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One Day at a Time

How often have you heard this expression: “Just take it one day at a time.”? Maybe you bristled at hearing someone tell you that. They didn’t understand the pressures you were under. What about making plans and strategies? Isn’t this a good thing to do?

But in many respects, “one day at a time” is, itself, a good plan. We become overwhelmed otherwise; and, besides, there is Scriptural underpinnings to living your life this way.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. – Jesus (Matthew 6:34)

Is Jesus telling us not to plan or think about the future? No, He is telling us not to *worry* about tomorrow. There is a difference.

As you already know worry accomplishes nothing. It doesn’t make you safer, more productive or better in any way. It can instead paralyze, make you gloomy and timid,

We live in a hurry-up world. To “multitask” is a word that didn’t exist a generation ago. We seemingly have so much more to be anxious about. Anxiety is the affliction of our age. It is not what God intends for us.

Worried or anxious thoughts ought to be a cue for us – a cue to pray. We can and should slow down. If everything is a priority then you have no priorities. Seeking the Lord and all it implies should be our primary concern.

God, you promised to supply all my physical needs. Help me to trust you.

God is not telling us that we shouldn’t plan for our future. He is telling us that He is God of the future in every detail.

Now listen, you who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money. Why you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. Instead, you

ought to say, “If it is the Lord’s will, we will live and do this or that.” James 4:13-15

We need God’s guidance. It might be good to ask yourself: How often do I seek God’s guidance when I am dealing with a problem or difficult situation?

Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails. Proverbs 19:21

Make these resolves with the Holy Spirit’s help:

- † Today, I will trust in the Lord in every instance and say a prayer if I sense any worry or anxiety.
- † Today, I will seek the Lord’s guidance first before making any plans. I will cast off many trivial matters and concentrate on seeking His will.
- † Today, I will remember I am a child of God and a servant of God and that this day is in His hands.

~ Pastor Rich

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Thanksgiving Beatitudes

Be thankful that you don't already have everything you desire. If you did, what would there be to look forward to?

Be thankful when you don't know something, for it gives you the opportunity to learn.

Be thankful for the difficult times. During those times you grow.

Be thankful for your limitations, because they give you opportunities for improvement.

Be thankful for each new challenge, because it will build your strength and character.

Be thankful for your mistakes. They will teach you valuable lessons.

Be thankful when you're tired and weary, because it means you've made a difference.

~ Author unknown



Our Grace Family

Meet Dale Henderson

Have you ever stopped to enumerate and then give thanks to God for all the wonderful talent which Grace nurtures? Take Dale Henderson, for example. He started out with a notable origin by being born in Quezon City, Republic of the Philippines. Add that fact to the other---being married to his wonderful mate Stacy, to whom he gives credit for "loving me no matter what, and I know that can't be easy." Well, if it ever gets difficult for Stacy, remember that Susie and Max, his two Shih Tzu's, will make up the difference. Animals are ever so wonderful that way!

Hobbies include photography and riding his motorcycle in the mountains while digesting all the wonderful sights offered in our area. While enjoying Filipino cuisine, especially shrimp-fried rice, lumpia and leche flan, Dale never skips a beat aspiring to be someone with the wisdom of Solomon and the ability to put it to good use. So, if Dale had all kinds of time and money, he would try to contribute in some way to reversing the downward trend toward self-destruction that humanity has taken. I believe we all would echo his sentiments along that line given the opportunity. But Dale's faith carries him through many obstacles toward eternity. After all, he admits he can get very emotional talking about God, country and family. So if that puts him into the category of being an open book, he suggests that you just forget he mentioned that.

At Grace, Dale holds the ever so busy job of being Executive Director, and if you wonder what that encompasses, just concentrate on the fact that it involves just about anything which frees up our pastors to have the time to do ministry for all of us!

Dale closes by sharing that he came to Grace after prayer to that end by others who knew what a fine addition Dale would be to the congregation. He feels blessed and so are we!



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The Christian Life and Prayer Among Topics of New Materials

It's Good to Be Queen: Becoming As Bold, Gracious, and Wise As the Queen of Sheba by Liz Curtis Higgs (222.5 Hig): The Queen of Sheba journeyed across the desert in search of the one thing needed—Wisdom. Her story will challenge, inspire, and change anyone willing to live as boldly as she in their search for truth and wisdom, honoring the Lord above all else.

The Call: The Life and Message of the Apostle Paul by Adam Hamilton (227.6 Ham) Paul was a first-century rabbi who traveled thousands of miles to spread the Gospel despite being beaten, imprisoned, and ultimately beheaded. Hamilton relates his story and his influence on the Christian faith as his witness and life defines what it means to truly follow Christ.

Help My Unbelief: Why Doubt Is Not the Enemy of Faith by Barnabas Piper (234.2 Pip): God is truly beyond our understanding, yet He encourages us to delve into His character. As God invites us into a larger faith, questions and mysteries arise, and with that, doubt may also arise. Doubt leads us to study even more and learn even more about God. What we cannot learn, God calls us to trust in Him.

Good or God? Why Good Without God Isn't Enough by John Bevere (241.3 Bev): From the book jacket: "These days the terms good and God seem synonymous. We believe what's generally accepted as good must be in line with God's will...But is that all there is to it?...Why does the Bible say that we need discernment to recognize it?" Bevere encourages his readers to quit settling for anything less than the best that only God can give.

I Could, I Might, I Can, I Should, I Will!: Nine Traits of the Outwardly Focused Christian by Thom S. Ranier (248.4 Rai): We are faced with the emotional, spiritual, and physical problems of others in our daily lives. We often feel inadequate to have an impact on their lives. But, instead of giving up, Rainer offers nine simple traits we can cultivate into our lives to make a difference giving us the confidence to "stand up for Jesus and do!"

God's Divine Design by Keith Christiansen (306.81 Chr): Lutheran pastor and son of members Chuck and Pauline Christiansen provides new insights on marriage exploring the unique and timeless truth of God's design for relationships. This is a biblical look at a contemporary topic.

New Audio-Books

Two books presently in the library are now available on audio:

Weird: Because Normal Isn't Working by Craig Groeschel (CD 248.4 Gro): Groeschel helps listeners to break out of their usual rut and live according to the

rhythms of God's grace and the truth of God's Word.

Somewhere Safe With Somebody Good by Jan Karon (CD Fic Kar): Book number 10 in the Mitford series about Father Kavanagh, his wife Cynthia and Lord's Chapel.

New Fiction

War Room: Prayer is a Powerful Weapon by Chris Fabry (Fic Fab): This novelization of the powerful movie by the same title exemplifies the power prayer can have on all aspects of our lives from marriage, to parenting, to careers, and even friendships.

Several series set in the 1800's have been added:

Love Blossoms in Oregon series by Miralee Ferrell (Fic Fer): A boarding house teems with the secrets of the women who take refuge there with titles **Blowing on Dandelions**, **Wishing On Buttercups**, and **Dreaming on Daisies**.

The Quilt Chronicles series by Stephanie Grace Whitson (Fic Whi): Titles include **The Key On the Quilt**, **The Shadow On the Quilt**, and **The Message On the Quilt**. A series in which each quilt reveals God's plan stitch by stitch to each of the main characters as they struggle in the new territory of Nebraska.

Lady Maybe by Julie Klassen (Fic Kla): Set in Bath, England, in 1819 and **In Good Company** by Jen Turano (Fic Tur): Set in New York during the 1880's. Both of these authors are adept at giving their readers a true flavor of the times in which the stories are set.

Love inspired novels are heartwarming, inspirational stories presented in pocket-sized paperback format and written by well-known Christian storytellers. Among the newest titles added are **A Doctor For the Nanny** by Leigh Bale (Fic Bal); **Falling For the Mom-to Be** by Jenna Mindel (Fic Min); **The Rancher's Second Chance** and **A Reunion For the Rancher** by Brenda Minton (Fic Min); **Rekindling the Widower's Heart** by Glynnia Sirpless (Fic Sir); **Lakeside Hero** by Lenora Worth (Fic Wor); and titles in **The Lancaster Courtships Amish** series: **The Amish Bride** by Emma Miller (Fic Mil); **The Amish Mother** by Rebecca Kertz (Fic Ker); and **The Amish Midwife** by Patricia Davids (Fic Dav).

Find all these and other materials new to the library on display throughout the month. Also, Thanksgiving materials will be displayed for your use.





LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Some ask what does LWML mean? **L**utheran **W**omen's **M**issionary **L**eague assists each women of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world.

Each year, Grace's LWML participates in the LWR's quilts and personal care kits campaign. You can become a part of this vital ministry by helping tie quilts on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. in the church Fellowship Hall or by donating fabric or sheets that are used for the quilts.

"Noisy Can" Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. During these Sundays, we look forward to receiving contributions of loose change (or paper money) in our "noisy cans." Of the money collected at Grace, 75 percent goes to the Mid-South District and 25 percent goes to International, which is used for grants. These grants may be used to help rebuild a church, plant a new playground; aid an educational program--the list is endless. This information is found on the LWML bulletin board.

All the donations for donuts from the coffee area on Sunday mornings and other fundraise monies stay at Grace to help fund projects we do here, such as our Confirmation dinners, funeral dinners, Youth mission trips, just to name a few.

Those pennies add up and are put to good use. WE would love to see more ladies at our meetings. This list is also in the bulletin board and reminders are in the inserts in the Sunday bulletins. Look also on our Christmas Party which will be Saturday, December 5. It will be held in the afternoon, so maybe more women will be able to attend.

We would like to thank the following ladies:

Sandra Arnold - Sandra has just stepped down as LWML President. She did a great job and we thank her for all she has done.

Cydne Albers - Cydne serves as our Recording Secretary. She also keeps our bulletin board up to date with the latest information.

Mary Shultz - Mary is our Corresponding Secretary and sends out all of our cards to people who have just had surgery, recovering from illness, new babies, or death.

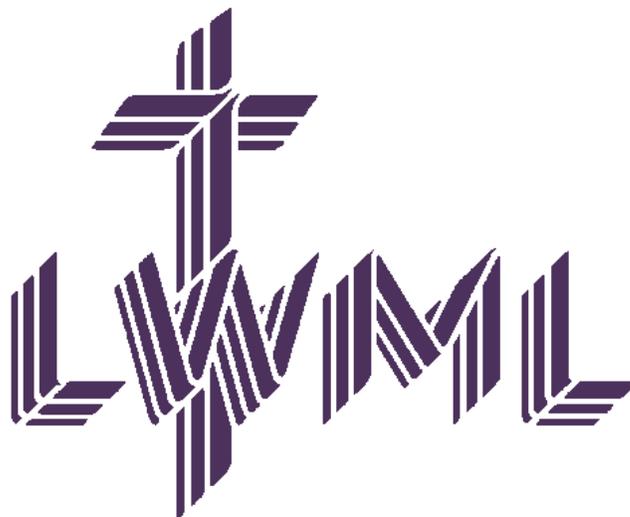
Nancy Duthey - Nancy serves as our Treasurer. Along with **Maria Brelsford**, Nancy organized the Parade of Tables, picks up donuts for Sunday, and organizes quilting times. She also gets the necessary paperwork for packing and shipping the quilts and health care kits, loads in her van, and takes them to the drop-off point. Nancy is looking for someone to head up the kitchen duties for the 2016 Parade of Tables.

To all that attend our meetings, we appreciate all your help and input ideas.

A BIG thanks to all who have helped with the Parade of Tables in past years. It may have been sitting up the tables, sponsoring a table, kitchen help, cleaning up, and, of course, putting it all together.

As of this message, no one has shown interest in the acting President or Vice President positions, so each one of us plan to lead the monthly meetings. Anyone interested in filling these positions, please let us know.

As stated above, our Mission is to assist in affirming our relationship with God. He gave us hands so we may use them for Him who cares and loves us. We should show Him the same care and love.



Effect of Evangelism in Society

This quotation appeared in the May 24, 1993 Forbes Magazine on page 18 in a book review of ***Preacher: Billy Sunday & Big-Time American Evangelism*** by Roger A. Brunns (W. W. Norton & Co.)

"The book's defect: It doesn't delve more into the role of religion in American life. For example, despite social upheavals brought on by the Industrial Revolution, such as the rise of fetid, big-city slums, crime rates went down in the late-19th century America (and England). Scholars are now crediting evangelism. Why did people, so receptive to religion then, begin to turn away from it in the 1920s when, not coincidentally, crime rates began to go up? It's easy in the wake of buffoons such as Tammy Faye Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart, or even of old-time evangelical diatribes against Darwin or dancing, to dismiss religion's unique, powerful role in inculcating countless people with a sense of personal responsibility for reshaping their lives, for accepting the values of hard work, thrift and self-denial."

Imagine that. Personal evangelism countered a normally expected worsening of society.

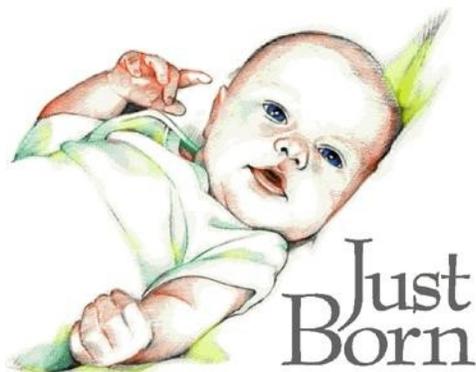
Once my son and I were standing at a city bus stop. A couple of other people approached in a group, also to wait. A woman in the group walked over to me and said without any other words, "Do you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?" I said, "I sure do." She stuck out her hand to shake mine and said, "We are related, then." It was abrupt and it got the job done—a job I often do not get done because I am waiting too long for just the right opening. Even among Southern Baptists, one survey in the 1990s found less than thirty percent view personal witness as an activity for the average Christian. I watch churches define "outreach" as everything and anything other than one person talking to another about Jesus Christ and His claim on our lives. Meanwhile, we wonder why the church loses ground every year.



A Lutheran pastor goes to public places to witness his faith in Jesus. He had some special cards the size of a business card printed. He hands these to anyone who will take one. It resembles the "Get Out of Jail Free" card from the Monopoly game. But, his card says, "Get Out of Hell Free." He says people know they will die one day and they fear that. He tells people at the beginning their sins are forgiven, and they cannot do anything about it. (When Jesus died on the cross, God forgave the sins of the whole world. Now that forgiveness needs to become ours through faith in Jesus, or it does not help us. We call that objective justification.) His approach is abrupt, and it often opens a conversation, regardless of the individual's defenses.

Would a more direct approach help you to speak more about your faith in Jesus?

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken



David Vincent Kabela

Born: October 7, 2015

Proud Parents: Erik and Megan Kabela

Save These Dates on Your 2016 Calendar



2016 Sports Camp
June 12-16, 2016
Grace Lutheran Church

2016 Summer Camp
July 23-29, 2016
John Knox Center



HealthLine is a 30-minute Medical Education television show hosted by Grace's very own Sheila Wittke.

AIR TIME: Monday Mornings at 11:00 a.m.

STATIONS:

CTV COMCAST Cable Channel 12 (Knoxville)

CTV CHARTER 193 + WOW Channel 6 (Farragut)

AT&T U-Verse Channel 99

NOVEMBER 2015 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND GUESTS

- 02 - Basics of Good Eye Care - Dr. William Williford
- 09 - Surgical Options for Thyroid Cancer - Dr. Michael Kropilak
- 16 - Binge Eating Disorder - Dr. John B. Robertson, Jr.
- 23 - Gamma Knife Radiosurgery for Brain Tumors -
Dr. David H. Hauge
- 30 - Defining Autism - Dr. John B. Robertson, Jr.





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9:30 a.m. (Blended)/11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
Wednesday Worship: 6:30 p.m. (Blended)
Sunday School & Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.*

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