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Mission Statement

*"Sharing the one thing
we all need."*

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Revelation for Lent

John's Revelation probably occurred during the reign of the Roman Emperor Domitian, who presided over a great persecution of the church, one of many that Christians would endure before faith in Jesus would be tolerated under the Emperor Constantine. The seven churches to whom letters were addressed were in the same general area of Western Asia that is now called Turkey. Each church had problems that were amplified by persecution. And each church had something for which it could be commended – all but Laodicea, that is.

The medieval church spoke of the seven deadly sins. Traditionally, these were pride, covetousness, lust, envy, gluttony, anger, and sloth. These sins turn one away from God and place the focus on oneself, one's own feelings, and one's own desires. Yet as John witnesses, the sins plaguing the seven churches posed a more deadly and immediate danger because forsaking Christ in favor of idolatry is the root of all other sins.

Because the churches were so close together geographically and because each letter ends with *"hear what the Spirit says to the churches,"* we can assume that each church was encouraged to read the sacred mail sent to the other churches. Moreover, though the issues addressed are rooted in historical circumstances, they are timeless, relating to Christians in every era, including our own.

All churches face the threat of deadly sins such as leaving Christ, their first love; growing fearful of persecution; falling prey to idolatry; succumbing to immorality; and becoming lethargic, neglectful, and complacent. These are not only first-century problems; they are problems in our century as well.

The letters found in Revelation are written for us, too. Thus in keeping with the spirit of Jesus' intent, throughout this Lenten series we, as pastor and people together, will visit each of the seven churches, hear what is commended and soberly consider the deadlier sins that are addressed – sins that require repentance and faith in Christ if the hearing congregation is to partake of eternal life.

You are invited to join this journey every Wednesday at 7:00 pm to hear what Jesus has to say to the seven churches in Western Asia.

Pastor Kloha

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible Study will begin meeting on the first Saturday each month beginning in March at 10:00 am. Our book is called "Great Women of the Bible." If you're interested in attending and need a copy of the book, please see Sharon McDonald. The first Bible Study will be on March 7th.



St. Paul's Card Shop

The Card Shop is located outside the adult classroom on the second floor of the education building. New cards sympathy baptism and wedding cards are available. Please support the Youth Group in our congregation by purchasing a 50 cent card.

Radio Ministry

“When You Need a Friend”

Every Sunday morning, Pastor Kloha shares God's Word with our Community. Tune in on WTCR 103.3 FM at 9:45 am.



Live Generously, Live Dangerously

BY ROSIE ADLE | LW CONTRIBUTOR | OCTOBER 24, 2019 | THE LUTHERAN WITNESS

I was running errands in a Thrivent T-shirt one day (in other words, a day like any other) when a person told me she liked my shirt. I smiled and thanked her. (I did look pretty great. It was the sea green edition, which is one of my faves.) She elaborated by saying, “Live Dangerously. That’s so cool. More people should live like that.”

At first, I didn’t know if she was joking or not. It was a confusing flash moment. My shirt definitely did not say, “Live Dangerously.” It said, “Live Generously.” But here was a person who loved the slogan even though she had not read it correctly. I decided to let her enjoy what she thought she was enjoying. I gave her a big thumbs-up and wished her a great day of dangerous living!

Later, though, when I overcame my case of the chuckles, I got to thinking. What if living generously and living dangerously had more in common than I had first thought?

The book of Ecclesiastes offers a kind of funny opening to its 11th chapter. “Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days.” Unless we are talking about feeding waterfowl off a quaint bridge, I am not one to cast my bread upon the waters. It sounds wasteful. It even sounds a little reckless to the worrywart in me! Then verse two gets loonier yet. “Give a portion to seven, or even to eight, for you know not what disaster may happen on earth.” If there’s one thing I know, it’s that looming disasters get the weather people talking earnestly about the need to stock our pantries, not fling all of our foodstuffs out the window.

These verses teach the kind of extravagant generosity that most of us would find risky. The point is this: If we have the means to be generous, we should be about it while we have the opportunity. Who knows what tomorrow may bring? But if today, right at this very moment, we happen to hold more than we need in our own hands, we should open those hands, widely, charitably — dangerously, even! — in Christian love to care for those who lack.

Living generously is one of the things that we are called to in Christ. He gave up absolutely everything for us and for the world, from the very shirt(/robe) on His back to His own dear life. We cannot live up to this, and indeed are not called to be saviors of the world, for that was the work of Christ alone. But by His Spirit, we can and should respond to His call to love one another as He first loved us. He loved us with a generosity like none other. He loved us to a dangerous degree. Following Him means that we say to the wisdom of this age that it very often has everything backward. Living generously does not always look sensible or wise, but it looks like the love of Jesus, and by this all people will know that we are His disciples.

Let’s get out there and live dangerously, giving a portion to seven, or even eight! Let’s live and give generously as unto the Lord. “Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed” (Proverbs 19:17).

Deaconess Rosie Adle is an online instructor for the distance deaconess program of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind. She wishes you a great day of dangerous living!



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Last Month at Christ's Kids!

The children were finally able to share some songs with us for Lutheran Schools Week on February 23. It is always a blessing when they attend and thank you to their families who brought them.

In February we celebrated Valentine's Day with a brunch before we enjoyed all the Valentine's and treats that were shared. Dinosaurs were the big topic one week, always a favorite. That was followed by Teeth Week, learning about all things dental.

Upcoming we will study Spring and Dr. Seuss. The year is moving on quickly. We will be closed for Spring Break April 6-10, with our Easter theme the previous week.



Financial Reminder

A quick reminder: St. Paul's closed the year with an \$8,000 budget deficit. We're hoping to close that gap this year in 2020 and keep the church running.

\$20 per person more per week can effectively close our budget deficit. Please consider increasing your giving, and keep it regular. We all depend on a steady paycheck, steady retirement check, or a steady social security payment. The church is no different. We need to maintain steady, predictable giving. - David Hill



Help Thy Neighbor Pantry

St. Paul's LWML has established a food & personal items pantry to help our members with toiletries, personal care items, cleaning products, and food which is located in the storage closet in the basement.

We encourage everyone to participate and keep our shelves stocked! Non-perishable food, personal items, cleaning items, etc are all needed.

Anyone in need is encouraged to help themselves.

one message: **Christ!**
His love is here for you!

Easter Lilies



Altar Guild takes care to place palms, lilies and spring flowers to glorify Gods house for both Palm Sunday and Easter. This is an expense the Altar Guild does alone.

If you would like to make a donation for palms, or donate a \$15 lily in a loved ones remembrance, it would be greatly appreciated. Lilies may be taken home after the 10:45 Easter service.

Thank you – The Altar Guild

Forms are due by Sunday, April 5 (Palm Sunday)

Please fill out the form below. Designate funds to Altar Guild and place in the offering plate, or give to Nellis Haller or Sharlet Peffer.

PLEASE PRINT

Your Name _____

I would like to donate _____ lilies for \$15.⁰⁰ each Insert number **Total Amount \$** _____

IN HONOR/MEMORY OF

Print names below; If needed, list additional names on back.

In Honor In Memory Name _____

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If you have questions regarding Easter lilies, or would like more information about how to become a member of Altar Guild, please contact Nellis Haller.

Parking Notice:

Please do not block or impede access to the garage or entrance to the apartment in the rear of the church out of courtesy to the tenant.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS CARE PACKAGE DRIVE GOING ON THROUGH APRIL 17, 2020



Supplies may be dropped off at: Carter County PVA Office & Boyd County PVA Office, and more. For a list of other drop-off locations, please visit **CarePackagesForSoldiersKY** on Facebook or contact Liza Dixon (606) 694-6486.

Shipping Donations are greatly appreciated. [paypal.me/carepackagesoldiers](https://www.paypal.me/carepackagesoldiers)

ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOLDIER CARE PACKAGES:

Travel Sized Items:

baby powder
toothpaste
men's deodorant
body wash
lotion
mouth wash
women's deodorant
shaving cream
hand sanitizer
shampoo

Miscellaneous Toiletries:

toothbrush & covers
q-tips
tampons

lip balm
baby wipes
tissues
razors
loofas
dental floss/floss picks
eye drops
antibiotic cream
Vicks Vapor Rub
ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc
Tums
muscle rub ointments

Food Items:

small peanut butter
Slim Jims

individual packed nuts
sunflower seeds
dried fruit
hard candy
individual oatmeal packets
individual drink mixes
breakfast bars
snack bars & cakes
individual cracker packs
foiled tuna packets
trail mix
microwave popcorn
powder ranch packets
taco seasoning packets
seasonings
seasoning salts

microwaveable meals:
(ravioli, soups, etc)

Miscellaneous Items:

storage bags:
gallon & sandwich
new playing cards, UNO,
Rook, etc.
puzzle books / games
magazines
packing tape
snack storage bags
pens/envelopes
stamps
small notepads



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If you would like to include information for upcoming calendars, please notify Megan Ramey-Keelin.

April 5: Confirmation Sunday
(Palm Sunday)

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am
 Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:45 am

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	3	4 Confirmation 5:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 pm	5 Preschool Board Meeting 6:30 pm Council Meeting 7:00 pm	6	7 Ladies Bible Study "Women of the Bible" 10:00 am <i>All church ladies are invited!</i>
8	9 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	10 So. VI Circuit Meeting 10:00 am	11 Confirmation 5:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 pm	12 Quarterly Voter's Meeting 7:00 pm	13	14 March 13-15: Ohio District Jr. High Youth Gathering
15 Grayson Worship 3:00 pm Mar. 13-15: Youth Gathering	16 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	17	18 Confirmation 5:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 pm	19	20	21 LWML Meeting 10:00 am <i>All church ladies are invited!</i>
22	23 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	24	25 Confirmation 5:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 pm	26	27	28
29 Youth Sunday (during Morning Worship)	30 Preschool Devotions 11:45 am	31	1 Confirmation 5:00 pm Mid-Week Lenten Service 7:00 pm	2	3	4