



St. Paul News

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INSIGHT FROM THE GOD' WORD

RIGHTEOUS RULERS, RIGHTEOUS CITIZENS

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people. Proverbs 14:34



When shifting through the oratory of political rhetoric one occasionally comes across a worthwhile statement like finding a kernel of truth in a bushel of chaff. One candidate for the United States presidency said, "The moral test of government is how it treats those who are in the dawn of life - the children; those who are in the twilight of life - the aged; and those who are in the shadows of life - the sick, the needy, and the handicapped." One wishes the speaker had referred also to the government's concern for human beings in the pre-dawn of life - the unborn infants.

Generally speaking, the moral tone of government reflects that of the citizens. If in private life people don't care about one another, they need not be surprised if the government is likewise indifferent. The men and women who represent us in government are an image of ourselves.

It has been said, "A rising tide raises all boats," not only the yachts of the rich but also the crafts of the poor. The proper place for righteousness to become a rising tide is where the people live, move, and have their being - in their homes and local communities. Righteousness exalts a nation when its people want good local schools, improved opportunities for honest work, and an atmosphere in which legitimate business can flourish. Also exalted will be the righteousness of government at all levels, in keeping with the God-given role of rulers: to be "God's servant to do you good," as St. Paul writes in Romans 13:4.

Jesus looked for righteousness in a country's citizens when he said, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's" (Matthew 22:21). This refers not only to paying taxes but to fulfilling all of one's civic duties.

Christians are rightly motivated to be a righteous people. The love of God is at work in them - the love that came to its highest expression when God's own dear Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, gave His life for the salvation of us all.

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Most gracious Lord, as we celebrate our nations birthday please guide the citizens of our nation to seek Your righteousness, beginning with me.

Your Pastor,
 Rev. Richard A. Salcido

NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for ANY ITEMS for in the **August Newsletter by July 15th**

Remember it's up to you or your family members to let the church office know if you are hospitalized.

KNOW AND PRAY FOR YOUR ELDER

Elder	Household Name Begins with ...
Jeff Gilbert	Aa - Er
Doyle Brown	Es - Iz
Brent Harm	Ja - Lor
Sean Benner	Los - Ree
Aaron Hoffman	Ref - Tar
Brandon Johnson	Tas - Zz

CHURCH NEWS

VOTERS' MEETING The Voters' meeting was convened on Sunday, June 14th. Besides reports from the various Boards the major item of business was the election of Officers and Board members. The following is a list of Council members for this year.

PRESIDENT: Tony Bennett (2022)

VICE PRESIDENT: Charles Bell (2021)

TREASURER: Daniel Dose

SECRETARY: Valerie Krager

BOARD OF ELDERS:

Sean Benner (2022)

Brandon Johnson (2022)

Doyle Brown (2022)

Jeff Gilbert (2021)

Aaron Hoffman (2021)

Brent Harm (2021)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Ross Ladwig (2022)

John Brinkman (2022)

Doug Hanson (2021)

Jeremy Mason (2021)

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Robyn Devitt (2022)

Jon Devitt (2021)

BOARD OF HUMAN CARE:

Glenda Hausman (2022)

Daisy Thayer (2021)

BOARD OF MISSION / STEWARDSHIP:

Brad Zobel (2022)

Deb Clausen (2021)

BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION:

Jen Hoffman (2022)

Kristy Gilbert (2021)

BOARD OF YOUTH / FAMILY LIFE:

_____ (2022)

Amy Bennett (2021)

FROM THE ELDERS

Sean Bender, Brandon Johnson, Doyle Brown, Jeff Gilbert, Brent Harm, Aaron Hoffman,



We are following CDC recommendations for Covid-19 mitigation protocols. That means that we limit worship attendance to insure safe distance (6') between families/households which means that our maximum occupancy in the sanctuary is approximately 90 persons. So at this time we will have 1 service only on Sunday morning at 9:00AM

If you would like to, you can also come sit in your car in the church parking lot at 9AM and tune into FM 97.1 and listen to the worship service, if it happens to be a communion Sunday, you will be instructed when and you can come inside the doors of the Narthex, receive the Sacrament and exit down the hall and out the door by Pastors' offices.

The entire sanctuary will be misted with an anti-viral agent before each worship service. Hand sanitizer and face masks are available in the Narthex, or you can wear your own.

We will continue put our services on the Internet via St. Paul Lutheran Facebook page, St. Paul Lutheran Church Ida Grove YouTube page, the St. Paul website and on the Local Cable Channel (Longlines) on All recordings will be available on Sunday afternoons at 2:00PM

If you know of someone who does not have these capabilities to watch the Worship Services and would like a DVD copy of the Sunday Worship please let the church office know 364-2918

Please check our website www.stpaulig.org for various information including links for our recorded worship services. Links for various information for Daily Devotions, kids Daily Devotions, etc

As we are returning to our worship service on Sundays, volunteers are needed. We need ushers, tech personnel, etc. If you are willing to be a part of this effort please call the church office.

It will be imperative to have at least 4 ushers per Sunday to accommodate the social distancing and other measures we are needing to take at this time. Contact the church office 364-2918 or Jeff Gilbert 371-2608 if you are willing to help out ushering. Sign up sheet is on the Welcome Center.

Prayer: If you have any prayer requests simply call the church office. Please keep all health care workers, emergency personnel and law enforcement personnel in your prayers and honor them with your respect as well as follow their instructions. They are on the “front lines” during this time.

Also available on the Website under the bulletin tab will be Congregation at Prayer, Weekly Worship Service, and Weekly Bulletin. Other various items will be under the “What’s Happening” Tab.

NEED A DEVOTIONAL RESOURCE you can access with your cell phone, tablet, or computer? Check out the [Congregation at Prayer](#) on Facebook. Daily scripture readings, weekly hymns and parts of the catechism. This can even be used with your children. Daily Scripture readings have devotional thoughts in the comments section. Find a link to it on the church's Facebook page. If you have questions, or need a quick link to this resource e-mail Pastor Neil Wehmas, pastorwehmas@gmail.com

FROM THE BOARD OF HUMAN CARE *Daisy Thayer & Glenda Hausman*

FROM THE PARISH NURSE July is National Eye Safety month. The following article is taken from the website: <https://www.aaopt.org/eye-health/tips-prevention/injuries-in-home>.



Safety at Home: Preventing Eye Injuries

Written By: Kierstan Boyd

Reviewed By: Kendra Denise DeAngelis

Apr. 01, 2020

Did you know that about half of all eye injuries happen right at home?

Home activities that can injure your eyes include: **Cleaning.** Chemicals like bleach in household cleaning products cause 125,000 eye injuries each year. **Home Improvement.** Screws, nails and hand tools can launch into the air—and into your eyes. Power tools can also send wood chips or other substances flying into the air. **Yard Work.** Lawn mowers, trimmers and even shovels can throw dirt and debris into the air. Branches, twigs and thorns can also be dangerous.

Unfortunately, only about three out of 10 people wear protective eyewear during home projects that could hurt their eyes. The good news? Simply wearing protective eyewear can reduce your risk for eye injury by 90 percent! The American Academy of Ophthalmology urges every household to have at least one pair of ANSI-approved protective eyewear. (“ANSI-approved” means the protective eyewear is made to meet safety standards of the American National Standards Institute.)

Where to Be Careful at Home with Your Eyes

Here are places and situations throughout your home where you need to protect your eyes.

In the house: 1) Using dangerous chemicals such as oven cleaner and bleach (accidents involving common household products cause 125,000 eye injuries each year). Read the labels of chemicals and cleaners carefully, and don’t mix products. 2) Cooking foods can that can splatter hot grease or oil. Use grease shields on frying pans to protect yourself from splattering. 3) Opening champagne bottles during a celebration. Wrap a towel or cloth around the top of the bottle while unscrewing it to “catch” the cork. Never point a champagne bottle towards another person or yourself when opening it. 4) Drilling or hammering screws or nails into walls or hard surfaces like brick or cement. The screws or nails can fly into the air, or fragments can come off the surface. 5) Using hot objects such as curling irons around your face. Contact with your eyes can cause serious injury. 6) Loose rugs and railings or other hazards that could cause falls or slips. Secure rugs with a non-slip pad underneath. Check to make sure railings are secure and not loose. Put padding on sharp corners and edges if you have children or the elderly in your house.

In the yard: 1) Mowing the lawn. Check the lawn or the outdoor area first for sticks, rocks or other items that can fly out from under the mower. 2) Using a power trimmer or edger. 3) Clipping hedges and bushes. 4) Playing sports.

In the garage or workshop: 1) Using power or hand tools. Keep your tools in good condition; damaged tools should be repaired or replaced. 2) Working with solvents or other chemicals. Make sure that all spray nozzles are directed away from you. 3) Doing anything that can cause fragments or dust particles to fly around in the air. 4) Tying down equipment or loads with bungee cords. Bungee cords are a serious danger to eyes when they snap back.

For all of these activities, remember that people nearby also face serious risk. Bystanders should wear eye protection too or leave the area where the chore is being done. This is particularly important for children who watch their parents do chores in and around the home.

Sue Salcido RN FCN

LIFE QUOTE



“Our lives may be full of stress, but Jesus is with us as He has always been—walking with us, holding us in His hands, keeping us in His care. Nothing can take God’s love away from us. Nothing, not even death—not even death on a cross!—can keep Jesus from the people He came to save.” *Dr. Kari Vo, Lutheran Hour Ministries – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • www.lutheransforlife.org*

COMMUNITY BASKET

Donations for July: Condiments: ketchup, mustard, pickles, mayo. All items are appreciated as well, as they can always use donations. The Community Basket is open on Thursdays (except 3rd Thursday), from 2:30-5:30PM. The **Mobile Pantry** will be at Community Center in Odebolt **on July 16th from 4:30-5:30PM**

FROM THE BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSIONS *Brad Zobel & Deb Clausen*

We would encourage all to continue with your offerings either by dropping them off at the church, mailing them or doing electronic giving through your bank. Keep praying for God to lead us all through this time!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



The love of material things is epidemic in our society. Unfortunately, as Christians we are not exempt from materialistic interests. Peter Wehner wrote, “In pursuit of wealth and worldly pleasure, Christians have become virtually indistinguishable from the rest of the world.” Jesus warns us as follows: “*What good will it be for a man if he gains the world, yet forfeits his soul?*” (Matthew 16:26). With God’s help, we can overcome the attraction and pull of money and material things so that God remains in control of our lives.

GOD IS THE SOURCE AND OWNER OF ALL. As stewards, we possess what he entrusts to us. “The earth is the Lord’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it” (Psalm 24:1).



MISSION CENTRAL EVENTS Mission Central – LCMS World Mission

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Be sure to check the bulletin board in the hallway by pastors’ offices for information on Missionaries visiting Mission Central this month.

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES *Ross Ladwig, Jeremy Mason, Doug Hanson & John Brinkman*

- Project Updates:** - Investigating installation of cameras at all exterior doors
- Investigating placemet of outdoor lights at north entrance doors.

FROM THE BOARD OF EVANGELISM / ASSIMILATION *Jen Hoffman & Kristy Gilbert*

MAIN STREET LIVING IS A LUTHERAN TELEVISION PROGRAM that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The program receives no funding from the District, but is totally funded by viewers and congregations of the KCAU Viewing area. The program is broadcast on **KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM.** The first 30 minutes are remastered episodes of the popular “This is the Life” series that was very popular in the 70’s and 80’s. The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the station’s broadcast area.



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FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION *Jon Devitt & Robyn Devitt*

THEOLOGY VIA ZOOM (also know as “Theology at Zimmy’s”) led by Pastor Wehmas. Bible Study meets weekly on **Thursdays at 6:30PM** on Facebook (as long as Zimmy’s is closed). If you would like to join this

