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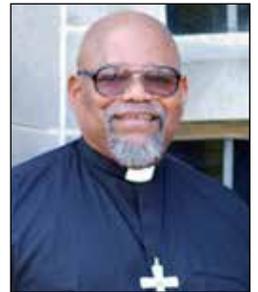
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Jesus Christ and Him Crucified

by Ellory Glenn, Specific Ministry Pastor

In Paul's letter to the church in Corinth, he addressed some of the problems the church was suffering from. One of the problems included playing favorites with church leaders. It had reached the stage where members were beginning to describe themselves as followers of Apollos, Peter or Paul. Paul addresses this problem first. The reason for this is because Paul needs the Corinthians to understand it is not the ability or wisdom of men that saves. Nor is it the elegant speeches or displays of wisdom. Paul tells the church of Corinth that; "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."



Ellory Glenn
Specific Ministry Pastor

*Preachers and teachers come and go
but the Word of the lord endures forever,
and that Word is Christ Jesus and Him crucified.*

What advice does a new pastor need, when being ordained, about what their congregation needs to hear? What is most important for a new pastor to proclaim? Paul's advice is good for every pastor but especially for the newer pastor. Because this message is THE answer for every problem that I can think of in our world today. Preachers and teachers come and go but the Word of the Lord endures forever, and that Word is Christ Jesus and Him crucified.

There are many societal issues that pastors can proclaim from the pulpit but in preaching the unfiltered truth is this: We are sinners dead by the Law, and we are justified and redeemed by Christ Jesus crucified and resurrected. And because this message is so important, I must get out of the way.

In John's Gospel, when John the Baptist's followers report that people are leaving him for Jesus, he tells them; "He must become greater; I must become less." John the Baptist is right! God's story of redemption of mankind centers totally upon Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer, who sits at the right hand of His Father and will return for all who believe this truth. It is why we preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified. †††

Grief Share

Expressing sympathy is always difficult, but all we can say is how sorry we are and want you to know we care. The journey of grief is a painful process, and you do not need to walk it alone.

We would like to encourage you to come to the special seminar and support group offered here at Chapel of the Cross which is called GriefShare.

The materials specifically address topics and issues for those who are grieving the death of a loved one.

GriefShare meets weekly and the content is Christ-centered and biblical. You will find this to be a place where you can be around people who understand the pain of your loss. You will be prayed for and learn valuable information that will help you

through this difficult season of your life.

Our GriefShare groups meet in the Parlor from 2:00 until 4:00 on Tuesdays and from 6:30 to 8:30 on Thursday evenings. These typically run about thirteen weeks starting each year in January and August. You may join at any time in the cycle.

We hope you will consider joining us.

Please remember your loss is shared by others in this church and what you are experiencing is sometimes easier to bear knowing others are listening and do care.

May God's love continue to comfort and strengthen you. Please feel free to call Bill Rusnak at church for more information about the group. †††



by Mary Laesch, Coordinator for Children and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

This summer, the children of Chapel enjoyed a fun-filled Sunday School program called Happy Campers: Spending the Summer with God! As we move into fall, we will return to the Enduring Faith Bible Curriculum, which explores God's plan of salvation through the exciting Bible accounts in God's Word!

Enduring Faith begins Sunday, September 26. All children preschool-age through 5th grade are invited to join us! We will meet in the lower level of Chapel from 9:45-10:45 a.m. each

Sunday to sing songs, enjoy games, snacks, and crafts, and most important, dig into God's Word to learn about the love of Jesus, our Savior.

Are you a teen or adult who would love to share Jesus with kids on Sunday mornings? Do you have any questions about Sunday School or Children and Family Ministry? Call the church office at 314-741-3737 and leave a message for Mary Laesch. I'd love to talk with you! †††



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Memorial Service

A memorial service for Eleanor Nauss, widow of Chapel's founding pastor, Rev. Milton Nauss, was held at Chapel on September 11. She passed away July 3, 2021, at the age of 94 after a brief illness in Venice, Florida.





by Ryan Meyer

Bach Society Concert

The Bach Society of St. Louis will be performing a concert titled, "Ye Shall Have a Song," at Chapel of the Cross on Saturday, October 23, at 3:00 p.m. The repertoire for their program has been selected to honor and express gratitude to the heroes who have served their fellow man throughout the pandemic. This concert will be open to the community and free of charge! Please note that, according to Bach Society regulations, everyone attending will be required to show proof of COVID-19 vaccination or proof of a negative COVID-19 test result within 48 hours of the performance. All audience members will be required to use face coverings regardless of vaccination status.

The Bach Society was founded in 1941 by William Heyne, a professor at Concordia Seminary, to share the spiritual and artistic music of J.S. Bach with the St. Louis community. Eighty-one years later this continues to be their mission, although they now include a wide range of other composers.

We are very blessed to be able to host this acclaimed choir at Chapel of the Cross - mark your calendars to attend this special event!

Music Ministry/2021-22 Season/Christmas Concert

Over the past year and a half, like so many things, parts of our Music Ministry at Chapel of the Cross had been put on hold. As of September, however, we are thankful that almost all of our ensembles have now returned to regular rehearsals. Starting this season, we have also decided to move our Tuesday evening rehearsals (Joyful Noise & Choral Singers) to Thursdays to better fit various needs.

Let Us Know!

Please call the church office (314-741-3737) if you:

- Have a new phone number or email
- Are sick, facing a surgery, or hospitalization
- Are unable to attend worship
- Are in need of prayer

We are also very pleased to once again be preparing for our annual Christmas Choir Concert, which will be held on Sunday, December 12 during the 11:00 a.m. worship hour. Our theme for this year will be "In Heavenly Joy and Light," and will focus on the wonder of Christ's incarnation: the intersection of heaven and earth, as angels and men sing praises about our God, Christ Jesus, coming down to dwell in human likeness.

Additionally, we would love to welcome new members into any of our musical ensembles here at Chapel! If you are interested in joining any of our groups, please contact Ryan Meyer, Director of Music Ministry, for more information. The following is a listing of our current ensembles and rehearsals:

Children's Handbells (grades 3-8) meets Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Chapel Bells (adult handbells) meets Wednesdays in the Sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Joyful Noise (contemporary) meets Thursdays in the Sanctuary at 6:15 p.m.

Choral Singers (mixed voices) meets Thursdays in the music room at 7:00 p.m. †††

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October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Worship Service 9:00 p.m.
3 Outdoor Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	4	5 Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. CraftShare 2-4 p.m.	6 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	7 Life Team 6:00 p.m. CraftShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	8	9 Day 3 Booths Event 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
10 Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	11 Mary Martha Guild 8-10 p.m. Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	12 CraftShare 2-4 p.m.	13 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	14 CraftShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 8:15 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	15	16 Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
17 Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	18	19 Women's Bible Study 9:00 a.m. CraftShare 2-4 p.m.	20 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	21 CraftShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	22	23 Booth Society Concert 1:00 p.m. Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
24 Outdoor Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	25 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.	26 CraftShare 2-4 p.m.	27 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	28 CraftShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 8:15 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	29	30 Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
31 Reformation Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	Notes					

November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 2-4 p.m.	3 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	4 Life Team 6:00 p.m. GriefShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	5	6 Day 3 Seeds 4:00-6:00 p.m. Worship Service 8:00 p.m.
7 Daylight Saving Ends All Saints' Day Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	8 Mary Martha Guild 9:30 p.m. Elder's Meeting 7:00 p.m.	9 GriefShare 2-4 p.m.	10 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	11 Veterans Day GriefShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Joyful Noise 6:15 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	12	13 Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
14 Outdoor Morning Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	15	16 Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. GriefShare 2-4 p.m.	17 Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Children's Handbells 6:30 p.m. Chapel Bell 7:30 p.m.	18 GriefShare 6:30-8:30 p.m. Choral Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m.	19	20 Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
21 Christ the King Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	22 Board of Directors 7:00 p.m.	23 GriefShare 2-4 p.m.	24 Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 p.m.	25 Thanksgiving Day Service 9:30 a.m. Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 Worship Service 5:00 p.m.
28 Advent 1 Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Youth & Adult Bible Study 9-10 a.m.	29	30 GriefShare 2-4 p.m.				
		Notes				

Chapel Life Team's Mission Statement:

"Motivated by the Gospel and the great love God has demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ, the Life Team of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran exists to equip our church to celebrate, defend, and care for life at all stages."



How Luther Nailed It on Life Issues (excerpt) by Rev. Michael W. Salemink

Life issues didn't arise overnight. Their frequent connection to medical technology can make them seem like recent developments—and advances in understanding physiology and pharmaceuticals have made abortion and euthanasia more efficient and available of late. But these circumstances have been causing society's difficulties—and providing opportunities to proclaim the Gospel—since ancient times.

The Hippocratic Oath explicitly forbade both aborting and assisting suicide. This famous physician's pledge stated, centuries before Jesus, "Neither will I administer a poison to anybody when asked to do so, nor will I suggest such a course. Similarly I will not give to a woman a pessary to cause abortion." The Didache, a Christian text attributed to the apostles and as old as the New Testament, likewise declares, "Thou shalt not murder a child by abortion nor kill that which is begotten."

Martin Luther also applied his voice to life issues. As we celebrate the Reformation's quincentennial, listening to him can still enlighten us. His view of family matters proved revolutionary in its time. Luther promoted marriage, encouraged childbearing, and praised parenting. He concluded even unborn babies qualified as full-fledged human beings.

"Look at your infancy, and give thought to whether you remember that you were in your mother's womb, that you lay in a cradle, that you sucked your mother's breasts, cried, ate pap, grew, etc. Yet we are certainly alive even during the first year, when the fetus is carried in the mother's womb." (LW 5:75)

"For no one of those who are alive today knows where he was

during the first two years, when he lived either in the womb ... Yet he lived at that time, and he was a body joined to a soul—a body adapted to all natural functions." (LW 8:316)

Luther derived this truth directly from God's Word. He observed how Holy Scripture testified about the prenatal humanity of Jesus and John the Baptist. "Moreover, when Christ, the Son of God, was to be conceived in his mother's womb and become incarnate, he certainly had to be already present in essence and in person in the Virgin's womb, and had to assume humanity there" (LW 37:62). "And St. John was a child in his mother's womb [Luke 1:41] but, as I believe, could have faith" (LW 40:242).

So Luther called abortion a sinful offense against the tiniest neighbors. "For those who pay no attention to pregnant women and do not spare the tender fetus become murderers" (LW 5:382). "How great, therefore, the wickedness of human nature is! How many girls there are who prevent conception and kill and expel tender fetuses, although procreation is the work of God!" (LW 4:304). In fact, he labels such acts the devil's works: "Hourly the devil seeks to destroy us all. No sooner are you baptized than the devil lies in wait for you. If possible, he would kill you in your mother's womb" (LW 23:256).

God's limitless grace convinced Luther to regard life with such respect. Both Bible and experience led him to behold human beings and their bodies as gifts and privileges of infinite preciousness imparted by the Lord Himself. Neither ability nor disobedience, whether one's own or a neighbor's, could improve upon or invalidate the worth the Almighty instilled. †††

LIFE TEAM

Life issues like surprise pregnancy and terminal diagnosis are not morally neutral situations (James 4:4). Intentionally ending life arises from sinful selfishness (James 4:2). But we don't have to let our neighbors be led like lambs to slaughter. We can encourage and assist them in committing their cause instead to the Lord of hosts (Jeremiah 11:19-20). He has already given Jesus as guarantee that He will lift them up (James 4:10).

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Lutheran Women in Mission - 2021

by Clara Mueller

2800 people attended the opening worship at this year's LWML convention held in Lexington, KY on June 24-27.

A mission goal of \$2,150,000 was voted for the next biennium, 2021- 2023, and 28 mission grants were selected.

What an amazing mission opportunity we have, to contribute our mites (pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollar bills) that together with other churches add up to the millions of dollars to support mission projects all over the world!

Pick up a Quarterly, available near the Mite Box, on the first Sunday of every month to see the list of mission grants that were selected. You will also be blessed with uplifting stories and devotional messages found in the magazine.

THANK YOU for your gifts of love in the form of mites each month. Feel free to use a mite box to collect your mites during the month or just add your gifts on the first Sunday of the month. ☩☩☩

National Youth Gathering

Next summer, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod will host the National Youth Gathering! This happens once every three years and is open to all incoming freshman (8th graders this next year) through seniors. This Gathering will be held in Houston, TX, July 9-14, 2022 (see the website, lcmsgathering.com). As we plan for this event it would be helpful to know if your child is interested in attending. There is a cost involved, but we will work to ensure that all expenses are reasonable for everyone. If you are interested, please let Pastor Jim Marriott know. At this point, we do not need adult chaperones to volunteer, as we should have all the adult leadership needed. If that changes, we will let you know. ☩☩☩

Contributions for the Winter Issue of CrossRoads are due by Sunday, November 7.

Membership Matters

TRANSFER OUT

Samuel Gahr to Hope Lutheran Church, Republic, MO
Paul and Jamie Young (and baptized child, Jackson) to Zion Lutheran Church, Harvester, MO

DEATHS

Marla Janine Ackerman (July 12, 2021)
Joann Elizabeth Steinbrueck (August 1, 2021)

Former number of members: 886
Gains: +0
Losses: -5
New number of members 881

Mary - Martha Guild

The Mary-Martha Guild has resumed meetings. On October 11, 2021 Ellory Glenn will be our guest speaker. Refreshments and a short business meeting will follow.

Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 30 and 31, Mary-Martha will once more be selling Mixin Fixins. You can pick up your pre-orders at that time. The recipient this year will be Mike Mueller and Day 3 Seeds.

For the November 8th meeting we will have a Jewelry Making Party hosted by Mary Simon. The party will be followed by refreshments and a short business meeting. ☩☩☩

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On behalf of Kathy and our family, I want to thank all our brothers and sisters in Jesus for participation and prayers for us during my ordination and installation as Specific Ministry Pastor here at Chapel of the Cross. You truly made this a day to remember for all of us. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the music, food, and fellowship that you shared with our family and with each other. I look forward to serving you with the joy and excitement that comes with the love that Christ has for us. May God the Father, Christ the Son, and the Holy Spirit guide us as we begin a new chapter in the story of Chapel of the Cross.

In Christ,

Specific Ministry Pastor Reverend Ellory W. Glenn



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Saturday Evening Worship Service
5:00 p.m.

Holy Communion

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month: 8:30 a.m.
2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday of the month: 11:00 a.m.
1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of the month: 5:00 p.m.

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the people of North County and
beyond so that all may have a
living relationship with Christ.*

