

Newsletter of College Hill Lutheran Church and Brammer Student Center

The Word of the Lord Remains Forever 1 Peter 1:25

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Dear Family in Christ,

On October 13th, Rev. Matthew Harrison, President of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, wrote a letter to the pastors that hits home with us here at College Hill. Here is an excerpt from his letter:

The church is losing her young people. This is a concern we all share. While some fall away during high school, by far the greatest losses occur during the college years. Our young adults are bombarded by a secular worldview that is antagonistic to their Christian faith. College campuses have become a place where the truth of God’s Word is mocked, the divinity of Christ is questioned, and the church is scorned.

While the Synod has a tremendous system of Concordia colleges and universities, the vast majority of our young people attend secular institutions of higher education. Showing great foresight, past generations gave of their resources to establish campus ministries at major universities throughout the nation. However, over the years, as both local and national support has decreased, a number of campus ministries have been dissolved or closed. The recent events surrounding the sale of University Lutheran Chapel in Minneapolis, Minn., a vibrant and thriving campus ministry, are but another tragic chapter.

After too many years of being distant from campus ministry, the Synod is prepared to take leadership once again. The Synod cannot do campus ministry, but we can give voice to the importance of campus ministry, encouraging, supporting, and coordinating it wherever it is taking place.

As I write, the Office of National Mission is assembling a campus ministry task force, and plans are underway to host a future national campus ministry conference. We look forward to collaborating with many wonderful people who are already laboring tirelessly in this essential ministry and fertile mission field.”

This letter serves as a reminder to our congregation that our synod, district, and local congregations care deeply about the Word and sacrament ministry among college students. This is why we are here. In this place God continues His work of creating and sustaining faith in Christ in the midst of incredible pressures and temptations.

Pres. Harrison nails it when he says that our students are “bombarded by a secular worldview.” One might wonder how these students can possibly stay Christian when they have a steady diet of worldviews that are not Christian. Where can these students find help against the constant attacks on the Christian faith? Where can they find other Christians who believe the same things they do? Where can they find truth and life? Answer: College Hill Lutheran Church and the many other LCMS congregations that are serving our students in campus ministry.



St. Peter spoke well about this. On one occasion it seemed like everyone was offended at Jesus’ words when He said He is the Bread of Life. Many of His disciples left Him saying, “This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?” Jesus turned to his disciples and said, “Do you want to go away as well? Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:60, 67-68). Just so, many people are offended by the Christian message—especially to-

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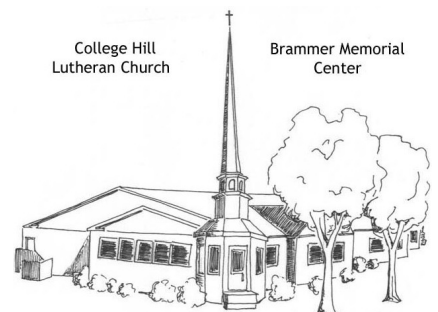
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THANKSGIVING POTLUCK

November 13 is the date for us to enjoy food, fun and fellowship with a potluck in the Social Hall following morning worship.

We extend an invitation to alumni, family and friends who may be here to attend.

Drinks and table service will be provided by the Maccombers, hosts for the meal. College Hill family members are asked to bring two dishes to share. Single members are asked to bring one dish.

SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS & FAMILIES

We have lots of fun things planned for November & December. In November, we will meet and prepare a Thanksgiving meal for our shut-ins at College Hill. After this we will deliver the meal to their home. Next we will be in charge of the Angel Tree at College Hill. This tree will be decorated with tags of items for a needy family. If you know

of a family in need, please let Pastor or Heidi know. We will try to decorate the week after Thanksgiving. Finally, in December, we will be going Christmas caroling and enjoy a Christmas party. Keep your eye out for more information in the bulletins. Any Questions, ask Heidi.

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

It's that time of the year when we take extra time to remember all the gifts the Lord has blessed us with. Sometimes, though, others may be struggling and may need extra help and support providing for their families. Do you know someone in need this Christmas? Maybe a family is struggling with medical bills. Or maybe someone you know has entered the Seminary and needs extra support. Please let Heidi Wegener know by Nov. 23 if you have any suggestions. Thanks!

THANK YOU

My family and I wish to thank you all for the prayers and support you have given us during Virgil's illness, death and funeral. Your many cards, memorials and personal contacts are really appreciated. A special thank you to the Evening Guild and all the ladies that supplied the cookies and bars for the fellowship time following the funeral service.

Thanks too to Pastors John and Tom Wegener

for their many visits to Virgil at the hospitals and for conducting the funeral service. Do want to thank Mariah, Abbey and Rebecca for the special music and Ruby for being our organist.

The list could go on but I'll just say an inclusive THANK YOU to you all.

May God's richest blessings be yours,
Doris

EVENING GUILD MEETS....

The Evening Guild (LWML) will meet at 7PM on Thursday, November 3rd in the fellowship hall at the church. Please bring a canned food item for the Food Bank. Doris Mauer will lead a Bible Study from the LWML Quarterly entitled "Jesus my Shield and my Deliverer". She will also share devotions.

Ruby Wegener is hostess for the evening. Please plan to attend. Also note that the December meeting is scheduled for Thursday the 15th at 6pm at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club. Watch for further information.

PHOTOS FROM THE STUDENTS

LSF students joined Rev. Tony Booker for a Wednesday night Bible Study. Everyone enjoyed the material he presented. Rev. Booker will be going to Prague, Czech Republic in January as a missionary for The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.



Before the big game against Southern Illinois, LSF students tailgated together and had some good Lutheran fun before the game, complete with hamburgers, chips, cookies, and a game of bags.

LSF students once again helped out with the Thrivent Dinner. The service provided by the students was friendly and well appreciated by all those who attended the annual dinner.



THE LIBRARY BROWSER

“No effort or expense should be spared to provide good libraries or book repositories... For if the Gospel and the arts are to be preserved, they must be set down in books and writings (as was done by the prophets and apostles themselves...)”– Martin Luther (Luther’s Works, Vol. 45:373)

The MUST Read Book of the Month

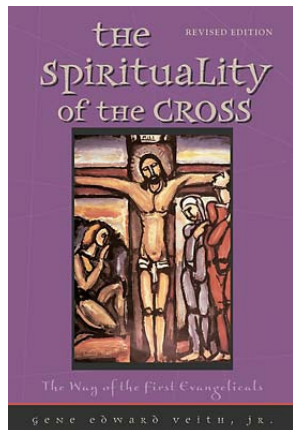
The Spirituality of the Cross

by Gene Edward Veith

Concordia Publishing House, 2008

208 pages. Paperback.

Author Gene Veith talks about Spirituality of the Cross:



“I wrote Spirituality of the Cross as a kind of experiment in apologetics and evangelism to the postmodernist mindset. The book is personal. I avoid polemics. I don’t criticize anyone but myself, in the different mistakes that I have made. Such an approach keeps people from getting defensive, since when they do, you can never get through to them. When I turn the Law, though, against myself, I do so in a way that readers can relate to, so that they do turn it against themselves, and they become as hungry for the Gospel as I am. I don’t

emphasize rational argumentation, as such, though I hope I am rational. Rather, I emphasize the mysteries of the Christian faith. I don’t explain them away; rather, I make them seem even more mysterious. I also avoid the clichés, the conventional piety, the dumbing-down, and the tackiness—as well as the moralism and politics—that turn so many people away from even considering Christianity.”

The book is currently on display on the table below the bulletin board in the narthex and will be available to check out on December 1st. Thanks! Enjoy!

About Our Library

- * **Location:** Lower level of the Brammer Student Center in the middle classroom on south side of building.
- * **Check-out and return policy:** You will find simple directions on a blue or light brown plastic box in the library. Simply fill out the info on the card from the book and put it in the box.
- * **Browsing System:** Over 400 books from our selection have been entered into our library browsing system. Simply turn on the computer in the library and double click the internet icon to pull up the library home page to begin your search.
- * **Hours:** The library is open for browsing whenever the Brammer Student Center is open. Usual hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.
- * **Questions:** If you have any questions about the library or are interested in volunteering please speak with Karmyn VanLengen, Paula Coulthard, or Pastor Wegener.

Pastor’s Letter

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day as Jesus claims to be the *only* Way to eternal life (John 14:6).

It is right here at College Hill that the Words of our dear Lord continue to bring life to college students—the life that only Christ can give through the forgiveness of our sins reconciling us to the Father.

Thanks be to God for His work in this place! Thanks be to God for our synod, district, and area churches who support campus ministry. And thanks be to God for all of you here at College Hill who have continued to welcome students in the name of Jesus!



Yours in Christ,



Catechesis Corner

TEN COMMANDMENTS + CREED + LORD'S PRAYER + BAPTISM + CONFESSION + LORD'S SUPPER

As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: The First Petition

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean?

God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy?

God's name is kept holy when the word of God is taught in its truth and purity and we as the children of God also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this dear Father in heaven. But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this heavenly Father!

Learn the Terms related to the Introduction of the Lord's Prayer

LEARNING THE LITURGY

The Words of Our Lord

Sometimes called the *Verba Domini* (Latin for "the words of our Lord"), the pastor speaks **The Words of Our Lord** to consecrate, or set apart, the bread and the wine for God's special use.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \times body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \times blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

In the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ gives His true body and true blood under the forms of consecrated bread and wine. Once again, God's grace comes to us in the Divine Service. Jesus Himself is present and forgives our sins. This is Good News because Jesus' Word does what it says.

*(Scot A. Kinnaman, *Worshipping with Angels and Archangels: An Introduction to the Divine Service*; 32)*

November 2011 Volunteers

GREETERS

- 6 LSF Members
- 13 LSF Members
- 20 TBA
- 23 Sharkey Family
- 27 TBA
- 30 LSF Members

USHERS

- 6 Marvin Brewster & LSF Member
- 13 Zach Rowley & LSF Member
- 20 Keith Macomber & Tim Gamble
- 23 Douglas Lilleskov & Bob Bolte
- 27 Dennis Adolphs & Bob Bolte
- 30 Zach Rowley & LSF Member

FINANCIAL RECORDERS

- 6 Tammy Nicholson & Nancy Neessen
- 13 Jo Baedke & Nellie Peterman
- 20 Keith Macomber & Zach Rowley
- 27 Suzanne Riehl & Keith Macomber

SOCIAL TIME HOSTS

- 6 Macomber & Krallman
- 13 Potluck—Macomers hosting
- 20 Danielle & Dustin Mason
- 27 TBA
- 30 TBA

COMMUNION ASSISTANT

- 6, 20& 23 Douglas Lilleskov

ACOLYTES

- 6 Brian Coulthard & Sam Shepard
- 20 CJ Ackles & Brian Coulthard
- 23 Sam Shepard

ALTAR GUILD

- 6-13 Pastor Tom & Ruby Wegener
- 20, 23& 27 Emogene Batt& Cindy Howard

November Birthdays and Wedding Anniversaries

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|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Misti Ellis | 19 Becky McBurney | 26 Karmyn VanLengen |
| 5 Roger Christensen | 20 Carol Kane | 27 Mike Ellis |
| 8 Doris Mauer | 20 Katie Rodenberg | 28 Paul Schmellik |
| 9 Duayne Shepard | 23 Darin Alwardt | 28 Javan Wegener |
| 10 Marcia Stirler | 23 Brian Coulthard | 29 Judy Wilson |
| 11 Suzanne Riehl | 24 Derek Lilleskov | |

- 2 Pam & Ron Luders 36 years
- 12 Cindy & Rick Howard 27 years
- 15 Mary & Matt Otis 3 years

November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 10:00 am Hebrew/Greek Text study 11:00 am Germ. Luth. Conf. Study	2 5 p.m. Potluck 6 p.m. Parish Ed. 7 p.m. Vespers	3 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Noon- Table Talk 7 pm Evening Guild	4	5
6 <i>All Saints' Day</i> (observed) SS & Bible Study 9:00 Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Refreshments 11:15 a.m.	7 2:30 Bible Study at Win- dsor	8	9 6 p.m. Parish Ed. 7 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice/ Halfy Hour	10 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Noon- Table Talk	11 Newsletter info due	12
13 <i>Twenty-first Sunday</i> <i>after Trinity</i> SS & Bible Study 9:00 Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Potluck	14 2:30 Bible Study at Win- dsor 5:30 Lay Ministry	15 10:00 am Hebrew/Greek Text study 11:00 am Germ. Luth. Conf. Study	16 6 p.m. Parish Ed. 7 p.m. Vespers 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice/ Halfy Hour	17 9:30 am Women's Bible Study Noon- Table Talk	18	19
20 <i>Last Sunday in the</i> <i>Church Year</i> SS & Bible Study 9:00 Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Refreshments 11:15 a.m.	21 2:30 Bible Study at Win- dsor	22 10:00 am Hebrew/Greek Text study 11:00 am Germ. Luth. Conf. Study	23 <i>Thanksgiving</i> <i>Eve</i> 7 p.m. Divine Service	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i> Office Closed	25 Office Closed	26
UNI Thanksgiving Break						
27 <i>Advent Begins</i> SS & Bible Study 9:00 Divine Service 10:00 a.m. Refreshments 11:15 a.m.	28 2:30 Bible Study at Win- dsor UNI Classes Resume	29 10:00 am Hebrew/Greek Text study 11:00 am Germ. Luth. Conf. Study	30 6 p.m. Parish Ed 7 p.m. Advent Vespers 7:30 p.m. Refreshments 7:30 p.m. Choir Practice/			

invocation To call upon the name of God, as in the Divine Service, before prayers, or at other times of danger, need, or thanksgiving.

holy lives Lives that are sanctified or cleansed by the Word of God.

to profane To treat the name of God like dirt by teaching false doctrine or living contrary to the Word of God. To use something in an unholy, dirty way, or in a way that God did not intend it to be used.

salutation The proclamation in the Divine Service in which the pastor pronounces the blessing that the Lord be received by the baptized through the hearing of His word and the reception of His Sacrament, and the baptized confess that the Spirit of the Lord is with the pastor as he ministers to them in Christ's stead. This proclamation confesses faith in the Lord's promises: "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:20) and "Where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

collect This type of prayer usually follows a formal structure that contains five standard elements: The address, the Gospel foundation for the prayer, the petition or request itself, the benefit of the answered prayer, and the Trinitarian termination. In the Divine Service, this payer "collects" the central thought of the Sunday or feast in a single petition that is grounded in the promise of God in Christ.

the Prayer of the Church The central prayer in the Divine Service in which the baptized people of God give thanks for all His gifts and pray, according to the promises of God's Word, for the Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and other concerns.

priesthood The word that describes the baptized people of God as those who live as "priests" for one another in the various vocations to which God has called them. They listen to the Word of God, they pray, they confess, they teach, and they offer the sacrifices of love to their neighbor and a "broken and contrite heart" to God.

(Peter Bender, *Lutheran Catechesis: Catechumen Edition, Second Edition*; 316)

DONATIONS FOR THE LUTHERAN HOME AT VINTON

Don't forget the annual Canned Goods collection for the Vinton Lutheran Home.

Place your donation in the sacristy so it can be placed in the altar area for Thanksgiving evening worship service. As we are so blessed we are encouraged to share that blessing with the residents of the nursing home at Vinton. Canned goods in gallon containers are most helpful and easily used by the kitchen staff at the home.

We will also be collecting Christmas gifts for the residents there. There are 62 residents and we intend to furnish each with at least one gift and a calendar. Yes, you may wrap the calendar that you receive as promotion from organizations and businesses. The gifts that are encouraged are lotions, tissues, stationary, stamps, greeting cards, large print playing cards, pencils or pens, to list a few suggestions. The gift is wrapped for Christmas giving and a label placed on the package to indicate whether for a man or woman and the item itself. There will be a box placed in the gathering area for your gift donations. Please have them here by December 4th.

Thank you for your generosity.

Kazakhstan Shuts Down Most Religions

Iowa District East Intl. LLL is in partnership with the Kazakhstan Lutheran Hour Office.

On October 13, 2011, Kazakhstan adopted a new religious law titled,

“The Law on Religious Activity and Religious Associations.”

The law de-registers all existing religious organizations and requires them to re-register under new guidelines. Any religious organization that does not re-register could be “liquidated” under the new law. The law also bans all unregistered religious activity, imposes compulsory religious censorship, and requires both local and central government approval for the building or opening of houses of worship. In order to register, each congregation must have 50 adult members, 500 adult members in at least two regions, and 5,000 adult members in all regions. This requirement will eliminate the legal existence of any emerging Christian group (including Lutherans). In effect, Kazakhstan, which is official a secular Muslim country, will have two legal religions: Islam and Russian Orthodox.

A second law signed, titled, “The Law on introducing Amendments and Additions to several legal acts questions of Religious Activity and Religious Associations,” amends the existing law and provides further restrictions particularly on the rights of children and religion. This law forbids religious organizations from attracting children, which makes illegal activities such as Sunday school, VBS, and religious sports camps, et al. With the passage of these two restrictive religious laws, it remains to be seen how they will be enforced (Matthew 19:14 - Matthew 5:10)

[For more on these laws click here.](#)

http://www.forum18.org/Archive.php?article_id=1624

Please College Hill members, remember the LHM office in your prayers and remember also we have a few LCMS missionary families in Kazakhstan also. Why should we pray for these people. Because we can - in American, and for Christianity as a whole it would be a useful moment in your life.

POINSETTIAS

It will soon be time to order flowers for the Christmas season. The cost again this year is \$11.00. A signup sheet will be located on the table in the gathering area. To pay for poinsettias make checks payable to CHLC marked “Poinsettias” on the memo line on the check. The deadline is Sunday, December 4th.
