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Outgoing Addressee

Applying Bible Principles:

The writer of the book of Hebrews made this short but powerful statement about the Lord Jesus, “Consider him.” That admonition is nowhere more needful than in the matter of giving and receiving.

Consider Him, the Lord of glory, who gave His life so that we might gain eternal life. Consider Him, who was rich, yet became poor for our sakes, that we through His poverty might be rich. Consider Him, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Consider Him, who was quoted by Dr. Luke in Acts 20:35 as saying, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

Although many Christians would at first glance agree with that premise on an intellectual basis, by their lifestyles, they demonstrate that their lives are diametrically opposed to this biblical principle. They might even go so far as to state their agreement with what the Lord Jesus said, but not so far as to change their selfish “me first” attitude. They might give mental assent or even verbal assent to His teaching, but in reality, their lives are consumed by a passion for “receiving” instead of “giving.” It is as though they pass through life’s portals with this striking question emblazoned across their foreheads: “What’s in it for me?”

Such an attitude should be foreign to the lives of those who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ. If our role in life is to follow Him, and to obey Him, we should demonstrate daily, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

God, who owns everything, gives material possessions freely and willingly to us, His children, for a number of reasons, but one of the primary reasons is for us to be able to give them back to Him. Each time we give to the Lord’s work out of a heart that responds to His love and grace, we give away a little of our selfishness and gain a bit more of Christ’s sacrificial spirit. As John MacArthur expressed it so well, “The major money issue in Scripture is not how you feel about it, or even how you spend it. The primary concern of Scripture is how you give it.”

Katie's Korner:

1 Samuel 31: 1-8 1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; the Israelites fled before them, and many fell dead on Mount Gilboa. 2 The Philistines were in hot pursuit of Saul and his sons, and they killed his sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malki-Shua. 3 The fighting grew fierce around Saul, and when the archers overtook him, they wounded him critically.

4 Saul said to his armor-bearer, "Draw your sword and run me through, or these uncircumcised fellows will come and run me through and abuse me." But his armor-bearer was terrified and would not do it; so Saul took his own sword and fell on it. 5 When the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he too fell on his sword and died with him. 6 So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and all his men died together that same day.

7 When the Israelites along the valley and those across the Jordan saw that the Israelite army had fled and that Saul and his sons had died, they abandoned their towns and fled. And the Philistines came and occupied them. 8 The next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his three sons fallen on Mount Gilboa.

Through April and May I spent twelve hours in a course on the prevention and intervention of Suicides. A few truths: Suicides happen. Suicides happened in the bible. Suicides are the result of great emotional distress at a time when there seems to be no path forward. And finally, suicides are preventable.

If you read further in 1 Samuel 31, you will not read about Saul's death being something unspeakable. In fact, scripture depicts the treatment of his death in the same way that any other death would have been treated. Saul was buried in the normal practices, once his body was recovered. People then fasted in mourning of his death.

Katie's Korner continued...

This teaches us something more about suicide. We can talk about a death by suicide in the same way that we would talk about a death of cancer or an accident or age. There is still a life that ended AND there are promises that are for those who die under God's care. When a death by suicide occurs, it is a deeply sad event. The grief of this event is heavy for those who are left behind.

Support those who have been left behind because of a suicide, by a ministry of presence. If ever, you face a thought of suicide there are people who are available to listen – me and others too. Feel free to call 988 for support as well.

A prayer: Father, open our eyes to see pain and to respond. Help us to recognize signs that others are in emotional distress and that they cannot see a way forward. Help us to be present to those who are mourning too. Amen.

Dates to Remember:

- 6/7 – This was the deadline to register for Day Camp June 17-20. However, no one will be turned away. There is still time to register for the event. Scholarships are available. Please contact Pastor Katie.
- 6/9 – Ellenor Marie Baptism. Communion week 2. Details about Synod Assembly will be shared at the end of worship.
- 6/10-16 – Pastor on Vacation. Cathy Zubke is Supply leader scheduled for worship on the 16th.
- 6/23 – Outside Contemporary and Healing Worship.
- 6/23 – Bergstadt Bridal Shower in the social hall.
- 6/27 – Hendricks Nursing Home Worship
- 6/30 - Pastor absent; worship will be lay lead, with video sermon.
- 7/3 – Leganger Ladies. 2:00 pm.
- 7/6 - Community Men's Fellowship Group, at 9:00am. Coffee and food items provided.
- 7/7 – Kase Baptism.
- 7/10 – Council Meeting; Boards 8:00pm, Council 8:30pm.



Caring and Sharing

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

June 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.

July 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.

Council Notes:

The Leganger Lutheran Church Council met Wednesday June 5, 2024. Members present: Pastor Katie, Seth, Jesse, Anita, Todd, Dennis, Troy, Josh, Carie, Tracy, and Gay (interim secretary). Tracy led devotions. Gay read the minutes from the prior meeting. Todd made the motion to approve, Anita seconded.

Treasurer's Report: Funds were transferred from the Project Fund to the General account to pay for the north door (\$1,001.63). Mission Investment Funds (MIF) will now be accessed online. Anita and Troy were designated as authorized personnel. Thank you to the anonymous person that donated Sunday School supplies. The month of May's income vs. expense ended with a deficit of \$437.69.

Deacons Report: Pulpit supply planning etc. continues for Pastor's maternity leave absence.

Pastor Report: Pastor provided a report of her May and June activities and noted future dates that pulpit supply has been scheduled. Suicide prevention training has been completed and Coach training will be completed after the last session later in June.

Trustees Report. The north door should arrive within two weeks.

Board Of Ed: Vacation Bible School June 17-20th. Leganger will provide two days of snacks and counselor meals.

Old Business: None

New Business: Discussion was held regarding an open-house meeting by Missouri River Energy Services. Postcards were distributed to area residents that the meeting would be held at Leganger. Holding the event at Leganger was NOT approved by council members. Missouri River will be mailing new postcards that state the meeting will be held at the School.

The Non-member Church Use policy will be reviewed. Pastor, Jesse, Carie, and Tracy agreed to review and recommend any changes or updates to the Council.

Council Notes continued...

Next meeting July 10th (due to July 4th holiday). Boards 8:00 pm, Council 8:30 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gay Evenson

May Treasurer's Report

Income was \$7,550.36, monthly expenses were \$8,977.01. This includes a transfer of \$12.67 from the Sunday School Offering to the Sunday School Offering Mission Fund and the north replacement door purchase; a transfer of \$1,001.63 was made from the Project Account to the General Account for this purchase, as designated money was given for the project. The month ended with a deficit of -\$437.69.

Online giving is ramping up. We are showing an increase in the giving support through this new opportunity. Thanks to all who are utilizing this new opportunity.

Offering envelopes need to be re-ordered soon. If you are currently receiving envelopes and do not use them, **OR** if you are **NOT** receiving a box of envelopes and would like one, please contact the Church either by phone or email Leganger@itctel.com.

Propane Account balance to date is \$1830.54. 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.

In God's Love,
Anita Knutson, Treasurer

Deacons' Report

We hope you all have kept an umbrella handy! It has sure been an eventful spring and just like every year has posed its own unique challenges.

Isaiah 43:19 says, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; do you not see it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert". Coming off of 2 years of drought, this verse feels very relevant. It's very easy to become frustrated with the weather when it poses an immediate inconvenience to us. But we have to remember, not long ago we were parched and looking for a drink.

Isaiah 43 continues in verses 20 and 21: "20 The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

Please reach out to any of us if you need anything.

Tracy, Johnny & Carie

Reminder:

As always, if any of your contact information changes, please notify the church office by calling and leaving a message or email leganger@itctel.com. We want to keep in touch with you!

If you currently receive the newsletter via mail, and would like to receive it via email, please let the office know.



2024

CALENDAR YEAR

JUNE

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
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
					Synod Assembly	Synod Assembly
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Worship 10:30 Baptism for Ophelia Joy			Women's Circle 2:00 Council Meeting 8:00 boards, 8:30 Council			
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
Worship 10:30 Baptism for Ellenor Marie	Pastor on Vacation through 16th Vicar Brad is Emergency Coverage.	Medary Conference Lunch - 12:00 - 1:30				
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Worship 10:30 - Led by Cathy Zubke						
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Outside Worship 10:30 Bridal Shower for Carly Bergstadt				Hendricks Nursing Home Worship 2:00		
30	01	02	03	04	05	06
Lay Led Worship 10:30 Bridal Shower for Ashley Landmark			Women's Circle 2:00 Council Meeting 8:00 boards, 8:30 Council			