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Live Everyday Right Before Christ's Return

When I die, this world will pass away for me. The day will come suddenly and I will see the Lord.

Jesus said, "Sky and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away. No one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.

As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of Christ, the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man.

Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left.

Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left.

"Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

"Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time? It will be good for that servant whose master finds him doing so when he returns. I tell you the truth, he will put him in charge of all his possessions.

But suppose that servant is wicked and says to himself, 'My master is staying away a long time,' and he then begins to beat his fellow servants and to eat and drink with drunkards.

The master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour he is not aware of. He will cut him to pieces and assign him a place with the hypocrites, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." —Matthew 24:35-51



World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6

United Methodist churches observe World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday in October. The observance focuses the attention of United Methodists on the universal and inclusive nature of the church. Offerings collected in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday are used to fund scholarships for young scholars and seminarians. Donations equip racial and ethnic-minority students in the United States and international students to transform the church and communities. One half of the proceeds from the offering is for World Communion Sunday Scholars administered by the General Board of Global Ministries. The remaining one half is to be used for the Ethnic Scholarship Program and the Ethnic In-Service Training Program, which are administered by the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Did You Know World Communion Sunday is over 40 years old?

Did You Know World Communion Sunday funds Ethnic Scholarships for international students?

Did You Know World Communion Sunday funds education for church leadership in the UMC?

Did You Know 25% of the World Communion offering funds ministries outside of the U.S.?

Did You Know United Methodists have donated over \$3 million dollars for scholars for the past 4 years?

Strength in Our Roots

The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted. —Psalm 104:16

I have been reflecting on the imagery from scripture concerning trees, especially the “cedars of Lebanon,” mentioned so often in scripture. The mighty cedars were planted by God. They represent the sound, the solid, the enduring –in essence the very will of God. Repeatedly, the historians and prophets point to the destruction of the cedars of Lebanon as the sign of disobedience, disrespect, and disregard for God’s creation and covenant.



I find the metaphor of trees in a forest compelling, especially the redwood tree. Redwoods grow to amazing heights, though they do not lay down deep roots. Instead, the root system stretches wide, and the roots intertwine and fuse together with other redwoods. One 350-foot redwood has roots stretching 100 feet from the trunk, creating an interconnected network of roots that gives strength and stability to the entire forest. This interdependence is an excellent image of what our strong United Methodist Church system should be. As each tree grows, it strengthens the system; what affects one part of the system, affects the whole. Very similar to the Paul’s image of the Body of Christ in I Corinthians 12 – where one member suffers, all suffer; where one is honored, all benefit.

Equally important is the integrity of the system, rather than the value of the parts. It is impossible to uproot one tree without devastating other parts of the system. The interconnection goes so deep and stretches so wide that to do damage to one part causes massive destruction to the whole body. When I hear people talking about “amicable separation,” and “gracious exit” from The United Methodist Church, the imagery of the redwood root system always comes to mind.

I do not believe there is a path to separation that will not cause irreparable harm, both to the members and to the system. Those individual parts who want what they want, no matter the cost cannot achieve their ends without doing deep harm to the system. If indeed our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world, we can do this so much more effectively with the system intact rather than in tatters.

I understand the depth of passion, commitment, emotion, and even the wide range of interpretations of scripture and theological perspective. We are not of one heart, mind, or spirit on many things. Yet we are call connected. We share a common baptism. We share a common covenant. We are, all of us, recipients of God’s grace, forgiveness, and love. We are reconciled beyond our own individual weaknesses into the body of Christ; not by our own doing, but by God’s. Our roots are intertwined. Our roots are fused. We can no more go our separate ways with no harm or damage

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than we can uproot a single redwood. “We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,” is a beloved refrain from “They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love,” and this is more that fanciful poetry. We are all fed, nurtured, cultivated, and cared for by God. We are the product of God’s will, God’s vision, and God’s purpose. We are the cedars of Lebanon that God planted, and it would be nothing less than sin to see our mighty forest torn apart, burned, and destroyed.

My constant prayer is a prayer for unity. My ongoing desire is that we embrace fully the General Rules; doing no harm, committing ourselves to doing all the good possible, and attending cooperatively and compassionately with the many uniting and unifying ordinances/practices of God that open us constantly to the means of grace. There are things that bend us, but I pray they might not break us. There are things that threaten us, but I pray they don’t destroy us. And there are things that cause disagreement, but I pray they do not ultimately separate us from each other and from the will of God.

Let us pray faithfully and fervently together: God, thy will be done, in us and through us. Amen.

Grace and Peace,

Bishop Hee-Soo Jung

Coats for Kids

Coats for Kids was started in 2009 by Luann Ackerley (Trevor Otto’s mother) and Sylvia Hansen with a simple goal and wish in mind: to support our local community so no child will be without winter wear.



Coats for Kids has changed and grown throughout the years, as the program has been handed down to the late Luann Ackerley’s children, but one thing has stayed the same: our mission to help those in need both through service and by raising funds which go directly toward purchasing new and like-new clothing to help us achieve bigger goals each year. In 2018, over 100 kids, from infant to teens were given new winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and mittens.

There is no cost to participate. No registration needed. First come, first served. Come early and receive a ticket. A personal shopper will help you choose what you need.

The program is a not-for-profit program. It will be held October 12, 2019 at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. Time is 8-11am or until we run out.

Singers Wanted

We are seeking high school-to-adult singers who might enjoy being a part of our November 10 Thanksgiving Reunion Choir.

The group will meet once a week at St. Luke’s in October for a November 10 performance to 2 to 3 songs that complement the children’s program that will be presented for worship that day.

The rehearsal dates and times are to be announced, but anyone interested should contact Kordi Kurkowski at kordikurkowski@gmail.com, OR 715-338-2368 so that we can follow up and keep them in the information loop on this.

Our director will be Kathy Hutchison, a St. Luke’s church family member whom I consider the very best director and voice teacher in Polk and Burnett counties. Her educational focus is choral conducting and she has a lifetime of directing under her belt that she will use to whip us into shape in October as we learn, laugh and sing our way to an awesome Thanksgiving Month service on November 10.

We have many, many singers within our reach, who can get back in touch with their God-given talents on this limited-time project. There are NO tryouts; all we ask is a commitment to 4 rehearsals in October and 1 in November, plus the November 10 morning of worship.

—Kordi Kurkowski



**St. Luke's
Nurture Collections**

October

Coats for Kids

On-Going Missions

Serenity House
CRA (Community Referral Agency)
Family Pathways

**St. Luke's UMC
Mission Statement**
To Know and Share
God's Love

**Holy Trinity's
Missions of the Month**

October

Heifer Project
Samaritan Fund

Year-Round Collections

Food for Loaves & Fishes
Local Food Shelf

Monetary donations may be placed in the offering plate and items in the big box in the narthex.

**Holy Trinity UMC
Mission Statement**
With Christ
We Love,
We Care,
We Share

October Celebrations

Holy Trinity

Birthdays

- 2 Avis Mabry
- 8 Penny Carter
Kaina Zygowicz
- 9 Sylvia Hanson
- 16 David Moore
- 19 Bob Rasmussen
- 27 Bill Maurer

Anniversaries

- 15 Jim & Elaine Nelson
- 27 Gregory & Heather Moore

St. Luke's

- 2 Mira Niles
- 3 Katelynn McAbee
- 5 Landon Miller
- 6 Matahia Swanson
- 8 Marvel Beckman
- 13 Nancy Jacobson
Julie Kwon
Phyllis Wilder
- 17 Tori Niles
- 21 Hunter Dodds
Logan Williamson
- 22 Todd Miller
- 28 Hunter Root
- 30 Pastor Freddie Kirk
Heather Otto
- 31 Mandi Morben

Anniversaries

- 4 Steve & Vonnie Anderson
- 5 Todd & Cherrise Miller
- 13 Roger & Kim Owens
- 23 Sean & Jess Anderson

Ministry Team at St. Luke's

Greeters & Ushers



If you are unable to serve on the date shown, please find someone to trade or to take your place.

Hospitality

- Oct 6 JoAnne Kittleson
- Oct 13 Cara Holicky
- Oct 20 Jan Oeffler
- Oct 27 Catha Foltz

Ministry Team at Holy Trinity

Greeters & Ushers

Brad Mabry
Diana Tendrup

Reader

Mark Biller

Communion Steward

Dueholms

Custodians

Brad Mabry & Diana Tendrup

Hospitality

Chairperson: Joyce Kaiser 715-268-4129

- Oct 6 Jeanne Wallis
- Oct 13 Hospitality Fund
- Oct 20 Hospitality Fund
- Oct 27 Randi Randall



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 1pm Finance Committee Mtg at HT	2 2pm Worship Committee at SL 3:45pm Church School at SL	3 1:30pm UMW at HT	4	5
6 World Communion Sunday	7	8	9 3:45pm Church School at SL	10	11	12 8-11am Coats for Kids distribution at St. Luke's
13 Baptism of Finnian James Donoghue at SL	14	15	16 3:45pm Church School at SL 6:30pm Council at SL	17 6pm Council at HT	18	19
20 Noisy Offering at SL Newsletter Deadline	21	22 6:30pm SPPRC Mtg at SL	23 3:45pm Church School at SL	24	25	26
27 Mission Moment Noisy Offering at HT	28	29	30 3:45pm Church School at SL	31	1	2

Regular Schedule

- ◆ **Sunday Worship**
8:30am at Holy Trinity
10:30am at St. Luke's
- ◆ **Mondays**
7pm AA at Pilgrim Lutheran, Frederic
- ◆ **Tuesdays**
10am Al-Anon at St. Luke's
- ◆ **Wednesdays**
7am Bible Study at St. Luke's
3:45pm Church School at St. Luke's
5pm Weight Watchers at Holy Trinity

HT—Holy Trinity
SL—St. Luke's
UMW—United Methodist Women

November 2019						
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Puzzle!

Each year, the Israelites had three harvests.
Find and circle these foods that the people gathered.

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| almonds | gourds | nuts |
| apples | grapes | olives |
| barley | herbs | onions |
| beans | leeks | pomegranates |
| cucumbers | lentils | rye |
| figs | melons | wheat |

H A C B R Y E B R V E N
 G A U A S N O L E M S U
 R L C R F I G S T A T T
 A M U L I M B E H A N S
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 S D E H R O N I O N S E
 V S R E S G O U R D S E
 T I S M E S L I T N E L
 S E V I L O W H E A T H

Regular Worship Schedule:

- Sunday 8:30am Holy Trinity
with Sunday School
10:30am St. Luke's
- Wednesday 3:45pm Church School
at St. Luke's

