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From the Pastor's Desk

On July 4th, 1776, a bell in Philadelphia's Independence Hall rang out the news of our nation's Declaration of Independence. But, actually, that is not why it's called the Liberty Bell. You may not know the real reason it is called the Liberty Bell is because of a Bible verse which is inscribed upon it: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Leviticus 25:10).

The July 4th holiday offers us the opportunity to enjoy more than just parades, family gatherings, barbeques and fireworks. It is a chance to celebrate the gifts freedom and liberty that we have been blessed with in our nation. As citizens of the United States and as Christians, we have been given two kinds of freedom: political freedom in our nation, and spiritual freedom through our Savior.

In ancient Israel every 50 years a Year of Jubilee was observed, a very unique, year-long holiday. The Bible verse that is on the Liberty Bell originally proclaimed this special year: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." During the Year of Jubilee all debts were cancelled, all slaves were set free, and all property reverted to its original owners.

The Year of Jubilee was a living prophecy in the history of Israel, pointing forward to a future time when all spiritual debts would be cancelled, when we would be set free from slavery to sin, when we would be returned to our rightful owner, the Lord our God.

At the beginning of His ministry Jesus announced the fulfillment of that prophecy and the arrival of the never-ending, spiritual jubilee: "The Spirit of the Lord is on Me, because He has anointed Me to preach Good News to the poor. He has sent Me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor" (Luke 4:18-19).

Scripture tells us that because of our sinfulness we have all lost our spiritual freedom and we are by nature in bondage to Satan, and the slaves of sin. This means every one of us, as Paul says in Galatians 3:22, "The Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin." But, through the sacrifice of His life, death and resurrection, God's Son Jesus Christ earned for the world a spiritual "Declaration of Independence" from sin, death and the Devil.

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As Hebrews 2:14- 15 says, “By His death He destroyed him who holds the power of death—that is, the Devil—and freed those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.” And as Paul says in Romans 6:22, “Now you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God.”

God has declared for the whole world a spiritual “Bill of Rights,” the right to be His children, to come to Him and call upon Him as our heavenly Father, and the right to enter eternal life. As Paul says in Galatians 4:4-5, “God sent His Son . . . to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons.” In Romans 8:21 Paul describes our spiritual freedom in Christ as, “The glorious freedom of the children of God.” “Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof.” So, as celebrate on July 4th, we are celebrating the two kinds of freedom with which we have been blessed: political freedom in our nation, and spiritual freedom through our Savior. To God be the glory for such gifts!

Your servant for Jesus’ sake,
Pastor Magruder

Just a Note by Hannah Walters

Thankfulness Abounding

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to you from Seward, Nebraska where our youth are attending a Higher Things conference.

This trip is always a whirlwind of exhaustion, good conversation, and something I like to call cup-filling-up-time. Nothing fills up your cup like the Gospel. At Higher Things, we are entrenched in the Gospel. The day begins, is filled with, and ends in worship. We hear constantly over 4 days of God’s promise of salvation gifted to us.

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Over the course of the week the attendees attend “Breakaway” sessions where they may hear from a variety of speakers on diverse issues.

The first session I attended was with (via Skype) a Burmese missionary named Thomas. Myanmar (formerly Burma) is a Southeastern Asian country currently experiencing political, civil and religious turmoil.

Thomas had to fly into Thailand in order to be able to speak to us. His father was a Christian and his grandmother before him in a country where over 80% of the population identify as Buddhist. Thomas cannot speak openly about his faith for fear of persecution, imprisonment, and even death by stoning.

There is so much more to Thomas’ story but as I listened, I reflected on our VBS week where the Gospel was taught through song, activities and Bible lessons. Parents brought their students for 3 whole hours and they heard the Word of God without fear.

How thankful I am to live in a place where I may worship and speak of my Lord and Savior without thought to my safety.

We give thanks to God for those sent to preach the Gospel everywhere. We continue to pray for those facing persecution as they shine the light of the Gospel to all nations as Jesus commanded.

In Christ,
Hannah Walters

Marilyn’s Memo

Dear PWC Family,

When you read this, many of our Youth members, parent and staff members will have recently returned from either the Higher Things Conference or LVR Catechism Retreat. I will be sharing their Thank you notes with you in the next few months.

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This year's Higher Things Conference was called Concordia. There will be five Concordia HT Conferences this summer held at five different Concordia Universities. In Latin, Concordia, literally means "with one heart". It is what we hope to achieve in our congregations, that being the body of Christ, we would be in concordance with one another, of one heart. Our LCMS Universities are named Concordia as the purpose of these schools is to teach and equip students to be of one heart as they study and serve in our congregations as teachers, deaconesses, DCE, Directors of Parish Music, for those planning to enter our Seminaries or to be God's witnesses in their vocations.

It is a wonderful and uplifting experience to be in a chapel with 300-500 people who share and confess the same faith. To sing the Liturgy, hymns and speak the Lord's Prayer and confession of faith with them is amazing. This is the experience we want for our young people and the reason we attend Higher Things each summer. It also reinforces and encourages them knowing there are many other young people who share their belief, values and faith in this world.

I am so grateful to our congregation for continuing to support our Youth members and providing them with the opportunity to attend Higher Things Conferences.

God's Blessings to you all,
Marilyn

Youth Activities



Wednesday Bible Study & Activity

Plan to meet at church at 10 am on Wednesdays for an hour of Bible Study. We will have class even if Pastor is on vacation. We will then have a Youth activity such as baking, hiking, a movie, bowling or going to a park.

Class Resumes

July 10, 17, 24, and 31 we will plan on. Sign-up will be posted on the Youth Bulletin Board.

Water World!! July 8th, cost \$30 which includes lunch and snacks. Meet at church by 8:15 am to be on the road by 8:30 am. We will be home by late evening unless weather closes the park early. *You MUST sign up so I can plan tickets and rides!*

Hannah's Shower, July 13th, 2 pm. Join us to celebrate with Hannah or come to help out! ALL youth members are welcome!

Youth Work Day! Saturday, July 27, 10 am – 2 pm, We will be working on the Youth room, planning and making decorations for the 2020 Valentine's Dinner and building our ship! Please sign up.

Lutheran Women in Mission



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- **Mites are Mighty!** LWML's mite box for World Missions will be in the Narthex July 7th! For a comprehensive listing of missions supported by LWML, including links to each, visit www.lwml.org & www.lwmlrmd.org.
 - **June/July Mission: Ysleta School Supplies-** Through mid-July, LWML is collecting Walmart gift cards for Ysleta Lutheran Mission. Armed with your gifts, Ysleta can purchase the supplies their children need when "Back to School" sales are in full swing. Simply drop your check (payable to LWML) or Walmart card in Colleen Rohlf's mailbox #14.

• ***Spring/Summer Craft Fair Offerings: All proceeds support our 7 bazaar fund recipients!***

- Cheryl Harsen is offering a delicious variety of jams and pickled beets for purchase. Pick your favorite fruit...strawberry, blueberry, cherry, raspberry & peach... EACH is mixed with delicious rhubarb, \$6 for an 8oz jar. Pickled beets are sold in pint jars for \$5. Contact Cheryl to place your order!
- Christie Peebles is turning out beautiful machine embroidered pieces. At only \$20 each, you'll want a few for gifts AND some for yourself! Check out her display in the Sunshine Hall and talk to her about customization options.
- Stay tuned to future bulletins for info on a Saturday craft workshop later this month!

- **LWML's Executive Board** will not meet over the summer.

ENJOY the BREAK!

Church Council

The Council Minutes Minute gives you the opportunity to see highlights of the Council Meetings several weeks before the approval of the actual Minutes.

The Council reviewed a report submitted on behalf of the Trustees regarding the roof replacement. We are currently waiting on a report from the latest insurance engineer that inspected the roof, and that is holding up delivery of the final insurance proposal and firm quotes from Schroeder Roofing. Because of the potential complexity associated with adding slopes to the areas of flat roof, a 2nd estimate is being sought.

Council reviewed a quote from ICC, our Information Technology contractor, to migrate software off our aging office server and upgrade wireless internet access throughout the building. We expect to take action on that quote before the July meeting.

Peace with Christ will start distributing printed mailings and updates such as the monthly Broadcast through the on-site PWC mailboxes, with direct mailings limited to those that do not regularly attend services. This approach was approved during the 2019 budget planning process to reduce unnecessary mail costs.

Repairs and maintenance to the church van were made in advance of Youth members traveling to the Higher Things conference in Nebraska starting June 23rd.

The Board of Elders reported on recent membership changes and vacation plans for Pastor Magruder.

Members recently attended the safety class "Stop the Bleed". The second session of the class "Everyone His Witness" has completed, and a 3rd session is planned, likely starting this fall.

As was done with the June 30th church picnic, Council is looking for interested members to organize one of the other traditional Fellowship events, such as a fall fellowship event or Advent soup suppers.

No financial summary for May was available at the time of the Council meeting. The acquisition of our bank, Guaranty Bank and Trust by Independent Bank Group, delayed delivery of the May statement so that it could not be reconciled and reviewed by the time of the Council meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Prevedel, Council President

News and Announcements

BACK to School will be here before you know it! Stop by the Youth Gift card Scrip table to see all the cards and gift certificates available for your back to school shopping needs!

Remember to link your King Soopers card with the Peace With Christ Youth account to continue to support the Youth through their new program. Stop by the Youth table to see how to link your card. Thank you!

A Shower for Hannah! July 13th at 2 pm. Ladies of all ages are welcome to attend a wedding shower for Hannah. Invitations were put in church mailboxes the end of June. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Narthex. Extra invitations are on the easel with the sign-up sheet!

Pie Auction and Ice Cream Social

PWC's Eighth Annual Pie Auction and Ice Cream Social has been set for **Sunday July 28th from 2-4 p.m.**

Perhaps you'll be the lucky purchaser, choosing the special pie that contains a cash surprise. Festivities will start at 2:00 on **Sunday July 28th** with pie delivery and viewing, followed by the pie auction with the ice cream social rounding out the afternoon. Watch for the Pie Auction/Ice Cream Social Sign-Up to be posted in the narthex.

Proceeds and contributions will be used to continue the improvements to the church building that you've requested. If you're not able to attend but would like to support the fund-raising efforts, you can drop your donation into the offering plate or give your donation to an elder or to a committee member. Please mark "Long Range Improvement" in the 'memo' line.

Thanks again for your support,
Your Long Range Improvement Committee

Golf Tournament

This notice is not just for golfers it is for all of Peace With Christ's members and friends. Saturday September 21, 2019, we will have a 9-hole four person scramble golf tournament at Mountain Vista Golf Course.

Happy Anniversary

Larry & Starr Parke	July 1, 1978
Gary & Doris Willey	July 7, 1973
Brian & Heather Ivers	July 9, 1997
Tom & Rhonda Donahue	July 10, 1976
Arv & Barb Witt	July 12, 1962
Tracy & Anne Foster	July 17, 1993
Emery & Kaitlin Witt	July 17, 2010
John & Jane Pennington	July 20, 1996
Fred & Pam Kropp	July 28, 1990

Happy Birthday

Ryan Donahue	July 1
Fred Kropp	July 3
Oren Chernak	July 4
Daniel Johnson	July 5
Kristin Olsson	July 5
Patrick Fox	July 8
Jan Hudak	July 8
Keller Foster	July 13
Alisa Fair	July 14
Benjamin Lechman	July 14
Tracey Likens	July 14
Jack Wolfe	July 14
Mike Hendrix	July 15
Lennon Withouse	July 16
Isaac Pennington	July 17
Kelley Pichel	July 18
Becca Imgarten	July 19
Tracy Foster	July 20
Joanne Kohler	July 21
Laurel Groves	July 22
Angela Myers	July 23
Randy Fiscus	July 28
Joyce Beck	July 30