

Plain Lutheran Church
May 2020 Newsletter



A Conservative And Biblically-Based Lutheran Church

From Luther's Large Catechism

9] Therefore I beg such lazy paunches or presumptuous saints to be persuaded and believe for God's sake that they are verily, verily! not so learned or such great doctors as they imagine; and never to presume that they have finished learning this [the parts of the Catechism], or know it well enough in all points, even though they think that they know it ever so well. For though they should know and understand it perfectly (which, however, is impossible in this life), yet there are manifold benefits and fruits still to be obtained, if it be daily read and practised in thought and speech; namely, that the Holy Ghost is present in such reading and repetition and meditation, and bestows ever new and more light and devoutness, so that it is daily relished and appreciated better, as Christ promises, Matt. 18:20: Where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them.

10] Besides, it is an exceedingly effectual help against the devil, the world, and the flesh and all evil thoughts to be occupied with the Word of God, and to speak of it, and meditate upon it, so that the First Psalm declares those blessed who meditate upon the Law of God day and night. Undoubtedly, you will not start a stronger incense or other fumigation against the devil than by being engaged upon God's commandments and words, and speaking, singing, or thinking of them. For this is indeed the true holy water and holy sign from which he flees, and by which he may be driven away.

11] Now, for this reason alone you ought gladly to read, speak, think and treat of these things, if you had no other profit and fruit from them than that by doing so you can drive away the devil and evil thoughts. For he cannot hear or endure God's Word; and God's Word is not like some other silly prattle, as that about Dietrich of Berne, etc., but as St. Paul says, Rom. 1:16, the power of God. Yea, indeed, the power of God which gives the devil burning pain, and strengthens, comforts, and helps us beyond measure.

Yours In Christ
Pastor Rob

Church Council will be meeting on May 19th, 6:30pm at the church.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28 (NRSV)

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:15-17 (ESV)

Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. Romans 5:2-5 (ESV)

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:38-39 (ESV)

Christ Has Risen!!! He has Risen Indeed!! Hallelujah!!!

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Council Minutes

April 26, 2020

Council members present:

Pastor Rob Moskowitz, Stan Wirt, Tom Bahl, Rob & Kim Rhees and Rita & Steve Weiser and Dennis Kemery.

The April meeting was cancelled due to the coronavirus, but we had a brief meeting this morning after Church service to finalize outstanding projects.

The landscaping project estimates from D & T Enterprises were approved and will go forward with removal of overgrown shrubbery and replacing mulch with landscape rock for easy maintenance. Weed control spraying in both parking lots was approved as well.

Dennis Kemery will reach out to Shane Flinner about the painting that needs to be completed on Church.

Rob Rhees adjourned the meeting, Tom Bahl second the motion.

Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.

Next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm at the Church.

Kim Rhees, Secretary

These minutes are considered unofficial until approved by council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Stamp Ministry

Be sure to save your used stamps and give them to Sharleen for use in the stamp ministry.

Offering Envelopes

If anyone would like offering envelopes there are several boxes located in the vestibule on top of the mail box case.

"In this situation of this Assembly, groping as it were in the dark to find political truth, and scarce able to distinguish it when presented to us, how has it happened, Sir, that we have not hitherto once thought of humbly applying to the Father of lights to illuminate our understandings? In the beginning of the contest with G. Britain, when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for the divine protection. "Our prayers, Sir, were heard, and they were graciously answered. All of us who were engaged in the struggle must have observed frequent instances of a Superintending providence in our favor. To that kind providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful friend? I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth- that God governs in the affairs of men."

Benjamin Franklin

Remember to always look for God's option. Don't give into the options that the devil presents. Even if the situation seems dire we always need to take the deep breaths and prayerfully ask for guidance from the one true Lord. All other options are lies, smoke and mirrors. God's will comes to us first by his Word and so we should always have it close for guidance to perhaps even to reference that our thoughts are in alignment with his. It is in those chaotic times that the liar tries to get us to hastily choose from his menu of options rather than consulting God's Word or entering into prayerful consultation and awaiting his will.

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