Grace Notes

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Dear Saints of Grace congregation,

In this month's article, the Words from Lutheran leaders encouraging God's people to stay steadfast IN orthodoxy (that which is right and true) continue to be delivered to you. The following comes from The Rev. Dr. Francis Pieper's book entitled *Christian Dogmatics* (in which he quotes C.F.W. Walther):

> "Again, only he is a fit minister of the Church who is able to refute false teachers. That is listed [in Holy Scripture] as one of the necessary qualifications of an elder [pastor] or bishop: "Holding fast the faithful Word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers... whose mouths must be stopped".
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> (Titus 1:9-11)
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> The popular demand that the public teacher [pastor] refrain from polemics is not supported by Scripture. Scripture admonishes pastors to "avoid foolish questions and genealogies and contentions about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain" (Titus 3:9)... It is also to be noted that in Titus 1:9 the words "able by sound doctrine to exhort" *precede* "able to convince the gainsayer." That means that the clear presentation of the true doctrine must come before the refutation of the false doctrine.
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> The hearers will thus be in a position to see that the polemics are justified *and will be able to make the condemnation of the false doctrine their own... <u>The duty of refuting false doctrine and rebuking false teachers is laid upon the teachers of the Church in Titus 1:9-11 and many other passages of Scripture</u>*. All Prophets and Apostles and Christ Himself have proclaimed both the true doctrine and condemned the false doctrine.
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> Walther does NOT go too far when he writes: "A man may proclaim the pure doctrine, but if he does not condemn and refute the opposing false doctrine, does not warn against the wolves in sheep's clothing, the false prophets, and unmask them, he is not a faithful steward of God's mysteries, not a faithful watchman on the walls of Zion, but, as the Word of God says [he is], an unfaithful servant, a dumb dog, a traitor. The terrible consequences of the ministers failure to use the [logical refutations] are before our eyes -- many souls and the Church deeply hurt.
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> Polemics are absolutely needed. Not only because a doctrine is more fully comprehended in the light of its antithesis, but mainly because the errorists so craftily mask their error behind a show of truth that the simple Christians, if not forewarned, are despite their love of the truth only too easily deceived. The pastor cannot wash his hands in innocence, pleading that he has always preached the full truth, if he did not at the same time warn against the error and, when necessary, identify it by naming the errorist; if his sheep, either while he is still serving or after he had to leave them for another field, become the prey of the ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing, he is guilty of their blood."[1]

I pray that MANY would read this - so that many would understand the Gospel-generated love that God is carrying out through a protective under-shepherd.

With you **<u>IN</u>** Christ!

Pastor Carver

[1] Pieper, Francis, Christian Dogmatics, (CPH, St. Louis, 1950), page 49-50. (emphasis mine)

"The Inspired and Inerrant Word of God in the English Language" Part 5

The Bible has been translated into many languages since the New Testament era began. One of the oldest and well known translations is the Latin Vulgate of Jerome, with the New Testament translated from the Greek into Latin around 380 A.D., and the Old Testament translated from the Hebrew into Latin by 390 A.D.. By 500 A.D. multiple languages were translated including Egyptian, Coptic, Ethiopian, Gothic and Armenian. By 600 A.D. the Roman Church declared that Latin was to be the "official" language of the Scriptures. That did not stop Christian scholars from translating the Bible into the other languages. They believed that the people should be permitted to read the Bible in their mother tongue.

After Wycliffe and his associates defied this Roman Catholic Church mandate, another Englishman rose to the challenge 100 years later. His name was William Tyndale. In a book written by Stephen J. Lawson, the life of Tyndale is carefully and accurately recorded. Here's some of what Lawson shares about his life.

He was born around 1494 in rural Western England. His ancestors settled in the Gloucestershire area and became landowners. They were industrious and respectable farmers who flourished in this prosperous area. This prosperity allowed William's parents to send him to Oxford, England's most prestigious university. He entered serious studies at age 12 and spent 10 years, beginning with preparatory grammar school at Magdalen Hall which was located inside Magdalen College and attached to Oxford University. He studied grammar, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, music theory, rhetoric, logic and philosophy. By the time he officially entered Oxford University, he demonstrated great aptitude in languages and studied under the finest classical scholars.

While there, Tyndale was ordained into the priesthood but never entered a monastic order. After graduating in 1512, he continued his goal of a Master's degree from Oxford. It was then, after his eighth year of studies, that he was actually allowed to study theology. But it was only a speculative theology that gave priority to Aristotle and other Greek philosophers, rather than the Bible. Tyndale was greatly disappointed and declared that "The Scriptures are locked up with...false expositions, and with false principals of natural philosophy."

Tyndale graduated in July of 1515 with a Master of Arts as a university-trained Linguist from the highly acclaimed Oxford University. Not much is known of his life for the next few years, but in 1519 he went to study at Cambridge, regarded as "Oxford's foremost intellectual rival in England". While some historians have written that he studied under Desiderius Erasmus, Lawson records that Erasmus had taught here from 1511-1514 and that while Tyndale was at Cambridge, Erasmus was traveling around Europe, compiling his famous Greek New Testament.

By 1519, Cambridge had become a hotbed for the teaching of Martin Luther and many of Luther's works were broadly circulated among instructors and students alike. Under the influence of the Lutheran understanding of Scriptural Truth, Tyndale embraced a deep commitment to the core truths of this movement. In 1520, a group of truth-seeking students gathered at a local pub on the campus of King's College, called the White Horse Inn, to debate the ideas of Luther. This group became known as "Little Germany". Many believe William Tyndale was included, as well as another important figure, Miles Coverdale.

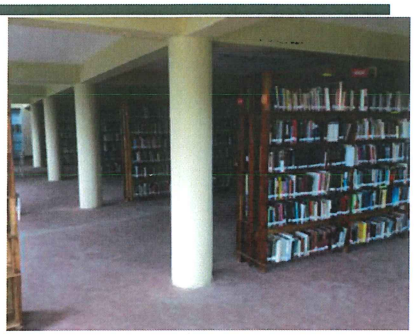
In 1521, Tyndale concluded that he needed to step away from the academic life and give more careful thoughts to the truths of the Reformation. Moving back home and taking on the duties as chaplain and tutor for children, he also preached regularly to a small congregation in St. Adeline. Realizing that evangelizing England could never be accomplished using a Latin Bible. He concluded, "It was impossible to establish the lay people in any truth, [unless] the Scripture [be] laid before their eyes in their mother tongue."

Submitted by George B. Melke, lay member of Grace Lutheran Church, San Mateo, CA

AFRICAN CHRISTIANITY IN THE FIRST FOUR CENTURIES

On September 17 four LCMS missionaries from Matongo journeyed to the city of Nanyuki near Mount Kenya, to attend a seminar of continuing Education with Dr. Joel Elowsky of Concordia Seminary Saint Louis. Pictured above in the center Professor Charles Froh, Mrs Georgia Witt, Dr, Aadland and Dr. Elowsky. You might recall names such as Tertullian, Origin, Athanasius, and Augustine and you might recognize them as early Church fathers. All came from Africa, and contributed much to the way that the Christian community came to defend the scriptural truths and the doctrine of the Trinity as confessed today in the Creeds.

(picture by Jan Froh)



On the lower level of the new library we see the stacks of books comprising over 10,000 volumes of theological books. Even on a cloudy day, there is a good deal of light as evidenced above.

The picture below shows the bright upper level where students may read and study. Hopefully computers will be available in the near future.

PRAY WITH US!

- **Pray** for God's strength, guidance and wisdom as Jan and I serve at Neema Lutheran Theological College in Kenya.
- **Pray** for the Gospel to go forth through the deaconess and pastoral students enrolled at Neema .
- **Praise** God to grant harmony, faithfulness, and the love of Christ to the ELCK our partner church.
- **Praise** God for all of you and the love and support that you share with us.
- **Pray** for the restoration of health to Jan as she recovers from a severe reaction to the antimalarial medication that she was taking

The trail pictured to the right was a hard climb of approximately 25 minutes. Yes, I was breathing heavily upon arrival.

One of the tasks that Jan and I have is to visit our students on Internship. On the last weekend in September I undertook to visit one of our deaconess students in Maasai Land. Deaconess Mary and her husband pictured to the left were able to meet with me in Kilgoris. Because of her illness Jan was unable to travel. I also met and spent time with the supervisor of deaconess Mary during the weekend. He invited me to his home for our visit. the picture below is about halfway up the "hill" to his home. That white speck at the bottom of the "path" is our vehicle

Pictured to the left is Rev. Phillip Kuya and his family. His mother is to the right. Phillip was my student as he finished his theological diploma, in 2013. Now ordained, Philip is finishing his course in the Bachelors Degree program. Philip was kind enough to serve as my guide to Maasai country. He serves as pastor to several congregations. Thanks be to God for Philip's guidance.

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Lutheran Women's Missionary League

Grace LWML Mission Statement
"Our mission is to encourage the women of Grace to grow spiritually through Word and Sacraments that they may serve our Triune God with their time, talents and treasures."

"Serve the Lord
with Gladness"

2014-2016 Mission Grants

13. Graduate Studies for International Lutheran-Leaders at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO
$5,000

Save your mites!

GLC LWML Bible Study

Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 10:30 am
in the Church Library
Continue Lesson 1 in the Fall Quarterly
"Sisters of the Heart"
Bible Study Leader: Mary Clapp

Circle Bible Study

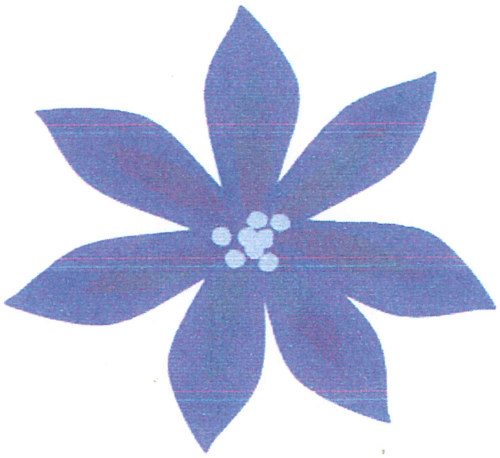
Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10:30 am
in the Church Library
The lesson from Good News Journal, Issue 42, beginning on page 4. As the study is focused on the problem of falling away from the faith, this lesson has us look at the importance of Baptism and Teaching. As we all need reminders and encouragement, we welcome any and all to the study.

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Carver
Lunch and dessert following the study

Upcoming Dates:

November 24, 2015 – Mission Project Work Day, 1:00-3:00 pm. Dolores Keim's House, 1724 Dale Ave., San Mateo

December 13, 2015 – Grace LWML Advent Luncheon, 12:00 noon (see separate page)



"Behold, your King is coming to you....." - Matthew 21:5

GLC LWML Advent Luncheon

Sunday, December 13, 2015
12:00 Noon – Grace Parish Hall

Everyone Welcome! Men, Women, Children
Grace Members - Grace School Families - Friends
No Sign-up, just come!

Bring a <u>salad or hot dish</u> (beverages, rolls & dessert provided)

Monetary Love gift: As the ladies of the LWML at Grace have supported Seminary students in the past, so the love gift this year is to assist Pastor Carver with his continued expenses from his Seminary education.

Advent Devotion in Sanctuary Follows

32nd ACADEMIC YEAR

CHAPEL

Chapel offerings for the first quarter of the school year will be sent to Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod Disaster Response for assistance to families affected by the recent tornadoes. To date, over $225.00 has been received.

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR HE IS GOOD

Thanks be to God for…

- sending His only Son to be our Savior from sin.
- Pastor Carver who teaches us the Word of God.
- the dedicated teachers who instruct the students in Grace Lutheran School.
- the parents who have entrusted their children to the care and instruction at Grace Lutheran School.
- the many volunteers who give time for the students in our school.
- the members of Grace Lutheran Congregation for their prayers and financial support.
- the many blessings He has showered on Grace Lutheran School.

NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

7	P.T.L. Work Day – 9:00 a.m. – Noon
8	Primary & School Choirs sing at 9:00 a.m. service Early Enrollment Pre-K through 8th Grade Open House – Noon – 2:00 p.m.
11	Veterans' Day – No School/No Extended Care
17	P.T.L. General Meeting-7:00 p.m.
23-27	Thanksgiving Break – No School / No Extended Care

THANK YOU

Thank you to the parents, congregation members, students, and alumni who helped to make this year's Harvest Festival and Silent Auction a huge Success! Over $2,400 was received. Half of the money will be sent to Ronald McDonald House and half will be used for current P.T.L. school projects.

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. – Psalm 118:1 (NKJV)

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Early Enrollment Event for Fall 2016

Grace Lutheran School

Pre-K - 8th Grade
Early Enrollment
OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 8, 2015
Noon - 2:00 p.m.

2825 Alameda de las Pulgas
San Mateo, CA 94403
(school entrance on 29th)
650-345-9082

If you are interested in more information about Grace School or to make an appointment for a visit, please call 650-345-9082.

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November 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Patty O'Donnell	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Robert Meier Pastor Carver	9	10	11 Dolores Keim	12 James Kilcullen Marty Udisches	13	14 Maria Schaefer Buddy Zimbelman
15 Shelly Franquez	16 Milton-Betty Schwartz	17 Octavian Vasilescu	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Elizabeth O'Donnell Don Schaefer	25 Scott Semmler Nick Franquez	26	27	28
29 Kelly Archer	30					Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 136: 1

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00 a-**Feast of All Saints' Day** Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a LWML Bible Study Adult Bible Study High School Catechesis		8:35 a-Matins prayed 9:15 a-Bible Study	3:05 p-Evening Prayer	6:30 p-Senior Choir	3:05 p-Corporate Confession & Absolution	8:30 a-Asst. Lay Elders 9:00 a-PTL Work Day
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a- Adult Bible Study Noon-GLS Open House		8:35 a-Matins prayed 9:15 a-Bible Study	**Veterans' Day** No School/Ext. Care	6:30 p-Senior Choir	3:05 p-Corporate Confession & Absolution	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a- Adult Bible Study		8:35 a-Matins prayed 9:15 a-Bible Study 10:30 a-Circle Bible Stu. 4:00 p-School Board 6:00p-PTL meeting	3:05 p-Evening Prayer	6:30 p-Senior Choir	3:05 p-Corporate Confession & Absolution 4:00 p-Bright Beginnings Private Function	9:00a-Planning Council 10:30a-Gen. Society
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:00 a-Divine Service 10:15 a-Sunday School 10:30 a- Adult Bible Study	District Teachers' Conference. No School/Ext. Care	9:15 a.-Bible Study District Teachers' Conference. No School/Ext. Care	6:30 p-Senior Choir District Teachers' Conference. No School/Ext. Care	**Thanksgiving Day** 10:00 a- Matins	Thanksgiving break No School/Ext. Care	
29	30					
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NOVEMBER PRAYER PAGE

[10] Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all,
especially to those who are of the household of faith.~**Galatians 6:10**

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Emilia Archer
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Jane Bailey
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