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Free Salvation

Your Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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The Obligations of Church Membership

I was doing some reading this week and came across the following address by C.F.W. Walther (the first president of the LCMS). In it, Walther instructs new members as they are received at his congregation. I didn't have a good definition of being a *member* of a congregation, and I find this helpful in describing how living as a Christian connects to living as a member of Mount Calvary.

In Christ,
Pastor Bauer

By signing our constitution, you have taken on a twofold obligation: the general obligation of a Christian and the special obligation of a voting member of our congregation.

The general obligations of a Christian you embraced already when you were baptized and confirmed, and by signing our constitution you have merely repeated the promises previously made. Those promises consist in this, that as Lutheran Christians you will believe and confess the truth and lead a godly life.

The new obligations that you have acquired are these:

- That you will not absent yourselves from public worship, neither on Sunday nor on any festival day nor on a weekday, unless compelled to do so;
- That you will attend every voters' meeting unless prevented by circumstances beyond your control;
- That you will at all times be concerned about the welfare of the congregation and nurture it in every way possible. That you will:
 - Give us the benefit of your advice.
 - Always vote for what you consider right.
 - Contribute according to your means toward the support of church and school and of the poor in our midst.
 - When voting for new pastors, teachers, elders, or other officers of the congregation, let your vote be prompted only by your concern for the congregation's welfare.
 - Gladly submit to admonition from the Word of God; when you see others sin, practice brotherly admonition instead of talking about them behind their backs; and when a case of church discipline comes up for discussion, proceed strictly according to the Word of God.
 - Submit to the rules and regulations made by our congregation, see to it that others observe them, and do all that is in your power to promote harmony.
 - In case doctrinal controversies should occur (which we ask God graciously to prevent), judge strictly according to the Word of God and the Lutheran Confessions.
- That you will pray often for the congregation.
- That you will patiently bear with the weak in our midst.
- That you will join no other religious organization, especially not a secret order; that you will not send your children to the nonreligious public schools nor have your life insured in companies that practice extortion.
- Finally, that you will faithfully remain one of us unto death or until the Lord may lead you elsewhere.

If you succeed with the grace of God in carrying out these promises, your membership will prove a blessing to others, but, above all, you yourselves will enjoy the fruits of our vineyard. May God graciously grant it! Amen.



More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him:

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

 CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY, NEBRASKA 



7:00pm - Friday, May 10th, 2024
SDSU Founders Recital Hall

No ticket required. A free will offering (to help defray travel expenses for the choir) will be taken at the door. The event is sponsored by the Mount Calvary Lutheran Student Fellowship.

*Vocal Jazz
Choir*

KURT VON KAMPEN
DIRECTOR

HELLO *may*

Birthdays, Baptisms & Anniversaries

1	<i>Ava Fink</i> <i>Tim Moe</i> <i>Nanette Schroeder</i> Louise Hoeftert ~ baptism	16	<i>Shelby Graslie</i>
2	Ryan & Megan Eichler ~ 15 years	17	<i>Shelon Harrington</i> Phil McDaniel ~ baptism McLane Mertz ~ baptism Alan & Charlotte Kuechenmeister ~ 49 years
3	<i>Crystal Bradley</i> Weston Eichler ~ baptism	18	<i>John Sherlock</i>
5	<i>Melody Hall</i> <i>Chris Wellnitz</i>	19	<i>Zach Moe</i> <i>Griffin Streich</i> <i>Rich Raisanen</i> <i>Lincoln Hardin</i> <i>Joann Northrup</i> <i>Curtis Friedrich</i> Alexis Konrad ~ baptism
6	<i>Cathy Lakeman</i> Viola Heidemann ~ baptism	20	<i>Allan Hanson</i> <i>Terry Heidemann</i> Kynslee Gatzke ~ baptism McKenzie Engwicht ~ baptism
7	<i>Kynslee Gatzke</i> Helen Jensen ~ baptism	21	<i>Sally Norby</i>
8	<i>Verla Carpenter</i> <i>John Rittershaus</i> Hallie Pederson ~ baptism	22	Sawyer Berg ~ baptism
9	<i>Derek Raabe</i> <i>Mike Peterson</i> Austin Hall ~ baptism Matt Siekmann ~ baptism	23	Dalton Rittershaus ~ baptism Don & Crystal Bradley ~ 38 years Russ & Andrea Mileham ~ 32 years
10	<i>Mari Swanson</i> Bryan Hall ~ baptism Galen Streich ~ baptism Leona Peterson ~ baptism Brian & Melanie Drexler ~ 21 years	24	<i>Jodi Melius</i> <i>Austin May</i> <i>Heidi Spurlin</i> Austin May ~ baptism Melody Hall ~ baptism
11	<i>Henry Gehrke</i> <i>Gary Pederson</i> <i>Sloan Harrington</i>	25	Oliver Olson ~ baptism Dave & Jessica Gatzke ~ 23 years
12	<i>Bill Rittershaus</i> Ava Fink ~ baptism Dawson Berg ~ baptism	26	<i>Stephanie Wellnitz</i>
13	<i>Brian Way</i> <i>Amber Howell</i> <i>Dalton Rittershaus</i> Curt & Barb Teal ~ 35 years	27	<i>Kaden Mertz</i> <i>Kevin Kuebler</i> <i>Shannon Chappell</i> <i>Jim Christopherson</i> Henry Gehrke ~ baptism
14	Tim Moe ~ baptism	28	<i>Bob Tietjen</i>
15	<i>Eli Kosse</i> Grant Bartscher ~ baptism	29	<i>Carrie Steinlicht</i>
		30	Obed Charway ~ baptism
		31	<i>Laurie Skime</i> Marcus Wiese ~ baptism

SERVANT SCHEDULE

May 5
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Acolyte: Carson Eichler Owen Bierman
Elder: Eli Kosse Eli Kosse
Chanter: Keegan Mertz Andrew Fink
Greeter(s): Adrian & Jessie Dale & Dianne Weinkauf
Organist: Melanie Timmerman

May 9
6:45 PM
Acolyte: Annika Wurm
Crucifer: Keegan Mertz
Elder: Steve Timmerman
Chanter: Ronda May
Greeter(s): Verla & Leona
Organist: Joel Brejda

May 12
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Acolyte: Amanuel Gemechis Avery Melius
Elder: Steve Timmerman Steve Timmerman
Chanter: Laurie Wallen Donna Peterson
Greeter(s): Gene & Jaqueline Stegeman Caylor Family
Organist: Melanie Timmerman

May 19
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Acolyte: Nolan Eichler Bryton Howell
Crucifer: Logan Brockberg Jack Bierman
Elder: Nate Moe Nate Moe
Chanter: Jeff Davis Galen Streich
Greeter(s): Bill & Janelle Wellnitz Amber Howell
Organist:

May 26
8:00 AM
10:30 AM
Acolyte: Griffin Lease Aren Keimig
Crucifer: Noah Lease Colton Keimig
Elder: Bob Milbrandt Bob Milbrandt
Chanter: Amy Lease Carl Steinlicht
Greeter(s): Bryan & Melody Hall Gary & Patty Barber
Organist: Joel Brejda

USHERS

8:00
Gary Brockberg
Logan Brockberg
Scott Steinlicht

10:30
Paul Konrad
Jeremy Bierman
Jack Bierman
Jeremiah Ackerman



Donna Bahr
Darlene Carpenter
Nadine Jones
Tyler Krump
Floyd & Alyce Melrose
Fred Rittershaus
Chris Wellnitz

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The Neighborhoods, 2421 Yorkshire Dr. Ash #6, Brookings
104 4th St. #203, Brookings 605-692-4326
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The Neighborhoods, 2421 Yorkshire Dr. Pine #11, Brookings 605-692-5755
The Neighborhoods, 2421 Yorkshire Dr. Ash #12, Brookings
701 1st Ave. NE #104, Watertown, SD 57201 605-886-6449

**Mount
Calvary
Lutheran
Church**



May 2024

DIVINE SERVICE
8:00am & 10:30am
each Sunday morning
8:00am YouTube Live

**SUNDAY
EDUCATION HOUR**
9:20am
Adult Bible Class &
Sunday School

DAILY DEVOTIONS
8:15am
Monday — Thursday
YouTube Live

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday
8:15am-12pm & 1-3:30pm
Friday 8:30-11:30am

**PASTOR WURM'S
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Thursday
8:00am-noon

**PASTOR BAUER'S
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday - Wednesday
7:45am-12:00pm
Thursdays 7:45-9:30am



Vacation Bible School
will be held June 10-13
from 8:30-11:30am!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Altar Guild Joann Northrup (605-695-9285) Annette Streich Karly Ackerman Sue Mielke Gwen Larson</p>			<p><u>1</u> 9:30am Devotions at NBV No Lunch and Learn 4:00pm Youth Hour 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Book Study</p>	<p><u>2</u> 9:00am Morning Joe Bible Study 1:30pm LWML 6:30pm STIL</p>		
<p><u>5</u> See "Divine Service" & "Education Hour"</p>	<p><u>6</u></p>	<p><u>7</u> 7:00pm Elders' Meeting</p>	<p><u>8</u> 9:30am Devotions at NBV 12:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm Youth Hour 6:00pm Handbell Choir 7:00pm Book Study</p>	<p><u>9</u> 6:30am Men's Bible Study 1:30pm Afternoon Bible Study 6:45pm Divine Service </p>	<p><u>10</u> 7:00pm CUNE Vocal Jazz Choir at Founders' Recital Hall at SDSU PAC</p>	<p><u>11</u></p>
<p><u>12</u> See "Divine Service" & "Education Hour"  <i>Mother's Day</i></p>	<p><u>13</u></p>	<p><u>14</u> 7:00pm Boards' Meetings</p>	<p><u>15</u> 9:30am Devotions at NBV 12:00pm Lunch and Learn 4:00pm Youth Hour</p>	<p><u>16</u></p>	<p><u>17</u></p>	<p><u>18</u></p>
<p>Pastor Bauer on Vacation in Florida</p>						
<p><u>19</u> See "Divine Service" & "Education Hour"  PENTECOST SUNDAY HS Graduate Recognition Sunday School Activity Day & Children Singing 1:30pm Kentucky Trip Meeting</p>	<p><u>20</u> 7:00pm Men's Club</p>	<p><u>21</u></p>	<p><u>22</u> 9:30am Devotions at NBV 12:00pm Lunch and Learn</p>	<p><u>23</u> 1:30pm Afternoon Bible Study</p>	<p><u>24</u></p>	<p><u>25</u></p>
<p>Jessie Out of the Office</p>						
<p>Pastor Bauer on Vacation in Florida</p>						
<p><u>26</u>  Trinity Sunday No Sunday School</p>	<p><u>27</u>  MEMORIAL DAY Office Closed</p>	<p><u>28</u></p>	<p><u>29</u> 9:30am Devotions at NBV 12:00pm Lunch and Learn 6:30 - 8:00pm Youth Hour</p>	<p><u>30</u></p>	<p><u>31</u></p>	
<p>Pastor Bauer at Campus Ministry Leaders Conference in Milwaukee</p>						