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The Medicine of Immortality

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Ebola is on the minds of many people these days. This deadly virus is scaring people to death because death is what it causes. Over 13,000 cases have been reported world-wide and around 5,000 people have died, mostly in west Africa. Recently, there have been a few cases of the Ebola virus infecting people in the United States. People are getting nervous. There is talk of quarantines, flight bans, and so on. There is great fear that this will become a pandemic disease and kill many more people.

If you or a loved one were infected by the Ebola virus, how far would you go to obtain the medicine that would cure the disease? That seems like a stupid question. American health care workers who have been infected in Africa have come thousands of miles back to the USA to obtain treatment. I'm sure you would travel any distance to obtain a cure.

How many doses of an Ebola-curing drug would you take? Would you try it once? Take it occasionally? Again, these are stupid questions. You would take all the doses necessary to treat this disease, even if it meant standing in line, patiently waiting, and being late for dinner or missing the start of a football game. After all, this is a matter of life and death.

How much money would you be willing to pay to get the cure if you were infected by the Ebola virus? Would you see if you could afford it? Would you buy as much as you could with whatever money you had left over from buying a new car, flat screen TV, or Smartphone. Again, more stupid questions. If you have a deadly disease, cost is no object. You would pay everything in order to have a cure. Imagine the grief, heartache, and fear that would result if you couldn't afford the cure and had no medical insurance.

As bad as the Ebola virus is, there is a "disease" that is far worse than it: sin. A pandemic disease is one that is prevalent in a country. Sin is universal. It infects and corrupts all who are born into this world. While some people are cured of the Ebola virus and do not die from it, sin brings death to ALL of its victims. Since all people have sin, all people will die.

But there is a cure for sin. While many treatments for the Ebola virus have been labeled as "experimental" (which sounds pretty unsure to me), the cure for sin is 100% effective and totally sure. The cure is to be found in the body of Jesus Christ nailed to a cross and His blood shed there which have earned forgiveness for all sin for all people.

Don't worry about having health insurance and what the co-pay might be for such a wonderful cure for such a horrible disease. It is free! When Jesus offered up Himself on the cross as the sacrifice for all sin for all people for all time, He said, "It is finished!" The cost has been paid in full for the cure for you. You owe nothing.

How do we receive the cure? What is the medicine? One of the earliest Church Fathers – Ignatius, bishop of Antioch in the 1st century said the following: The Lord's Supper "is the medicine of immortality and our antidote so that we should not die, but live forever in Christ Jesus." Since the Lord's Supper delivers the true body and blood of Jesus into our mouths, this body and blood of Jesus delivers the forgiveness they won for us on the cross. Being fully and freely forgiven of all our sins, death cannot hold us. While our bodies die, because of Jesus' resurrection from the dead, those same bodies will be resurrected and we shall live forever in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In seeing the Lord's Supper, not as an optional ceremony which may lengthen Divine Service by 15 minutes, but as a life-saving antidote and cure for eternal death, we will desire to receive it often and would travel thousands of miles to receive it. By God's grace and mercy, you don't have to pay anything for it and don't have to travel across the world to receive it. You only have to travel a short distance to our church where it is offered every Sunday and every festival day.

Therefore, joyfully come to the Lord's Table often. Receive the medicine of immortality in faith. And you shall live forever.

In Christ, the Divine Physician,
Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Val Martin, Gloria Creek and Karen Schaefer for playing the organ during our worship services.
Brook Gerard and Kaye Franczyk for planning and organizing the youth hayride at Brook's.
Everyone who baked and bought baked goods at the Reformation Day dessert auction to raise funds for Rev. David Warner and his wife Shelee.
Helen Lewis for putting up the LWML display on the bulletin board.
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes on Sundays and Wednesdays.
Everyone who came and cleaned the Lord's house on cleaning day.
Idell Croskrey for changing the banners and paraments.
Angelika Fisher for cleaning the church.
Everyone on the Prayer Chain for their time and prayers.
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.
Everyone who cleans the kitchen after Bible study on Sundays and Wednesdays.
All of the men who volunteer to usher.
Everyone who counts the offering.
Cheri Magnuson for cleaning the Communion linens.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

Finances

The following is a rundown of our giving for the year 2014:

First Quarter (January – March)	
Given: \$30,540.09	Expenses: \$36,091.68
Second Quarter (April – June)	
Given: \$31,331.02	Expenses: \$32,088.53
Third Quarter	
July - Given: \$8,540.45	Expenses: \$10,671.66
August – Given: \$10,249.65	Expenses: \$10,266.28
September – Given: \$9,334.10	Expenses: \$10,834.51

Bottom line is that we are not keeping up with our expenses!

Ladies Bible study schedule

November is here -- with fall clean up in its final phase, holiday baking beginning, and election ads coming to an end. During November the FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will meet on November 7th and 21st from 1 - 3 p.m. for Bible study at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Av So. Roxanne M. Smith's "Living with Pain - Strength and Survival" teaches how Jesus healed physically, emotionally, and spiritually. The class is learning how the healing accounts in the Bible transfer to our daily lives and the need for healing. Please feel welcome to come anytime! A chair is always waiting just for you!

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held at these locations this month. On Veterans' Day, Tuesday, November 11th at 11:00 a.m. ladies and gentlemen will meet at Bee Hive Home #1 at 2816 15th Ave So. On Friday, November 14th the group will enjoy a no host lunch at 11:45 a.m. at El Comedor Restaurant, 1120 25th St. So. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Av. So. Come and join in the honoring of our veterans and the pre Thanksgiving joy with these precious children of God!



Thrivent Financial for Lutherans®

Cascade County Chapter of Thrivent Financial Service invites you to an afternoon of bowling with other Thrivent members at the Black Eagle Community Center, Sunday, November 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. Pizza and beverages will be provided. There will be no cost to the participants. Come on out and join some fun and fellowship with Thrivent members from the various churches in our community. Please RSVP to help us adequately provided for food arrangements. Contact John Metcalf at 453-2240 by Thursday, November 6 at 12 noon.

LWML

- ♥ **Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 at 6:30 p.m. with Bible study and a meeting.** All ladies of Peace are invited and encouraged to come and join us! Don't forget your Mite Boxes!
- ♥ **Be watching for the Gift of Love Tree at the end of November!**
- ♥ Remember that the ladies of LWML will be sponsoring the first Advent Soup Supper on December 3. If you would like to help in anyway, please contact Elsie Huss.
- ♥ **Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month.** Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.



November Anniversaries

Nov. 1	Vic and Carol Scheuffele
Nov. 6	Michael and Crystal Lewis
Nov. 17	Charlie and Angelika Fisher

Baptismal Anniversaries

November	4	Val Martin
	9	Brenna Hasbrouck
	9	Andrew Schlund
	11	Pastor Steve Schlund
	11	Michael Lewis
	12	Scott Schuman
	13	Dan Grove
	15	Kaylee Lewis
	16	Nathaniel Guderjahn
	21	Jill Southard
	21	Amanda Southard
	22	Katherine Onstad
	22	August Birkholz
	22	Josie Ryster
	24	Betsy Wirth
	25	Isaac McDaniel
	26	Alan Brown



INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

The following people are experiencing health problems:

John Birkholz

June Foard, June Meier's daughter
Jane Hering

Our members who are away serving in the military are **Kurt Mueller and Michael Lewis**.

Deacon for November: Arnie Gidlow

November ushers:

2 – Lyle Onstad and Greg Franczyk
9 – Tyler Denning and Matt Schlund
16 – Dan Grove and Ed Ostlund
23 – Tom and Tommy Croskrey
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Socks, hats and gloves

During the month of November, we will be collecting men's socks size large, hats and gloves of all sorts to be sent to Lame Deer for the LCMS congregation there. Feel free to bring them and place them in the box provided. Any questions, contact Helen Lewis.

Youth events

Sunday, November 16th at 2pm - please join us as we get ready for the Christmas season by making holy family ornaments for your trees at home and to send to others in our congregation. A light snack will be provided. We need some older kids to help with the hot glue guns.

December 6 will be the day we decorate the church for the Advent season.

Voters meeting set

The next Voters meeting for members of Peace will be **Sunday, November 16**. There will be a potluck meal before the meeting. The meeting should begin around 12:30 p.m. We will be voting on the 2015 budget and talking about other important issues. Copies of the budget can be picked up from the usher's stand for your review.



*"Blessing and glory and
wisdom and thanksgiving and
honor and power and might
be to our God
forever and ever! Amen."*
Revelation 7:12, NRSV

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at Peace

We will once again have a **Thanksgiving Day Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.** on November 27. It is the Order of Matins without Communion. During the service there will be a non-perishable food offering that will be taken to the Great Falls Rescue Mission. Following the service, we will also have a meal for families of Peace who want to come and join us. There is a sign-up sheet posted and a tentative menu. Please sign your name and the number of people in your family and indicate what you will be bringing to add to the meal. We all have sooo much for which to give thanks!

Lutherans For Life information



Dear Friends against physician-assisted suicide,

It has been many months since I have written to you regarding the issue of physician-assisted suicide. That doesn't mean it has gone away. It has been before our state legislature several times in recent years and promises to come before them again. This is a subject that requires education for the doctor, the patient, our legislature, our children, the disabled...really for everyone.

With that in mind, I am happy to announce that Dr. David Stevens, Executive Director of the American Academy of Medical Ethics will be speaking in six locations across our state on this vital issue. Dr. Stevens has a masters degree in bioethics and has spoken across the nation in regard to this pressing issue. I am attaching a schedule of his speaking tour from November 17 through November 21, in various key cities. I urge you to mark your calendars. This event will be open to the public and we need your help in getting the word out in your friends, family, neighbors, workplaces, churches, social organizations etc. We especially want legislators to come and be educated. The talk is open to all including those who may be for physician assisted suicide. We want this to be an open discussion to provide an ethically sound argument spelling out the dangers of this practice to our society. If you have any questions or concerns please let us know by emailing preventassistedsuicide@gmail.com Feel free to hand out the flyer to anyone and everyone.
Bobbie Hafer

Dr. Stevens will be at.
November 17 - Bozeman
November 18 - Billings
November 19 - Great Falls
November 20 - 2 presentations in Kalispell
November 21 - Missoula

Applying Biblical Teachings

“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. . .” (1 Tim. 6:10). Friendships have been destroyed by it. Families have been torn apart by it. Marriages have been wrecked by it. Lives have been ruined by it. “. . . Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith. . .” (1 Tim. 6:10).

Solomon wisely observed, “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless” (Eccl. 5:10). If one loves money, he devotes himself to it. He focuses, he plots, he schemes, he labors to acquire more. He lets nothing stand between him and the obtaining of his wealth. But the securing of this wealth is meaningless. It is as if one were chasing the wind.

Jesus said, “What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?” (Mark 8:36). And St. Paul went on to instruct Timothy, “For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it” (1 Tim. 6:7). The worldly pleasures and comfort that money can buy are only short-lived. Compared to eternity, our life is less than a blink of an eye. That which we have accumulated is gone. Naked again, we depart this life.

By the working of the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament, we have been brought to faith in Christ and to the realization that He, the risen Lord and Savior, reigns in our lives. He will make use of the money and wealth He has given us to do His work. In Christ, we are content with that and go about our labor with the realization that “. . . godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Tim. 6:6).

In Jesus’ name, we ask for forgiveness when our love turns from Him. We ask that He, through Word and Sacrament, continually strengthen us in our faith. We ask that He guide us to use our money and wealth in a God-pleasing manner.

“Whoever trusts in his riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf” (Prov. 11:28).

“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life

“[A]s long as God gives life, then God is at work giving life meaning and purpose. As long as God gives life, life has value and it is ‘more necessary’ to keep on living.” *Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

“In the pagan first century, Christianity was the catalyst that moved the Roman world from killing to caring. It didn’t happen overnight. Now, in the pagan 21st century, let us again be that catalyst. We have so many footsteps of faithful saints to follow. God gave them purpose and success and He gives it to you, too. Go! God will bless your efforts as you continue to serve Him.” *Diane E. Schroeder, former president of Lutherans For Life* – A “Life Quote” from Lutherans For Life · www.lutheransforlife.org

Nursing Home Ministry needs your help!



A ministry providing devotions and hymn singing has been provided weekly over a number of years for residents both at Benefis Extended Care Center and Park Place Nursing Home. Currently, there is a need for volunteers to help with this service. The weekly schedule is as follows:

**Benefis Skilled Nursing Center –
Tuesday 10:15 to 10:45 a.m.
Park Place Nursing Home –
Thursday 10:00 to 10:45 a.m.**

If you would like to help in this ministry of love, please contact Alice Schuman at 761-6657.