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From the Pastor's Desk

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"² And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵ And there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, out of every nation under heaven. ⁶ Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying one to another, Behold, are not all these which speak Galilaeans? ⁸ And how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born? ⁹ Parthians, and Medes, and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, and in Judaea, and Cappadocia, in Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia, and Pamphylia, in Egypt, and in the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, Jews

and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretes and Arabians, we do hear them speak in our tongues the wonderful works of God. ¹² And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this? ¹³ Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine. ¹⁴ But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: ¹⁵ For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; ¹⁷ And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: ¹⁸ And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy: ¹⁹ And I will shew wonders in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath; blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke: ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and notable day of the Lord come: ²¹ And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. " **Acts 2:1-21**

This text is the appointed one for the

day of Pentecost. Pentecost was a feast of thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest. It later became associated with the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai. For us it has become a celebration of the work of the spirit. No longer is God's spirit limited to a select few but it's a gift given to all Christians.

Speaking in tongues is a kind of undoing of the separation that happened at the tower of babel. God confused the languages as a result of their attempt to build a tower to heaven. Now on Pentecost after the finished work of Christ He pours out his spirit. The disciples preach the gospel, and it is heard by everyone in their own language.

The purpose of the Holy Spirit is to lead us into truth. To reveal God's word to us, it never leads us anywhere else. This is demonstrated by Peter's own sermon. He preaches God's word to the people and many repent. This is how the spirit operates, by the preaching of law and gospel God reveals to us our sin, our need for a savior, and the forgiveness of sins that we all have through the blood of Christ. May we be filled with that same spirit to proclaim those very things to a world that desperately needs to hear it.

God's Peace,

Pastor Nicholas Kandoll

Charlotte Elliott seemed to have everything going for her as a young woman. She was gifted as a portrait artist and also as a writer. Then in her early thirties she suffered a serious illness that left her weak and depressed. During her illness, a minister came to visit her. Noticing her depression, he asked if she had peace with God. She resented the question and said she did not want to talk about it. But a few days later she apologized to the minister. She said that she wanted to clean up some things in her life before becoming a Christian. The minister looked at her and answered, "Come just as you are." That was enough for Charlotte Elliott and she yielded herself to the Lord that day. Fourteen years later, remembering those words spoken to her, she wrote this simple hymn that has been used to touch the hearts of millions who have also responded to Christ's invitation to come just as they are.

*Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, and waiting not, to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, though tossed about, with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee I find, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*
(song no. 325 in Hymns & Songs of Zion)

"1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

3 Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
For youthful longing, youthful doubt,
How blurred our vision, blind our way,
Thy providential care without.
Faith of our mothers, guiding faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death."



**I am the WAY, the TRUTH,
and the LIFE. John 14:6**

**Without the WAY there is no
Going.**

**Without the TRUTH, there is
no Knowing.**

**Without the LIFE, there is no
Living.**

Martin Luther

**None can believe how
powerful prayer is, and
what it is able to effect,
but those who have
learned it by experience.**

The 10 Commandments

"Above all else, love God
alone,
bow down to neither wood
nor stone.
God's name refuse to take in
vain,
The Sabbath rest with care
maintain.
Respect your parents all your
days,
Hold sacred human life al-
ways.
Be loyal to your chosen mate,
Steal nothing, neither small
nor great.
Report with truth your neigh-
bor's deed,
And rid your mind of selfish
greed."

Author Unknown.



2023 Convention

New York Mills, Minnesota • June 29 - July 2

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."



NOTICES



Reminder:

Woodland cemetery work day is
Saturday, May 6 from 9 am to 1 pm.

Lunch provided



Any questions, call

Dennis W at 218-371-0189

Kiitos-Thank You

Many, many thanks to all who attended the "card party" in honor of my 90th birthday. All the cards, well wishes, telephone calls, gifts, visits and prayers. Blessings of family and friends who are such a support especially as I become more dependent on others. A special thanks to Maria, Elaine and Karen who hosted the "card party."

God's Peace - Esther Underdahl

Convention News

We are in need of volunteers in the following areas: First Aid

Setting up the Nursery

Setting up a room for Elderly/ Handicap

Chaperones for Youth Gatherings

Help with Food at the Youth Gatherings

If you can help, let Jim or Elma Keskitalo know.

Thanks to all that have so graciously volunteered.



Baccalaureate service will be held May 21.

The 2023 graduates are:

Kaydi Mursu and Jada Newberg

We pray God's blessings on them in their future endeavors.

We are still looking for sleeping accommodations for the Finnish/Swedish Youth Group coming to New York Mills during the summer convention (5 nights.) We would welcome the use of RV's or Ice Castle Fish Houses (needs to have air conditioning as this is the height of summer) that can be parked and plugged in at a host home, or the loan of extra rollaway beds, cots or mattresses, and pillows that can go to host homes to house one or more youth.

We are expecting about 36 in the group (most are ages 17-22, and also includes chaperones who are older, and one family with younger children). If you can help please contact someone on the housing committee.

Thanks!!

Teresa

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Sunday mornings
English at 8:05 am

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New York Mills, Spruce Grove
and Menahga Apostolic
Lutheran Churches*

Church Hours

Sunday School @ 9:15
Worship @ 10:30

If you choose to watch the services online and would like to donate to the church please send checks to:

Louise Amberg-Jokela

206 South Broadway #107 New York Mills, MN 56567.

Thank you to everyone that has taken the time to send contribu-

Meals/potluck, will be served on

the

first Sunday

Group 7 in May (potluck)

Group 8 for Sunday School

Picnic -May 14

Group 9 for -Baccalaureate

May 21

Group 10 in June (potluck)

The serving group will make the main dishes for **potlucks** (unless announced otherwise) and others are asked to bring salads or desserts.

There is a sign up sheet for Sunday coffee in the dining room.



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