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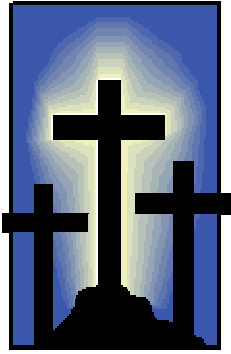
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SAINT PAUL 'S VOICE

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Isn't it funny how sometimes we go to say or do something and it comes out wrong. We mispronounce words, we stumble, and we just don't get it said or done right. Even pastors can goof sometimes. I'm sure you have picked up on some of my mistakes and even shortcomings. The one that seems to bring the biggest grin to the congregation is my intoning. Obviously, God did not give me the gift of music.

When I first began intoning, the congregation would roll on the floor, holding their sides from laughing. Now everyone is so use to it that they just sit in the pews with their shoulders shaking from the laughter. Yes, I grin and laugh right along with you.

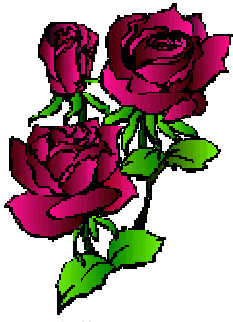
Other pastors make mistakes too. Amy Wiegert in the Lutheran Partners periodical noted some of the more humorous goofs by pastors. She told of the pastor who was reading about Jesus calming the waters and it came out "And suddenly there was a great CLAM..." Everyone ended up laughing. There was another one by Amy herself when presiding at a wedding. One of the candles used to light the unity candle tipped over and began to set her alb on fire. It was put out by an assisting minister. There was another pastor who splashed baptismal water down the new mom's dress.

Yes, pastors goof too. I believe this is good for everyone, even the children, to know that pastors are human. Every one of us makes mistakes, including pastors. It is important that we don't put pastors up there on a pedestal where we expect perfection or where they are unreachable. This is so not true. We are human. We goof. We are imperfect. We also confess and ask for forgiveness in those places when we "mess up".

So, the next time you hear me mispronounce a word, slur, or get the scripture twisted or miss saying a word or especially when my intoning is worse than usual, just grin. Grin right along with me for I know too that it was screechy sounding. Aw, yes, our pastor is human. Thank God for that.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Mel Strucklin



**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER
WE PRAY FOR:**

MEMBERS: Lois Armacost, Mary Armacost, Hazel Ashe, Ruth Bare, Kim Boose, Mary Burk, Sue Bosley, Matilda Griffin, Dorothea Gross, Olan “Eli” Harris, Shirley Harris, Mildred Hasson, Matthew Jones, Jesse McGee, Mary Louise Miller, Sara Moore, Shari Underhill, Leslie Vink-Hood, George Walter, Lorraine Walter, and all homebound members.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Genny Casper, Esther Watson, Ann Stricklin, Carol Graff, Debbie Hahn, Bill Peters, Jim Howard, Clyde Utz, Andrew Shipton, Thom, Braylynn, Pastor Marty Roberson, Connie Pilloud, Phyllis Wilmarth, Ryan Mahoney, Casimer Gorecki,, Joyce Rhoten, Pastor Gene Alexander, Bishop Jerry Knoche, Darlene, Madeline Sabo, Shirley, Ex Officio Bishop Mocko, Pastor Andrea Hagan-Arendt, Linwood Roberts, Troy Gourley, Jessica McGee, Rhonda Danner, Manetta Krauss, Betsy Ulrich, Stephany Seargeant, Lois Walter, Kenny MacDonald, Ann Durham, Charles Hilton, Bix Bixler, Dorothy Ehrhardt, and those in broken relationship.

WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE LOST LOVED ONES: Family and friends of: Franklyn Miller, Douglas McGee, Geoffrey Seargeant, and Fern Lockhard.

May the promises of our resurrected Lord bring them comfort and peace.

THE PRAYER: Heavenly Father, send your grace in the midst of despair. Scatter your goodness among those who suffer with pain and illness, especially (names). Comfort them, O Lord, with your healing presence. We pray this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Only a life lived for others is worth living. Albert Einstein

It all depends on whether you have things, or they have you. Robert A. Cook

I desire to know God and the soul. Nothing else? Nothing. St. Augustine

The purpose of life is not to be happy. The purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all. Arthur H. Prince

Thank You

We thank everyone who help make our Flea Markets a big success. Sarah Morris and husband Bob do the assignment of the vendor spots and also, sell the food. In June we had 43 vendors at the Flea Market. Your donation of hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, chips, soda, and water makes for a bigger profit figure. Shirley and Bill Stratton head up the Christmas in May or June, (name the month) and they also sell baked goods. These funds pay for the outreach project of sandwich making. The group makes about 600 sandwiches a month which goes to the Westminster Rescue Mission or Carroll County Food Sunday. Your donations of food and flea market items and your help is greatly appreciated. The youth group sell Fair Trade coffee and chocolate to assist paying for the Mar-Lu-Ridge retreat. Carol Hunt heads up this selling project. The youth, on a periodic basis, hold a car wash to support other SPY projects. To everyone, we thank you.

BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What body of water was the first victim of the plague in Egypt?
2. Who spoke about justice rolling down like a river?
3. What Christian woman worshiped with a group that met by a river?
4. Who found a baby while down by the riverside?
5. By what lake did Jesus appear to his disciples after the resurrection?

ANSWERS TO BIBLE TRIVIA: 1. The Nile (Exodus 7:7-15) 2. Amos (5:24) 3. Lydia (Acts 16: 13-14) 4. Pharaoh's daughter (Exodus 2:5) 5. The Sea of Tiberias (John 21:1)

NEWS

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

We are in great need of choir members. Hopefully, each one with the gift of music will seriously consider joining our choir. Even if you don't have the greatest voice, we need you. We thank those folks who stepped forward to sing on special Sundays. Please see a member of our Worship and Music Committee, our organist, Beth Hannon, or Pastor Mel if you are interested in joining.

RALLY DAY CELEBRATION

It is hard to believe that summer will soon be over and we will be kicking off our Sunday School program with Rally Day on September 7. Plans are being made to make this a very special day. There will be a church picnic after worship. Patti Schunk and the Sunday School teachers are planning some intergenerational activities. It is going to be fun and unique. So come out that day and join in the celebration as we gather together as a community of Christians having fun.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will begin again on Sunday, September 28 at 12:15. If you have a child that is at least 12 years of age and you would like to enroll them, please see Pastor Mel. So far the students we have are: Hope Hilgartner, Hannah Hilgartner, Katie Graff, and Selena Kelly. Parents are asked to attend the first class in order to receive the guidelines and expectations for the classes.

SALLY FOSTER FUND RAISER

The Outreach Committee will definitely be selling Sally Foster products this year. They will be looking for orders beginning in September. Wrapping paper, personal gifts, candy, and nuts are just some of the items you may purchase. The funds raised will support the Outreach

Committee projects which include giving gifts to our member shut-ins and to nursing home residents that they visit. They give gifts during the Easter and Christmas seasons. Ditty bags are filled with all kinds of appropriate items. So support this fund raiser for this committee. Another project they support is families in need during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Gifts and food are purchased and/or donated to help those in our community who are in need.

CPR TRAINING TO BE OFFERED

The church council is considering having someone teach a class on first-aid and CPR. Before they schedule this they would like to know how many people would be interested in taking this class. The classes would be held at the church. If you are interested, please see a council member or Pastor Mel. You will be notified when the class is then scheduled.

FLEA MARKET

Our next flea market event will be held, Saturday, August 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in September it will be held Saturday the 13th. More food donations of hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, cans of soda and bottles of water are needed. Please be generous and pick up a few extras while grocery shopping. Some of the funds raised this year will go towards the purchase of a pavilion.

BLOOD DRIVE

Our next blood drive will be held Saturday, September 27. If you can volunteer to man the phones to recruit donors or help during the blood drive, please see Suzi Lyons or Maidie Brown. Consider giving blood yourself. It is the gift of life.

BIBLE PRESENTATION

In May, prior to the end of the year's Sunday School classes, our third graders were presented their very own NRSV Bibles. Those who received were: Sydney Henry, Samuel Jones, Alex Panagakos, Natalie Panagakos, and Cheyenne Kelly. A special liturgy during our regular worship was used for the presentation. We pray our young folks will grow in faith as they read their very own Bible.

READ TO FEED

We thank Becky Decker for heading up our Read to Feed for the Heifer Project. Our young folks were able to raise \$500 for this outreach

project. We thank Ken and Becky for their treat of a pancake breakfast on the day the Read to Feed was held.

FAVORITE HYMN SUNDAY

Our annual Favorite Hymn Sunday will be held again on Sunday, August 31. Plan now to pick out your favorite hymns and have a wonderful worship of the Lord with music and song. The service will be led by our council president, Bill Stratton.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GAIGE DUBOIS

We congratulate Gaige, who has completed her classes for First Communion. Gaige is the daughter of Jamie and Derek DuBois and sister to Brinlee and Colton. Gaige received her First Communion on June 15th. How appropriate for her to be next to her father for Father's Day celebration as she received for the first time.

Celebrations for August & September

August Birthdays

2 Daniel Binebrink
 5 Ann Durham, Jr.
 8 Sara Singer
 Cheyenne Kelly
 10 Ashley Durham
 12 Spencer Bauerlein
 13 Cassandra Harris
 15 Patti Graff
 Oneida Jones
 Heather Panagakos
 16 Matilda Griffin
 22 Jesse McGee
 Steve Utz
 24 Kimberly Hale
 28 Claudia McGee
 29 Alex Panagakos
 30 Teri Hoffman

August Anniversaries

10 Bob & Sarah Morris

September Birthdays

1 Debbie Hogarty
 3 Lois Armacost

4 Cindy Durham
 5 Josh Durham
 Jennifer Hann
 10 James McGee
 Natalie Wickline
 12 Tim Brown
 13 Dorteia Gross
 15 Katie Binebrink
 16 Sandy Baber
 Katie Graff
 Wade Hilgartner
 17 Mary Ann Hoffman
 19 Bob Bare
 20 Chris Hale
 21 Ruth Bare
 Meg Jones
 23 Mary Letts
 24 Olan Harris
 25 Kaye Hancock

September Anniversaries

6 Gus & Jenny Siperko
 13 Bill & Linda Hale
 16 Steve & Barb Utz
 18 John & Debbie Hogarty

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
3 845am – Worship Youth Sunday	4 700pm- Bible Study	5 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	6 730 pm AA	7	8	9 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
10 845am – Worship Second Offering Interfaith Housing	11 700pm- Bible Study	12 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm –Council	13 645 pm Healing Service @ Christ Lutheran	14	15 SPY – Bengies Drive-in	16 800am-200pm Flea Market 9:30am Shared Ministry 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
17 845am – Worship Fellowship after service	18	19 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor Mel vacation	20 730 pm AA 645pm- Healing Service Christ Lutheran Pastor Mel vacation	21 Pastor Mel vacation	22 Pastor Mel vacation	23 Pastor Mel vacation Carroll Lutheran School Delegate meeting
24 845am – Worship Pastor Mel vacation	25 Pastor Mel vacation	26 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours Pastor Mel vacation	27 730 pm AA Pastor Mel vacation	28 Pastor Mel vacation	29 Pastor Mel vacation	30 Pastor Mel vacation
31 845am – Worship Favorite Hymn Sunday Pastor Mel vacation						8

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1	2	3	4 Pastor Mel Return to work	5	6 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
7 900am – Worship Rally Day Church Picnic Sally Foster Fund Raiser Begins	8 130pm- Worship & Music Committee	9 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours 700pm -Council	10 730 pm AA	11	12	13 800am-200pm Flea Market 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
14 900am – Worship 1 st Day of Sunday School Second Offering Seminary students	15	16 800am Sandwich Making 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours 300 pm – 430pm Pastor's Office Hours	17 730 pm AA 645 pm Healing Service @ St. Paul's	18	19	20 930 am – Shared Ministry 1200 pm -130pm Pastor's Office Hours
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28 900am – Worship 12:15- Confirmation Class	29 700pm-Bible Study	30 1000am-1200pm Treasurer's Office Hours				

Miscellaneous



Playground in use



SPY Car Wash July 2008



SPY Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sale



Flea Market July 2008

CHAT TIME

Want to sit and chat on Sundays? Be part of the adult open discussion time after worship beginning Sunday, September 14. Bring your issues, concerns, current event topics, or anything of interest. Meet together in our CORNER CHAT ROOM in the rear of the church sanctuary.

Be amazed at the things discussed. Everyone is invited.