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“Eight Little Words”

Years ago I came across what I consider to be the mission and vision of each and every Christian and the Christian Church. You may have heard me refer to it, either in conversation or in a sermon. It is only eight words, but within those eight words are found what our faith and the Church call us to learn and share. Hopefully you will not only read on but consider allowing these eight words to provide you direction in the way you live your life as well as the way you participate in our church and share your faith with others.

Those eight words? **To Know Christ ... and ... To Make Christ Known.** I'd like to use the rest of this month's column to share some thoughts about how these words will impact your life.

Too often as we live our life within the church we are uncertain about what we ought to be doing and how we ought to go about doing church work. These words direct us in the goal for our own faith development as we grow into mature Christians.

What we do when we come to church for worship, Sunday School, a Bible study, reading our Bibles, a prayer meeting, a fellowship activity and meal, is geared towards helping us learn about Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior so that we really know Him and not just know about him. With these words before us, we participate in the life of our church and in our devotional and life practices with a goal “To Know Christ.”

As we live our lives in the world, at work and at home, and in our community we are to be focused in such a way that we “Make Christ Known.” We become evangelists. We become people called and challenged to share the Christ we know with other people. We never assume others have heard about Jesus Christ and therefore have no need of us telling them about Him. Rather we share the Christ we know in such a way that our own excitement is contagiously communicated. If the person or persons you are talking with already know Christ, then you are in for a great conversation as the two of you share your faith. If the person or persons do not know Christ, then you will be in for a great conversation as you share the greatest news any person shall ever hear.

By now you may be catching on to the truth that Christians are called to know in a personal way the Son of God who is our Savior and then to take what we know and share it with other people. We constantly learn and commit our own lives to Christ in new ways, and then act upon what we know and believe by going out into the world to share it. Think of it this way – act upon what you know.

And the reason this phrase can be so helpful to us: it instructs us in the reasons we do what we do. Everything is done with Christ as the focus. If we stick with this, we will never get confused about what we, or the Church, ought to be doing.

“To Know Christ ... and ... To Make Christ Known.” Eight short little words. Yet they are life changing as we understand what a believer in Jesus Christ and the Christian Church are called to be doing. We are not to be still or stagnant but, to always be moving forward: forward in our growth to know Christ and forward growing the Church by making Christ known.

I know we can remember these eight words. Now let's live them.

In Christ,

Pastor Butler +

Goldenaires

The Goldenaires will be dining at the Mustard Seed, James Island, on Tuesday, November 5th, at 6:00 p.m. If you will be joining us for dinner, please phone Elaine Ehmann at 853-1991 by Sunday, November 3rd, to allow reservations to be made.

The Ladies Sewing Society

Organized 1825

Sunday, November 10, 2013

3:45 p.m. — Fellowship with refreshments
4:00 p.m.— Program: Presented by Diane Bean

Parish Hall (Second Floor)
We warmly welcome guests.



Lee-Freyschmidt Circle

Wednesday, November 13

The Lee-Freyschmidt Circle will meet at 10:30 a.m. on November 13th. Location to be announced.

Tovey Circle

Thursday, November 14

On Thursday, November 14th, at 7:00 p.m. Tovey Circle will be hosted by Sally Davey at the home of Lynn Haltiwanger (3094 Penny Lane, James Island).



Thanksgiving Service

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November 26th

7:00 p.m.

Our Thanksgiving service will be held on Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:00 p.m. Following the service, we will enjoy a reception in the Parish Hall. This is a time to remember all the blessings in our lives and give thanks. Please plan on being with us for worship, music and fellowship



LUTHERAN MEN
November 14th
at 6:30 p.m.

November is “Favorite Hymns” Month

Several years ago our congregation compiled a list of our favorite hymns. Quite a few favorites were selected and the “Favorite Hymns List” was created. There are hymns included on the list from our “Lutheran Book of Worship” hymnal, our “With One Voice” hymnal, and a number of hymns that are not in either hymnal but come from other sources. For the month of November we have revisited that list as we selected all the hymns we will be singing during our worship services. So join us each Sunday as we lift our voices together with our favorite hymns to offer God our praise and thanksgiving.

Ladies Sewing Society 188th Anniversary Sale November 10th and 17th, 2013

On Sundays, November 10th and November 17th, the Ladies Sewing Society (LSS) will be selling their traditional items (St. John’s cookbooks, note cards, plates, prints) as well as hand sewn items, using our St. John’s front GATE pattern. On sale will be Christmas ornaments, hand towels, and GATE cross-stitch kits (LSS has a newly created cross-stitch Shell pattern sewn on some items.) We will also have hand crocheted scarves and pen/pencil sets in hand sewn holders .

LSS Members will be on the church portico following the 8:30 and 11:00 services to sell these LSS items. We will also have some items available during the Sunday School coffee fellowship (9:30-10) both Sundays in the Parish Hall. MONIES received from these SALES help support our annual LTSS Seminary Student Grants. THANK YOU in advance for YOUR support of our LSS Mission.

Supper Club

St John’s Social Ministry Committee is planning a Supper Club that will meet the first four months of 2014. This is a great way to meet your pew neighbors and expand your connections at St. John’s. The host family will provide the main course and the other couples (or singles) will be asked to bring a side dish, dessert, or salad/bread. It is really simple. Please sign up by emailing kmmoore621@gmail.com. Your Social Ministry Committee will do the rest by bringing members of St. John’s together. Don’t think you can make the first four months of 2014? Then sign up as an alternate and you will be contacted to fill in should there be a conflict in schedules.

Committee Meetings

November 11	Social Ministry Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
November 11	Worship and Music Committee Meeting	6:30 p.m.
November 12	History Committee Meeting	10:00 a.m.
November 18	Evangelism Committee Meeting	5:00 p.m.
November 21	Executive Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m.
November 21	Vestry Meeting	6:30 p.m.



VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

The St. John's Vestry reports
the following highlights and decisions from the October meeting

- 1) The Vestry Meeting was called to order by President Mike Andersen and opened with prayer by Pastor Butler.
- 2) The September 2013 Treasurer's report was received as information.
- 3) The August and September Vestry meeting minutes were approved.
- 4) The Christian Education Committee reported that a search continues for the position of "Director of Christian Education, Youth and Family Ministries." The following dates were noted and added to the calendar: December 14-Children's Christmas Party; December 15-Sunday School Christmas Pageant. On December 8th, breakfast will be served in the social hall at 9:00 AM. This is also the Sunday we hold a Single Service (10:00) because of the congregational meeting following the service.
- 5) The Finance Committee recommended we retain Wilson & Quirk as our auditors for the 2013 financial audit. Approved.
- 6) The Property Committee recommended that we authorize an expenditure of up to \$6500 for the trimming and pruning of trees and shrubs throughout the cemetery and parking lots. Approved.
- 7) The Worship and Music Committee recommended that we approve wine being served at the reception following the Thanksgiving Service. Approved.
- 8) The Social Ministry Committee reported on upcoming opportunities for service and their ideas for our Christmas giving opportunities. We will adopt the Charleston Senior Center. It was reported that we are getting excellent support at our Hope Lodge Dinner ministry. We continue to sponsor dinner for the residents at Hope Lodge.
- 9) The next Vestry meeting will be held on Thursday, November 21, 2013, at 6:30 PM. Preceding the Vestry meeting, the Vestry officers will meet to finalize the Agenda.

Stewardship Thought for the Month

Because He First...

"We love Him because He first loved us" (I John 4:19). Stewardship grows out of love for God. The steward's love for God is nourished by his or her remembrance of Calvary, where the great lover of our souls provided the ultimate demonstration of stewardship in His submission to the One He served (Philippians 2:5, 9). Because God loves me... Yes, that stirs my love, my action. To what extent are my life and actions motivated by God's love for me, and by His love within me for others? Because God loves me... how should I live – and give.

Stewardship is something we do. It is an action we take and in which we involve ourselves. It is not just hard, cold cash; a check easily written and never missed; or old clothes that are too small or out of style or not to our liking.

Stewardship is Christians in action! It is exciting, adventuresome, soul-stirring. It is the people of God eagerly, freely giving money that the work of Christ might continue. I ask you, where else in all history, in all the world, in all time, could you find anything to compare? Stewardship is God's people in action.

The apostle Paul had something to say to the Corinthians and us about the doing of "giving": "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Individual Christians do have a choice -- a decision about how much they will give to the work of the church. The originating action and attitude comes from God; **we give because He first gave to us**. And action begets action! If we are God's people, if we are followers of the Christ, then we will be and do as our Lord and Master does -- and give cheerfully. Paul continues: "And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work."

From: "Stewardship: Stewardship Is Something We Do" by Richard D. Rodda
And "Christian Stewardship of the Environment" by John E. Silvius

FROM THE SOCIAL MINISTRY COMMITTEE:

Christmas Bells are Ringing

This year we will once again be filling and wrapping plastic "shoeboxes" to send over to the Charleston Area Senior Center. The boxes will be available for pickup beginning November 10. Please fill your box with the items listed below, wrap the shoebox and return it to the Parish Hall by Sunday, December 15.

Items to be placed in the shoebox:

Chapstick, comb, shampoo, soap, socks, stocking cap, toothbrush, toothpaste, toothbrush,

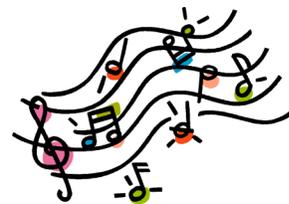
Hope Lodge Hosting — November 18

Thank you for all that you do for St. John's!

Calendar

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MUSIC NOTES



Greetings and Happy Fall!

If you are an attendee of our 11AM service, you have likely heard our Handbell Choir play, most recently on All Saints Sunday. You also may have noticed that the Handbell Choir often does more than merely ring the bells. Using various techniques, handbells can be manipulated in a variety of different ways in order to produce a variety of sounds. Here is an explanation of some of those techniques. **Shaking** is accomplished by rapidly ringing the bell back and forth so that the clapper strikes both the front and back of the bell casting in quick succession. This technique creates a continuous tone, as opposed to normal ringing in which the tone decays rapidly after being rung. It has added excitement to our Easter pieces and creates a dramatic effect when several players shake simultaneously. **Malleting** bells involves using one of several types of rubber, plastic or yarn-wrapped mallet to strike the casting of the bell. This can create a staccato tone when the casing is pressed into foam, a normal ringing tone when the bell is suspended or even a drum-roll effect when multiple mallets are used. Malleting is most often used with the lower-octave bells to create a walking bass line. **Martellato** creates a staccato tone and is accomplished by striking the bell into the foam-covered table in such a way that the clapper strikes the casting immediately after the bell strikes the foam, immediately cutting off the sound. Martellatos are used by the composer/arranger to place extra emphasis on a note or notes, and the effect can be quite striking, since the tone produced is the polar opposite of a standard ring. A variation, called a **Mart Lift**, is accomplished by lifting the bell casting off the table very soon after the clapper strikes. This creates a staccato tone followed by a softened sounding of the bell, enabling the same martellato attack followed by the standard ringing. The Handbell Choir is looking forward to exploring these techniques and more with clinician Jason Krug at the 2nd annual Lowcountry Handbell Workshop in January in Mt. Pleasant.

The St. John Chorale will be appearing in concert at the Rodenberg Chapel at Franke at Seaside in Mt. Pleasant on Sunday, November 3, at 3PM. The Chorale, accompanied by pianist Jessica White, assistant director Brink Norton, and guest singers, will be presenting a program of sacred choral works by Bach, Schutz, Hogan, Rutter, Trotta, and many others, in a variety of styles from Classical to gospel. Brink Norton and Jessi Chapman will perform solos as well. It promises to be a wonderful hour of choral music performed by your very own Chorale—come join us at Franke!

In music,

Todd

Music Quotation of the Month:

“Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything.”

— Plato

Financial Update

The Finance Committee provides each month an update of the contributions received in the current year as compared to the amount in the budget adopted by the congregation. The following is the budget to actual comparison through September 30, 2013:

Contributions received	\$ 224,364
Contributions per budget	<u>232,304</u>
Receipts over (under) budget	\$ (7,940)

Congregational Concerns and Prayers

We remember in our prayers: Ed Andersen, Bobby Babson, Judy Greer, Roger Hawkins, Nell Jones, Geneva Kahrs, Eleanor Luden, Paul Pelland, Ed Rugheimer, Tiffany Sikes, Susan Spoon, Margaret Stephens, Cele West, all those who are infirm and recovering from illnesses and our members who have experienced losses of loved ones.

Our Loved Ones Away From Home

We have a prayer list of those members of St. John's and our extended family who are in the military and/or involved in this current military situation. When filling out your blue attendance card, please add the names to it and indicate "military," and we will include your loved ones on our prayer list. Presently included are: Derek Bean, Alex Bedenbaugh, Lt. Joseph Gibbons Clark, Mark Evans, Ryan Hanson, LTC Jeffery A. Jones, Jason Jordan, John Lesemann, and Christopher Osgood.

Lectionary Bible Study during November

The Lutheran Church uses a three-year lectionary that specifies which Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel lessons will be read in church each Sunday. On each Monday morning during November we will have a Bible study that will look at the lessons presented that week, offering us the opportunity to discuss the texts, their themes and connections. Join us for this Bible study on November 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 11:00 AM. We will meet in the Adult Sunday School classroom located upstairs in our Parish Building. The study will conclude at noon, allowing those who desire to go out for lunch together.

2013 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

St. John's will hold a congregational meeting on December 8, 2013, immediately following our worship service. At this meeting we will vote to approve the 2014 Mission Budget, elect Vestry and Congregational Officers, and elect members to our Vestry.

Please note:

We will have only one worship service on December 8th. The time for our worship service has been moved to 10:00 a.m. There will be a congregational breakfast and Christmas Carol sing-along at 9:00 a.m.



Memorial Gifts were given in loving memory of:

Pauline (Polly) Califf Martschink

Ben and Marianne Albrecht
Henry and Carolyn Anderson
Lynn and Diane Bean
Ron and Gloria Burbage
Judy Burges
Deborah Bussey
Nicholas and Sarah Causey
Dr. Scott R. Cayouette
Ruth DeHaven
Jervey and Ann DuPré
Elza and Jennifer Dennis
Jack and Lena Doscher
John and Sara Jane Foltz
Dick and Bobbie Marie Fulmer
Tommy and Sally Fulmer
John and Caroline Gamble
Arnold and Ellen Goldberg
Ann Graves
R. Walter Hundley
Dr. B. Thomas Kays
Danny and Lynda Marchant
Dolores Nelson
Steve and Tootie Poteet
Capers and Sandra Poulnot
Cynthia Seabrook
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shisko
Ginny Snipes
Jerry and Holly Wise



November 1	Judy Greer
November 2	Randy Lesemann
November 3	Dan Marchant, Jr.
November 4	Kyle Hill Sue Soderlund
November 5	Currie Marchant
November 6	Karen Osgood
November 10	Herman Albrecht
November 12	Deborah Bussey Becky Courtney Kathryn Tolley
November 13	Sharon Albrecht
November 14	Haze Marchant
November 17	Sue Adden Frances Ambrosen Anne Lake
November 18	Silvie Counts David Hoel Larry Kreyling Austin Reifowitz Billie Jean Roble
November 19	Cameron Ortiz
November 20	Jackson Edwards
November 22	Wallis Cannon
November 23	Bryan Counts Frickie Martschink
November 24	Mike Joyner Sherrill Poulnot, Jr.
November 27	Chris Antley
November 28	Macie Hoffman
November 29	Lily Counts Kate Ortiz

NOVEMBER WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

8:30 a.m.

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
ACOLYTE	Ella Grace Sines Thomasson	Ellis Moore	Claire Moore	Ella Grace Sines Thomasson
LECTOR/WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Jane Pelland	Deborah Bussey	Christi Kunkle	Sheila Sines Thomasson
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Sheila Sines Thomasson	Carl Beckmann	Jane Pelland	Carl Beckmann
COMMUNION SET-UP	Cheryl Kostanesky	Deborah Bussey	Dolores Nelson	Deborah Bussey
GREETER	Kathryn Tolley	Frickie Martschink	Barbara Lawton	Dolores Nelson
MANAGER	Sheila Sines Thomasson	Frickie Martschink	Tommy Harken	Karen Moore
USHERS	Frank Dorsey, Jimmy Lawton			

Thanksgiving Service — November 26 — 7:00 p.m.

Acolyte	Crucifer	Lector	Managers	Ushers
Cille Fancher	Gracie Lesemann	Deborah Bussey	Bob Pickard	TBA

11:00 a.m.

	November 3	November 10	November 17	November 24
ACOLYTE	Parker Hoffman	Parker Hoffman	Jaden Andersen	Jaden Andersen
CRUCIFER	Owen Antley	Owen Antley	Lynn Bean	Gracie Lesemann
LECTOR/ WORSHIPASSISTANT	Chris Antley	Penny McKeever	Henry Siegling	Norma Luden
WORSHIP ASSISTANT	Mike Andersen	Mark Palasek	Gayle Hilton	Brian Hoffmann
COMMUNION CLEAN-UP	Martha Clark	Mary Lou Coombs	Sandra Poulnot	Gayle Hilton
GREETER	Evelyn Dolven	Mary Lou Coombs	Henry & Jane Siegling	Judy Butler
MANAGER	Gayle Hilton	Larry Kreyling	Dan Lackland	Anne Lake
EVANGELISM CALLS	Dan Lackland	Marianne Albrecht	Diane Bean	Nancy Prickett
FLOWER DELIVERY	Joy Cornwell Dolores Nelson	Barbara Lawton Claudia Morton	Sandra Poulnot Joan Rigger	Evelyn Dolven Billie Jean Roble
USHERS	Bob Greer, Van Kinnett, Josh Littlejohn, Chris Meany, Dan Prickett, Cas Siegling			

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