



The Ministry News of:
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From Guest Pastor Randy Sturzenbecher, Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church, Black Hawk, SD

What's stopping you? What is stopping you from doing the things you really want to do? Before you start listing the things that are in your way lets go back one step farther. Most of the time behind the excuses we give there is something much more sinister lurking that stops us from accomplishing what we desire. Fear. Fear paralyzes, immobilizes, and neutralizes. The fear we have might not be very big, it may not be rational in fact it may not even be real, but as long as fear has a grip on us we are unable to live as our Savior has planned for us and also unable to do the task He has prepared in advance for us to do.

Black Bart was a professional thief whose very name struck fear as he terrorized the Wells Fargo stage line. From San Francisco to New York, his name became synonymous with the danger of the frontier. Between 1875 and 1883 he robbed 29 different stagecoach crews. Amazingly, Bart did it all without firing a shot. Because a hood hid his face, no victim ever saw his face. He never took a hostage and was never trailed by a sheriff. Instead, Black Bart used fear to paralyze his victims. His sinister presence was enough to overwhelm the toughest stagecoach guard.

Satan uses the same tactics; he uses fear to paralyze us. Fear of rejection. Fear of disappointment. Fear of failure. Fear of public opinion. Fear of the unknown. Fear of change. Once the seed of fear has been planted and begins to grow it stops progress. Fear fools us into thinking it's pointless to resist. King Nebuchadnezzar made an idol 90 feet high. At the sound of the music everyone was to fall down and worship the image. Fear of punishment caused most people to do what they knew was wrong. There were 3, Shadrach Meshach and Abednego who did not give in to fear. When it looked like the end for them would be a fiery death God protected them so that their clothes were not even singed and when they came out of the fiery furnace they did not even smell like smoke. Fear did not win! Daniel 3 Fear tries to convince us there is no hope. After Jesus had been crucified on the cross, buried in the tomb the disciples went into hiding. Even though Jesus had told them repeatedly He would be crucified and rise on the third day the fear of the Jews, the death of a friend and teacher the fear of the future paralyzed them. Fear did not win! John 20 Jesus our Lord rose from death cold grasp and brought hope to the disciple and all who believe in Him.

As we consider the future of God's church what fears are stopping you? What fear has you paralyzed from living in the promises of Christ? What fear is preventing you from taking action that would spread the life changing news of Jesus victor over sin and death? As we see over and over again in God's Word fear did not win! It didn't then in can't now!

No fear living in Jesus

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Missionary Visit. November 20, 2009.



Ivan Rasch a Missionary from Africa (and Pastor Watt's cousin) will be in the Trinity Fellowship Hall the evening November 20, 2009. (the time to be announced) Ivan is the Volunteer Coordinator for Anglophone West Africa. He will be talking about mission work in Africa and the opportunities for volunteer service there.

Ivan was born in Jos, Nigeria, the son of a missionary family. He received his education from Concordia University, Seward, Neb. In his free time, he enjoys working with computers and playing volleyball. Ivan's wife, Jennifer was born in Lawton, Okla., and also graduated from Seward with a major in elementary education and a concentration in music. Jennifer enjoys singing, piano, crafts and making scrapbooks. The couple has two children, Heather and Timothy. Their home congregation is St. Paul Lutheran Church in Denton, Texas.

Cookies and coffee will be served following the presentation.

A Measure of our Response to God's Love for September

	Attendance	Communed	Offering
September 6, 2009		82	2866.8
September 13, 2009	Rally Day	?	2930.05
September 20, 2009		95	1961.65
September 27, 2009		92	1969.65
Total		269	9728.15

Fellowship Hall Rent in 2009 —\$435

Circle Meetings

Rachel Circle will be hosted by Carla Roghair and Wuanita Watt on Tuesday November 3rd at Carla's (1011 Crest Drive). Taco soup will be served at 6:30 with Bible study to follow. Please join us!

Naomi Circle will meet Wednesday Nov. 11th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The topic will be "Balancing on Solid Rock" from pg 20 of the fall quarterly. All are welcome to join us for Bible study and fellowship.

November 26



THANKSGIVING

Budget and Elections Voters Meeting
November 15th following Bible class at 11:30.

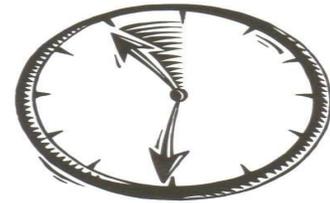
Blood Mobile will be in the Fellowship Hall on Monday November 30th from 12:00 - 6:00pm.

OFFICE DEADLINES

Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday at noon.
Newsletter Deadline for the December "Chimes" is **Friday November 20th**



Mark your calendars for Nov. 1st at 3:00 p.m. Organist Ryan Fredrick will be here as we *Celebrate the Reformation* with a service of evening prayer and organ dedication.



**TURN YOUR
CLOCKS
BACK!**

Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Saturday Oct. 31st!

November 11th



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**VETERANS
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Life Quotes

November 1 "If human embryonic stem cell research does not make you at least a little bit uncomfortable, you have not thought about it enough." *James A. Thomson, the first scientist to isolate human embryonic stem cells* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

November 8 "Words like 'beget,' 'descendents,' and 'genealogies' [in the Holy Bible] prove that life goes on! The enemy strikes at life; he steals, kills, and destroys, but he cannot stop the Creator's hands from creating. Life—in the womb or out—is dealt constant blows by the enemy, but eyes focused on the promise of sweet life see victory." *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

November 15 "Sarah, and all children with Down [syndrome], are human persons. But we live in a culture that is rapidly losing its capacity to recognize human personhood where it is to be found. We well have reason to fear that, in our technical sophistications and narcissistic obsession with the unimpeded pursuit of every personal preference, there is very little separating us from a new barbarism." *Father Thomas Berg, L.C., executive director of the Westchester Institute for Ethics and the Human Person, from his article "Eliminating Down Babies"* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

November 22 "Thanks be to God! His hands have not stopped creating! His love is still amazing! And His promise of sweet, sweet life is new everyday in Jesus! The thief comes to steal and kill and destroy, but Jesus says, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10 NIV). *Linda D. Bartlett, former president of Lutherans For Life* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**

November 29 – First Sunday in Advent "Christmas is also for the unborn. The Savior has come also for the children yet living in their mothers' wombs. The Gospel message is addressed also to our youngest brothers and sisters. In fact, we can say it is addressed especially to them, because they are the most helpless." *Father Frank Pavone, director of Priests for Life* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans For Life – www.lutheransforlife.org.**



TALK RADIO FOR THE THINKING CHRISTIAN

Have you been listening to Issues, Etc.? Issues, Etc. is a live radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio. Listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org.



REMEMBER THE LUTHERAN HOUR

November 1 Matthew 5-4

“Comforted Mourners”

In this message for All Saints Day, Pastor Ken Klaus speaks to those whose lives have touched by the death of someone they loved. Christ is our risen Savior who comforts mourners

Listen on the Web at www.lutheranhour.org
Hear the broadcast available to our military at:
www.lutheranhour.org/AFN/listen.htm

November 8 Mark 12:38-40

“A Hotter Hell”

Justice demands that God give sinners exactly what they deserve. Where does that leave us? Thankfully God’s justice is only half the story.

(For updates, check www.lhm.org)

November 15 Mark 13:13

“Christ is Coming”

War, disaster, and persecution are signs that the world is coming to an end, but no one knows exactly when.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>City</u>
6:30 a.m.	KFAB	AM 1110	Omaha
6:30 a.m.	KWBG	AM 1590	Boone
9:30 a.m.	KJAN	AM 1220	Atlantic
9:30 a.m.	KDLS	AM 1310	Perry
7:30 a.m.	WHO	AM 1040	Des Moines

November 22 Luke 17:11-19

“Thankful for What You Don’t Have”

We can also thank God for the pains and illnesses we don’t have, the disasters that were averted, the punishment for sin that Christ took upon Himself.

November 29 Luke 21:25-36

“Behold the Days are Coming”

On the first Sunday in Advent and the beginning of a new church year, our Lord Jesus who came once to redeem the world, comes to us in His Word and prepares us for when He will come again on the Last Day.

The Lutheran Hour comes to you through the outreach of the International Lutheran Laymen’s League

November Assignments

ACOLYTES

- 1 - 9:00 a.m. Dorian Peterson
Hannah Watt
- 8 - 9:00 a.m. Danielle Riley
Alex Brown
- 15- 9:00 a.m. Jay Wolfe
Devon Peterson
- 22 - 9:00 a.m. Alexandra Bird
Kessler Thomas
- Thanksgiving Eve
- 25 - 7:00 p.m. Samantha Reed
Cali Fogelsong
- 29 - 9:00 a.m. Ashytn Riley
Reagan Brown

USHERS

- Karl Peterson
Darwin Scott
Jack Quee

ELDER ON DUTY

- Byron Bilderback

ATAR COMMITTEE

- Radine Ward
Marti Williams

FINANCE TEAM

- Paul Kearney
Bill Magers

ORGANISTS/PIANISTS

- 1- Janette Lang
- 8- Sharon Eklund
- 15 - Julie Lang
- 22- Janette Lang
- 25- 7:00p.m. Julie Lang
- 29-Sharon Eklund



November Birthdays

1. Linda Schroeder, Paige Marxen
4. Heath Hanson
5. Megan Parsons
7. Nicole & Natalie Hartman,
Jessica Bird
8. Ed Stoll, Cassidy Riley
10. Caleb Reed
15. Jean Kruse, Kayla Davidson
20. Chuck Ehm, Betty Mason,
Samantha Reed
21. Leshia Stoll
23. Haylee Brown
24. Brandy Marxen

Wedding Anniversaries

13. Jim & Cindy Nelson (10th)
27. Phil & Anita Wardenburg

