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Applying Bible Principles:

In 1935, Dr. R. A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls College in Georgia, embarked on a trip to visit former students who were serving the Lord on the mission field. R. G. LeTourneau, a prominent Christian businessman, heard him speak in Omaha and was very encouraged by what he heard. The night before Dr. Forrest sailed to Japan, a letter arrived at his hotel containing a check from Mr. LeTourneau for \$1,000. Mr. LeTourneau thought it would be nice if Dr. Forrest “had some money in his pocket as he went around the world to give to folks in a tough spot.”

Dr. Forrest was elated and kept a detailed accounting of how he used that money to minister to people in need. When he returned to New York, he mailed the records to Mr. LeTourneau. A few days later, a reply came from Mr. LeTourneau that simply read, “Come see me.” When Dr. Forrest arrived at Mr. LeTourneau’s office in Peoria, he found a man who was deeply moved by Dr. Forrest’s record of changed lives. He said, “If you can be trusted with \$1,000 and make that kind of impact, you can be trusted with \$10,000” and gave him a check in that amount.

Dr. Forrest had received “without payment,” and he gave “without payment” (Matt. 10:8). He typified the kind of giving that God expects each of us to demonstrate as we respond to His good gifts by giving back to Him what was rightfully His in the first place.

Charles Stanley wrote this: “When God deals with us, it is always in abundant grace. He is lavish with His love and forgiveness. None of us can ever repay Christ for what He did for us at Calvary. He generously gave His life so we could enjoy eternal life.” He went on to say, “There are two kinds of people: givers and keepers. . . . If you decide to be a keeper, you will miss God’s richest blessings. But when you give yourself away, you will reap the goodness of God.”

That’s because it is impossible to outgive God who has a unique accounting system. He never divides; He always multiplies. Will you trust Him today by giving generously to Him who “richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment” (1 Tim. 6:17)?

Katie's Korner

2nd Kings: For nearly 200 years Israel survived under these kings that fell from God's promises, until Assyria brought its destruction. For 336 years Judah stood as a kingdom until Jerusalem was destroyed and Babylon came to power. The tales of the kingdoms are told in this continuation of the first book of Kings. God continues to see the people of Israel and Judah doing evil, or doing what is right. In these actions, we see God's wrath and God's mercy. Which are you going to find most?

2 Kings 17:18a, 21-23 So the Lord was very angry with Israel and removed them from his presence. 21When he tore Israel away from the house of David, they made Jeroboam son of Nebat their king. Jeroboam enticed Israel away from following the Lord and caused them to commit a great sin. 22The Israelites persisted in all the sins of Jeroboam and did not turn away from them 23 until the Lord removed them from his presence, as he had warned through all his servants the prophets. So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there.

As I re-read a commentary on this portion of 2nd kings, I was struck by the following within it: "The people of Israel clearly demonstrate the inability of human nature to act faithfully..." Unfortunately, is this not the truth of our lives? We fail to be faithful to our creator God, our Father. Just as we did not listen to our parents as children and teenagers, we do not listen to God.

God has given us instructions on how to live – in love of neighbor by following his commands. Yet, we do not do this. And further, we turn to everything but God in our lives. Just as the Israelites followed idols – golden calves – we follow our own – money, status, etc. God is so wrathful in response to these worship idolizers that he permits his children to be thrust into exile. He permits them to be without the blessings of the land he has promised to his children. God's presence, mercy, and blessing are lost as they are taken into Assyrian rule. Any semblance of God's presence is vanquished or destroyed.

Katie's Korner continued...

Yet, in spite of all of this, God still maintains the line that led to Jesus. God still gave the people a hope in a future. In spite of all that you do too, God gives you hope by the name of Jesus. This whole history of earthly kings led to Jesus and led then to the cross and resurrection. Which leads to your forgiven state and life everlasting. These are yours again today in the grace of God's mercy through Jesus Christ your savior.

A prayer: Father, thank you for the forgiveness you give unto me – a disobedient child, an unfaithful follower. Amen.

Emergency Contacts - Pastor Katie's Maternity Leave:

Please start contacts with Brad, if he is available, then move to Dayna.

Vicar Brad Sanderson - Available 9/30-10/4 & 10/21-31

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Personal Email: bvkt7sand@gmail.com
Personal Phone: (605) 860-0478

Pastor Dayna Weltzin - Not available 10/4-10/7

St. Paul Lutheran, Clear Lake, SD
Personal Email: pastordaynaw@gmail.com
Personal Phone: (515) 250-4824
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Church Phone: 605-874-2198

Pastor Erika Lehmann - Available for funerals and Sioux Falls visits

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Personal Email: elehmann1869@icloud.com
Personal Phone: (605) 338-4737
Church Phone: (605) 832-2461 and (605) 876-3371

Dates to Remember:

- 9/15 – First day of Sunday School.
- 9/18 - Confirmation Dinner – Bethel and Leganger.
- 9/20-21 - Roelofsen/Bergstadt rehearsal and wedding.
- 10/2 – Leganger Ladies 2:00pm.
- 10/2 - Council Meeting; Boards 8:00pm, Council 8:30pm.
- 10/5 - Community Men’s Fellowship Group. 9:00am. Coffee and food items provided.
- 10/25-26 – Landmark & Bandemer rehearsal and wedding.
- 10/27 - Baby Pauly Baptism. (Tentative baby shower is 11/17)
- 12/4 –St. Dysmas worship. More information to come.



Caring and Sharing

*Reminder - weekly cleaning, serving coffee fellowship and ushering.

September Caring and Sharing Group 1: *Lori Jorenby chair.*
Lori Jorenby, Mark Jorenby, Karen Jorenby, Gary and Tracy Bandemer, Mason and Ryleigh Bandemer, Daniel and Gayla McKibben, Scot Rymerson, Nick and Laura Kuntz, Carie Knutson, JoAnn Horner, Barb Mohror, Arlene Bird, Jim and Lynn Slaney, Tony Knutson, Logan and Haley Jurrens, Kelly and Katie Sieve, Cory and Heather Quail, Lonni Potts, Tammy Morris, Stacy Collins.

October Caring and Sharing Group 2: *Meg Thomas chair* Meg Thomas, Dennis and Diane Stroschein, Jesse and Emily King, Kevin and Karie Molengraaf, Al and Jane Moore, Jill Moore, Helen Budahl, Dale and Beth Overby, Alex Watt, Amanda and Derek VerHelst, Royce and Kim Haringa, Al and Gay Evenson, Seth and Cassandra Evenson, Chad and Heidi Grimlie, Greg and Sherry Lunden, Kari Quail, Jon and Jodi Ekern, Rick and Darlis Nase, John Roelofsen

Ladies of Leganger Notes

The Leganger Women of the ELCA met for Bible Study only during the months of June, July, and August. The hostess for June was Meg; for July was Betty; and for August was Lori. The next meeting will be September 4th at 2 pm for Bible Study and regular business meeting.

Ruth Lenning, Secretary

Council Minutes

The Leganger Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday September 4, 2024. Members present: Pastor Katie, Seth, Todd, Dennis, Troy, Josh, Jaimee, Carie, Tracy, Johnny, and Gay (interim secretary).

Johnny led with scripture and prayer. Gay read the minutes from the prior meeting. No additions or corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Financial reports were reviewed. Income covered expenses with an excess of \$223.70 remaining.

Deacons Report: Deacons continue their active role with planning while Pastor on leave. Pauly baby's baptism has now been scheduled for October 27th. Tentative date for Pastor's baby shower is November 17th.

Pastor Report: Pastor provided a report of August, and September activities, along with a schedule for October, November, and into December. Plans were finalized regarding duties that will be performed by designated individuals while Pastor is absent. Confirmation classes begin soon. There will be two students from Bethel and nine students from Leganger! Pastor was commended for her organizational skills that will smooth the transition into the next few months. This is greatly appreciated by the Council.

Trustees Report: The north door is installed and appears to be a good door that should last for years. Outside door trim will be painted.

Board of Education: With Kelsey's resignation and Jaimee going off the Board in December, there will be two openings for the BOE. If anyone wants to volunteer for Kelsey's position now, this would be welcomed and appreciated. A Sunday School staff meeting was held. Teachers are needed for the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade (one combined class). Rally Day is this Sunday. All are appreciative of Todd's willingness to organize the Bouncy House. The Board determined that they will need a simple, basic, inexpensive laptop. Funds from the Bertha Ost SS account will be utilized. The Council approved the purchase.

Council Minutes continued...

Old Business: A committee has been formed (Warren L., Johnny R. Jesse K.) to explore the iPad purchase.

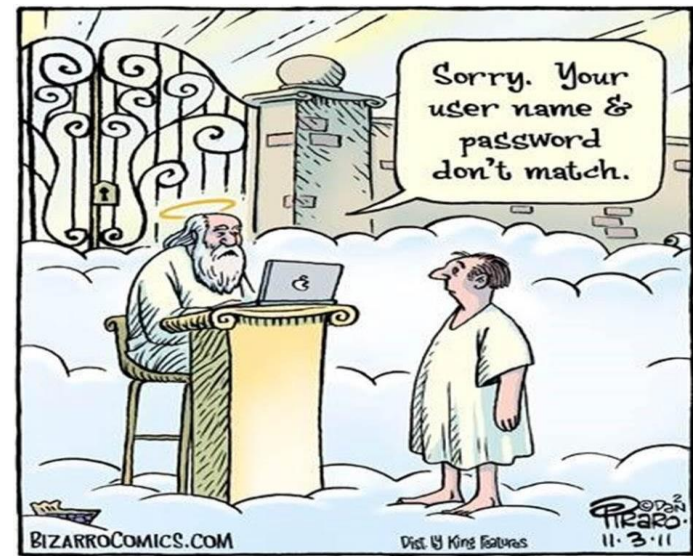
Regarding the Leganger Cemetery, Todd is waiting for estimates. \$391.00 was donated to the Deuel County Food Pantry from the Community worship service.

New Business: 3700 gallons of propane @ \$1.59 will be contracted with DC Farmers Union. Please consider donating to this fund!

Next meeting October 2, 2024. Boards 8:00 pm, Council 8:30 pm.

Josh made a motion to adjourn; Johnny seconded. All stood and prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Gay Evenson, Interim Secretary



August Treasurer's Report

Total income was \$8481.80, monthly expenses were \$8225.74. Income included the following:

INCOME	
Benevolence Offering	390.00
Coffee-Free Will for during coffee time	88.00
Interest Income	
Interest - Money Market Acct	13.55
TOTAL Interest Income	13.55
Local Offering	4,977.16
Local Offering - Online	630.00
Loose Offering	141.00
Propane Designate	2,050.00
Sunday School Offering	32.36
IntInc-Investment Interest Income	159.73
TOTAL INCOME	8,481.80

This also includes a transfer of \$32.36 from the Sunday School Offering to the Sunday School Offering Mission Fund.

The month ended with a surplus of \$223.70.

Thanks to all who are utilizing the Online Giving tool.

Propane Account balance to date is \$1861.32. Thank you to those who have given funds designated for propane. We will be contracting propane soon. Anyone wishing to designate funds for the coming purchase of propane can note that on your giving envelope. Anyone that is using the Online Giving Tool, who wish to designate funds to the Propane Account, please contact Anita with the amount once you have given using the tool. **Please note: Coffee Free-Will during coffee time is used to purchase propane as well.**

Next month's newsletter will include YTD Income-Expense Report and an update on where we are for income to budget comparison.

In God's Love,
Anita Knutson
Treasurer

Maternity Leave Sunday Schedule Information

September 29th

- Video Sermon from Pastor
- Lay leadership

October 6th

- Pastor Aaron Matson, Communications Director and Companion Synod Coordinator
- Communion provided
- Consider bringing an extra offering for our companion synods.
- amatson@sdsynod.org or companion-synod@sdsynod.org
605-274-5035

October 13th

- Pastor Chris Matson, Pastor & Mission Developer for Church on the Streets
- Communion provided
- Consider bringing an extra offering for Church on the Streets
- Chris@churchonthestreetsf.org 605-215-1143

October 20th

- Kathy McHenry, Executive Director of Lutheran Planned Generosity
- Kathy will speak 15-20 minutes
- Video sermon from Pastor Katie
- Lay leadership

October 27th

- Jack Holmquest, Pulpit Supply Leader
- Contemporary worship
- Baby Pauly's Baptism

2024

CALENDAR YEAR

SEPTEMBER

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Pastor's Schedule and Church Events

Office hours vary, but Pastor Katie will try to be in her office from 9-4 Tuesday and Thursday, Wednesday from 10-7. Any variance is due to visitation, errands, text studies, and meetings. She is available on Friday's now too, but will be working from home.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 <u>Worship 10:30</u>	02	03	04 Women's Circle 2:00 Council Meeting 8:00 boards, 8:30 Council	05	06	07 Community Men's Fellowship Group 9:00am
08 <u>Worship 10:30</u> Rally Day, Teacher Installation, Backpack blessing, Cradle Roll Graduation, Potluck	09	10 Medary Conference Meeting - 9:30 -1:00	11 Visitation	12 Visitation	13	14
15 <u>Worship 10:30</u> Third Graders receive bibles	16	17	18 Confirmation Family Meeting 6:30 pm	19	20 Bergstadt / Roelefsen Wedding Rehearsal	21 Bergstadt / Roelefsen Wedding
22 <u>Worship 10:30</u>	23	24	25 Confirmation	26 Hendricks Nursing Home Worship 2:00 pm (Pastor Dayna leading) Baby Pauly's due date	27	28
29 <u>Worship 10:30</u>	30	01	02 Confirmation	03	04	05
06 <u>Worship 10:30</u>	07	08	09 Confirmation	10	11	12