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Messenger of Peace

Saying No to Fear!

We all have fears even though we know that God's Love should cast out all fear. We fear the doctors report, we fear that something will happen to our kids or grandkids, we fear monthly bills, we fear a late-night phone call, and we have this fear for the way our country is headed.

I find that the older I get the more often some kind of fear will pop into my mind. Can you fill in the blank, "I was afraid, so I went out and _____."

Do you remember these words from Scripture? "And I was afraid, and I went out and hid my talent in the ground." Fear lures us away from confidence in God. So, what is your biggest fear?

In Numbers 13 and 14 we can gain a little insight on how to conquer some of those fears. Twelve scouts were sent out to spy out the promised land before Israel entered it.

Ten of the twelve came back and saw all kinds of problems including '*giants*' in the land, people numbered like '*grasshoppers*' in the land that we could never live with, the 10 saw only defeat.

Two of the spies saw opportunity, a promise land flowing with milk and honey, they saw God's faithfulness who would give Israel success.

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Ten men chose to focus on problems and on themselves and as a result they became very negative. They buried all hope as they were paralyzed by fear.

Two men chose to keep their '*eyes on God*' and planted confidence on the people around them. Eventually, just these two, Joshua and Caleb, led a whole new generation into the promised land.

Like the spies, perspective or how we see life around us greatly influences how we will respond to fears. Here are three primary grids of focus.

1. GIANT GRID- focus on people, problems, and circumstances.
2. GRASSHOPPER GRID- focus on self and inabilities.
3. GOD GRID- focus on God, his promises and greatness.

Choose the grid you will focus on today. See the difficulties of life through the God grid and get a true perspective. Choose to be confident in God. In every circumstance you can choose to focus on self or what other people think, or you can focus on Christ and what his Word says. Only then will you be able to fill in the 'fear blanks' of life with faith and hope in God rather than in self or others.

Pastor Toby Joeckel



Haiti Mission News...

Greetings,

In my recent conversation with Rev. Paul, I shared with him that we had our first Nord Est Haiti Lutheran Mission (NEHLM) Board Meeting with the new officers. They are President Ernie Frederickson, Lamb of God LCMS Lake Stevens, Washington; Vice President Jeremy Yancey, Faith LCMS La Grande, Oregon; Recorder/Secretary Letty Miller, Faith LCMS Boulder, Montana; Treasurer Jennifer Yancey, Faith LCMS La Grande, with myself as the Pastoral Adviser from Faith LCMS La Grande, Oregon. We also had previously NEHLM Liaisons Emily Yancey, and Ben Wiseman at the online meeting. Rev. Paul commented, "This is wonderful that you are working together for this ministry. God bless you all!"

This was the first NEHLM Board Meeting without previous president John Herbst. He served as president since the inception of NEHLM in 2008. We benefited greatly from his leadership for fourteen years. John is dealing with health issues that prevent him from continuing.

Rev. Paul shared that his wife Cliney would be shopping for fabric for school uniforms and other school supplies in the Dominican Republic, (perhaps far as Santa Domingo). She has previously shopped in Port au Prince, Haiti; however, their contact person is no longer available, and at this time, the businesses in Port au Prince are not able to get the supplies.

Thank you for being involved with this ministry. All glory be to God!

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

National Youth Gathering

The youth from Mt Olive Lutheran Church and also our own youth will be leaving July 8th for their fun trip to Houston. Please keep them in your prayers for safe travels They had a blast having a BBQ on the 3rd of July.

Shoebox Ministry

The “Shoebox Ladies” are in need of some small stuffed animals. You can leave all items in the tub below the coat rack marked “Shoebox Items”. If you have any question, contact Sandy Phelps.

JOYFUL FOR JESUS PRAYER BREAKFAST

“AT Magic’s Pizza Shack at 9:30am every first Saturday of the month, (questions call Hilde Hibdon 509-961-1793)

Missions at Peace Lutheran Church

Mission’s will focus on Camp Hope will Start in September. We will focus on one mission a month.

Preparing for a great fundraiser bazar November 5th. More info coming soon.

News and Events!!!

Mens Night Out ...

The next Mens Night Out is scheduled for July 18th at 5:00 PM at Tailgaters Bar in Selah.

O.W.L. S...

Is Starting up again, Thursday July 28th at 12:00PM at Daniels Kitchen off Naches Ave, Selah.

Women's Choir ...

We are in need of more women to join us !!! If you are interested, please contact Shirley Davis. We have some great hymns waiting to be sung!!!



Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Is providing Spanish Services
To the Hispanic Community
Date: Sunday July 10, 2022
Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
Location: 801 Tieton Drive
Yakima WA. 98902

For more information contact: Pastor Lopez at
503-713-14451 or Teresa Sanchez 509-728-4710

