



The Lamplighter

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FROM OUR PASTOR

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them;

Genesis 1:26-27

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

1 Corinthians 12:20

"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Matthew 22:36-39

The idea of humankind being made in the image of God has fascinated me for a long time. Just what is the image of God in which we have been made? Clearly it is not a physical image, for God is not a physical entity. Is it the capacity to love, as has been suggested by some? Is it the ability to think, or manipulate our environment, or form new things from what already exists? All of this fits into the image of God, so all are part of the answer.

As I wrestled with Trinity Sunday and celebrating God's self-revelation as the Trinity, one God in three persons; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, it occurred to me that the Trinity might inform how we are made in the image of God. We try to formulate the Trinity this way God is one God, the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God, but there are not three Gods just one. The father is neither the Son nor the Holy Spirit, the Son is neither the Father nor the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit is neither the Son nor the Father. Yet, all three possess the same characteristics.

Perhaps we ought to look at humankind as we look at the Trinity as God's image. We are many persons but one humanity. In the beginning, before the Fall, Adam and Eve were as one. After the Fall they began to recognize their differences, and those differences caused their relationship to be broken. If one of the definitions of sin is that which separates us from God it is also true that sin separates us from one another. In God's image we would recognize ourselves in one another and recognize the other in ourselves. Like the body made up of many members, yet still one body. That is why the two great commandments are to love God fully and to love one's neighbor as one's self. To love God fully calls us to invest our whole beings to live in the image of God. To do that means that we must love one another as ourselves. We can only love ourselves if we love one another,

because following God's Trinitarian image we are indeed one with the other and they are one with us.

The salvation that God has provided for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ does indeed restore our relationship with God that sin has broken. As we are in Christ, we are a new creation. So in Christ we are restored in the image of God.

As you go about your daily living, consider that all you meet have also been created in the image of God. Love them as you love yourself, because they are not just one with you they are you and you are they.

Pastor Bret

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022!

We had a great week at Avalanche Ranch taking a wild ride through God's Word. We had 16 children who participated during the week. Many thanks to:

Pastor Reedy – Bible lessons
Emily Reedy - songs
Heidi Nelson - crafts
Abby & Colin Swieszcz – games
Sarah Ferrill – snacks
June Saidat – helper

Thanks to Kim and Mark Hansen for allowing us to fish at their pond on Friday

Also thanks to everyone who donated food or decorations or helped in some way. Thanks again! - Janelle, Katie and Caitlin

LUTHERDALE SUMMER 2022

Weeks/weekends available for young people, families and seniors for a Christ centered experience. Handicapped facilities available at the Hope Center. 6 young people attending from Plattville this summer.

We are doing fellowship in the basement following worship service again. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway to volunteer. Please come joint us for fellowship!

WE ARE WORSHIPPING VIA ELECTRONIC MEDIA – You Tube, the Church website and Facebook as well as in person.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS:

School supplies will be on sale soon. Start collecting for school kits: 70 ct. wide ruled spiral notebooks, crayons (16 or 24 count), rules with centimeters, ballpoint pens and pencils. We have scissors and pencil sharpeners.

PLATTVILLE LUTHERAN CHURCH
TRUSTEE/COUNCIL MEETING
June 13, 2022

Present:

David Kurtz	Carla Taylor
Bob Vickery	Heidi Nelson
Barry Saidat	Bob Bols
Kim Hansen	Tim Engel
Janelle Bols	Katie Freeman

Absent:

Caitlin Kurtz	Mark Hansen
Al Gegenheimer	Orpha Bols

CALL TO ORDER: President David Kurtz called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

DEVOTIONS: Pastor read from Psalm 8 and opened with prayer.

SECRETARY'S MINUTES: MSC to accept Secretary's minutes as read. Motion Katie Freeman, Second Kim Hansen

TREASURER'S REPORT: MSC to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion Tim Engel, Second Heidi Nelson.

MEMORIAL INVESTMENT FUND:

CIBC checking: \$8,321.82
Thrivent Memorial Account: \$135,350.38

CEMETARY REPORT:

CIBC checking: \$9,209.85
Mission Plus Account: \$4,000.00
(same as prior report)
Mission Investment CD: \$6,000.00
(same as prior report)

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor reported on continued visitations; confirmation was May 22nd. Spoke at Memorial Day festivities in Minooka. Did not register for Synod Assembly due to being the same as last year.

OLD BUSINESS: Boiler – We have paid Gene

May \$3,000 as of this month towards new boiler, working towards the \$11,500.00. Probably will be installed in September.

Dave talked to township/county; church signs can go back up; township will be putting them back up for us.

New mailbox has been installed

NEW BUSINESS: The floor behind the organ bench is smooshy/bouncy; it needs to be looked at.

Summerfest is happening on June 18th.

Another dead tree needs to be cut down; we need to fill in with bushes or trees

When anyone is in the basement, please dump the humidifier

Need to power wash algae off the north side of church

PARISH EDUCATION: VBS is in 2 weeks - June 27 – July 1st, the theme will be "Avalanche Ranch, a wild ride through God's Word" Offering will be taken for Lutheran World Relief shipping costs.

DEACON BOARD: Still looking for lectors.

ADJOURNMENT: MSC to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion Kim Hansen, Second Katie Freeman. The Lord's Prayer was prayed in unison.

Heidi Nelson, Secretary



Additional May circle offering – Lutherdale Bible Camp – camperships - \$60.00

June circle offering – Ephphatha Ministries/ELCA Braille/Tape ministry

Circle Bible study on July 6, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. with Pastor Bret at church

Crafted in Christ – Cutting and Piecing

Focus verse: 2nd Corinthians 5:17

“So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!”

Session One helped us consider the act of quilting as a metaphor for life. We considered how God gives us a healthy, holistic pattern for life that includes time for worship and rest, and encourages us in a way of service and love.

Session Two will focus on the heart of the quilting metaphor: how we cut the fabric of our lives and piece blocks of our identities together. With guidance from Scripture, support from our communities and Jesus as our teacher, even in challenging times we can construct lives as beautiful and warm as any quilt.

In our Sunday liturgy, repentance and forgiveness come up in places that include the Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness, the Creed, the Peace, the Words of Institution, and the Lord's Prayer. Repentance and forgiveness are vital to community life. They open us up to new life and possibilities.

Stay safe!



July 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Worship with communion: 9:15 Lector: Pastor Reedy	4	5	6	7	1 <hr/> 8	2 <hr/> 9
10 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 9:15 Lector: Carla Taylor	11 Church Council 7:00 p m	12	13	14	15	16
17 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 9:15 Lector: June Saidat	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 9:15 Lector: Linda Nichols	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 Third Sunday after Pentecost Worship: 9:15 Lector: Todd Shearer	27	28	29	30		