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St. Matthew: Second Chances?

Dear Friends in Christ,

September's church year calendar includes St. Matthew, apostle day. We often remember him as the poster boy for second chances – the former tax collector turned apostle at the mere invitation of Jesus. Before Jesus, he lived a life dominated by guilt and driven by greed so much that he worked for the occupying Romans to ruthlessly collect taxes from his own people. Because Jesus loved him and taught him a new life of faith, he went on to serve God as a disciple, apostle and the writer of the Gospel of Matthew.

Another second chance guy is Abraham Cruz, age 29, who spends several hours each day of the work week lifting weights

at Gold's Gym. He wears apparel of his own design line, Forever Faith. A life-altering stint in prison led him to start the line of fitness apparel with his brother, David Cruz. The whole time in prison, he was dreaming and planning how he would live differently and make better choices when he got out. He said, "If you believe in something, and you are in God's will, it will happen."

Not all of us have to go to prison to realize that God gives us chance after chance to repent of our sins and commit our way again to follow him sincerely. Matthew lived every day seeing people see him treat him so very differently than they did in his former, openly sinful life. Most of the sins

we have are not so public that everybody in town knows them. Most sins are easily hidden from public view, but the consequences for us are just as life altering as the tax collector's. Even the most insignificant sin can tarnish relationships and do harm to ourselves and others.

Thankfully, Jesus died for all the sins we have done or will do and paid the eternal price for us. We need only let go of the guilt by confessing the sin to those harmed and before God. Forgiveness always follows from God through the proclamation of his church and the sacraments.

In the month of September, may we remember to release our guilt with all



the zeal of St. Matthew and resolve to live in Christian gratitude each day. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Glenn

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. Matthew 9:9

MINISTRY NEWS

Evangelism

As a church we really need to get to know each other. The more we know each other the better we can truly become friends. By doing this we get new people to feel at peace and wanted. Hope, peace and charity. May God Bless you always.

Denise Hosay

Education

Jr. Confirmation , Lutheran Perspective and Pigg Cell Groups are starting in September. See box

below for dates and times.

Fellowship

We held our first committee meeting for "Movie Matinee". The September Movie Matinee is Sat., Sept. 6th 3 pm at His Place. Clayton will be .Sat., Sept. 20th at 7 pm. See below for more info.

Christina Wacker

LWML

Our monthly meeting will be Sat., Sept. 20th at 10 am. I would like to invite all the women to attend.

Loretta Meyer

Social Ministries

Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting. Psalm 147:1 Our food pantry is beginning to get low again so if anyone would like to donate non-perishable items it would be greatly appreciated. We assisted 7 families this month.

Teresa Dove

Youth

Since school is starting we are hoping to increase our youth night

Loretta Meyer



Bible Study Groups

Clayton Bible Study Mon., Sept. 8th 6:30 pm
 Men's Man Card Breakfast Sat., September 11th at 8:30 am
 LWML meeting Sat., September 20th at 9 am
 Pigg Cell Group Thurs., September 4th & 18th 7 pm
 Lutheranism Perspective Class Wed., September 10th & 24th 7 pm
 Sunday Bible Study 9:15 am
 Jr. Confirmation every Wednesday 6 pm
 Youth night every Wednesday 7:30 pm

September Movie Matinee

The movie matinee committee is bringing us a movie children will love and big children laughing out loud. We will play games and have door prizes throughout the event. At intermission and at the end a pastor will led a discussion on biblical theme connections and life lessons. (child friendly). There will be popcorn and refreshments provided.

Guess the Movie Game

All attendees can guess the movie to win a prize. Can you guess?

This movie is about a personality that was adopted at a young age. He grew up in American with every luxury and loved his parent very much. One day, they received news that he is from a different country and very special. It is urgent that he returns to his birth country ; however, he doesn't know the customs nor has all the skills needed in his native country. Not only that, but he is so special that evil people try to abduct him for ransom! During all this action, he learns how to make friends, falls in love, and discovers the world is big....but his heart is bigger.





I'm a product of the 70s, a time when everyone in my third-grade class sat and listened silently while our teacher, Mrs. Sampe, expounded on a concept. When she finished talking, we followed directions. The greatest problems in our classroom were chewing gum and passing notes. You can imagine my shock when I became an elementary school teacher twenty-five years later. During my first week of teaching, one of my students stood in the middle of my explanation about Vincent Van Gogh, approached me, tugged on my skirt and tattled on his buddy at the back of the room. I couldn't believe I was being interrupted in the middle of a lesson! I later discovered that this behavior — and much worse — was the norm. What happened to good, old-fashioned respect? In his book *Have a New Kid by Friday*, Dr. Kevin Leman asks similar questions, but in relation to parenting. "Why is it that these days that so many children tend to diss their parents, to act disrespectfully? Why are so many parents caught in the roles of threatening and cajoling and never getting anywhere? What's going on here?"

Granted, many things

have affected kids since Beaver Cleaver and black and white television. Technology has made huge advancements but sends millions of negative messages to kids about authority. Drug use has increased. The family structure has all but fallen apart. However, the real answer to Leman's question (and my teaching problem) is that because kids misbehave because they can and because adults let them.

In his book, Dr. Leman says, "It all comes down to who is really in charge of your family." He points out that many parents are so concerned about being their child's friend — not hurting their child's feelings or making sure that their child is always happy — that they fail to parent well.

Leman's comments lead to several pointed questions: Are you willing to do whatever it takes to take charge of your family? Are you willing to look like the "bad guy" at times in order to parent your children so they will stop rolling over you? Are you ready to be an assertive parent, helping your child become all he can be? If you're ready to take on what Leman calls "the ankle-biter battalion," read on and learn how to become a super parent!

Here are three ways parents encourage their kids to misbehave.

No parenting game plan

Imagine a football coach having no plan to lead his team to victory. What would it be like if he never put any plays into action? What if he didn't discipline his team or expect them to perform? What if he let them run wild everywhere without direction? No doubt, life with his "team" would be chaotic and exhausting.

Parents lead kids much like a coach leads a football team, and to experience victory, parents need a good parenting game plan. Part of having a plan means defining the attitudes, behaviors and character traits you want your children to possess. When you can define these, you'll be able to begin to develop a plan to become a super parent.

In his book *Have a New Kid by Friday*, Dr. Leman helps parents put a one-week parenting game plan into action that helps reduce parental frustration, put parents back in the coach's seat and transform their child's attitude, behavior and character.

Not only should you develop an "overall" parenting plan, but it's also important to have a scheduled minute-by-minute plan, especially with your smallest children. As an elementary teacher, I learned that the best defense against bad behavior is having a good lesson plan that would keep their little hands busy. The same applies to parenting. Keep your kids busy with things to learn, with stuff to do and with an agenda, and

your parenting job will be much easier with fewer discipline problems.

Inconsistency

As an elementary teacher, I learned the hard way that children have brains like elephants — they will latch onto even your the smallest promises (positive or negative) and remember them a day, week, month or year later. Therefore, I learned that consistency was of utmost importance in discipline. If I said I was going to dole out a pink slip and a trip to the school's front office the next time I saw a particular student, I needed to deliver rather than make threats or promises I didn't intend to keep. And if you don't do what you say you will, they won't respect you. Dr. Leman agrees. He says in *Have a New Kid by Friday* that a child's misbehavior serves a purpose in his life: it gives him a reason to control you. Sadly, if a parent does not show the child that they are in charge through consistency, a child's contempt for their parent will grow. . (continued page 4)



BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Angela Hutten
- 2nd Veronica Moore
- 3rd Jo Ann Pigg
- 6th Katrina Mosshammer
- 9th Jonathan Collins
- 12th Chris Meyer
- 13rd Clyde Pigg
- Seth Peasha
- 16th Teresa Dove
- 22nd Brandon Lopez
- Randall Lopez
- 23rd Peggy Cosgrove
- 24th Dottie Steidley
- 26th Seth Gleichman
- 24th Dottie Steidley
- 26th Seth Gleichman
- Roberta Lopez

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BIRTHDAYS CONTINUED

- 27th Barbara Billos
- Danny Pierce
- 30th Primus Moore



BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

- 1st Primus Moore
- 5th Jerry James
- 6th Joseph Hutten
- 7th Susan McGee
- 12th Jefferson Billos
- 13th Gerald Peasha
- 15th Jason Billos
- 19th Victoria James
- 22nd Angela Hutten
- 25th Nicholas Valenta
- 28th DeAnn Harmon
- Rudy & Betty Hitt



ANNIVERSARIES

- 22nd John & Daryl Hutten
- 28th Gerald & Linda Valenta



ALTAR FLOWERS

Clyde & Jo Ann Pigg
In Celebration of Their Birthdays

Why Kids Misbehave by Shana Schutte (Continued from Page 3)

As Dr. Leman says, ". if he [your child] can control you, why respect you?" your parenting job will be much easier with fewer discipline problems.

Power struggles

Several years ago my grandmother told me that in marriage you have to pick your battles. The same is true in parenting. If you want your home to be peaceful, you need to decide which battles are worth fighting with your kids, and which aren't. This will help stop power struggles that increase bad behavior.

If your child wants to wear a shirt/skirt combo that makes her look like she dressed herself in a dark closet, and she is very strong-willed, you may ask yourself if it's worth fighting her to get her to change her duds. On the other hand, if she wants to spend time with a boy in a dark closet, you might want to make a big deal out of that. The battles that you choose to fight will directly affect your child's level of misbehavior — especially if your child is strong-willed.

Granted, becoming a stellar parent takes energy, but the payoff will be greater than anything you could have imagined as your children grow. Copyright © 2008 Shana Schutte. All rights reserved. International copyright secured.



Men's Man Card Breakfast Coming to a Saturday Near You!

If you don't have your **Man Card**, yet we can help you get one. 4 men attended the August breakfast. September 13 will be our next Men's breakfast if we can get a leader and a few more cooks while Pastor Glenn is out of town. Prayer, pancakes and sausage, fellowship and an invigorating video Bible study: "How We Got the Bible" by the Lutheran Hour will earn you an official Man Card from Pastor Glenn (suitable for carrying in your wallet). We meet the second Saturday at 8:30 am at His Place.



LORD, We Implore You to Hear Our Prayers:

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For Healing: Winfred Boriak (Pastor's uncle), Deanna Bostick (friend of Teresa Dove, Colin Coats (Pastor Glenn's nephew), Debbie Galler (Pastor Glenn's cousin), Freda Gleichman (Don Gleichman's sister-in-law), Chad Hobbs (Jade Burdick's cousin), Denise Hosay, Tanesha Gibson (friend of Velva Jacobson), Kelly Jundt (Glenn Hosay's cousin), Bill & Billie Moore (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's parents), Irene Meyer (Pastor Glenn's mother), Laura Moore (Primus & Veronica Moore's daughter-in-law), Carol Roberts (Misty Robert's aunt), Robert Yoast, Ester Valenta (Linda Valenta's mother-in-law)

Special Needs: Rev. Leonard Busch chemo & radiation, Glenn Hosay recovering from foot surgery, Steve Phipps, Eric Wise (Clayton) diabetes flare up, Braden Page (acquaintance of Denise & Glenn Hosay) sinus cancer, William Anderton (Denise Hosay's brother-in-law) lung cancer

In Hospice: Lyle Drews (Karen Brown's brother)

For Strength: Misty Roberts, Bradford family (friends of Denise Hosay), Carlene Fletcher (Tina Hile's sister), Doyel family, Brenda Phipps, Lee Moore family, Peggy Gleichman family, Vic Jundt (Glenn Hosay's cousin), John Peasha Jr.

Serving in the Military: Wesley Blake (Karen Brown's nephew) David & Courtney Guidry (Teresa & Gary Dove's grandchildren), Cole Jackson (Connie Loman & Teresa Dove's cousin), Mike Starry (Mary Starry's son), Robert Starry (Mary Starry's grandson) Jordan, Canaan & Alivia Potter (Viola Potter's granddaughter), Teddy Stevens (Audrey Brown's brother)

For Transformation: That we are feeling empowered by the Holy Spirit to keep inviting the lost to church so that God might save them and equip his kingdom workers at Trinity as evangelists

Prayer Focus for the Month of September: Our American Work Force

TRINITY PRAYER WARRIORS

Please contact Denise Hosay 539-832-7623 for any prayer needs and she will start the prayer chain.

Thrivent Presents Topics with Lunch

Thrivent Se Chapter presents "The Affordable Care Act" and "Planning to Get The Most from Social Security" at a luncheon after the service on September 21st. Guest speaker Tim Veldstra will inform us with critical information on these timely topics. There's nothing to buy, just free information and free lunch, to boot! Help us order enough food with your RSVP to Loretta Meyer, call or text 918-916-4471 or the troublesome land line, 918-429-0039. Reservations not required, though, just come find out how the ACA will affect you (in \$\$\$ and choices) and learn how to make/save yourself tens of \$\$\$ thousands to get the most out of your social security retirement.

Men's 5-Church Dinner Group - Here Sept. 25th

The other church-men are coming here Thursday, Sept. 25th. Several of us met and decided the menu for the 5-Church Men's dinner should be "See Food" gumbo, also known as chicken and sausage gumbo - food that you see, as opposed to the coastal variety known as *seafood*. Please contact Pastor Glenn or Primus if you can help by cooking gumbo, rice, cornbread, or a dessert. Be sure to bring along your buddies. We pray and start serving at 6:30 pm. We'll have a Bible study after the meal and get our guests out the door by 8:00 pm.



October 11 Fall Festival



Mark your calendars now for our annual Fall Festival set for Saturday, October 11th. Our committee has lots of great ideas in the works to make it a festive outreach event that draws lots of people to attend from the community. This year brings fantastic funding opportunities in the Thrivent Action Teams. We plan to set up several of them to cover sausage making and food items. If you know of some young people seeking community service, we hope to line some up to run inflatables for the kiddies. Contact Christina Wacker to help, (520) 869-2739.

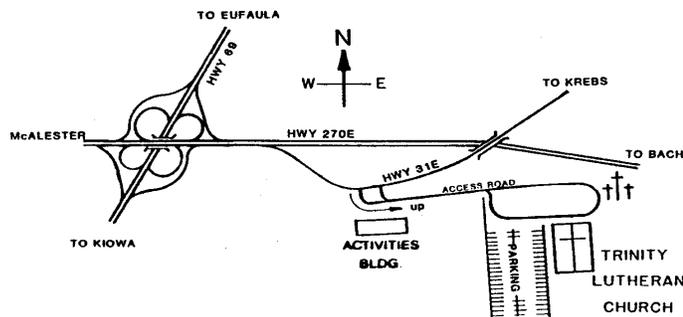
Thrivent Choice

Last year Thrivent gave \$49 million to 16,654 churches and 6,131 schools because 270,617 Thrivent members designated their Choice dollars that way. Thrivent Choice dollars are a wonderful tool that benefit members have to donate to their favorite cause. I may be wrong, but I don't recall our church getting any Choice dollars last year.

Why not make Trinity Lutheran Consecrated Stewards Coming Soon!

Keep an eye out for the Consecrated Stewards Bible Studies and sermons in October. The committee kicks off with an organizing meeting at 6:00 pm, Sept. 9th. Those that have heard about it are excited with the prospect of learning more about God's will for each of us and how we might respond to such a God. I think about the 40 years Israel wandered in the desert trying to learn how to love God for the first time. It was hard work to change their attitudes. May we be praying for God open our minds and attitudes with a lot less effort!

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