

NEWS & NOTES

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My Daily Walk with God

Jan.	1	Matthew 1 - 4
	2	Matthew 5 - 6
	3	Matthew 7 - 9:26
	4	Matthew 9:27 - 11
	5	Matthew 12 - 13:30
	6	Matthew 13:31 - 15:28
	7	Matthew 15:29 - 18:14
	8	Matthew 18:15 - 20
	9	Matthew 21 - 22:40
	10	Matthew 22:41 - 24:31
	11	Matthew 24:32 - 26:16
	12	Matthew 26:17 - 27:31
	13	Matthew 27:32 - 28; Psalm 69
	14	Genesis 1 - 3
	15	Genesis 4 - 7:5
	16	Genesis 7:6 - 7:24; 2 Peter
	17	Genesis 8 - 10
	18	Genesis 11 - 13
	19	Genesis 14 - 17
	20	Genesis 18 - 19
	21	Genesis 20 - 22
	22	Genesis 23 - 24
	23	Genesis 25 - 26
	24	Genesis 27 - 28
	25	Genesis 29 - 31:16
	26	Genesis 31:17 - 33
	27	Genesis 34 - 36
	28	Genesis 37 - 39
	29	Genesis 40 - 41:15; Psalm 1, 54
	30	Genesis 41:16 - 43
	31	Genesis 44 - 46

Pastor's Article



What Does God Tell Us To Do In The Second Commandment?

What is God's name? This question may seem foolish to ask because many of us believe God's name is God. However, this is a more complicated question for Christians to answer because in the Bible there are many names for God. There is God, Lord, Jehovah, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, Jesus, Immanuel, Lord Almighty, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, and many others. What is God's name then? God's name is every title he is given in the Bible, as well as everything else we know about God and what he does. This includes how God is loving, just, and merciful, as well as how God the Father created the world, how Jesus saved the world, how God the Holy Spirit brings people to faith, and so on. This is similar to the name Aaron Rodgers. When we hear the name Aaron Rodgers we do not just think of the name Aaron Rodgers. We also think about how he is the starting quarterback for the Green Bay Packers. He is a Pro Bowl quarterback and a two time MVP. It is important for us to know what God's name is because in the Second Commandment God commands us to use it properly. In this month's column entitled, "Questions About Christianity" we will answer the question "What does God tell us to do in the Second Commandment?"

In order to answer this question, we begin by looking at what the Second Commandment says. It says, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." In this Commandment God clearly tells us not to misuse his name. One of the ways we misuse it is by cursing. When we say curse words we are actually asking God to condemn someone or something to hell. This is certainly not what God wants to do, nor is it what we should want God to do either. Another way we misuse God's name is by swearing wrongfully. One way we swear wrongfully is when we lie, such as when a little boy says to his mother, "I swear to God I did not take a cookie from the cookie jar", when he actually did. Another example of swearing wrongfully is when we swear needlessly, such as when a fisherman says, "I swear to God I caught a twelve inch walleye." The fisherman did not have to say he swears to God to prove he caught the twelve inch walleye. He could have just said, "I caught a twelve inch walleye." We also swear wrongfully when we swear or promise we will do something when we do not know for sure if we can do it such as when a father says to his child, "I swear to God I will take you to the park tomorrow". However, the next day it rains so the father breaks his promise. Since God's name also includes everything we know about God, another way we misuse God's name is when we teach things contrary to what the Bible says or when we deceive others into thinking we are Christians when we really are not. A final way we misuse God's name is when we use any type of witchcraft such as crystal balls, Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc. Using these things are sinful because we are asking the devil to help us instead of God.

In the Second Commandment God not only commands us not to do these things, but he also commands us to do certain things. In the Second Commandment he commands us to use his name in prayer. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 says, "Pray continually." God also commands us to use his name to give him praise. We do this when we go to church and sing praises to God, as well as when we tell others about what God's Word says. Finally, God commands us to use his name to give him thanks. Psalm 118:1 says, "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." We should give God thanks because he has done so much for us. He has given us our life, health, family, friends, money, possessions, but especially the forgiveness of sins we have through our Savior Jesus who lived a holy life, suffered, died on the cross, and rose again, the faith the Holy Spirit has given us, and a home in heaven.

Unfortunately, we will never obey the Second Commandment perfectly. This is why we are so thankful for Jesus who forgave our sins. However, out of love and thanks to God we should continue to try to obey the Second Commandment and all of God's commandments as best as we can.

Church Council December Meeting Recap

At their December meeting, the Church Council came up with the church's 2016 budget.

Education Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Joshua Veglahn, Dan and Lisa Hendershot, Jill Schultz

At their December meeting, the Education Committee discussed their yearly and long range calendars.

Evangelism/Outreach Committee December Meeting

Current Members: Scott and Tracy McCluskey, Dave Kreklow, Gerry and Betty Gast, Justin and Ashley Johnson

There was no meeting.

Fellowship Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Adam Gaffney, Lila Freber, Judy Trebatoski, Vi Burmeister, Joan Klappstein, Ann Dehn, Pat Eckert and Sandy & William Beimborn.

At their December meeting the Fellowship Committee discussed their long range calendar and added many new ideas to it. They also discussed the church picnic and their Valentine's Day event which will take place on February 13 from 10:00-12:00 p.m. At this event children will decorate heart cookies and make cards and a project for their parents. They will also watch a movie and play some games. There will be a sign-up sheet to sign-up to volunteer to help and for children who are attending.

Property Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Tim Scharenbroch, Ken Ryczek, Curt Moran, Judy Trebatoski

There was no meeting.

Worship Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Todd Miller, Mark Roberts, Cheryl Nicholson

There was no meeting.

Stewardship Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: William Beimborn, Dan Heckmann, Bill Eckert, Sandra Beimborn., Bonnie Dorniak

At their December meeting Stewardship Committee discussed their Long Range Plans. They reviewed the Special Offerings list. They also decided Sandra would compile the Time and Talent sheets.

The next meeting will be February 4 at 7 p.m.

SCRIP orders are due January 10.

Cross of Christ Ladies December Gathering Recap

Organizing Committee: Kathy Miller, Melissa Childs, Lila Freber, Pat Eckert, LWMS Reporter: Sandra Beimborn

At their December meeting, the Cross of Christ Ladies discussed going to a nursing home in May and the SHINE event.

Following the business meeting, the Cross of Christ Ladies had our Christmas party. They ate delicious food, played games, had a gift exchange, and prepared cookies for church's shut-in members.

We encourage all ladies of the congregation to come to these gatherings. **Children are welcome!** Don't forget—they start at 6:30 p.m.

All confirmed ladies of the congregation are members of Cross of Christ Ladies (CCL) and of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS).

Constitution Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Todd Miller, William Beimborn, Bill Eckert, Dave Kreklow, Tim Scharenbroch

Planning Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Dan Heckmann, Curt Moran, Ken Ryczek, and Pastor Schultz

There was no meeting.

Website Committee December Meeting Recap

Current Members: Joshua Veglahn, Betty Gast, Sandra Beimborn

There was no meeting.

Decoration Removal

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 3 at 11:15 a.m. Everyone is invited to come and help!

Cross of Christ Annual Meeting

The annual Cross of Christ Voters' Meeting will be held January 31 at 10:30 a.m. following church. At this meeting we will approve the yearly and long range calendars, and the 2016 church budget. We will also elect new Church Council members. Please plan to attend!

Valentine for Children



What: Valentine Fun
Where: Cross of Christ at 585 E. Slifer St.
When: February 13, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Children are invited to come and have fun making valentines, decorating cookies, playing games, and watching a movie. There is a sign-up sheet on the back table for volunteers and for children planning to attend. You may also call the church office (608-742-5609) to register your children.

So That's Who's in the Pew!: Matt & Tasha Buchholz

Do for a living: Tasha works for First Choice Dental in Sun Prairie as a Dental Hygienist. Matt works for Automation Components, Inc. in Middleton in the Engineering Department as an Electronic technician. He works with production issues and on new design product projects. Matt also owns a DJ business which keeps him busy on the weekends.

Do for fun: We love spending time with family and friends, especially our puppy Bailey. We love all things Wisconsin in all seasons: Camping, boating, canoeing, and snowmobiling. Tasha runs regularly and has completed many races including a couple half marathons. We love supporting the Badgers, Brewers & Packers.

Like about Cross of Christ: We love the welcoming atmosphere, and kindness shown from the congregation. We've enjoyed getting involved with activities and getting to know members. But we are still learning everyone's names! It might take a little bit.



Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters at Cross of Christ,

“I thank God every time I remember you” (Philippians 1:3). I echo the words of Paul as I thank you for the opportunity to worship with you and present to you our work in Adams-Friendship.

God has truly blessed our ministry efforts here. As you might remember from the presentation, when we began our work here just a few short years ago, we were renting a room in the public library for our worship services. Every week, we had to set up the room for our services, and then take it all down an hour later. Since October 2012, we have been renting a more permanent facility on Main Street in Adams. This has been a tremendous blessing. We are very humbled that God is using us to spread the gospel in Adams County, and we thank God every day for his blessing on our work.

Last month, we closed on a land purchase of 6.61 acres, which will, God-willing, be the site of our very own church building one day.

Every day I am humbled by God’s goodness, and your generous and thoughtful gift is humbling, too. What a blessing to have such giving people in our fellowship.

The brothers and sisters in Adams-Friendship thank you, too.

May God continue to richly bless you, so that you may continue to be a blessing to others!

Your brother in Christ,
Pastor Brian Schmidt

In Appreciation of Your Prayers and Support

Dear Pastor and Congregation

Thank you for your membership in LMSG (Lutheran Military Support Group). We have at least 3 new churches joining our group each week. This month’s Forward in Christ article really put us on the map! Our new web site is up—but still a work in progress so bear with us.

We have started our PTSD Counseling program and are looking for private referrals.

The outpouring of support and prayers has been very humbling to this old Marine. We would appreciate someone would step up to be our Liaison to Cross of Christ. You don’t have to be a veteran. Please call me if you would like to volunteer. Thank you all again.

In His Service
Semper Fi
John A.



School Calendars

St. John's Lutheran School

505 E. La Follette St.
Pardeeville WI

(608)429-3636
www.stjohnspardeeville.org



JANUARY EVENTS	
No School	January 1-5
End Quarter 2	January 20
No School	January 21-22
St. John's Visual Arts Fair	January 24
Report Cards	January 27



231 Woodland Beach Rd. (920)648-2321
Lake Mills WI www.llhs.org

No School	January 1-4
Classes Resume 2nd Semester Begins	January 5
No School	January 20

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund

In order to assist parents in sending their child(ren) to one of these schools or another WELS school, Cross of Christ has established a Christian Education Tuition Assistance Fund. The goal of this fund is to give parents \$100 a month for 10 months every school year which will be applied to their child(ren)'s tuition. If you would like to contribute to this fund at any time, please mark on the front your weekly offering envelope how much you want designated to this fund..

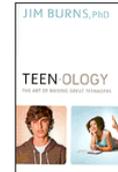


Northwestern Publishing House Item



**Teen-Ology
The Art of Raising Great Teenagers
Jim Burns, PhD**

The questions and concerns never stop when it comes to parenting teens--especially these days, when culture is throwing more and more unhealthy things at our kids. Add teenage hormones, rebellion, and experimentation to the mix, and it's no wonder so many families are suffering. It doesn't have to be this way, though. This author provides you with real-life answers and advice for navigating this ever-changing season in your child's life. Tackling even the most sensitive topics, he shows how you can give your teen the tools to make wise decisions about: Dating and sexuality...The Internet and social media...Music, TV and movies...Faith matters...and much more. -



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WELS Websites

www.wels.net

The official website for the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

www.nph.net

Northwestern Publishing House's website that sells religious materials.

www.whataboutjesus.com

Learn more about Jesus, the Bible, how to deal with social concerns, etc.

www.christianliferesources.com

Stay up-to-date with important life issues and get answers to difficult ethical questions.

www.goodsearch.com

A search engine (comparable to Google or Yahoo) that donates money to the Wisconsin Synod when it is used.

www.lwms.org

The official website for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society.

www.welslibrarians.org

The official website for WELS Librarians



New Members

There were no new members in December.

Shut-Ins

Margery McCluskey

Marion Kreitzman

Audrey Zunker

Elmer Glaeske

Lila Freber

Even though these members are unable to come to regular worship services, please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Cleaners

There is a new cleaning schedule on the back table for 2016. If you are willing to clean church, sign-up on the sheet. If you only want to clean for two weeks, indicate this next to your name. Cleaners are needed for the month of January and beyond.

Thankful Giving Opportunities

In 1 Corinthians 16:2 God encourages believers to give their first fruits as offerings in church in proportion to their income. Believers do this to thank God for what he did for them and to support the gospel ministry.

Cross of Christ encourages all of its members to give their offerings for these reasons. It also offers other programs for its members to give to the church above and beyond their offerings, which do not support our church's budget.

SCRIP: We offer a SCRIP program where members can buy gift cards for many different stores. A percentage of the money our members pay is given to the church. SCRIP deadline is always the second Sunday of the month. The next order will be due January 10. Order forms are available at church in the mailbox labeled SCRIP. If you need help, talk to William Beimborn.

MILK MOOLA: We offer a Milk Moola program where members can turn in their KwikTrip Milk Moola caps and labels into a box in the church basement. Church then gets money from these caps and labels.

BOXTOPS: We also offer a Boxtop program where members can turn in their Boxtops for Education into a box in the church basement. These Boxtops are then turned into St. John's Lu-



Cross of Christ Church Council Members

Dan Heckmann	Church President/ Financial Secretary	(920) 992 - 5692
Dan Hendershot	Secretary/ Education Comm. Chairman	(608) 742 - 7947
Bill Eckert	Treasurer	(608) 742 - 2547
Todd Miller	Elder's Comm. Chairman/ Interim Worship Comm. Chairman	(608) 566 - 0344
Adam Gaffney	Fellowship Comm. Chairman	(608) 617 - 9971
Justin Johnson	Evangelism/Outreach Comm. Chairman	(920) 229-4093
Tim Scharenbroch	Property Comm. Chair.	(608) 742-2421
William Beimborn	Stewardship Comm. Chairman	(608) 742 - 0623

Questions or Concerns?

If anyone has questions, concerns, or comments about our church, please feel free to talk to someone on the Church Council because God has provided these men to assist you.

Newsletter

Cross of Christ's News & Notes monthly newsletter will be placed in your mailboxes the Sunday before the first of the month. If you have an article, meeting recap, note, or flier for publication, please either email your newsletter item to Sandra Beimborn at crossofchristportage@hotmail.com or place it in her mailbox by **January 15, 2016.**



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