



# GraceNet

Knoxville, TN

May 2017

## *Self Mastery?*

**O**ften I have pondered the story of Cain and Abel and particularly what the Lord says to Cain. He says: "... *sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.*"

Cain and Abel were the two sons of Adam and Eve. Abel was a shepherd and Cain was a farmer. They both brought offerings to the Lord, and the Lord looked with favor upon Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's. This made Cain very angry and no doubt, jealous. Cain rejected God's word and warning about the sin right at his doorstep. And so he invited his brother to go out into a field where he murdered him. He did not master the sin ready to consume him.

You have probably known at least two or three incredibly disciplined people. They amaze us with their seemingly effortless ability to say, "No" to certain temptations. Last month, for instance, Knoxville staged its annual marathon run. If I remember right, the winner completed our hilly race in something like 2 hours and 25 minutes. I can only imagine how disciplined he must be to run as fast as he does.

Now I have known some champion runners. But here's the thing: they may be disciplined for their sport and yet terribly undisciplined in their private life. This is also true with CEOs, scientists, doctors, utility workers, carpenters, and plumbers . . . in other words everyone. Self-mastery doesn't seem complete in anyone.

Cain lacked something vital that Abel had. Cain had no faith in God whereas Abel's gift came from a heart of faith. Jesus points out to His disciples that apart from Him they can do nothing. He tells them that the Father is sending believers in Jesus the Counselor, the Holy Spirit. He is promising the Spirit controlled life. The Spirit will remind us of everything Jesus said and did. The Spirit will guide, convict, and empower us. He will live in us whispering which way to go.

Self-discipline and self-mastery are good things but they are limited. In and of ourselves sin will rule in our lives. But with faith in Jesus and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit sin can no longer use us and control us. The mind of a sinful person is hostile to God and it does not and cannot submit to Him. Such people cannot please God. But God sent the Holy Spirit to live in our lives and He makes us children of God ready and willing to do His will.

Pray for the Spirit to fill your life. Pray every day that the Spirit would guide you and transform you. You will have real power to say no to a sinful life and yes to a life of love.

~ Pastor Rich

FOR GOD  
HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF  
FEAR AND TIMIDITY,  
BUT OF power,  
love, AND  
self-discipline.



## UPcoming EVENTS

### Other Events to Look Forward to:

**June 11-15 - Grace Lutheran Sports Camp**

**June 25 - Church-Wide Picnic**

**July 22-28 - Summer Camp**

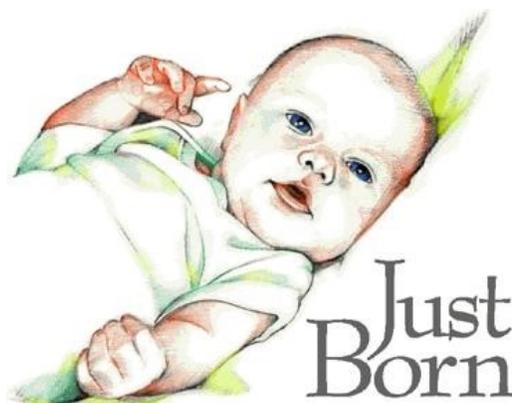
### "Ahoy Christians!" Summer Camp

Saturday, July 22 - Friday, July 28

This year our Summer Camp theme is, "Ahoy, Christians!" As Matthew 6:21 (our theme verse) warns us, "Where our treasure is, so will our heart be also!" As Satan tries to sink the ship of our lives, we will be faced with two options, storing our treasures in heaven, or on earth. We will seek out this week what it means to store our treasures in heaven, and how doing this will help keep our ships afloat under any attack!

Camp dates are Saturday, July 22-Friday, July 28. Cost of camp is \$375.

You can find registration forms on a bulletin board near the Family Life Center or the Children's Ministry Office.



### **Laney Elizabeth Pafford**

**Born: May 17, 2017**

**Proud Parents:  
Scott & Brittany Pafford**



### **Charlie Ryan Bushuiakovish**

**Born: May 20, 2017**

**Proud Parents:  
Pastor Mark & Betsy Bushuiakovish**

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If you have a special event you would like to have publicized in GraceNet, please submit the information to Debbie Booher by the 1st of each month for publication in the following month's newsletter.

## Our Sorrow



**I**t is with much sorrow that we must say goodbye to our beloved Pastor Mark, Betsy, Jack and Charlie Bushuiakovish, as they leave Grace to accept God's call to begin a new ministry at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Southgate, Michigan. While we are excited to see what great things God has in store for this wonderful family in the coming months and years, their departure from Grace leaves a huge hole in our hearts and in our congregation.

*To the Bushuiakovish family: During the seemingly short time you have been at Grace, you have deeply embedded yourselves in our hearts and become a huge part of our church family. We thank you for the spiritual teaching and direction you have given us, and also for the friendship and love you have shown and taught us. We have watched you grow, not only as a family, but also into faithful, strong servants of Christ. It is with a great deal of pride and love that we release you to go forth and continue to do great things in the name of Jesus. Christ the King Lutheran Church is very fortunate to be receiving you into their family.*

*We love you and pray God's richest blessings on you. You will always have a home at Grace!*

*Your Grace Family*

## Our Joy

**A**lthough we are sad at losing our wonderful Bushuiakovish family, there is much excitement on the horizon for Grace Lutheran Church. On Wednesday, May 27, pastoral calls were announced at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, St. Louis. We are very happy and blessed that **Travis Ferguson** and his wife **Amy** received a call to be our Associate Pastor at Grace beginning in late July. We look forward to the wonderful things that God has in store for all of us through Travis' ministry. Travis and Amy--welcome to Grace and to Knoxville! We can't wait for you to join us! God's blessings on you as you make this transition!



*"Church? I don't need to go. I can worship anywhere at any time, such as in the mountains or when fishing, playing golf or just being alone in the great outdoors. Attending church is not necessary."*

Have you hear this before? Not having a response that would enlighten this opinion, I would say little or nothing. Why argue with a mind already made up?

But now I have something to say. I found the response in the front of the King James Bible which Bob's mother gave to us when we were married, written by William Boddy, D.D., entitled, "My Church."

After reading and absorbing the content of his writing, I have a lot to say about My Church. I can agree, it is possible to worship God in the great outdoors, but God gave me Jesus, the greatest Gift, and Jesus gave me the Church, and the Church developed, protected, taught and loved me all my life. That is why I am me! Please read about "My Church."

~Phoebe Linnabary

## My Church

**B**EFORE I was born MY CHURCH gave to my parents ideals of life and love that made my home a place of strength and beauty.  
In helpless infancy MY CHURCH joined my parents in consecrating me to Christ and in baptizing me in His name.

MY CHURCH enriched my childhood with the lessons of life that have been woven into the texture of my soul. Sometimes I seem to have forgotten and then, when else I might surrender to foolish and futile ideals of life, the truths MY CHURCH taught become radiant, insistent, and inescapable.

In the stress and storm of adolescence MY CHURCH heard the surge of my soul and She guided my footsteps by lifting my eyes toward the stars.

When first my heart knew the strange awakenings of love MY CHURCH taught me to chasten and spiritualize my affections; She sanctified my marriage and blessed my home.

When my heart was seamed with sorrow, and I thought the sun could never shine again, MY CHURCH drew me to the Friend of all the Weary and whispered to me the hope of another morning, eternal and tearless.

When my steps have slipped and I have known the bitterness of sin, MY CHURCH has believed in me and wooingly. She has called me back to live within the heights of myself.

Now have come the children dearer to me than life itself and MY CHURCH is helping me to train them for all joyous and clean and Christly living.

MY CHURCH calls me to Her heart. She asks my services and my loyalty. She has a right to ask it! I will help her to do for others what She has done for me. In this place in which I live, I will help Her keep aflame and aloft the torch of a living faith.

William Henry Boddy, D. D.

# ***Congratulations to Our Confirmands***

***Confirmed April 23, 2017***



***Talitha Starr Beeler***

Mark 5:36, 41-42

***Harrison Michael Masters***

1 Corinthians 10:13

***Matthew Rush Bretscher***

Psalm 31:24

***Benjamin Allen Murphy***

Isaiah 40:31

***Leah Morgan Cleland***

Deuteronomy 31:8

***Marcus Brett Orton***

Isaiah 40:31

***Breanna Rae Frizzell***

Hebrews 12:1b-2

***Emily Cassandra Smith***

Psalm 25:4

***Bryce William Hatfield***

Matthew 22:37-39

***Wyatt William Tunstall***

Philippians 4:13

***Kylie Morgan Hatfield***

Proverbs 3:5-6

***Alexandria Corinth Turner***

2 Chronicles 1:10

***Trent Robert Howe***

Psalm 46:10

***Cole Elliott Turner***

Hebrews 13:6

***HealthLine*** is a 30-minute Medical Education television show.

***NEW AIR TIME: Wednesday Evenings - 10:00 p.m.***

**STATIONS:**

CTV COMCAST Cable Channel 12 (Knoxville)

CTV CHARTER 193 + WOW Channel 6 (Farragut)

AT&T U-Verse Channel 99

Stream for DISH or Direct: Go to [CTVKNOX.org](http://CTVKNOX.org). Click on Icon and watch



**MAY 2017 SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND GUESTS**

10 - Is Sun Exposure the Only Cause of Skin Cancer? - Dr. Paul Dudrick

24 - Allergy Testing - Dr. Leonard Brown

## Library Adds New Titles for May

***A Secret Courage*** by **Tricia Goyer** (Fic Goy) This begins a new series entitled ***The London Chronicles***. Emma Hanson and Will Flemming are brought together by duty at the historic Danesfield House west of London during the height of World War II. Both are serving in highly secretive positions. As their relationship grows, neither can reveal the true nature of his/her assignment. Their secrets could destroy their budding relationship.

***The Shroud Conspiracy*** by **John D. Heubusch** (Fic Heu) A forensic anthropologist is determined to prove emphatically that the Shroud of Turin is a fake. But as he investigates further, he soon discovers the opposite. When a blood sample from the shroud fabric disappears from his lab, he learns that evil forces are attempting to use the DNA to clone Jesus and manipulate and hasten the Second Coming.

***The Amish Widower*** by **Virginia Smith** (Fic Smi) This is book 4 in ***The Men of Lancaster County*** series begun by Mindy Starns Clark. Set Hostetler is fearful of becoming involved in a relationship after the devastating loss of his second wife. He is convinced that it could only end in another tragedy. An Englisher woman, Leah, crosses his path and despite his fears, he is drawn to her.

***Without Warning*** by **Joel C. Rosenberg** (Fic Ros) This is book 3 in the ***J. B. Collins*** series. Now that the President has been safely returned to the United States, J. B. Collins, reporter, warns him that Abu Kahlif, brutal leader of the Islamic State, is planning a horrific attack on American soil. But Collins is ignored. If you enjoy fast-paced suspense, this series makes for enjoyable reading. Book 1 is ***The Third Target*** and book 2 is ***The First Hostage***.

### For Young Patrons

***The Berenstain Bears Friendship Blessings Collection*** by **Jan & Mike Berenstain** (J Ber) Included in this 5 books in 1 collection are the following favorites from Bear Country: ***The Perfect Fishing Spot***, ***Reap the Harvest***, ***Faithful Friends***, ***Kindness Counts***, and ***God Made You Special***. Explore the blessings of friendship with these lovable bears.

***Reformation ABCs: The People, Places, and Things of the Reformation—from A to Z*** by **Stephen J. Nichols** (J 270.6 Nic) Younger children will learn about the people and the ideas that shaped church history and the Lutheran Church.

### New On DVD

***The Bridge: The Complete Story*** by **Karen Kingsbury** (DVD Fic Kin) "The Bridge" is the favorite bookstore and coffee shop where Molly and Ryan forge their strong friendship. They also bond with "The Bridge" owners, Charlie and Donna, who designed the bookstore to provide a place for people to connect and form an extended family. When Mol-

ly and Ryan are torn apart by a misunderstanding, it takes a tragedy at "The Bridge" to bring them back together.

***The Ultimate Legacy*** by **Jim Stovall** (DVD Fic Sto)

This Hallmark movie is the sequel to ***The Ultimate Gift*** and ***The Ultimate Life*** each based on a novel by Jim Stovall. The epic life of Jason Stevens continues as an entitled young man must prove himself worthy of receiving his grandmother's fortune upon her passing. He must first learn forgiveness, the value of hard work, and the importance of kindness to others.

***Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace*** (DVD 921 Bon) Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a German clergyman actively opposed to Hitler and the Nazis. This film sheds light on his last years, his moral struggles and the convictions that cost him his life just days before the end of World War II.

### Children's DVDs

Several new DVDs have been added to the children's section representing three popular series.

The first series is from ***Iesoda: "Where Fun and Faith Take Flight"***. Iesoda, a dove, and his many feathered friends spread their Gospel message teaching the young viewers lessons on how God wants them to live. Titles new to the series: ***Believe***; ***Hope***; ***Joy***; ***Kindness***; and ***Love*** (DVD J Ies). Included with each DVD is a Bible connection lesson, Bible verses for memorization, a discussion guide, and a sing-along.

Added in the Owlegories series is ***The Lion, the Lamb, the Bread*** (DVD J Owl Vol. 5) In this volume, children will learn about God's power, the story of the Passover Lamb, and re-taught about what it means that Jesus is "The Bread of Life".

The Veggie Tales area continues to grow with the addition of ***Captain Larry Beard and the Search for the Pirate Ship*** (DVD J Veg) Ichabeezer has lost his toy pirate ship. When Larry finds it, he wants to keep it, believing he has a right to it. Bob must help Larry to do what is right.

Find these and other materials new to the library on display throughout the month.

Luther's quote for May on the Living Word of God: "The Bible is alive: it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." (From 2004 Thrivent Financial Calendar)



~ Mary Schultz

We have  
*peace* with  
God  
through  
our  
*Lord*  
Jesus Christ.  
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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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