

The Choice to Rejoice Philippians

“I’ve Got the Joy”

A children’s song I learned and sang in Sunday School. I’d be willing to bet you learned and sang it too ... when you were younger ... when life was simpler, carefree, untroubled ... joyful.

Do you remember the words? Do you recall the smile it brought to your face? The skip it put in your step? The joy it brought to your heart? Do you still sing it?

Years of living in this dark, dusky, dim world can take the joy, joy, joy from your lips. Even worse ... it can take the joy from your heart!

Joy is one of the major themes of Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Paul wrote the letter under less than ideal circumstances. He was in a dark, dusky, dim prison ... a place that produces pain, loneliness, and anxiety. Yet this letter reverberates with joy: **“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice”** (Philippians 4:4). In fact, Paul employs the word “joy” sixteen times in this four-chapter book!

The book of Philippians is shorter than the average *Time Magazine* cover story. You can read it’s 1,629 words in about twenty minutes. You may know these tidbits: “For me to live is Christ, to die is gain” (1:21) or “Our citizenship is in heaven” (2:20) or “I can do all things through Christ” (4:13). But making the book’s key themes—joy, fellowship and unity in Christ—part of our lived experience will take longer than twenty minutes. That’s why we are taking up the book of Philippians as we begin the Pentecost season.

Our Sunday morning sermon lineup is as follows:

June 3	Enjoying the People in Your Life	Philippians 1:1-11
June 10	Being Joyful No Matter What	Philippians 1:12-26
June 17	Having Unity with Others	Philippians 2:1-4
June 24	The Journey to Joy	Philippians 2:5-11
July 1	Making Your Life Count	Philippians 2:19-30
July 8	Paul’s Rubbish Sale	Philippians 3:1-11
July 15	Winning Over Worry	Philippians 4:1-10

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart!

Down in my heart!

I’ve got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart

Down in my heart to stay

Your life today can be joy-filled because your joy doesn’t come from this dark, dusky, dim world ... but from the Lord, who “humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross” ... for you!

I pray you never lose your joy. I pray you never forget how to sing this song.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

Shalom,

Pastor Schatte

Remember the opportunities OSLC offers for you to grow in the Word

Miracles: Learn about the miracles of Jesus; meet at Benson's (9815 Ravenswood) at 7:00 pm 1st and 3rd Saturday each month. Phone: 701-640-8133

Pecan Life Group: 6:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Sunday every month for fun, food, fellowship, and a lively discussion. Topic varies. 817-310-9977 (Cathy McConnell) or 817-996-7570 (Barbara Doberenz).



Ladies' Bible Study: 10:00 am Wednesdays in west wing conference room; currently studying Colossians.

Men's Group: Donuts and study on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 8:00 am in the west wing conference room.

Wednesday evening: 6:30 pm, west wing conference room. Studying *Death...Then What?* Everyone welcome.

Please continue to pray for the young ladies that God will bring our way for Embrace Grace. God knows who they are, and He is leading them toward us. You might also pray for patience for the people working on this program and, when the girls arrive, for church members to be as welcoming as we know you can be. God bless you all.



BLUOOD DRIVE

Save the Date . . . The blood drive will be held on May 27 during Bible Study and Worship (8:00 to 12:00). This quarter, the drive will be held in a bus on the parking lot, not in the Family Faith Center.



Steve Barber	5/1
Mary Woods	5/1
Johnie Myers	5/2
Cathy McConnell	5/3

Pat Meyer	5/4
Sarah Jenson	5/6
Phil Boleng	5/12
Steve Hamner	5/12
Karen Jennings	5/12
Bill Bell	5/16
Mike Olszewski	5/19
Shannon Mueller	5/22

Jolene Cusick	5/23
Christa Beck	5/25
Brendan O'Toole	5/25
Rileyanne Bigger	5/26
Jackie Stengle	5/28
Lisa Ellis	5/29
Loretta Uhles	5/29



Jennifer & Jason Terrell	5/2
David & Patti Schatte	5/9
Karen & Nemo Britton	5/11
Andrew & Nadine Sheeley	5/23

Council Minutes—April 12, 2018—Correction

In Dave Huett's report from the Safety and Security committee, first paragraph of report, replace: "(this is about more than preparing for a 'gun fight')" with: "There have been concerns that this is about arming our congregation and preparing for a gun fight -- While I am obviously exaggerating for the purpose of emphasis, THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE!"

Following is the report in its entirety.

Terms that describe the purpose of the committee: Management of Our Savior needs to be:

- Vigilant
- Prudent
- Prepared (active rather than passive)
- Aware
- Informed
- Proactive

There have been concerns that this is about arming our congregation and preparing for a gun fight—while I am obviously exaggerating for the purpose of emphasis, THIS IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE!

This IS about knowing our exposures and preparing to manage them—it's called Risk Management and it's not new—just new to Our Savior. It's concerned me for years, having two designations in Risk Management and being a Certified Risk Manager, that we are not more actively and formally managing our exposures for the protection of our facilities and our parishioners and guests. We could be held to a standard of care, and that is to do what a prudent person would do in a similar situation. Knowing of exposures and ignoring them or putting our heads in the sand does not meet that standard of care. LCMS has numerous publications from Church Law & Tax that are excellent resources to use. I have ordered a couple at my own expense. I have been in contact with the Synod

and District offices to discuss its stance and to learn from the concerns of other Lutheran congregations.

When we embarked on this study, we surprisingly found that we were far behind other churches in Granbury and behind in even thinking about our safety and security. That was a bit disheartening. Discussions with the Granbury police and other churches and organizations have led us to consider many things, and we have gained a great deal of information from their experience.

This is NOT only about armed intruders. This IS about disaster preparedness, preparing for medical emergencies, fires, tornadoes, floods or any other event that could seriously injure people or damage our facilities.

This is about being proactive instead of reactive.

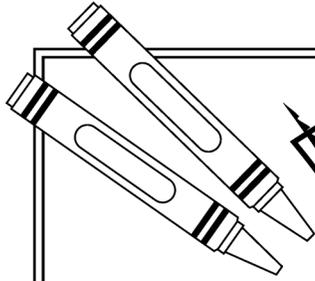
Exactly what we do or don't do is yet to be decided, but we must not be afraid of taking steps to protect our members and guest and our facilities as long as those steps are reasonable and prudent, legal, logical, and meet any standard of care to which we could be held should any significant event occur.

The committee and the Board of Elders will have a joint meeting to discuss the philosophy of the church going forward and will determine the extent of safety and security measures that will be employed. That determination will govern what steps are to be taken beyond those already in place. We will await the outcome of that before having the committee report further.

The Risk Management Process is simple:

1. Identify risks to persons and property
2. Determine options to control and/or finance those exposures
3. Select the most appropriate option(s)
4. Implement the option(s)
5. Review and monitor the results and make adjustments

Kid's Corner



PUZZLE

WORTHY OF RESPECT

On Mother's Day, we celebrate our moms and everything they do for us. How does God tell us to treat our moms?



Directions: Using the key below, fill in the blanks to complete Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV.

A	C	D	M*	N*	O*
E	F	G	P*	R*	S*
H	I	L	T*	U*	Y*

" _____ your _____
 _____ and your _____,
 _____ the _____ your _____ has
 _____."
 _____ 5:16, NIV

Answer: "Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you." Deuteronomy 5:16, NIV

HEART LIGHT

This Mother's Day, make a bright gift for someone special in your life.



What you need:

- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Tape
- Mason jar
- Primer paint
- Acrylic paint (3 colors)
- Paintbrushes
- Battery-operated tea light
- Paper and pen
- Hole punch
- Twine

What you do:

1. Cut out two cardstock hearts and tape them to the jar sides, near the bottom.
2. Paint the entire jar with primer paint. Let dry.
3. Paint splotches of acrylic paint over the primer. Let dry. Remove the heart shapes.
4. Place the tea light in the jar.
5. Write a note that says, "Mom, you're the light of my life!" Punch a hole in one corner of the note, thread twine through the hole and tie the note around the jar's neck.

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Serving Our Lord and Each Other

Pastor: The Rev. David Schatte

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Sound Booth: Kurt Stenberg

Organist: Kathleen Black

Our Servants for May 6

Elder: Chris Ellis

Acolyte: Sean Brown

Greeter: Lisa Ellis

Ushers: Mark Jackson, Mike O'Toole, Karen Case & Frank Novak

Cookies: Karen Novak

Counters: David and Barbara Townsend

Our Servants for May 13

Elder: Bill Voss

Acolyte: Logan Hall

Greeter: Lori Shupe

Ushers: Billy Winters, Dave Rasmussen, Russ Meyer & Frank Novak

Cookies: Jackie Werling

Counters: David and Barbara Townsend

Our Servants for May 20 (Communion Sunday)

Elder: David Townsend

Acolyte: Sean Brown

Greeter: Teresa Thomas

Ushers: Gus Schumann, Mike Case, Cecil Wimberly & Frank Novak

Cookies: Karen Britton

Counters: Gus and Diane Schumann

Our Servants for May 27

Elder: Mark Jackson

Acolyte: Aedan Jackson

Greeter: Barbara Townsend

Ushers: David Townsend, Bart May, Mark Milburn & Frank Novak

Cookies: Sue Voss

Counters: Gus and Diane Schumann



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live, and share the love of Christ!*

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Vacation Bible School is coming!



Who: Kids 4 years old
through 5th grade
(incoming next fall)

When: June 11, 12, 13
from 9-11:30 am

Where: OSLC

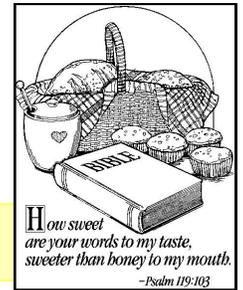
What: Fun with Bible lessons, music, crafts, games
& snacks

All kids are welcome!

Please fill out a registration form for each child.
Forms are available at the VBS table in the
narthex.

Please register by mid-May so we may plan
accordingly.

Adult helpers are welcome also! Please see Shirley
Griffith or Cindy Coffin if you wish to help.



Standard Lectionary Readings for May

	First Reading	Epistle	Gospel
May 6 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:34-48	1 John 5:1-8	John 15:9-17
May 10 (Thursday) The Ascension of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
May 13 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:12-26	1 John 5:9-15	John 17:11b-19
May 20 The Day of Pentecost	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Acts 2:1-12	John 15:26-27 and 16:4b-15
May 27 The Holy Trinity	Isaiah 6:1-8	Acts 2:14a, 22-36	John 3:1-17