

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
(Phil. 1:2)

GRACE... to you

December
2014

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Live the Victory!

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A message from Pastor

"It is true that the present economic conditions throughout the world induce us, if we do not keep our vision clear, to curtail our church activities. No doubt, money is more scarce than in previous years. All the more, we must keep before us the lesson of history: First, that the more evil the days, the greater the prospect of success in our Christian work; and secondly, that when children of God are eager to promote their Savior's glory, the Lord supplies the necessary means and blesses them."

The above quote was spoken by Dr. Frederich Pfothenauer, the president of our church body in 1932 during the Great Depression. Our church body then did not just talk about keeping up church activities, but a couple of years later they stepped forward in faith to begin mission work in Nigeria. That step of faith that started during the Great Depression turned mission work into The Lutheran Church of Nigeria which now sends out their own missionaries to parts of the world according to an LCMS World Mission report.

Let us we remember Christ's death and then celebrate His resurrection from the dead - His victory for us over sin and death forever. The first Christians did not live in a robustly strong economy and God supplied their needs for His work. Let us not get dragged down spiritually by the economic downturn because by comparison there are those around us in a far worse downturn spiritually.

We will look back in year or so and remember what a terrible time that economic downturn was, but those in the spiritual downturn may not be able to - - - unless God moves us to shine the resurrection light of His Word so they will not spend eternity separated from God and His love.

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8)

In Christ, Pastor Clow

Upcoming Events:

Those Serving

Date: December 7, 2014
Elder: Allen Jensen
Acolytes: TJ Pawlak
Fellowship: Social Ministry Commission

Date: December 14, 2014
Elder: Jack Zapatka
Acolytes: Abby Asante
Fellowship: Social Ministry Commission

Date: December 21, 2014
Elder: Rick Eddinger
Acolytes: Katie Stevens
Fellowship: Social Ministry Commission

Date: December 28, 2014
Elder: Allen Jensen
Acolytes: Jessica Hart
Fellowship: Social Ministry Commission

Deadline Reminders;

Tuesday, 5:00 P.M. for that week's Sunday
Bulletin
December 15th 9:00 A.M. for the January Newsletter

Altar Flowers:

December 7, 2014
December 14, 2014
December 21, 2014
December 28, 2014

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30 Preschool Board	2	3 6:00pm Soup supper 6:30 Children's Activity 7:00pm Worship Service	4 7pm Musicians	5	6 5:00pm Service of Healing and Remembrance
7 9:30 am Worship Service/Holy Communion 10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	8 7pm Board of Directors	9	10 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Children's Activity 7:00pm Worship Service	11 7pm Musicians	12	13 10-12 Children's Christmas Dress Rehearsal
14 9:30 Sunday School Play Snow date 12/21	15	16 PS Christmas Celebration Fellowship Room	17 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Children's Activity 7:00pm Worship Service	18 PS Christmas Celebration Fellowship Room 7pm Musicians	19 PS Christmas Celebration Fellowship Room	20
21 9:30 am Worship Service w/Holy Communion 10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	22	23	24 6:30 Carol Sing 7:00 11:00 Worship Service	25 9:30 Christmas Worship Service 5pm Elders Mtg 7pm Musicians	26	27
28 9:30 am Worship Service 10:45 am Sunday School/Adult Bible Study	29	30	31			