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### Getting Your Complete Rest

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Labor Day is, for many Americans, the last great holiday of the summer. It is not spent in “laboring” (as the name might imply), but in a last ditch effort to get some “rest” before the hectic fall schedule begins. The funny thing is that our efforts to find rest often require a lot of work: packing up the camper, driving a great distance, walking 18 holes of golf, organizing an outdoor cookout, and so on. Sometimes, we need to rest after getting all of that “rest.”

Yet physical rest is not the only kind of rest that people need. We are tired in a different way. We are tired from the troubles in this world. We are weary from the worries of this life. We are worn out from trying to put on a good face for everyone to see while, at the same time, hiding our shortcoming, failures, and mistakes. We are fatigued from trying to cover up our shame and guilt and pretending that everything is all right. We think that if we can just get some more sleep or “get away from it all” for a weekend that this weariness will all just disappear. But it doesn’t. While physical rest may give us some temporary relief, the weariness returns again.

That’s because this is spiritual weariness. God created all of us to live in harmony with him and with each other. But sin – our rebellion against God’s commandments and our lack of love for each other – has disrupted this harmony. All of the effects of our sin – worry, fear, guilt, and so on – as well as our efforts to overcome these effects have worn us out spiritually. Physical rest and mental relaxation cannot relieve this. We need spiritual rest.

The only solution to spiritual weariness is not to try to get rid of the effects of sin, but to overcome sin itself. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came into this world and took all sin and all of its effects upon Himself when He went to the cross. There He offered His life as the sacrifice for the sin of the world. His sacrifice was sufficient. His resurrection was God’s stamp of approval.

To all who are weary spiritually, Jesus now offers this gracious invitation, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28-29) Jesus promises rest to those who come to Him and take His yoke upon themselves – in other words, become His disciples. His disciples receive rest for their souls through the forgiveness of all their sins. They receive forgiveness for all of their sins through the Word of God as it is heard in absolution and preaching and through Jesus’ body and blood as it is consumed in the Lord’s Supper.

When we have forgiveness of sins from God and when we share that forgiveness with one another, there is perfect rest. There is no cause to be in conflict, no reason to fear, and no basis for worry. There is only peace with God and with each other.

Some people think that going to church is one more duty in an already busy world and hectic lifestyle. Nothing could be further from the truth. Divine Service is an opportunity to receive rest (and I don’t mean by sleeping through the sermon). In Divine Service, you receive the forgiveness that gives you the spiritual rest which your soul so desperately needs.

Some people think that obtaining spiritual rest is somehow in conflict with obtaining physical rest – that it somehow must be one or the other. That also is not true. Both physical rest and spiritual rest are important. In fact, God set aside the Sabbath as a day of physical rest so that people would have time to gather for spiritual rest as well.

So, neglect neither physical rest nor spiritual rest. Hear the Word of God so that you might be spiritually at rest. Take time off work and get away so that you might be physically at rest. When soul and body are both at rest, that is complete rest.

In Christ,

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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**Kevin and Linda** for all of their hard work cooking, cleaning and organizing at Deaf Camp.

**Donnalene McPartlin** for organizing the children's events at the retreat.

**Brook Gerard** for organizing and planning the trip to the Columbia Falls Waterpark.

**Ernie VanVleet** for creating beautiful stained glass windows in memory and honor of some of our members.

**David Wise and the members of Christ for the Deaf** thank everyone who came and participated in Deaf Camp. He said, "We really enjoyed you being there!"

**Everyone** who worked at the fair booth.

**All of the ladies** who helped make pillowcase dresses for Africa.

**Cascade Thrivent Chapter Board** for sponsoring a night at the Voyager's ball game.

**All of the ladies** who go to Benefis Skilled Nursing Center, Park Place Nursing Home, Bee Hive Home and Highgate House for hymn singing and devotions every month.

**Gloria Creek and Val Martin** for playing the organ during our worship services.

**All those who volunteer** to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes.

**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.

**Everyone** who has donated treats for our fellowship time.

**All of the men** who volunteer to usher.

**Angelika Fisher** for cleaning the church.

**All of the people** who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.

**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.

## LWML

- ♥ **Thank you, Arnie Gidlow, for offering to take the items collected to the Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer.** We did not have anything donated but will try again next year.
- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Tuesday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Our guest speaker will be **Gloria Creek** who was the Central Zone delegate to the National LWML Convention in June. She will share her experiences and information about the convention. All ladies of Peace are invited to join us!
- ♥ **The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held at St. John Lutheran in Havre on October 5 from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m.** The guest speaker and theme are yet to be announced but please add this to your calendar! We will car pool so if you want a ride please let Ruth in the church office know.
- ♥ **The Fall LWML Retreat will be at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln on September 27 and 28.** The cost is \$55 per person and due soon. Elsie Huss and Ruth Denning will be going. If you want a ride, please let one of them know. Registration forms are in the church office or in the latest *Montana Missive*.
- ♥ **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.

**We have been contacted** by the Cascade County Detention Center asking if we could collect composition books for them again this year. If you would like to donate composition books, which are now on sale during the back to school sales, please bring them to the church and we will be sure they get to the Cascade County Detention Center. The Mental Health staff hands out about 1 journal per month to the inmates that request them. The inmates use these books to do their Bible studies, process and clarify their thoughts and feelings, reduce stress, problem solve, and work on their legal issues. **The books cannot have any staples, metal spiral or other sharp parts.**

## Family Night Kickoff

We will begin Family Night again on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** with a potluck at 6:00 PM. Every week, there will be a different theme for the potlucks. The theme for the first night will be pizza. There will be Bible Study for all ages, beginning at 6:30 PM. Adults will be introduced to the Bible Study themes for the year. Youth will meet their teachers and be introduced to their class materials for the coming year. The evening will end with closing devotions at 7:30 PM.

## Fort Benton Golf Outing

There will be a golf outing at Signal Point Golf Course in Fort Benton on **Sunday, September 22 at 2:00 p.m.** A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. For more information contact Mitch Martin.

# Ladies Bible Study Schedule

Wow! School is in full session. Time to gather in at FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS again. They are continuing their study of REVELATION. Bible study will be held September 6th and 13th from 1:15 - 3:15 pm at the home of Marge Johnsten, 3000 8th Ave So. If you have thought about joining them for a session or two, please come! Do not think you must "commit" to attending each Friday. Many in the group are snowbirds!

Assisted Living Ministry continues, as it has throughout the summer, with hymn singing and a devotion at the following residences. Tuesday, September 10th at 11 am ladies and gentlemen will be at Bee Hive Home #1 at 2816 15th Ave So. On Friday, September 20th at 11:45 am the group will have a no host lunch at El Comedor, 1120 25th Street So. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave So. Always feel welcome to just come for lunch, as many do. This is a no stress, no pressure group. Lots of laughs though...



## September Anniversaries

Sept. 3	Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
Sept. 4	Scott and Lisa Rubino
Sept. 6	Russ and Val Kraenzel
Sept. 8	Ernie and Judy VanVleet
Sept. 10	Karen Schaefer and Dave Snuggs
Sept. 10	James and Susan Knoll
Sept. 18	Ken and Brenda Rubino
Sept. 19	Richard & Charlene Schottey
Sept. 24	Scott and Ann Clutter
Sept. 27	Jason and Brook Gerard
Sept. 29	Robert and Angela Fletcher
Sept. 30	Lyle and Joan Sivumaki

## Baptismal Anniversaries

September	1	Tara Onstad
	1	Carl Kangas
	4	Jill Keil
	4	Kris Heppner
	7	Jessamy Blomgren
	8	Kathlina Carlsen
	8	Nancy Crestoni
	9	Joe Furr I
	16	Karl Mueller
	19	Elsie Huss
	20	John Sivumaki
	20	Ken Steinke
	22	Melissa Weaver
	24	Paul Rubino
	25	Rustin Kraenzel Jr.
	29	Scott Rubino
	29	Karin Steinke
	30	Paul James Rubino



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
The following people are experiencing health problems:

**John Birkholz**  
**Jane Hering**  
**Beate Neumann**

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

## Rally Day

**Rally Day** will be on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> as we begin Sunday School and Midweek Bible School for the fall. There will be Divine Service at 9:30 AM with the Installation of the Teaching Staff for 2013-2014. Afterwards, students will meet their teachers and have their first lesson. At noon, there will be a potluck with lots of fun and games for all. Join us for this fun day!

## Fall Sunday School Starting

**Sunday School and Midweek Staff Meeting** – On Wednesday, **September 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM** there will be a meeting for all teachers of Sunday school and midweek classes. Teaching materials will be handed out as well. Please plan now to attend.

**Confirmation Parents' Meeting** - There will be a brief meeting for parents of children involved in Pastor Schlund's confirmation class this year on Rally Day, September 8<sup>th</sup> sometime after the meal has been completed. If there are any questions, talk to Pastor Schlund.

## Egg Bake Brunch fund raiser

On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon the Board of Directors will sponsor a brunch fund raiser and dessert auction to raise funds for our Seminarian Andrew Schlund. There will be egg bakes, fresh fruit, donuts and sweet rolls. Please bring any items for auction and your appetite with you the day of the event!

## “Teaching Tour” of 7 Churches of Revelation

(Mar 24 – Apr 4, 2014) - In addition to visiting each of the sites of the 7 Churches of Revelation (including a full day in ancient Ephesus) the tour also includes a short cruise to the Island of Patmos, where God led John to write the Book of Revelation, a tour of Western Turkey, where we will see Turkey’s beautiful tulips in full bloom. Rev Darold Reiner, pastor of The Church at Creston – Lutheran, is the tour leader. Contact him at 406-890-1149 or [reiner@centurytel.net](mailto:reiner@centurytel.net) for full brochure with itinerary and information.

## Adult Inquirers’ Class

**Adult Inquirers’ Class** will begin on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> and will run for approximately 12 Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The course covers the basic teachings of Christianity through the use of the Bible and Luther’s Small Catechism. Welcome to attend are people who want to know what the Lutheran church and our congregation believes and practices; people who desire to become members of Peace Lutheran Church; and people who want to review what they learned in confirmation class. There is no obligation to become a member after completing the class. If you would like more information or know of someone who might be interested in receiving an invitation to this course, talk to Pastor Schlund.

## Finances

Our giving in June, 2013 was \$10,238.66 and our expenses for June were \$10,421.02. **The amount that Peace’s checking account is in the red at the end of June is \$16,899.92.** The **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** loan balance as of June 30, 2013 is **\$47,821.02.**

## Deaf Awareness Day

Celebrate Deaf Awareness on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Montana School for the Deaf and Blind. Visit the MSDB museum from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Activities and games will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 PM. A Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Potluck will be held from 4:00 – 6:30 PM at the Mustang Center. The cost is \$5.00 per person if you bring a dish to share and \$10.00 if you don’t bring a dish to share. Children 7 years and under are free. For more information or to RSVP (by September 17<sup>th</sup>), talk to David Wise.



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### Conflict an Opportunity? I hate conflict!

“Everyone at our family Christmas gathering acted like nothing was wrong. But Uncle Bob refused to come because his son Roger and daughter-in-law Barb were invited. Roger and Barb didn’t show up either, for fear his parents would be there. What a way to celebrate the coming of the Prince of Peace!”

Sharon wondered what she could do. She hated conflict as much as the next person, but she hated *peace-breaking* and *peace-faking* even more. Then Sharon attended *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*. She learned that conflict provides three godly opportunities for the *peace-maker*. Putting what she learned into practice, she talked separately to her cousin and uncle.

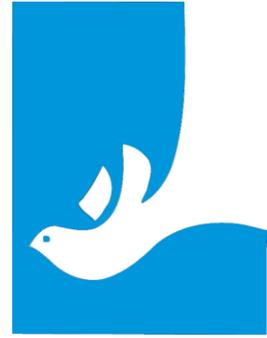
The next spring at an anniversary celebration, Uncle Bob, Roger and Barb were all there, sitting together at the table. Everyone took notice. Sharon quietly thanked Jesus for reconciliation and the opportunities she learned from *Blessed Are the Peacemakers*.

This life-changing seminar is coming soon! If you don’t like conflict, you can do more than *peace-faking* or *peace-breaking*. Join us in a one-day Bible study as we learn how to fulfill our vocation as *peace-makers*.

*Blessed Are the Peacemakers* seminar  
First Lutheran Church  
September 21, 2013  
Registration 8:30am Seminar  
9:00 am to 3:30pm  
Call 406/586-5374 to register.

**“Speaking the Language of Life”**

Montana Lutherans For Life workshop  
**September 27 - 28, 2013**  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
221 S. Center Ave  
Miles City, MT.  
Contact information:  
Maureen Klapmeier 406 852 0032  
or Helen Lewis 406 781 8059



**Speakers**

**Reverend Jay Reinke** is Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church, Williston, North Dakota, where he has served for 20 years, and Redeemer Lutheran Church, Grassy Butte, North Dakota. A native of southern Idaho, Pastor Reinke is married to Andrea, who originally hails from Wisconsin. They are parents to Clara, Mary, Eric and Ann. Pastor Reinke is a graduate of Concordia College, St. Paul, and of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. While at his first parish in South Dakota, Pastor Reinke helped charter the state SD LFL federation.

**Rev. Terry Forke** is president of the Montana District of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. He received a BA in 1979 from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1983, he received a Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and in 1989 a Masters of Sacred Theology from the same institution. Rev. Forke has served his entire pastoral career in Montana. In 2006, he was elected President of the Montana District. He has been active in Lutherans For Life, a pro-life organization, serving as president from 2001 – 2009.

**Sidney Sunrise Women’s Clinic** - sunrisepregnancy.org Sunrise Women’s Clinic provides free professional pregnancy tests, limited obstetrical ultrasounds and abortion education in Sidney and the surrounding areas of Montana and North Dakota. The clinic is located at 116 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NW, Sidney, MT. The clinic telephone number is (406) 433 7772.

**“Speaking the Language of Life”**

**Schedule of events**

Miles City, Montana Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Jay Reinke Rev. Terry Forke Rev. Howard Schreiberis  
Sidney Sunrise Women’s Clinic

**Friday, September 27, 2013**

5:00 p.m. Registration  
6:00 p.m. Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Bible study by Rev. Terry Forke  
8:15 p.m. Vespers by Rev. Howard Schreiberis

**Saturday, September 28, 2013**

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
9:00 a.m. Presentation by Rev. Jay Reinke - **The Language of Scripture (Revealed Knowledge)** - How the Incarnation of God gives us words to speak and truth to share about those created to bear God’s image.  
10:00 a.m. Q and A with Rev. Reinke  
10:15 a.m. Break  
10:30 a.m. Sidney Sunrise Women’s Clinic – Mike Mohl  
11:30 a.m. Break  
11:45 a.m. Presentation by Rev. Jay Reinke - **The Language of the Natural Law** - Defining and defending “Human” in a dehumanizing world, by using the language all humans are given to speak: the language of the Natural Law.  
12:45 p.m. Q and A with Rev. Reinke  
1:00 p.m. Devotion with Rev. Howard Schreiberis  
1:30 p.m. Lunch

**Cost** - Free will offering for meals

**RSVP** - to help with meal planning,

**Call** - Maureen Klapmeier at 406 852 0032 or  
Helen Lewis 406 781 8050 pahk725@yahoo.com

If registering online, please include

**“LFL workshop registration”** in the subject line.