



1Thessalonians 5:13-15

Rise and Shine

13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

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From the Pastor's Office

Romans 12:1-8

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

This text tells us of the importance of presenting our bodies as a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, as well as the renewing of our minds, so that we can serve others using the gifts God has mercifully bestowed upon us.

Paul challenges us to use those gifts in a humble way. There are prophetic gifts, serving gifts, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, and showing mercy gifts, all from the Holy Spirit. Remember the parable of the three people who received talents from their master (Matthew 25:14-30)? Jesus expects all of us to use the talent(s) He has given us through the Holy Spirit for the benefit of others. You should be able to see, through reading the list, a talent(s) He has bestowed upon you, no matter what your age is or what your physical condition is-for God can use as a minimum your cheerful giving of money as well as your cheerful giving of mercy (comfort and encouragement) to others if nothing else. He criticizes the man who kept his talent all to himself, not using it but burying it.

This last week (August 17-21) we had a group of people of mixed ages serving as teachers, helpers, cleaners, nursery care, and custodial help for VBS. What a blessed week to minister to and serve 18 children (plus 7 in the nursery!).

We have volunteers for teaching as Sunday school and Bible Study begin September 13 at 9:15 am. With more volunteers we can serve more people or do more outreach.

Please ask the Lord to show you your current gifts and then pray that He will help you to use them.

Shalom2u! Pastor Joel

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September at PLC



Sundays:

- 6 **10:30am** Worship Service
also via YouTube & FB live
- 13, 20, 27 **9:15am** Sunday School & Bible study
10:30am Worship Service
also via YouTube & FB live
- 20 **10:30am** Worship service with
Communion
- 27 **11:40am** Abbreviated Communion

Monday:

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Tuesdays:

- 8 **5:45pm** Mission Committee Meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6:30pm** Bible study via Zoom
also in the church Fellowship Hall

Celebrate Our Congregation

September Birthdays:

Tom	Madison	9/5
Peter	Pelto	9/5
Jane	Johnson	9/9
Brian	Bartell	9/10
Brad	Aho	9/10
Natalie	Bartell	9/13
Carmen	Kandoll	9/18
Sarah	Siirtola	9/19
Addison	Ellis	9/21
Terri	Bloomquist	9/28

September Anniversaries:

James & Elise	O'Neill	9/13
Ryan & Jenny	Rintala	9/22
Bill & Joan	Graunke	9/27

Save The Date

Sunday School/ Bible Study Begins:

the Sunday after Labor Day
Sept 13th @ 9:15am – 10:00am

In- Person

Adults: Revelation
continued by Roy Saari

***Semi-Annual Meeting is Postponed**
Details for this meeting will follow.

Church Family Picnic
Sunday, May 31st at French Regional Park
Cancelled.
To Be Rescheduled at a later date at the church,
Details or changes to follow.



Meet Your Sister in Christ, Monica Dra

Monica Dra has faced great pain and sorrow for more than 10 years. As she and her husband were on their way to church in 2009, Islamic militants killed her husband and slashed her neck with a machete, leaving her for dead in a ditch. By God's grace, she survived, undergoing numerous surgeries to repair her neck and vocal cords. VOM provided medical support, funds to help her start a small grocery shop and funds to support her son's education.

When she refused to marry a man who already had a wife, she was forced to start over again. She enrolled in VOM-supported tailoring classes, graduating last year, in order to set up a small tailoring business to support herself and her son. A VOM worker regularly checks in on Monica to provide further encouragement.

Monica's son, now 20 years old, has struggled over the years. Last year he attended a camp organized by VOM for children who have lost parents. On the final night, he testified about how far God has brought him since he lost his father and almost lost his mother. "It was really an encouraging and uplifting night," a VOM worker said. "Many of the teens were in tears as they surrendered their anger toward Boko Haram."

VOM is committed to providing help — for as long as the need exists — to those who have suffered persecution themselves and to the families of Christians killed for their witness, like Monica and her son.



Monica and her son



Brian Lunn Installed and Ordained
Serving as the first full time pastor in more than ten years
At Word of Life Church – AFLC

Officiating at both the ordination and installation is Rev. Lyndon Korhonen, President of Association of Free Lutheran Bible School and Seminary

