll want to drive.

Jesus prays for each and every one: Holy Father, keep them and care for them-all those you have given me-so that they will be united just as we are. I am praying not only for these disciples but also for all who will ever believe in me because of their testimony (John 17:11, 20 NLT).

~Ferne Liebsch

BIRTHDAYS



& ANNIVERSARIES

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Ben Hauck	9-3
Kevin Nelson	9-5
Michele Smith	9-6
Hunter Hope	9-6
Barb Henderson	9-8
Dennis Miller	9-11
Mike Johnson	9-13
Linda Buck	9-13
Keira Steffensen	9-13
Sara Fosland	9-14
September Johnson	9-16
Evie Schneider	9-17
Travis Boyd	9-18
Shirley Knutson	9-18
Blanche Tschetter	9-18
Jerry Ellingson	9-18
Kiana Hoff	9-19
Tim Leighton	9-22
Kameron Hauck	9-22
June Ohm	9-22
Richard Anderson	9-25
Arlys Jorenby	9-26
Rena Larsen	9-27
Nathan Nuttbrock	9-28
David St. John	9-28
Karen Spilde	9-29

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Roger & Karen Spilde	9-1-1972
Mike & Julie Nemitz	9-4-2004
Brad & Crystal Steffensen	9-16-2000
Dennis & Annette Miller	9-18-2010
Butch & Sandy Smith	9-19-1965
Adam & Christy Leighton	9-21-2002
Bob & Shari Haufschild	9-21-1974
Ryan & Kira Kleinjan	9-21-2013

If your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let us know so that we can celebrate your special day with you!

Area Bible Studies

Please call or email for more information.

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Arlington

Wed. 8:30 p.m.
At Calvary Free
Larry- 605-983-3316

Lake Preston

Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Jan-605-847-4700

Oldham

Wed. 7:30 p.m.
Joel- 605-482-8404

Brookings

Wed. 7:00 p.m.
Bob- 605-693-4668

Family Bible Studies

Friday 6:30 p.m.
Elizabeth- 605-983-5098

Saturday 5:30 p.m.

Jesse or Holli Spilde
530-5424 or 230-1052

Get Plugged In!!



Missionary Focus for September
~Jonni Silver ~

Missionary Focus for the Month:

Jonni was commissioned at the 2010 Annual Conference. Jonni has been a longtime member of Emmaus Lutheran Church (AFLC), Bloomington, MN. She is a graduate of Bethany Fellowship School of Missions and has served in Brazil from 1988 to 2004.

Because of health problems it was apparent that Jonni's mother could no longer live alone. Therefore, she came home to care for her mother in 2004. Jonni's mother went home to be with the Lord and Jonni was once again called to serve in Brazil. She began serving at the Miriam Infant home and our Bible school and seminary in Brazil as of April 2011. Jonni returned to the U.S. for furlough and to renew her visa at the end of March 2013.

Birthday: July 20 **Prayer Concerns:** Pray for God's grace before the Brazilian government, for a long term visa to be approved. Pray for language learning - I speak Portuguese but have a strong accent and have been not speaking the language for 6 years. Pray for strong bonds to be built with the staff and students in Campo Mourao and for us to discover together my place on the team. Pray for clear and creative communication between the AFLC family in Campo Mourao and in the U.S. for mutual support and encouragement. For safety and health

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