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Be renewed in the
spirit of your minds.

EPHESIANS 4:23

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Words from Pastor Ryan



The beginning of the Summer season ushers new beginnings of other seasons with it: a season of commencement; a season of celebration; a season of commissioning; a season of sending; finally, a season of intention. Summertime brings with it the same resolve as the New Year – so many new projects and planned trips come to mind. At the outset of Summer, we set high expectations for ourselves – the type of expectations that motivate us to make the most of the time we have, or if nothing else, to consider less wasting and more sharing. Such is why parents encourage their home-from-college youth to find a job. Such is why there's always a little celebrating at graduations, but all those celebrating want to know, 'What's next?' while the wisest in the group impart: 'Good job, but don't admire your work for too long.' It's a strong sense of urgency and busyness that kick-starts summertime. And yet, the likes of those who appreciate that 'busy' is good, but 'hurried,' not so much, well, these are the few who take time to listen, to reflect on the truth that supports all of the coming, going, and best laid plans – Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28.

Jesus came to them and said,

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The divine truth that supports all we do? Jesus' command that ends with a promise: "I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In a little reflection entitled 'Beyond Time,' author Frederick Buechner shares:

"The crow of a rooster. Two carpenters talking at their work in another room. The tick-tock of a clock on the wall. A rumble in your stomach. Each sound can be thought of as meaning something, if it is the meaning you want. After some years of living with roosters, I know that their crow does not mean that the sun is coming up because they crow off and on all day long with their silly, fierce heads thrown back and the barnyard breeze in their tail feathers. Maybe it means that they are remembering the last time it came up, or thinking ahead to the next time. Maybe it means only

that they are roosters being roosters. The voices and hammering of carpenters in the other room? Perhaps it means that not everybody in the world sits around mooning over the past, but that the real business of life goes on and somewhere the job is getting done. The ticking of the clock is death's patter song and means that time passes and passes and passes, whatever time is. The rumbling stomach? Hunger and lunch. But meaning in that sense is not the point, or at least not my point. My point is that all those sounds together, and others like them, are the sound of our lives.

What each of them might be thought to mean separately is less important than what they mean together. At the very least they mean this: listen. Listen. Your life is happening. You are happening. You, the rooster, the clock, the workmen, your stomach – are all happening together. The music of life is subtle and elusive like no other.

The question is not whether the things that happen to you are chance things or God's things, as they are both at once. There is no 'coincidence' through which God can't speak. He speaks, and the words He speaks are incarnate in the flesh and blood of His own Son, and are now incarnate through Him among our own sacred journeys."

A season such as this, where some chapters seem to end and others begin, the busyness of the world and the way we fight against ourselves tempt us not to listen intently, but to listen in fear – fear of what we may or may not hear, fear of defeat, fear of failure. But, is listening in fear really listening?

The only answer to a fear like this is the word of Christ that says 'Fear not!' Our Lord reminds us that He is with us on our sacred journey of life. He is with you now and in fact, since it began. For as much as we are bid to listen, we listen for Jesus in our present, past, and future, for the way in which He reminds us: *"I am with you always, to the very end of the age."*

Blessed listening, and blessed living!

Pastor Ryan

WORSHIP

Sundays – 9 am
Wednesdays – 7 pm
TV – Northwest Cable channel 6
Tuesdays 2 pm, Wednesdays 6:30 pm

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Sunday Adult Bible Study 10:20 – 11:15 am

(Upper Level - Fellowship Hall, Conference Room)

Sunday School we will see you in September!



Sunday Coffee Fellowship

(After worship) *volunteers welcome*

Tuesday AM Bible Study 8:45 am – 9:45 am

(Upper Level - Conference Room)

Prayer Vigil dates are:

Monday at 9 am, June 11 & 25; Thursday at 6 pm,
June 7 & 21 (On 2nd & 4th Mondays | 1st & 3rd Thursdays)

Vacation Bible School Join us in Babylon!

School's out and summer is fast approaching. It's time to turn our attention to our exciting Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 23 – 27, from 5:30 – 7:45 pm, for ages 4 – 11. Our theme this year is "Babylon – Daniel's Courage in Captivity." The children will revisit the well-loved stories of Daniel and his three friends as they are torn from their beloved homeland to dwell in a heathen land. The children will learn of their courage in facing very frightening situations and their complete trust in God.

Besides learning the stories, children will begin and end with a key Bible Point and Bible Verse each day. They will be engaged in lively songs and actions to carry out the day's theme. A favorite feature of each day is "Snack Time" as the children enjoy an appropriate snack tied to the story of the day. They will explore and construct objects in the Babylonian Marketplace. Needing to expend some energy they will find lively games in the "Palace Playground." They will also spend time each day in Tribe Time" discussing their "God Sightings." All-in-all it promises to be an extremely rewarding week for children.



Putting on a successful VBS requires many volunteers. Men, ladies, college students, high schoolers, please consider joining us as we explore ancient Babylon in a delightful program. There will be a planning & orientation meeting on Tuesday, June 5,

at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us! If you are unable to be present but would be willing to volunteer, please call Jo Ann Zuberbier at 715-247-5747. **Registration form for VBS is on page 6.**

Family Fun Night

Mark your calendars for Friday, June 1, we will host a movie and a lite lunch from 5:30pm to 7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Movie will start about 6pm.

SERVICE

Flower Sponsor Openings

Flowers (dates available)

June 3 & 17; all of July; and Aug. 12 & 19

New sign-up sheets are on the bulletin boards.

Please email us or write a note to let us know your "why" for sponsoring the date, we can then post it in the bulletin.



Save the Date!

Mark your calendars for the St Croix County Fair. This year the fair is runs from July 18 – 22. Our booth will be there from July 19 – 22. So stayed tuned for more information, sign-up sheets, etc.



Mom Seeking Volunteer Assistance

Seeking person or persons who will volunteer time to assist a mother with twins, *experience with babies preferred*. Tom Krueger's daughter (Lisa Dix) and her husband have twin babies & a 3 yr. old. She is looking for volunteers to spend time with the twins while she is present, so she can spend one-on-one time with their 3 yr. old. They live near Cedar Lake, call 715-338-4475 for more information.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Relay for Life Relay events will take place in New Richmond from 2pm Fri., June 8 to 2pm Sat., June 9. More information is in the works, see the bulletin board for further information or talk w/Dan Peterson.

Coping with Traumatic Loss Wed., June 20, from 7 to 8:30 pm at Ready Randy's Banquet Center. Featuring speaker Molly Tomony. Register with Bakken & Young. See the printouts on the bulletin board.

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Helping Hands Here & Abroad

Shattered Expectations Thurs., June 21 from 8:30am to 12pm. See Molly Tomony discuss creative ways to cope with sudden & traumatic loss. Register with WITC. See the printouts on the bulletin board.

River City Chorale posts summer season

The Chorale is celebrating it's tenth anniversary and invites you to join them for their summer season.

They currently have Singer Registration open, so if you are interested you must be 16+, and must register online at www.therivercitychorale.com.

Performance dates include July 22 at St. Andrews, in Mahtomedi, MN; July 23 at Trinity in Stillwater, MN; July 26 at Lakefront Park, in Hudson, WI; and July 30 at Como Park Pavilion, in St. Paul, MN. See our bulletin boards for further information.

MISSIONS



LWML Corner LWML members are inviting the congregation to take part in an in-gathering for Mission Opportunities Short Term (MOST). You can find a list of items needed and a collection box in the narthax. We are also collecting gently

used eyeglasses. Adult, children's, non-prescription sun glasses, and over-the-counter reading glasses will be accepted. No cases, please. Information about the work of MOST can be found on their web site www.mostministries.org.

Our next meeting will beheld on Tuesday, June 5 at 2pm in the Conference Room.

NWWI LWML District Convention: June 24–26, 2018

Save these dates and plan to join over 400 people in purple at the North Wisconsin District LWML Convention. It will be held at the Holiday Inn/Convention Center in Stevens Point, WI. Registration will begin at 1pm on Sunday, June 24, and the opening worship service will be held at 7pm. ALL are welcome at this service—NO cost! The convention theme is *"Bouquet of Blessings"* and is based on Psalm 103:2 which tells us *"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits."* Gloria Fossler & Pat Strege will be representing our group and will take the in-gathering items to the convention.

Convention highlights include servant events, interesting speakers, Bible study, special music, good food, and wonderful Christian fellowship. A very important event is when the delegates vote for the mission grants that will funded through our mite offerings during the 2018–2020 biennium. You might be interested in joining a Walk

for Missions on Monday afternoon. Ladies, bring your vintage hats, gloves, pearls or ? from the 1940s to wear to the banquet on Monday night when the 75th anniversary of the LWML will be celebrated.

Convention details including registration and lodging are available in the "Mission Tidings" (*a copy can be found next to the large mite box on the display case outside the dining room*) or on the web site www.nwdlwml.org. You are requested to mail your registration by June 1. Late registration and walk-ins are welcome with additional fee.

Peace Lutheran Campus Center is a ministry of the North Wisconsin District LCMS among American and international students. Peace offers a variety of fellowship opportunities ranging from Bible studies, worship services, game nights to mission trips and more. All events are planned by students for students. They will be hosting an open house on Sunday, June 24, from 12 to 3 pm. The Peace Campus Center is located at 1517 Maria Drive, Stevens Point, WI.

Stevens Point is located in a beautiful part of central Wisconsin with much to offer including a tour of The Point Brewery. Check out www.stevenspointarea.com to see what's available.

YWR Are you concerned about what is happening in our world? Have you been wondering — what can I do? Become a YWR (Young Women's Representative) & see how LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) helps people throughout the world by bringing them Jesus as well as relief from physical and emotional calamities. If you are age 22–35 you are eligible to be a YWR and learn more about who we are and what we do. We would like to send you to our District Convention from June 24–26, 2018 at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point. Hear dynamic missionaries and insightful Bible Studies. Be a part of our local & world mission outreach. Please contact Pat Strege at 715-246-6333 if you are ready to make a difference.

June Dedicated Mission: Relay for Life

1 in 3 people in the U.S. will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. One of those people could be you or someone you love. That's why we Relay. When you join a Relay For Life event, you're helping the American Cancer Society fund groundbreaking research, crucial patient care programs, and education and prevention information. When you Relay, you help save lives.

Relay For Life is the signature fundraiser for the Amer-

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2018 Graduates celebrate



St. Luke's Seniors: Some of our graduating seniors shared fellowship with their St. Luke's faith family on Sunday, May 20. Congratulations to all seniors! At right the photo shows the four graduates left to right: Ryan Tryba, Daniel Peterson, Jake Wittstock, and Aubrey Berning.



Memorial Day Remembrance below

The Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial in France is located in Colleville-sur-Mer, on the site of the temporary American St. Laurent Cemetery, established by the U.S. First Army on June 8, 1944 as the first American cemetery on European soil in World War II. The cemetery site, at the north end of its half mile access road, covers 172.5 acres and contains the graves of 9,385 of our military dead, most of whom lost their lives in the D-Day landings and ensuing operations. On the Walls of the Missing, in a semicircular garden on the east side of the memorial, are inscribed 1,557 names. Rosettes mark the names of those since recovered and identified.



VBS 2018

St. Luke's VBS 2018 – July 23-27 from 5:30-7:45 pm *Open to Ages 4 to 11* **Vacation Bible School Registration** (One form per child, please)

Child's Name _____

Grade Completed _____ Birthday _____ Age _____

Parents'/Guardians' Names _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ call text

Emergency Contact Name & Relationship _____

Emergency Contact Number _____

Food Allergies _____

Medical Conditions _____

Siblings Attending VBS (names and ages) _____

People Who May Pick Child Up _____

VBS Leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program

Parent's Signature _____

If you'd like more information or would like to volunteer
please contact Jo Ann Zuberbier at 715-247-5747, thank you!

Worship Assistants June 2018

Ushers

- June 6 9am:** Lowell Vokert, Russ Utecht, Russ Miller, and Dan Harding
June 10 9am: Mike Sykora, Dave Wold, Russ Miller, and Dan Harding
June 17 9am: Brant and Juliana Schimmel, Russ Miller, and Dan Harding
June 24 9am: Ron & Louise Fishback, Russ Miller, and Dan Harding

Elders for Service

- June 3** JC Mickelson
June 10 Justin Townsend
June 17 Jeff Silver
June 24 Doug Hager
Wednesdays — Mike Boucher

Altar

Sun. All of June 3, 10 & 17 Annette Jones;
June 24 OPEN; **Wed.** Sharon Denker

Music

Organist (Pianist) Jeanine Carlson, Sue Svenningsen, Loretta Kummerfeldt,
Music Directors Joan Nasset (choir)
Susie Beedle (handbells)

Greeters

June 3 9am: Jo Ann Zuberbier
June 10 9am: Dan & Cheryl Harding
June 17 9am: Harold & Dorathy Hancock
June 24 9am: Harold & Dorathy Hancock

Videotaping

June 3 — Alex Birkholz
June 10 — Tory Zinsmeister
June 17 — Steve Volkert
June 24 — Kristin Birkholz

Acolytes Unless noted: Elder on duty until September.



Fruit Crush

by Loretta Kummerfeldt

- 1 (6 oz.) can frozen orange juice
- 1 (6 oz.) can frozen lemonade
- 1 (10 oz.) box frozen strawberries

- 1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple with juice
- 3 bananas, mashed
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 1/2 cups water

Mix all ingredients while frozen juices are still slightly frozen. Put in either a 9 x 13 pan or 4 ounce paper cups; freeze. Take out 1 hour before serving.

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ican Cancer Society. Relay is staffed & coordinated by volunteers in thousands of communities and 27 countries. Volunteers give of their time and effort because they believe it's time to take action against cancer.

Relay is a team fundraising event where team members take turns walking around a track or designated path. Each event is 6 to 24 hours in length and each team is asked to have a member on the track at all times to signify that cancer never sleeps. Cancer patients don't stop because they're tired, and for one night, neither do we.

Each team sets up a themed campsite at the event and continues their fundraising efforts by collecting donations for food, goods, games, and activities. This money will count towards their overall team fundraising goal.

One person can make a difference. In May 1985, Dr. Gordon "Gordy" Klatt walked and ran for 24 hours around a track in Tacoma, Washington, raising money to help the American Cancer Society with the nation's biggest health concern: cancer.

The Relay in New Richmond, WI takes place at the Middle School on Friday, June 8 beginning at 2pm. You can find more information on how to participate or donate, online at relayforlife.org. Or talk with Dan Peterson. Thank you for your support.



June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Family Fun Night 5:30 - 7:30 pm Movie & lite lunch	2
3 Worship 9am Communion Bible Study 10:20-11:15 am	4 Staff mtg 9:30am Baby & Me 5-6pm Boards meet, times vary	5 Bible Study 8:45am LWML 2pm VBS plan, volunteer mtg 7pm	6 Women's Brkfast 8am Handbells 5:45pm Worship 7pm	7 Prayer Vigil 6pm GA 7pm	8	9 Men's Group 8am
10 Worship 9am Communion Bible Study 10:20-11:15 am	11 Prayer Vigil 9am Staff mtg 9:30am Baby & Me 5-6pm Council 5:30pm	12 Bible Study 8:45am	13 Women's Brkfast 8am Worship (Comm) 7pm Newsletter Deadline	14 Willow River Piecemaker's 6:30pm GA 7pm	15 Golden Girl's @ 12pm Rendell / Schmidt Wedding	16
17 Worship 9am Communion Bible Study 10:20-11:15 am	18 Staff mtg 9:30am Baby & Me 5-6pm	19 Bible Study 8:45am	20 Women's Brkfast 8am Handbells 5:45pm Worship 7pm	21 Prayer Vigil 6pm GA 7pm	22	23
24 Outdoor Service Worship 9am Bible Study 10:20-11:15 am	25 Prayer Vigil 9am Staff mtg 9:30am Baby & Me 5-6pm Lifetouch Directory Photography Sessions	26 Bible Study 8:45am	27 Women's Brkfast 8am Handbells 5:45pm Worship (Comm) 7pm	28 GA 7pm	29	30

Remembering our fallen on Memorial day, photos from Normandy.

