

CHRIST'S MESSENGER

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Christ Lutheran Church
is a growing body
of believers in Jesus Christ,
sharing the love, word,
and grace of God with our
family, community, and world.

FROM THE PASTOR *by Pastor Hahn*

*And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you
in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins,
and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

(Acts 2:38)

In Christ, the many promises of God to His people, the Jews, came to pass. He encompassed all that God had chosen to reveal to man. In the Holy Spirit, all of the promises of Christ to His people, the Christians, were fulfilled. Jesus had told His followers to go and wait for Him after He had resurrected and reappeared to them. He promised if they waited they would receive power.

And so they waited. They hid, really. They were all together in one place on that day, the day of Pentecost. And when they received the Holy Spirit, they all were given the power to speak in languages they didn't know for the purpose of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ to others in his/her own tongue. Those who heard them were amazed that these uneducated men were able to speak many languages. Some scoffed, some mocked...but they listened.

As the people listened, the previously timid disciples, who were in hiding, boldly came out among them and preached the Gospel. Peter delivered a sermon and around 3,000 were led to Christ that day. It wasn't a "*here's how to get a better life*" sermon, or even a "*Jesus loves you*" speech. Peter simply pointed to the truth through events that had taken place and then let the Holy Spirit do its work in the hearts of the people. They heard it and were "*cut to the heart*" (Acts 2:37). Then Peter gave them a chance to respond, which they did.

The work of the Holy Spirit in believers on Pentecost is the same power God employs today in us. Things may not always be so drastic as to see thousands of people saved in one moment, but His conviction in their hearts and His work in us to be bold in speaking the truth is still very real, just as it was for Peter and the eleven. He may not ever urge you to preach in front of a massive crowd, but He will empower you to do God's will in whatever situation you do find yourself.

To God be the glory!

Pastor David G. Hahn

National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3rd has been set aside as the **National Day of Prayer**. I strongly encourage you to spend some time on your knees in prayer for our Nation and for her leaders. The **Prayer Room at Christ Lutheran Church** will be open from **8am to 5pm** if you are looking for somewhere to pray. Provided will be scripted prayers and a list of our current National Leaders and State Leaders.

(from the Pastor, continued)

Scripture instructs us to pray for all in authority (1 Timothy 2:1-2), but how do we do that, exactly? Here are 30 ways to pray for our leaders—our judges, educators, police chiefs, school board members, military officers, elected officials, and others who serve our country by leading. We pray....

1. That they be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act. (Proverbs 9:10)
2. That they be granted wisdom, knowledge, and understanding. (James 1:5)
3. That they be presented with the Gospel and a loving Christian witness. (Romans 10:14)
4. That, if unsaved, they be drawn to Christ; if already assured of salvation, that they be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. (1 Timothy 2:4, Ephesians 1:17-23)
5. That they recognize their own inadequacy and pray and seek the will of God. (Proverbs 3:5-8, Luke 11:9-13)
6. That they be convicted of sin, transgression, and iniquity. (Psalm 51:17, John 8:9)
7. That they heed their conscience, confess their sins, and repent. (Proverbs 28:13, James 4:8)
8. That they read the Bible and seek to learn more through study of Scripture. (Psalms 119:11, Colossians 3:2)
9. That they value and regard the Ten Commandments and the teachings of Christ. (Psalm 19:7-11, John 8:31-32)
10. That they respect and honor their own parents. (Ephesians 6:2-3)
11. That they respect authority and practice accountability. (Romans 13:1-7)
12. That they be given Godly counsel and God-fearing advisors. (Proverbs 24:6)
13. That they be honest and faithful to spouses and children. (Malachi 2:15-16)
14. That they be practicing members of local churches. (Hebrews 10:25)
15. That they desire purity and avoid debauchery, pornography, perversion and drunkenness. (1 Corinthians 6:9-20, Titus 2:12)
16. That they be timely, reliable and dependable. (Matthew 21:28-31)
17. That they be honest in all matters. (1 Corinthians 6:10, 1 Timothy 6:6-10)
18. That they seek pastoral care and counsel when needed. (Hebrews 13:7)
19. That they seek out and nurture godly friendships. (Psalms 1:1-3)
20. That they have thankful and teachable spirits. (Romans 1:21)
21. That they have compassionate hearts for the poor and needy. (Psalm 112:9, Luke 10:33-37)
22. That they redeem their time and know priorities. (Ephesians 5:15-17)
23. That they desire honesty, integrity, and loyalty. (Psalm 26, Proverbs 11:3)
24. That they have courage to resist manipulation, pressure and the fear of man. (Proverbs 29:25, 2 Timothy 1:7)
25. That they be shielded from false religions. (Isaiah 1:29, 2:6)
26. That they be presented with biblical worldviews and principles. (Ephesians 3:10)
27. That they endeavor to restore the sanctity of life, families, divine order and morality in our nation. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)
28. That they would work to reverse the trends of humanism in our nation. (1 Chronicles 12:32, Isaiah 59:19)
29. That they desire humility and meekness and be willing to serve and cooperate. (John 13:14, Titus 3:1-2)
30. That they be prepared to give an account to Almighty God. (Hebrews 9:27)

(from the Pastor, continued)

Confirmation Sunday is May 6th! – This year we have only one student who has completed Confirmation Instruction at Christ Lutheran Church. Please show your support for Mason Phoulavan as he becomes a Communicant Member of Christ Lutheran Church by attending the 9am Service and reception to follow.

Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Day! - After He was raised from the dead, Jesus showed Himself to many. He explained to His disciples from the Scriptures about His suffering and rising from the dead, and how they were His witnesses who would proclaim repentance and the forgiveness of sins among all nations. Nevertheless, the disciples still wondered whether Jesus would restore the earthly kingdom of Israel. Instead, Jesus promised them the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Forty days after His resurrection, Jesus blessed His disciples and ascended from their sight to the right hand of the Father.

Ascension Day always falls on a Thursday. Though we observe this amazing event only once a year, we reference it every Sunday in the Creed. Not only is it noted that Jesus ascended into heaven, but He sits at the right hand of the Father, whereby He sits in the place of authority over all creation. While the event of Jesus' ascension was a one-time occurrence, His lordship and rule over creation is an ongoing activity.

Sunday, May 20th is The Day of Pentecost! - In the Nicene Creed we confess, *“And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life.”* This Third Person of the Trinity whom we celebrate *“proceeds from the Father and the Son.”* With the Father and the Son, He is both worshiped and glorified. This is God who has spoken by His prophets like Ezekiel who declares, *“You shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O My people. And I will put My Spirit within you, and you shall live”* (Ezekiel 37:13–14).

This He has done in the hearts of everyone who has heard His saving Word, from Adam and Eve to you. To emphasize the universality of God's desire, we recall that post-resurrection Day of Pentecost, when no barriers of language could hinder God's work.

Jesus tells us that this Spirit He sends is from the Father. The Spirit comes to witness about Jesus and His work of salvation for all. That witness consists of both the truth about sin and about the Savior, Law and Gospel, to bring us to repentance and enliven our faith repeatedly, day by day as we live in His presence and the grace of God.

Monday, May 28th is Memorial Day! - There will be a Memorial Day Service at Christ Lutheran Church Cemetery on Monday, May 28th at 9:00am. If the weather refuses to cooperate, the Service will take place in the fellowship hall overlooking the cemetery. The request has been made for a CLC “Fly Over.” All are welcome to join us for this short Memorial Service.



Our next Red Cross Blood Drive at Christ Lutheran is May 8, 2018 – 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm.

You may sign up in the narthex of the church or visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Christ Lutheran Church to schedule an appointment.

Preschool!

It's the last month of school and I can hardly believe it! The time has flown by so fast! It's been an amazing year filled with so much love, laughter, and learning!

The last month of school we are focusing on the Great Commission of GO, TELL... tell the wonderful news of God's love and forgiveness to all we meet. I love to teach preschoolers that they too have a big job to do. They are not too small to tell everyone about Jesus. I know that many of them are going to public school next year where it won't be as easy to talk about Jesus, but I remind them that the Holy Spirit will give them the words to say and that Jesus is always with them, no matter where they are. What a privilege it has been to share the Good News with these little ones this year!

End of Year Program and Graduation – Help Needed

We will be holding our End of Year/Graduation Program on Friday, May 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary. All preschoolers and their families are asked to attend. We will have a punch and cookie reception in the Fellowship Hall following the program. I could use a couple of church members to help with the reception. If you would be interested in helping with the punch and cookies, please contact me at 651-454-4091 or you can email me at preschool.clc@gmail.com Thank you!

Envelope Fundraiser

We will continue to seek funds to update our playground through the end of the school year. If you have not had a chance to support the preschool in this way, there is still time and your help is greatly needed and appreciated! I know there have been some questions as to whether the preschool will actually receive the funds given for the playground, and I want to assure you that we will! Thank you to those of you who have already given so generously! I will be sending out donation receipts and thank you cards over the next few weeks.

Loose Parts

We have gotten some wonderful donations of loose parts, and I thank everyone who has contributed. There is still time to clean out those closets, collections, and junk drawers to find stuff we can use. Old pots and pans, old cooking utensils, old melamine plates, plastic glasses and cups will all be great additions to our mud kitchen. Collections of rocks, buttons, marbles, shells, feathers and other natural items are great for our science center. Bolts, nuts, washers, tool belts and aprons, and other misc. hardware will work great for the construction unit we will be doing next year. The ideas are endless! If you are wondering if it is something we can use, please email me at preschool.clc@gmail.com or call me at 651-454-4091. I would be happy to talk with you!

Parent –Teacher Conferences

I will be meeting with parents the week of May 7-11 to talk about how well their children have done this year. It is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the parents a little better and support them in their parenting roles. I am asking parents to contact me with a time that works best for them.

Thank you to everyone in the congregation who has supported the preschool this past year in ANY way... time, talents, or treasures. Without you, we could not teach these little ones in such a safe, secure, and beautiful environment. May God bless you as you continue to support the work of His kingdom!

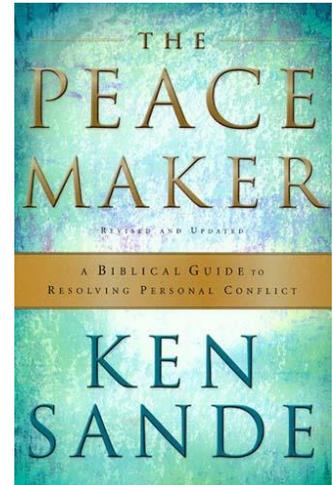
In His Love and Grace,

Wendy Ewald

Director

The Peacemaker

As part of the Elder's goals for 2018, we are working our way through the book *The Peacemaker* by Ken Sande. Each Elders' meeting has time devoted to discussing each of the chapters in the book. In April, the Elders and Pastor reviewed Chapter 2, Live at Peace. Here are some of the ideas and thoughts from this chapter:



There are three dimensions to the peace that God offers to us through Christ: peace with God, peace with one another, and peace with ourselves. Many people care little about their relationship with God and other people, but they still want peace within themselves. However, it is impossible to know internal peace without first having peace with God and others.

When your life is filled with unresolved conflict and broken relationships, you will have little success about sharing the good news of Jesus. This principle is taught repeatedly throughout the New Testament. (John 17:20-23, John 13: 34-35, Matthew 5:21-22, 1 Peter 2: 12)

The message given by Jesus and the Apostles is clear. Whether your conflict involves minor irritations or major legal issues, God is eager to display his love and power through each of us as we strive to maintain peace and unity with those around us. Therefore, peacemaking is not an optional activity for us believers. If you have committed your life to Christ, He invites you to draw on his grace and commands you to seek peace with others. Token efforts will not satisfy this command. God wants you to strive earnestly, diligently, and continually to maintain harmonious relationships with those around you.

"As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." (Ephesians 4:1-3)

A BIG

Thank
you!

to Sharon Momanyi for leading Bell Choir
the past 5 years! We have all appreciated the
beautiful music. God bless you!



CLC High School and College Graduates!

On the 1st Sunday in June we want to recognize those from CLC who are graduating from High School or College. Please notify the church office of the name of graduate and the school they are graduating from. We would like this information by May 20th.



Attention all ladies!

LWML will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, May 12th at 9:30 am.

Ladies! Save the Date!

27th Biennial MN South District Convention

Theme: Grace Above All

June 29 – 30, 2018



Theme Verse: But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. 1 Corinthians 15:10a

New Shortened Format: Friday, June 29, 2018 - 7:00am to Saturday, June 30, 2018 - 4:00pm

Optional: Thursday Evening, June 28: Mission Pledge Walk, Servant Events, and First Timer's Meet & Greet

Location: Verizon Wireless Center, 1 Civic Center Plaza, **Mankato, MN 56001**

More information is in the District *Women on a Mission* on the LWML Table.



Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

It's time to renew your Lutheran Witness subscription or begin a new one. If you subscribe through the church, you will get the Minnesota South District insert along with the magazine. This makes the cost a bit higher than if you just get LW by itself. The cost is \$19.70 per year for 11 issues. (June & July are combined.) Please let the church office know if you want to renew or begin a subscription to this important LCMS magazine that "interprets the contemporary world from a Lutheran Christian perspective."



FROM THE



May Book Reviews by Ruth Ohmann

Biography/Autobiography section:

To Heaven and Back: A Doctor's Extraordinary Account of Her Death, Heaven, Angels, and Life Again: A True Story by Mary C Neal, M.D.

In 1999 in the Los Rios region of southern Chile, orthopaedic surgeon, devoted wife, and loving mother Dr. Mary Neal drowned in a kayak accident. While cascading down a waterfall her kayak became pinned at the bottom and she was immediately and completely submerged. Despite the rescue efforts of her companions, Mary was underwater for too long, and as a result, died.

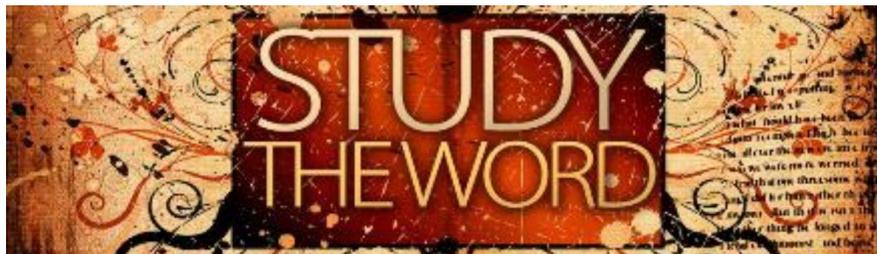
This book is Mary's remarkable story of her life's spiritual journey and what happened as she moved from life to death to eternal life, and back again. Detailing her feelings and surroundings in heaven, her communication with angels, and her deep sense of sadness when she realized it wasn't her time, Mary shares the captivating experience of her modern-day miracle.

Christian Living Section:

More Than a Carpenter by Josh & Sean McDowell

Skeptic Josh McDowell thought Christians were out of their minds. He ridiculed and insulted them, then decided to combat them with his own thorough research to disprove the claims of Jesus Christ. To his surprise, he discovered that the evidence suggested exactly the opposite – that Jesus, instead of being simply a first-century Hebrew carpenter, truly was the God he claimed to be.

This book has changed countless lives. Now in this revised and updated edition, Josh is joined by his son, Sean, as they tackle the questions that today's generation continues to ask.



LIFE Groups

- Monday nights at 6:30 pm at Eagan Pointe. Men and women are invited to join us in the study of Romans. Contact person: Sharonlee Strohkirch (952-431-1865).
- Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 pm women's group meet at various homes. Their study is "Divine Design" by Sharla Fritz. Contact person is Gerri Bonewell (952-891-2853).
- Wednesday at 6 pm singles and couples twice a month. Their study is the Holy Spirit. Contact person is Deb Buntjer (651-452-8956).
- Saturday at 9 am, the Men's group will begin at church. Study to be announced. Contact person is Mark Bonewell (952-891-2853). **This group would like to see more men join for coffee, Bible study, and fellowship!**

LIFE groups are people who embrace **Living In Faith Everyday**. They meet weekly with Bible Study, Prayer, Fellowship and Service. All are welcome from church, families, neighbors, and anyone who wishes to be in Gods' Word and grow in faith and spirit in a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Please come join us and fill our "empty chair."

Unknown Addresses

After our last mailing went out to all members, both active and inactive, we had a number of envelopes returned with an unknown address. Please look over these names, and if you know of a current address for any of them, please let the church office know. Thanks for your help!

Abella, Nyikango
Albertson, Tyler
Amara Jr., Fredrick
Bjurback, Amanda
Bjurback, Colleen
Bornhorst, Gordon
Bressler, Bryan
Chapel, Christine
Hartmann, Laura
Huck, Michelle

Isaak, Jeffrey
Kennedy, Christina
Luedtke, Christine
Moline, Lane
Nesheim, Angela
Nuernberg, Donna
Onsted, Cindy
Paul, Michael
Rekdal, Erik
Rettke, Terry

Rodemeyer, Landen
Rowe, Patricia
Schulz, Corey
Schwartz, Linda
Steine, Marjorie
Stoeckman, Kimberly
Urquhart, Kathleen
Wagner, Daniel
Whitehouse, Meghan



JULY 16-20, 2018

9:00 AM To 3:00 PM Monday - Thursday

9:00 AM to Noon on Friday

Leaders: Staff from Camp Omega, Waterville, MN

Kids in Preschool through those entering 5th grade will enjoy a week of Bible Stories, Crafts, Games, and more!

Registration forms will be available after May 15 at the church office or online at

www.christlutheraneagan.org

COST: \$20.00 per child; \$40.00 per family; \$15.00 morning only (9-Noon)

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering XXX

Saints Alive, Growing, Ever-Serving

May 7 and 8, 2018

Country Inn and Suites - Mankato

Speaker: Rev. Todd Stocker

Topic – Pearls of Wisdom: Entrusting the Treasure to the next Generation

Open to all Senior Adults. See bulletin board for more information.

PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please let Pastor Hahn or the church office know of any additions or changes so we can keep Prayer Requests up to date.)

Cancer – Curt Thompson, Steve Brennan, Judy Lemke-Kline (niece of Darlene Lemke), Pastor LeRoy LaPlante, Lucy Roemhildt, Lyle Schultz (former member), Greg Wills, Don Wolf, Wava Zietlow (mother of Patti Greseth).

Recovering from surgery, illness, or other –Nanu Ajack, Agnes Carlson (mother of Judy Thompson), Richard Ewald, Ethan Hanson (great-grandson of Florence Hanson), Karen Hultquist, Ben Kothe, Antonina Kopcheve (mother-in-law of Alex Mezeritski), Judy Lebahn, Darlene Lemke, Ioannis Madzaris (friend of Alex Mezeritski), Mary Marlow, Tatyana Mezeritski, Louise Neil, Marjwok Ogio, Eldoris Ohm, Dale Peters, David Strese (brother of Jeanette Uecker), Gerry Studer, Paul Swedean (Dick Swedean's brother), Earl Weber (Bonny Jamison's father), Don Wolf.

Homebound – Earl Breuer, Waltraud Bundt, Jim & Shirley Eilola, Lucille Jung, Ed & Elaine Klamm, Iona Kruger, Dorothy Lueck, Marlys Lund, Marian Neujahr, Florence O'Brien, Gordon & Shirley Schramm, Lois & Lee Scott, Don Stockman, Dale Vogt, Guy Westphal.

Our Preschool – Pray for all the little ones at our preschool this year that they would know the love of Jesus.

Those in the military and their families – Dustin Greseth (son of Patti Greseth), MSGT Cordt Jamison (member of CLC), SGT Cody Klinksiek and SH Cole Klinksiek, (nephews of Julie Lefebvre), SR Jennifer Adelman (granddaughter of Mary Lou Adelman), Ajack Ajack (son of Adangy Gwoy), Apilo Ojulu (son of Ariet Ojulu), and Jake Anderson and David Hernandez (grandsons of Dick and Joyce Swedean).

The Anyuak ministry at Christ Lutheran Church; the Anyuak people in Ethiopia and Sudan.

Persecuted Christians in over 53 countries around the world, especially the Christians in Egypt, Syria, and other parts of the Middle East.

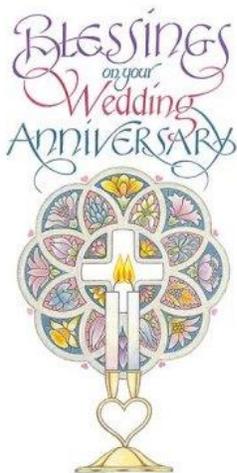
Our nation.

PHILIPPIANS 4:8



May Birthdays

- 1 Janet Linkert
- 2 David Hahn
- 3 Tom Gustafson, Ian Steffen
- 4 Harold Futhey
- 5 Andrew Johnson, Judy Lebahn
- 8 Rebecca Hahn
- 12 Mari Del Toro
- 13 Marchelle Prill-Phoulavan
- 15 Brian Wild
- 16 Ronald Bongard
- 19 Cordt Jamison
- 22 Hailey Phoulavan, Jeanette Uecker
- 22 Marilyn Westphal
- 24 Michelle Doffing
- 26 Josh Digman
- 27 Gabriel Hartog, Kyle Wahl
- 29 Robin Fink



May Wedding Anniversaries

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| 3 | Maynard & Eldoris Ohm | (60 years) |
| 7 | Janelle & Ronald Bachrodt | 30 years) |
| 18 | Carl & Sue Sisk | (44 years) |
| 19 | Russell & Lois Agrimson | (45 years) |
| 28 | Gordy & Shirlee Schramm | (63 years) |
| 30 | Mark & Gerri Bonewell | (31 years) |

MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9am – Eagan Pt Bible Study	2 1:30 – LIFE Group 6:30pm – Confirmation 7pm – Youth Group 7pm - Choir	3	4	5 9am –LIFE Group Afternoon 4-H event 4pm– Praise Jam 5pm– Worship with HC
6 Confirmation 9am – Worship – HC 10:15am– Fellowship 10:30am – Education Hour 2pm– Anyuak Worship	7 6:30pm – LIFE group at Eagan Pt	8 9am-Eagan Pt Bible Study 10am-Eagan Pt Worship 12-6pm – Blood Drive 7pm–Council Meeting	9 1:30 – LIFE Group 7pm – Youth Group 7pm – Choir	10 Ascension of our Lord 	11	12 9am –LIFE Group 9:30am – LWML 4pm– Praise Jam 5pm– Worship with HC
13 Mother's Day 9am – Worship 10:15am– Fellowship 10:30am – Education Hour 2pm– Anyuak Worship	14 6:30pm – LIFE group at Eagan Pt	15 9am – Eagan Pt Bible Study	16 1:30 – LIFE Group 7pm – Youth Group 7pm – Choir	17	18	19 9am – LIFE Group 4pm– Praise Jam 5pm– Worship
20 Pentecost  9am – Worship – HC 10:15am – Fellowship 10:30am – Education Hour (last day of Sunday School) 2pm–Anyuak Worship	21 6:30pm – LIFE group at Eagan Pt	22 9am – Eagan Pt Bible Study 10am-Eagan Pt Worship 7pm - Trustees	23 1:30 – LIFE Group 7pm – Youth Group 7pm – Choir	24	25 Last day of Preschool	26 9am – LIFE Group 4pm– Praise Jam 5pm– Worship with HC
27 9am – Worship 10:15am– Fellowship 10:30am – Education Hour	28  9am – Service 6:30pm – LIFE group at Eagan Pt	29 9am – Eagan Pt Bible Study	30 1:30 – LIFE Group 7pm – Youth Group 7pm – Choir	31	But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. <u>John 14:26</u>	