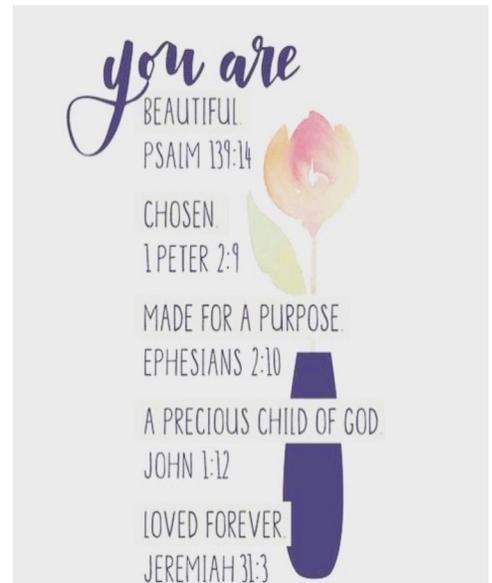


Good Shepherd News & Notes

(Third Sunday of Easter) May 1, 2022

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THREE WORLDVIEWS PARENTS NEED TO CONFRONT by Kenneth Kremer

The power of culture is undeniable. It shapes our ideas about morality, law, history, literature, politics, religion. It informs our attitudes regarding community, family and raising children. In an age dubbed the Post-Christian Era, in which the culture around us is growing increasingly hostile to our convictions, the worldviews our kids embrace should concern us. If we do not teach our children to love Jesus, the world will teach them not to.

Here, then, are three common contemporary challenges to a Christian worldview, along with takeaways for parents seeking to confront them.

1. ONE WORLD, ONE GOD?

God operates in both spiritual and material realities — both in His eternal kingdom and in the created universe of time, space and change where our human story now unfolds. God's people embrace both realities. Unbelievers know only one.

Teaching this truth to our children is a challenge because our dominant culture dismisses God and exiles spiritual realities to the realm of fiction. The godless myth of only one reality, however, puts children at great spiritual risk. Promises of heaven, miracles, eternal life, prayer, a physical resurrection, angels, Jesus' real presence or God's free grace cannot — will not — resonate without a biblical worldview that sees God as the King of all reality, in heaven and on earth.

Takeaway for parents: Make a point of daily communicating the wonders and blessings of belonging to God's kingdom to your child.

2. THE MORAL SHELL GAME

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Western civilization was a common moral platform based on God's Ten Commandments. Our secular culture, however, now grants equal status to three alternative moral platforms: constitutional law, scientific studies and popular opinion.

True, all three are useful. We rightly teach our children to see them as blessings from God. But none of them acknowledges that our relationship (*see page 2*)

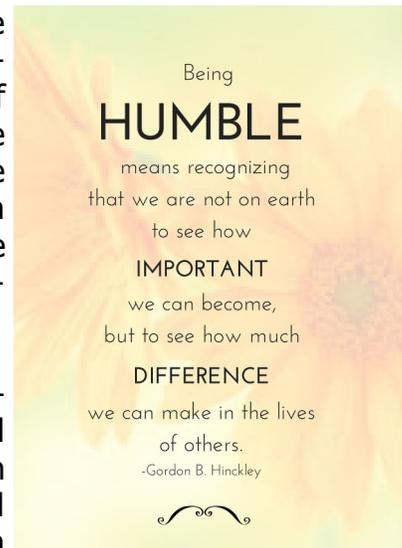
with God is the only foundation for a God-pleasing ethic. The Constitution is a manmade document. Scientific studies are subject to revision with new information. Popular opinion is fickle. These cannot be viewed as the moral equivalents of God's Law. They are imposters.

Takeaway for Parents: Take advantage of every opportunity to bind God's commandments to the hearts and minds of your children.

3. A NARCISSISTIC AGE

Narcissism is not a new phenomenon. (Adam and Eve thought they could become God's equals.) Yet today's digitally enhanced form of narcissism threatens the faith of many young believers. And who should wonder why? The popular culture bombards them with messages that urge them to trust their own instincts, dream big, plot their own courses. It tells them they are superior to others — bronze gods and goddesses, permanently cast in their own Snapchat images.

Godly character requires an intense focus on humility — which includes shifting your gaze to something beyond yourself. Jesus washed the feet of His followers to teach them humble servitude, saying, "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet (John 13: 14).



Takeaway for parents: Teach your children that greatness in God's kingdom happens when we trust that Jesus loves us and forgives us and look to Him for our self-worth. They don't need to turn the world upside-down because He has done it for them on the cross.

Kenneth Kremer is the author of *Embracing Godly Character: The Christian Community's Response to a Godless Culture*.

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USHERS

If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please contact **Joel Kaldahl at 712-221-9129**.

MAIN STREET LIVING

Main Street Living is a program on **Sunday morning on channel 8 at 10:30 am**. It is a great opportunity to hear God's Word read and preached for those who are not able to physically attend worship services. On the third Sunday of Easter, **May 1st, Pastor Scott Porath of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Eagle, NE** will be preaching and leading in worship. Tune in and spread the word to others who might be wanting to take advantage of this opportunity.



PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

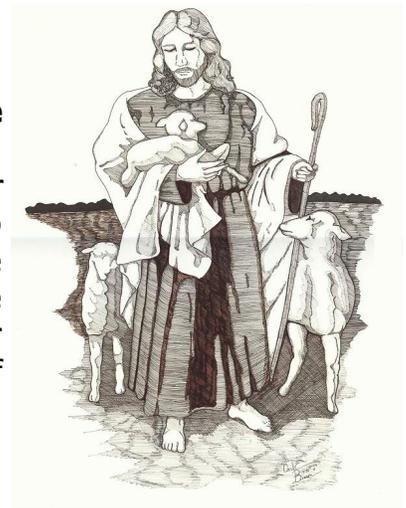
If you have a prayer request, please contact the church office at (402) 423-7639. Your request will appear for 6 weeks. If you would like to keep it on the

prayer list, you may call during the 6th week to renew it.

- **Barb Poppe**, with short-term memory issues (5)
- **Mildred Humphrey**, with health issues including heart failure (3)
- **Alberta L'Ecuyer**, grandmother of Marlyse Goodroad, whose cancer has returned (3)
- **Megan Fletcher**, cousin of Marlyse Goodroad, diagnosed with cancer (5)
- **Colleen Sandman**, who is struggling with health issues (6)
- **George & Julie Szalawiga and their family**, friends of the Heckmans, for salvation and healing. (6)
- **Pat Gross**, sister of Brent Travis, recovering from surgery (4)
- **Lily Faith**, relative of Barb Kumm, for healing from a broken hip (4)
- **Lavonne Myers**, in rehab at Tabitha. Please pray for healing (2)
- **Lois Goeres**, hospitalized, pray for healing (2)
- **Jane Hogue**, former member of Good Shepherd, hospitalized in Auburn (2)
- **Joe Burke**, recovering at home (1)
- **Con Urbach**, at Tabitha in Crete (1)
- **Gil Stubbart**, brother of Loraine Harnett, pray for successful heart procedure and healing. (1)
- **Loree Kirilloff**, recovering at home following hip surgery (1)
- **Joe Roberts**, prayers for healing (2)
- **Pastor Timothy Wagner**, First Trinity Lutheran Church in Beatrice, battling cancer (5)
- **Barb Proescholdt**, recovering from back surgery (4)
- **Al Fox**, father of Nancy Stepp, suffering with broken ribs. Please pray for pain relief and healing (4)
- **Vern Jansky**, continuing treatment for a recurrence of cancer (4)
- **Richard Gudgel**, brother of Wayne Gudgel, in hospice care (4)
- **Carol Stubbart**, sister-in-law of Loraine Harnett, recovering from a hip replacement to be followed by chemo and radiation. (4)
- **Pat Novak**, sister of Peg Olson, recovering from surgery at home (4)
- **Donna (Nino) Sommerfeld**, wife of former NE District President, Russ Sommerfeld, as she receives medical treatment for breast cancer (3)
- **Marge**, friend of the Knauses, fighting an infection following knee replacement surgery (3)
- **Megan Lichtenfeld**, for proper diagnosis and healing from back pain (4)
- **Bud Yelkin**, friend of Ron Graphenteen, dealing with cancer (4)
- **Brian Manley**, friend of Ron Graphenteen, recovering from a work-related accident (4)
- **Jody Manley**, friend of Ron Graphenteen, dealing with cancer (4)
- **Dean Posner**, for healing from health issues (4)
- **Father of Amanda Civic**, recovering from a kidney transplant. Pray for healing and the donor's family. (1)
- **The family of Victor Kirilloff**, who was taken to his eternal home on Monday (1)
- **The family of Aileen Heins**, grandmother of Sarah Kaldahl, who was taken to her eternal home last week (2)
- **The family of Jim Hellwege**, friend of Karen Kammann, who was taken to his eternal home recently (2)
- **Those affected by the wildfires.**

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STEWARDSHIP MOMENT— John 10: 16—“And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.”On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd’s voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is, let us follow the Shepherd!



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(May 1 – 7)

People celebrating birthdays are:

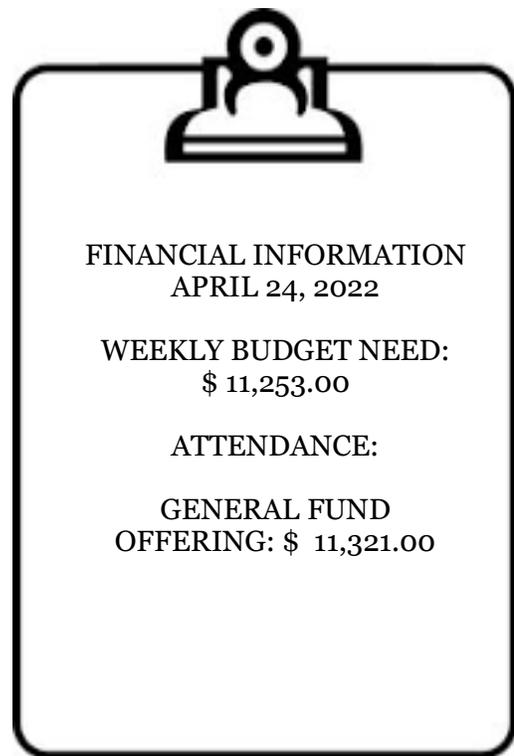
Eric Beed	Kelsey Mick
Steve Mercer	Jim Thompson
Sophie Kaldahl	Kevin Meyer
Caleb Durr	Zac Erickson
Lance Von Rentzell	
Julie Golden	

Couples celebrating anniversaries are:

Terry & Deb Princ

MISSION PROJECT FOR MAY

After fifteen years of difficult work, a new Chinese translation of the Book of Concord is finally available to be used by Missionary Michael Paul in Taiwan to teach the Lutheran Confessions two times in 2022. This translation will be easier to read and more accurate. The project was funded by the Lutheran Heritage Foundation (our mission project for April.) Missionary Paul and his students have been reviewing the six chief parts of Luther’s Small Catechism during Lent this year. Pastor Paul, theological educator will be our mission project for the month of May. He is called to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches in Taiwan. “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. (Matthew 9: 37-38 ESV)



LIFE MOMENT

“Let’s also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes — majorities, even — of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents — not fewer children — seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!” Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life

SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD THIS WEEK:

DOORKEEPERS:

ELDER TODAY: (May 1): Curt Christiansen

**USHERS: (Sun, May 1): 8 am: Scott & Dee Indgjer,
Tim Higgins, Nate Keller
10:30 am: Rich & Lorelee Novak
(Wed., May 4): Eric & Lisa Klutz, David Perrin, Joel Kaldahl
(Sun., May 8): 8 am: Adam & Angela Von Busch
Allen Wilkens, Bob Rathjen
10:30 am: Jon McNabb, Steve Eckhoff
Eric & Lisa Klutz
Wed., May 11: Joel Kaldahl, RJ Huff, Scott & Dee Indgjer**

**ACOLYTES: (Sun., May 1): 8 am: Broderic Beed
10:30 am: Nolan Keller
(Wed., May 4): Cole Cover**

**ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANT: (Sun., May 1): Khloe Bauer
(Wed., May 4): Mayah Stolcpart**

COMMUNION SET-UP: (Sun., May 1): Kacy Totenhagen

COMMUNION CLEAN-UP: (Sun., May 1): Carolyn Schwarz

COFFEE SERVERS: (Sun., May 1): Loraine Harnett, Sandy Langemeier



THANK YOU

Good Shepherd family and friends,
I want to thank Pastor Poppe and each of you for your visits, phone calls and cards after my recent back surgery. I really appreciate your thoughts and prayers. I'm making progress and hope to be back in church soon.

Barb Proescholdt

MARATHON SUNDAY

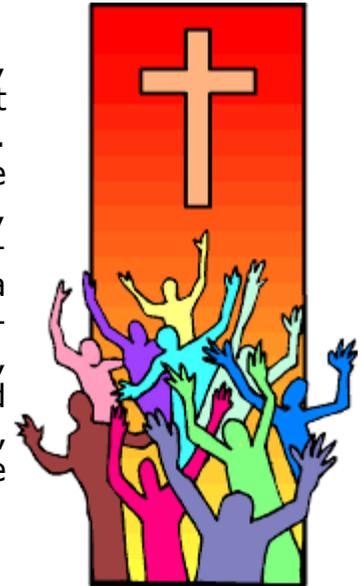
You may find some delays on your trip to church on SUNDAY, May 1st, 2022 as it is the 45th annual Lincoln Marathon. Runners in both races share a common start and run a loop route past the Nebraska State Capitol, along Sheridan Blvd., past Union College, along the Hwy.2 bike path, past the Lincoln County-City Building and back to the Half-Marathon finish on the UNL Campus.

LINCOLN LUTHERAN CHOIR SPRING CONCERT

Lincoln Lutheran Choir welcomes new and returning members to the 2022 Spring Concert season. The choir welcomes our new Artistic Director Jon Marquez. Jon's previous post was in Hastings, NE where he was director of choral activities at Hastings Senior High School from 2016—2020. While at HHS Jon's choirs consistently received superior ratings! As our new director Jon will be implementing new and exciting sacred choral music along with our traditional scripture-based music. This spring's **concert theme is "Resurrection Light!"** Come join us at **Grace Lutheran Church, 2225 Washington St., Lincoln, NE on May 1 at 3 pm.** For additional information contact **Diane Merrill, 402-617-1204 or rpmdkm@gmail.com.**

CATECHETICAL RETREAT

This camp is for those who have completed the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grades. The theme is "A Good Conscience: God's Great Gift". Leading the catechesis for grades 5 and 6 is Rev. A. J. Bader, and Rev. Jon Dickmader for grades 7 and 8. Our time at camp will be divided between study (catechesis), worship, and play (various camp activities.). Camp Comeca has excellent facilities that include an indoor pool and gym. It sits on a rise near Midway Lake on which you can canoe and paddleboat. There are tennis courts and volleyball courts, a zip-line, GaGaball pit, rockclimbing, Frisbee golf, horseshoes, and other activities. This event will take place on May 31—June 2, 2022. For more information and to register to attend, please contact Pastor Poppe or Pastor Moline.



ACELC CONFERENCE

The Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Congregations is sponsoring their annual conference located at Grace Lutheran Church, Grand Island, NE on July 12-14, 2022. The theme for this conference is "Christ for Us: Catechesis and Synodical Unity." Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks.

VICAR ASSIGNED TO GOOD SHEPHERD

The Vicarage Assignment and Deaconess Internship Assignment service at Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN took place on Wednesday, April 27th at 7 pm. Good Shepherd did receive a vicar for the August 2022—July 2023 year. Noah Kerstein, from Fort Walton Beach, FL will be coming to Good Shepherd and arriving sometime in the latter half of July. Please keep him and our current vicar, Thomas Goodroad & Marlyse in your prayers as they deal with the transitions in their lives.

"Complete equality would hardly change earth into heaven; rather it would make the earth a hell. God thus wrote the commandment: 'You shall not steal' into the hearts of all people, publicly and solemnly calling it down from fiery Sinai through His elect servant and messenger Moses."

— C. F. W. Walther, "God Grant It!" pg. 623 —