



Trinity Trumpeter



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Who is to Judge?????

How often haven't I heard someone speak up and say, "But we are not to judge!" If only I was as quick on my feet as some, I would have a ready reply. Sometimes I do wonder if those who are so quick to yell "you can't judge" if they are not hiding something for which they do not want to be judged.

What did Jesus mean when he said, "Do not judge and you will not be judged." Luke 6:37

Jesus here is saying that we are not to exalt ourselves and like the Pharisees set ourselves up as judges of all other men, glory in ourselves and despise others. By forbidding us to judge Jesus is not contradicting I Corinthians 5:12 "What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside?", we shall discuss this text next. What Jesus forbids is the self-righteous, self-exalting, and hypocritical judging which is false in its very nature and calls down only God's judgement on itself.

What is Paul trying to tell us in his words of I Corinthians 5:12? By posing these questions as he does, we are expected to answer the questions as this. What business is it of mine to judge those outside, those people who are of the world and not brothers in the faith? It is none of my business to judge them. We certainly do not need to judge those who are not members of the family of faith, for they do not even attempt to come in. The world and those without are not subject to the discipline of the church and to judging connected with discipline. It is God alone who disciplines the world with judgments. But the world as well as the church are subject to the Word and to every pronouncement of that Word. Thus, we who have that Word to judge also the world whenever we utter any of the pronouncements or the verdicts of the Word.

As to the answer to his second question, do you not judge those within? A most emphatic YES! The evidence on which we judge is of lip and life, word or profession and actual conduct. Christians never have the right to judge a member's heart.

If either the profession of the lips or the evident conduct of the church which has applied the law and the gospel have failed, the sinner must be judged as no longer belonging within. Thus, to judge those within, to determine who rightly belongs within and who does not, is our only business. It is ours in the nature of the case since no true congregation could be organized or could continue to exist without this judging.

Paul then writes in verse 13, "remove the wicked man from yourselves!" That is the outcome of our judging. If the wicked remain unrepentant of their sins and yet claim to be a part of the family of faith we have the responsibility to remove them from the family, until such time that they repent of their sin.

It is here that we look to Matthew 18 as our approach to handling someone from within, our family of faith who lives in unrepentant sin. We approach them and show them their sin. If we fail to win them over, we try again, and again. At some point we then take another person with us to win them over. Finally, if the person remains unrepentant of their sin we tell it to the church. Verse 17, "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you a pagan or a tax collector."

Yes, we of the family of faith are to judge. Not hypocritical, or self-exalting judging but we are to judge one another, rebuke and encourage each other so that we do not stray from our Lord. The purpose of our judging is to win our brother or sister over to the Savior that they might see their sin and repent.

Pastor Kofinkę

Ladies Tuesday Bible study on hold for May.

I would encourage all the ladies of the congregation to go the LWML website and read the Daily Mustard Seed Devotion at <http://www.lwml.org/todays-mustard-seed-devotion>
~Shirley Holtzen

Sunday Morning Bible on hold for May.

Monday Night Bible on hold for May.



Our Mission Dollars at Work

LCMS World Relief and Human Care – Christ’s mandate and example of love – the Gospel for the whole person – is the supreme example for our life in this world as we care for our neighbor in body and soul. In tangible ways, both home and abroad, the LCMS continues to bear Christ’s mercy in word and deed. It’s at the heart of every gift. These gifts now reach people close to home through the Office of National Mission and in faraway lands through thru Office of International Mission in ways that defy sin, death and the devil in this broken world. God’s unchanging love, through many works of mercy, continues to open hearts and minds to the Good News so that lives are changed and souls are brought into the body of Christ for eternity.



Voters Meeting reports: Even though we are not having our meeting on the last Sunday in April, please email your reports as normal. They will be included in the packet for the July Meeting. Thank you!

Dinner Out: Will hopefully return in June.

Sunday Circle group: Our meetings are on the first Sunday of the month after church service. New members are always welcome! Hopefully we will be back in June!

Cemetary Clean up day: Kirk says the church Cememtery is looking good. But there are a few areas that need attention. If you would like to help out please join us May 16th in the church Cemetary!

Mary & Martha League: Will next meet on??

Mary and Martha League send best wishes to everyone. We hope you; your families and friends are all safe and well. We optimistically are looking forward to this summer when we will be able to resume our meetings and fellowship with everyone.



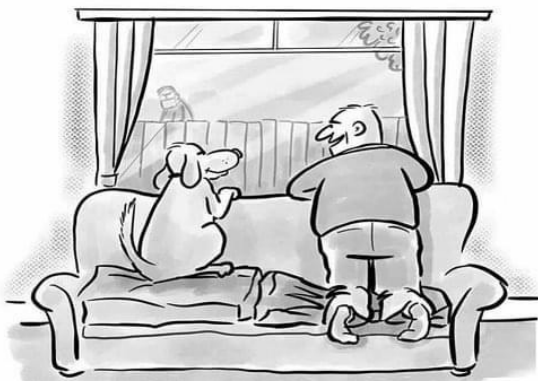
May Birthdays

- 5/1 Rosemary Luebke
- 5/5 Amanda Bremer
- 5/6 Delbert Eickhoff
- 5/10 Bobby Lemke
- 5/15 Ruby Oetjen
- 5/16 Albert Francke
- 5/18 Jeff Bruss, Mary Jo Colbert
- 5/19 Deb Pavey
- 5/23 Tanner Maahs
- 5/25 Chase Peterson
- 5/26 Gilbert Luebke
- 5/27 Jeremy Bruss, Mervin Meyer, Dennis McClarnon
- 5/28 Curtis Peterson
- 5/31 Megan Rosecrans

May Anniversaries

- 5/9 John & Lori Bruss 1981
- 5/9 Zach & Shelby Brennan 2015
- 5/12 Mark & Lisa Kemper 1990
- 5/16 Ivan & Sue Bruss 1986
- 5/24 Kirk & Becky Nisley 1974
- 5/31 Roger & Deborah Krahrmer, 2019

Alberts Joke of the month!



"Until now, I never understood why you got so excited when someone walked past the house."

From your Secretary!

ON AVERAGE, A GIANT PANDA EATS 12 HOURS A DAY.

A CONFINED HUMAN, EATS LIKE A PANDA.

HENCE THE NAME PANDEMIC.



Vacation Bible School June 1-5th ~~ Time to be announced but it will be in the evening

The Rainforest Explorers VBS will be used next Summer.

In light of the current pandemic, Trinity VBS will be held virtually this year. The dates remain the same from June 1st-5th the time is TBA, (likely a 30-minute Zoom call) students will join VBS teachers for a daily lesson, songs, craft and special guest visitors! Please continue to sign kids up via the online registration and materials will be mailed out to those students who register or contact Erin Singh at 402-560-7845 or erinsingh@outlook.com for more information. Although this is a new format, we still hope to spread the Gospel to our precious children!

Barnyard Roundup was a theme we used several years ago. We will be modifying the lessons, but using the same songs! They will be on our website soon.



Parking Lot Church Sunday May 3, 2020 Here is the signup link
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084AADA82BAAFF2-sunday>
In the quantity column choose the number of communicant members in your vehicle. This information will allow us to prepare communion.

I don't want to alarm anyone, but I think this church just challenged Jesus to a fight.



Church donations from the Thrivent Personal Donation Fund of InFaith Community Foundation have totaled \$2,100.00 so far. Thank you! For more information about the inFaith community foundation, visit their website at: <https://www.infaithfound.org/>

May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot!	4	5	6	7	8	9 7:30 am Elder's Meeting
10 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot!	11	12	13	14	15	16 9:00 Cemetery/Church Clean-up day
17 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot!	18	19	20	21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23
24/31 10 am Divine Service In the Parking Lot!	25 Memorial Day 9 a.m. Program at Trinity Cemetery	26	27	28	29	30

Those serving in May, 2020 Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Elders

**3rd Tracy Refior
10th Tim Holtzen
17th Alan Retzlaff
24th Hank Oetjen
31st Roger Pearson**

Altar Guild

**3rd Kristi Refior
10th Laura Hametis
17th Shirly Retzlaff
24th Megan Rexroth
31st Deb Pavey**

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