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Normally at this time this page would be dedicated to the situation of our congregation and plans for the future, however; I would like to break from that for this month's Newsletter. Ed Abendschoen

My topic will be a familiar one. Husbands Love Your Wives as Christ Loved the Church

I will attempt to put a new twist on this subject by sharing what took place in our home starting the 1st of July this year and continues at this writing.

So, here we go...

Guys, (and this whole article is aimed towards you) when was the last time you told your wife why you loved her? No, not that you love her, but WHY you love her.

Back on the 1st of July my Bonnie asked me, "Why do you love me?" and, then she added "I don't want to hear "Because you're you" (My standard answer over the years)...Oops! Now what do I do? Quick Ed think your way out of this one. So, I answered her "OK I'll write the reasons I love you down in a letter this afternoon while at work and give them to you this evening". "Good" said she," I'll be waiting."

Off to work. I sat down on the stairs the home I was working at. It seems the Spirit was working with me that afternoon for no one came to inspect the house that was to be auctioned off later that month. I was alone for about three hours that afternoon. Alone with my thoughts. I started to write the reasons down figuring that after I got to number five or so I would have enough to satisfy and make Bonnie a happy camper. Yea, that's it, five should do it Strange though, as I put my five reasons to paper number six, then number seven, then number eight, then on and on to my amazement my list grew until I had more than twenty reasons in front of me. I will confess that during the writing of that letter I became not only misty, but yes, even some tears fell. Me, 72 years old (Now 73, birthday in August) meeting Bonnie in 11th grade in 1962 (a story of its own) going "steady" for two years Then marrying her in 1964, Now, 54 years married plus those 2 years dating. That's 56 years we've been together and I'm tearing up! Am I crying? .. Whew, I am... What's going on here? Reality crushed me. I knew that I loved her. However, until that day I honestly never thought of WHY I LOVED HER! And, shared it with her.

OK, you are probably saying. "You gave her the reasons, now what" Well, things started happening. We talked about the reasons. What they meant to me, and more importantly to Bonnie. .. We started writing notes and letters to each other. That's right, you got it. Love notes and love letters. Then Bonnie found OLD Love Letters and OLD love notes we wrote to each back there in 11th and 12th grade. 3, count 'em, 3 boxes of them that she kept from our beginning. We laughed, we cried. One important thing came through. How serious we really were about each other back then. In our Junior and Senior year. WOW!

Now things got into high gear. We went on YouTube and played "our" old songs (Earth Angel, Image of a Girl, Please love me forever, and so on). WE TALKED, boy did we talk. TV went by the wayside. We were awake sometimes 'til 5:00 AM talking with each other.

I started buying her small gifts and hiding them throughout the house. We held each other and shared how we felt both back then and still today about each other. Some issues from the past that we had put aside but were still there were discussed and settled. .. I started calling her by the nickname that I had given her in 11th grade" Bunches"

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERVICE 11:00 AM BIBLE STUDY 9:00 AM

"Till all have heard! Thanks be to God!

REGULAR CHURCH EVENTS AND WORSHIP

Sunday - 11:00 AM Sunday Worship *

9:00 AM Bible Study *

Monday - PANERA BREAD DISTRIBUTION 9:30-11:00 AM

<u>Tuesday</u> - 6:00-8:00 PM Young Lives (Begins again in fall)

6:30 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous

Wednesday 6:30 PM - Adult Choir (Begins again in September)

Thursday 6:30 PM - Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

* New times starting October 7th.

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS:

www.firststjohns.com

WELCOME

The mission of this church is to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

Our major objective is for all to know Jesus as Lord and be an effective magnet involving lives for Jesus Christ. Worship should always be focused on God, the time honored traditions of worship are observed here, we want worship to be glorifying to God, honoring to God and reminding us of the greatness and glory of God. People say that they have truly worshipped after our Sunday morning service.

We are a very welcoming church and we want to help you to know Jesus.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Communion, Non-Communion, and Matins Services are held during the month, Prayer and Preaching services are held on the 5th Sunday of months with 5 Sundays.

We print bulletins in English (small and large print), and Chinese for morning worship. Please contact us in advance if you need a Spanish bulletin.

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If you would like to receive the monthly newsletter by email please contact the church office at (717) 843-8597 or send an email to

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If you or someone you know is a shut-in, has an illness or is unable to worship with us due to other circumstances, please call the church office.

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Radio Station WYCO-106.1 went dormant at the end of September. This will give us time to prayerfully weigh all of our options related to the future of the station.

We appreciate the support of the listeners over the past three years, and the opportunity we have had for spreading the gospel through this media.

Future announcements concerning the status of the station will be forthcoming.

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A timeline of our life from when we first met 'til New Year's 1962 was put on a banner and draped around the living room . More to be added shortly into 1963.

So much can be added to this story but space limits me...

Let me say this in starting my ending to this article .. We are having a blast. We are like 16 to 18 year olds all over again. The days are filled with Joy over each other and love abounds.

I did figure out what was going on. I never did stop loving her. However, as I told Bonnie "I fell in love with you all over again. And, I love it!"

The question remains, what really happened here. What started this new chapter in our lives? Hmmmmm... Well, my wonderful girlfriend of 56 years had the answer when I, as a stupid guy, asked her about it. She answered simply "The Holy Spirit took hold here and kicked your butt into action. Yep, Plain enough even for me to understand.

So guys, if you want some excitement back in your marriage. I mean real excitement based on the love you know is there but needs a bounce...Then Pray, Think, Act. Let her know WHY you love her. Get out the records, go to YouTube, buy her little gifts, talk about your lives from the beginning, and Send her cards. Lots of cards. All kinds of cards. Get her flowers every Friday. And, most importantly— Put to paper those reasons you loved her from the start and which continue to this day. You will be blessed.

Thanks be to God for my Girl Friend. My Wife. My Bonnie. For I do Love Her So.

Husbands Love Your Wives as Christ Loved The Church. By the way that's how Christ loved the Church. He showed it!

PS. So many other things are not talked about here due to time and space. If you want to know more of the story, much more. Corner me. I'll share with you the rest of the story.





Office of the Word continued

The <u>Salutation</u> comes next in the service. It is a prayer by the minister and the congregation for each other.

The <u>Collect</u>, that comes next, gathers or collects the requests of the whole congregation and presents them to God. It varies with the festivals and seasons of the church year.

The word of the Lord is read next. It consists of the Old and New Testament passages and the Gospel for the day. All of the readings for the day have a common theme and follow the theme of the day.

Some orders of communion use a <u>Gradual</u>, which means "a step." It leads from the Epistle to the Gospel. Sometimes a hymn is sung as a Gradual.

The Hallelujah is sometimes substituted for the Gradual. It means "Praise the Lord." Be-

The <u>Creed</u> can be spoken here or after the sermon. The Nicene Creed is used in the communion service. The creed stresses more fully that Jesus Christ is true God.

At this point in the service a hymn is sung. It emphasizes the theme of the day and prepares our hearts for the preaching of the Word.

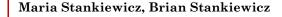
The <u>Sermon</u> comes next. It is usually delivered by the pastor and is an explanation of the Word of God with an application of that Word to the lives of Christians. It usually has both "law" and "Gospel" in it.



Ken Sanders Minister of Music

THE ADULT CHOIR: Sharon Hennig, Karen Hildebrand, Lois Hollinger,

Lois Stambaugh, Dave Stambaugh, Wally Smith, Quitao Zhang, Ding Wang,





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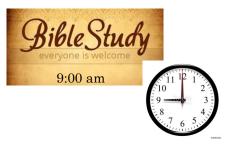
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BEGINNING OCTOBER 7TH





MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Worship Committee To be announced

Church Council Thursday 11th- 5:30 PM

Future Committee Wednesday 9:00 am-(Fridays as needed)



UPCOMING SERVICES

October 7th Non-Communion (20th Sunday after Pentecost)

October 14th Communion (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

October 21st Non-Communion (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

October 28th Communion (Reformation Sunday)





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For updates refer to Website calendar at

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OPPORTUNITIES TO KNOW JESUS Bible Study 9:00 AM

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CHURCH OFFICE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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5. You lose the ability to have the songs in your home.

Challies says, "Hymnals usually lived at the church, resting from Monday to Saturday in the little pockets on the back of the pews. But people also bought their own and took them home so the family could have that established body of songs there as well."

My parents still have a hymnal in their home, even though their church switched to screen-singing years ago. I would often (badly) bang out the tunes on the piano, but my grandmother (the church organist) would play them as they were intended to be played. But the loss of the hymnal would make family worship look very different today.

As I said before, your church has not sinned if you've already packed away the hymnals. As long as you are still singing and worshiping God, you're obeying Scripture.

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." (Psalm 100:1-2)

Crosswalk.com contributor Dawn Wilson writes, "...singing in church is powerful to help unbelievers know more about God and His 'wondrous works' (Psalm 105:1-2), but it also builds up the Body of Christ. We are strengthened as we hear people confessing truth together, taking on the enemy together. Singing builds unity with purpose.

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STEWARDSHIP: OCTOBER 2018



Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the instruction and Word of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the Law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents, but there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything.

And children try to copy it, which can be quite humorous when parents wish they wouldn't. It can be uncomfortable and embarrassing if a child copies or repeats something less than polite that they learned from a parent. Sitcoms thrive on these situations. It only happens because children emulate their parents because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God, by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan: "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father."

We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs – heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the Church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

"Give us this day our daily bread." What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, God gives us everything we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week to set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the Church.

We don't do this simply because He has commanded us so to do; it is because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

5 THINGS YOU LOSE WHEN YOU GIVE UP YOUR HYMNALS by Carrie Dedrick

My (very traditional) church just recently installed two 80-inch screens in the sanctuary. One is in the front, for the congregation to

see, and the other is in the rear of the church facing the choir.

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The decision to install the screens came after a "Technology Committee" met periodically for three years to determine what technology best suited the church's needs, then pitched the idea of screens to the congregation, who voted to spend thousands of dollars on the project.

The screens are now used to scroll church announcements before the service begins, to display Scripture as it is read, to show photos of mission trips and service work, and can be used to play videos that complement the sermon.

There is one thing the screens do *not* do: Show the lyrics of the hymns we sing.

It would certainly be *possible* for the video screens to display the lyrics of "**Amazing Grace**," "**Blessed Assurance**," and "Great is Thy Faithfulness," but they won't because the church found it of utmost importance to continue to use our hymnals.

A physical copy of a hymnal might not seem that important when you can display the same words of a song on a screen. However, when we cast aside our copies of hymnals in favor of technology, we lose more than some dusty old paper.

Blogger Tim Challies writes that his church is one of the many that has put away their hymnals for good. And while this is not inherently sinful or wrong, he points out that there is value in taking note of what is lost when technology takes the place of tradition.

1. You lose an established body of songs.

Challies writes, "Hymnals communicated that a church had an established collection of songs. This, in turn, communicated that its songs were vetted carefully and added to its repertoire only after careful consideration. After all, great songs are not written every day and their worth is proven only over time."

There is something to be said about having songs documented for years and generations. Another church I attend uses the Power-Point method, and while I truly enjoy the songs, I couldn't even tell you most of the titles (and I am on the worship team!).

2. You lose a deep knowledge of your songs.

"As we add new songs with greater regularity, we sing old songs with less frequency. This reduces our familiarity with our songs so that today we have far fewer of them fixed in our minds and hearts," Challies writes.

New songs are great, but that doesn't mean we should lose the old ones. When the old ones are catalogued in hymnals, they are less likely to be forgotten altogether.

3. You lose the ability to do harmonies.

This is the reason that my church said that our shiny, new screens would not be used for singing. We are a church that still reads music and harmonizes. The congregation as a whole felt it was important that we keep this part of our identity, despite introducing our church to the 21st century.

As Challies says, "Hymns were most often written so they could be sung a cappella or with minimal instrumentation. For that reason, hymnals almost invariably included the music for both melody and harmonies and congregations learned to sing the parts."

4. You lose the ability to sing skillfully.

With the loss of the hymnal comes the loss of reading music. And with the loss of reading music comes meager worship.

"We tend to compensate for our poorly-sung songs by cranking up the volume of the musical accompaniment. The loss of the voice has given rise to the gain of the amplifier. This leads to our music being dominated by a few instrumentalists and perhaps a pair of miced-up vocalists while the larger congregation plays only a meager role," Challies writes.

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If you are aware of any changes with those on the list please contact the church office.

We encourage you to drop a card or letter to our shut-ins to let them know that they are missed and a valued member of the congregation.

IN MEMORIAM...WILLIAM THOMAS WHITEKETTLE

Condolences and prayers are extended to the family of Bill Whitekettle who was called home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 15, 2018. We commend his family members and friends to the comfort and care of our Lord and Savior, who is the Resurrection and the Life



Prayers

PRAYERS

Ruthetta Fogle

Christians especially in the Middle East- persecuted

Prayer Warriors—Spirit is moving

Becky Lupp-illness

Angie Linebaugh-Illness

Susan Null-Cancer

Faith Bentz

Helen Wu-Husband in nursing home

Nancy Hildebrand

Beth Smith

Marianne DeModena-Cancer

Graham Abendschoen-Protection

Patti Tripp-COPD

Christine Neal (Bonnie Abendschoen's cousin)-Flu.

Bill Stockwell-Radio Host WYCO-Heart Procedure

Frank Fogle (Norma Null's brother)-In hospital

Brenton Allen-Kidney failure

Olivia Stankiewicz-Healing

Gladvs Dietz

Noel Van Sliedrecht-Accident

E. Lois Lupp

Beth Smith

For the people affected by Hurricane Florence

FIRST TIME REQUESTS

Family of Bill Whitekettle who went to be with the Lord

SHUT-IN MEMBERS

Bonnie Abendschoen Dawn Frey Joyce Devan

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Church Pastor, Minister of Music Ken Sanders, Lav Leaders, Pastor Cosgrove, Pastor Nzinski, Pastor Zimmerman, Pastor Reichel, Pastor Brasso, Pastor Koontz, Pastor Merrell, Pastor Banach, Pastor Robertson, Pastor Schaefer, Sally Hiller, David Maack, District President John Denninger

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For 140 years

For all of God's Gifts

Carol Clark

Jeff Rehmeyer (Step-Son of Delores Rehmeyer

Carl Roth-Heart & eye problems

Crystal Myers

Quitao Zhang

Wally Smith

SPIRITUAL NEEDS

For all those who do not know Jesus as Lord For our "action" committees/task forces

Our Community and Families

We remember in prayer those who are in need of God's special presence in their lives due to special needs:







1st - Cruz Rogue

4th - Donna D'Andrea

5th - Beth Smith

10th - Jose Montalvo

21st - Calvin Taylor

24th - Tammy Bosley

27th - Anna vanDyk



Please Note - On the 1st Sunday service of the month the birthdays for the month will be read. The Birthdays for the current month will be posted on the bulletin board

Early November

3rd - David Myers, Jr.

6th - Chase Abendschoen

6th - Graham Abendschoen 7th - Wayne Hildebrand III

PRAYERS (cont.)

MILITARY

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Justin Hinkley Ashlee DeSantis Samuel Taylor Kevin Kuhn

Lindsay Wood Dakota Kaufman Matthew Holland

Chuck Barrows Megan Messersmith Krista McKenzie Jonathan Cosgrove James Bova

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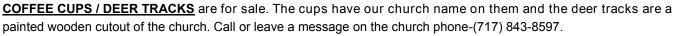
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October 7th, 21st, 28th.

All Sundays in November, December.

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