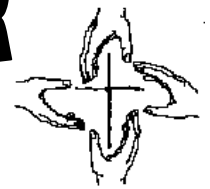

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(The following is an adaptation and paraphrase of General George S. Patton's speech to the 4th Army on 5 June 1944. Some of the names were changed to make it fit; some of the words were changed to clean it up for publication in a church newsletter. ☺)

You may be seated:

Now, I want you to remember that no Christian ever won **THE WAR** by dying for his own petty kingdom. He wins by making the poor dumb devils lose their kingdom. Men (women and children), all this stuff you've heard about Christians not wanting to fight, wanting to stay out of **THE WAR**, is a lot of horse dung. Christians traditionally love to fight. All **real** Christians love the sting of battle. When you were kids, you all admired the champion marble shooter, the fastest runner, the big league ball player, the toughest boxer. Christians love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Christians play to win all the time. I wouldn't give a hoot in hades for a Christian who lost and laughed. That's why Christians have never lost and will never lose **THE WAR**. Because the very thought of losing is hateful to Christians.

Now, the Church is a team. It lives, eats, sleeps, fights as a team. This individuality stuff is a bunch of horse hockey. The American postmodern pipsqueaks who wrote that stuff about individuality don't know anything more about real battle than they do about theology.

We have the finest food—The Lord's Supper--and equipment—the Word of God, the best Spirit and the best pastors in the world. You know, I actually pity those poor devils we're going up against. I do. We're not just going to exorcise those devils, we're going to make

them fall like lightening out of heaven and cast them to the depths of hell.

Now, some of you, I know, are wondering whether or not you'll chicken out under fire. Don't worry about it. I can assure you that you will all do your duty. The Devils are the enemy. Wade into them. Exorcise them. Cast them out to outer darkness. When you hold the hand of a Neighbor, a creature of our Heavenly Father, who has been overthrown by the Enemy...you'll know what to do.

Now there's another thing I want you to remember. I don't want to get any messages saying that we are holding our position. We're not holding anything. Let the Enemy do that. We are advancing constantly and we're not interested in holding onto anything except the Enemy. We're going to hold onto him by the nose and we're going to kick him in the posterior. We're going to kick him back to hell all the time and we're gonna go through him like stuff through a goose. (*Sorry about the analogy.*)

There's one thing that you Christians will be able to say. And you may thank God for it. Thirty years from now, if you are still alive on earth, when you're sitting around your fireside with your grandson on your knee and he asks you "what did you do in the great Commission," you won't have to say, "Well, I sat on my butt in Canastota."

Alright now, you sons-of-the Father, you know how I feel. Oh, and I will be proud to lead you wonderful guys into battle – anytime, anywhere. That's all.

Pastor David T



Sunday School News

By Linda Bahr

It's hard to believe that summer is half over and school is about to begin. Our summer VBS was a "Splash of Fun" enjoyed by about 25 children and several adults. Songs, crafts, snacks and games kept everyone busy and our heat wave that week, made our beach adventure very realistic. A program with songs and a skit followed by a balloon launch and ice cream, gave a fitting closing to our last VBS evening. We extend a BIG thank you to all the students who came and to all the volunteers who helped out. We couldn't have had a success without you.

Sunday School at Grace will commence on Sunday, September 11th at 8:45 a.m. in the church nave. Our teachers include Kathy Pavelock, Lorraine Warren, and Tammy Moran. They will be assisted by Kelly Gilbert, Teri Devan, Aaron Bahr, Karen Devan, Kate Hurre, Beth Scholl, and me, Linda Bahr. There will also be an Adult Bible Study class held in the fellowship hall at the same time, so parents and other interested adults can have an opportunity to share the Word of God with each other.

We have 4 youth entering Confirmation Classes this fall and about 11 children entering classes from Grade 2 to Grade 6. If you know of any child or youth interested in attending our classes, please contact me at linda@gbahr.com. (315-339-1979), or the church office (315-697-2128) to register. Thank you.

Editor's Notes

Attention: It takes about seven days to put together the newsletter once the articles are in. Then we need about three days for mailing time to reach some who live in other states. Please help us meet our deadline by having your articles to Rebecca Harrington by the 18th of the month. rharri9@twcny.rr.com

Thank You

Rebecca Harrington

Wow! It's back to school and work. Summer was a great time to get refocused on the things we want to complete to honor the Lord by the end of the year. A friend of mine that Labor Day was like a Fall New Years Day because we pause to see what goals we'd like to achieve by the years' end knowing we have someone there to guide us.

The Relay for life committee will have met at the end of August to plan for 2012. I'm sure you'll be hearing more over the course of the upcoming months. This isn't fact as I write this- BUT we are considering doing a relish sale right before thanksgiving. If you have a great recipe for some kind of relish please share it with us.

Also, the Outreach Committee is meeting at the end of August to get back on track with some interesting activities. We are holding a Lutheran World Relief Fair Trade Coffee Tasting on Saturday September 24 at 10:30 AM. Fair Trade Products are important to the farmers or workers because they get a fair price or wage for the goods they grow or make. These products especially help the women who would be unable to have a proper job to make a god wage. So, come check out these products.

Do you plan ahead? We sure hope so. We will be linking up with LWML to hold a Lia Sophia Fundraiser for Mites – Bejeweled for Mites! We will be inviting the other societies from our zone as well. It will be Sunday October 2 at 2 PM at Grace. Be sure to invite a friend because all are welcome. Mites go to the LWML to meet their grant goals. - Maybe even our own grant to continue the Refugee Project.

Keep your eyes and ears open to more Outreach activities! Go out and show the love the Lord has given to you.

Serving with Gladness,
Teri Devan

Outreach Chairman



On Stewardship

Here we are again! September-October! Fall! Once again we say goodbye to vacations, trips to the beach, picnics, little league baseball and soccer. It's that time again. Time to get our children back to school, our high school grads off to college. Time for football and basketball, play-offs, the World Series..(can you tell I'm a baseball fan?)

It's time we start thinking about raking the leaves, winterizing our homes to save energy. I know it sounds too early but down deep we all know it's coming. WINTER!! Brrr! Since our summer has been so hot and humid this year, I think I will notice the cold even more than ever. I just pray that the cold is not as over the top as the heat has been.

I am so looking forward to visiting daughter Kim while she is working in Pa., then Paul & James coming to visit and work on our house, while I get to go to LWML Retreat at Pioneer, and finally a visit to my sister and brother-in-law in October. All in all a busy few weeks.

Comes the time of renewal. I think most of us do sit down and think about all we want to do when the weather cools and the breezes ruffle and blow the beautifully colored leaves around. It gives us pause to prayerfully consider our next few steps.

God has given us much to admire and so too, we have much responsibility as well. Our responsibility is two-fold. First, we care for our bounty, second, we are charged with sharing it. He who cares for the needy (both physically and spiritually) also serves God.

We are all stewards of Grace Lutheran Church. We are all to help maintain both the House of God, and the grounds that surround it.

Prayerfully consider what you can do to serve God and man. Let Property Care Chairman, Dana Smith know she can count on you.

How about teaching, Altar Care, Usher and Acolyte? All are very important ways to serve. Also, Council elections will be held at the November Voters meeting. Are you willing to serve?

Pat Clark, Stewardship Chairman

Red And Yellow, Black And White

We've only to look around us, Lord, to understand that You must love the variety! You must love those details that make one thing *different* from another. And, Lord, You did the same with Your people—for a purpose. We **are** so very different—one individual from another. It was YOUR plan. Why, do we have so much trouble with that? Why does the very thing that brings You such enjoyment—so much happiness—cause us to get hurt feelings—ruffled feathers. How quickly our differences bring out the very worst in us: criticism; sharp tongues; hostility—and yes, even acts of violence.

Your people have different personalities and different styles, Lord. It was by Your design. We make different choices that are evident even in the ways in which we worship and praise You. Help us to find joy in that, just as You find joy in that!! Help us to embrace our neighbors who are so different from ourselves. Help us to love and respect the wonderful variety that You have surrounded us with here on earth. You created, and said, "It is good!" May we know in our hearts, and show in our actions that it is, indeed, *very good!*

We love You, our Heavenly Father, and pray in the name of Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*Excerpt Taken from partners in prayer via
Pastor Schneider*

FALL CLEANING: Can you believe that fall is just around the corner? Please mark the dates on your calendar to give some of your time & talents. Our help has dwindled in the past couple of years - Many hands make light work! **Sign up sheets are posted in the fellowship area.** See Dana or Sandy for questions. Thank you!

A Cute Story About My Sister, Genaveria

“Thank God I Don’t Have to Wear Diapers”

I am blessed. I have a lovely family of four godchildren here and a large family in Evansville, Indiana where I spend winters. This story has come down through the family.

When my sister, Genaveria, was 65, the company she worked for closed. She decided she was not ready to completely retire, so she went to work as a home health aide. She did that for 10 years. When facing her 77th birthday she decided to retire for good. By that time she was only working 16-20 hours a week. She had her last day of work on a Friday so her family had a retirement part for her on Sunday.

The following Friday she took 3 of her great-grandchildren out for the day. Their ages are 7-11. Calab, the 11 year old, asked his granny just what the word retirement means. Was it an extra long vacation or what? She told him it was a permanent vacation because she wasn’t working anymore. Calab said, “oh, yes if you were still working you would be doing laundry or cooking for people so now you have to wear diapers”. Genaveria said, “no Calab, thank You God I don’t have to wear diapers.”

To understand Calab’s reasoning you need know that everyone over 16 in this family works outside the home except a niece, Goldie who is a homemaker.

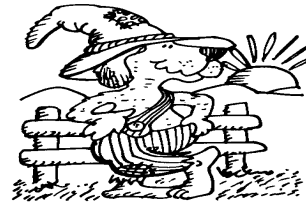
There were only two people in his family who did not work. One was his great-grandmother who was my sisters age but she was bedridden and wore diapers. The other was his grandmother who is in a wheelchair and wears diapers. So therefore, Calab thought that any old women who didn’t work had to wear diapers.

Submitted by LeeDella Longway.



He said to them, “but who do you say that I am? Simon Peter answered and said, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Matt. 16:15

**We are saved by grace alone.
God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.**



**2011 HALLOWEEN FUN!
OCTOBER 28th & 29th – 324 TYNA RD.,
CLEVELAND**

FREE ADMISSION

HAYRIDE

FACE PAINTING

CHILDREN’S COSTUME

PARADE/CONTEST

BAKE SALE

CRAFT BOOTHS

REFRESHMENTS & CHICKEN BBQ (tickets for the BBQ can be bought ahead of time; 1/4 or 1/2 chicken with salt potatoes, cole slaw & roll.)



**SPOOK WALK begins @ dark;
children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.**

PLUS MUCH, MUCH, MORE!!!

Hosts: Velma & Jim Manley; Judy & John Wallace

Exact times and additional advertisement will be forthcoming.

Sign up sheet for volunteers and/or donations will be posted in the fellowship hall @ Grace.

Questions:

675-8128 Jim

697-9450 Dana

366-9937 Judy

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO GRACE
LUTHERAN CHURCH, 3965 CARTER RD.,
CANASTOTA, NY – MORTGAGE
REDUCTION FUND.**

Submitted by Dana Smith.



LWML CNY North Zone Fall Rally

Trinity, Utica's LWML will be hosting the Fall Rally, Sunday, October 16 at 3:00 pm. Registration begins at 2:30pm. The LWML registration fee is \$5 which includes supper. Contact Charlene Young if you plan on attending (315)733-3970 or char.young@verizon.net. Our speaker will be John Karawacki from the new **Utica Development Center for Veterans in downtown Utica**. We will be collecting these items for our veterans in need - furniture, household items, cleaning products, non-perishable foods, paper products (napkins, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels), hygiene products, blankets, sheets, new pillows, towels and wash clothes.

Stained Glass Windows: Grace has 22, 2'x4', stained glass windows that we will be selling. They originated around the 1890's, and were previously located in Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oneida, NY. If, as a member of Grace, you are interested in them, you have until September 18th to let the Property Care Committee know of your intent. You will also be required to pick the window(s) up by that date. A donation to Grace is required, though there is no set amount. They were available for viewing Saturday, August 27th at the Moran home in North Bay; however, if you were unable to get there and would still like to look at them, please speak to Tammy or Adam Moran(245-4156).

Donations should be specifically earmarked "Stained Glass Windows".

ORGAN: Grace has received the donation of an Allen Organ from the Campbell Dean funeral home in Oneida. It is an upgrade and much newer than the present Allen Organ. Therefore, we are looking for a home for the older organ. If you are interested, members of Grace may offer a donation to the church, and "take it away!". Anyone interested should speak to either Karen or Dave Devan, or Dana Smith. If, by September 18th, there has been no interest, the organ will be advertised to sell.

Donations should be specifically earmarked "Organ".



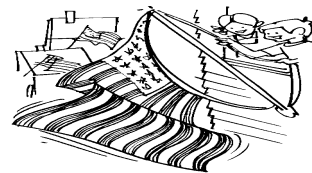
TIME & TALENT SIGN UP SHEETS: Are all posted in the fellowship area. There are many areas in which you can serve: Usher - Reader - Altar Guild - Cleaning - Acolyte - Choir - Outreach. When you consider the number of hours in a week, most of these services require very little of your time. Jesus gave us Eternity - can't you spare a little of your time? Dana



Voice of the Shepherd

Do you have a desire to sing? If so, come join us on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. as we celebrate God's love through music. We usually rehearse for approximately 1 ½ hours each week. We would love to add your voices to our group. All you need is a commitment of your time and talents. Sing unto the Lord a new song...Psalm 98:1; I will sing and make music...Psalm 108:1; Sing and make music in your heart...Eph. 5:19. Holy Scripture tells us to rejoice with singing and to lift our voices in song.

If you have questions please call Karen Devan 762-4222.



September 11, 2011, 911 Memorial Service

There will be a gathering at the Memorial park in Canastota, NY to honor all those lost in 2001. You are invited to participate. There will be refreshments later at the Canastota Fire House.



Birthdays

Sept 1 Barbara Brinck
1 Kiara Burton
1 Emma Hurrle
3 Rev Ben Bahr
3 Rebecca Harrington
4 Marie Parent
7 Alice House
7 Parker Scholl
9 Nkai Harmon
10 Velma Smolsey
10 Skye Wall
15 David Devin
17 Gage Everitt
18 Delarno Burton
19 Bradey Narolis
21 David Eaton
22 Glen Bahr
24 Christopher Hurrle
24 Phillip Neumiller
26 Jamison Everitt
28 Nelda Stevenson
30 Beth Scholl

Baptismal Birthday's

8 Jessica House
11 Karen Devan
19 Dana Smith
28 Benjamin Scholl

Anniversaries

1 Paul & Jeanne Griffin
2 Billy & Tabitha Minor
5 Roger & Lorraine Warren
8 Terry & Barbara Hartman
23 Joe & Dionne Underwood
24 Robert & Dana Smith
27 John & Kathy Pavelock

Birthdays

Oct 4 Kelly Gilbert
15 Zachary Eaton
16 Brooklyn Wall
19 Michael Miller
21 Lee Della Longaway
23 Gordon Medley
26 Jean Case
27 Jeanne Griffin
28 Aaron Bahr
29 David Kirk
29 Rhiannon Snyder
30 Marcia Neumiller







Baptismal Birthday's

1 Marie Parent
2 David Devan
3 Susan Dodge
6 Gale Hedgecock
10 Bradey Narolis
13 Charles Flay
14 Gage Everitt
14 Jamison Everitt
14 Parker Scholl
16 Alice House
19 Beth Scholl
21 Millie Weismuller
21 Kelly Gilbert
23 Gordon Medley
28 Aaron Bahr

Anniversaries







2 Greg & Beth Scholl
9 Doug & Dolores Antl

September

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| 4 8:45 AM-BS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS & Deacon Board Meeting | 5 Labor Day | 6 6:00 PM-Choir Practice | 7 School Days  | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 8:45 AM-BS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS & SS Sunday School resumes | 12 | 13 6:00 PM-Choir Practice 7:30 PM-MaryMartha LWML Primary Election Day at Grace Polling place | 14 | 15  Pastor led 6:30 PM-Adult Bible Study: comparative Christian religions | 16 | 17  LWML Retreat at Pioneer Camp |
| 18 8:45 AM-SS/BS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS & Confirmation Class Women return from retreat | 19 | 20 6:00 PM-Choir Practice 7:30 PM-Council meeting | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 10:30 AM-Coffee Tasting Lutheran World Relief  |
| 25 8:45 AM-BS 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS & | 26 | 27 6:00 PM-Choir Practice | 28 | 29 Pastor led  6:30 PM-Adult Bible Study: comparative Christian religions | 30 | |

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October

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|  Those who abide in me bear much fruit. <small>Matthew 15:5</small> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 8:45 AM-Worship 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS/Deacon Meeting 12:00 PM-jewelry party For Mites | 3 | 4 6:30 PM-Choir Practice | 5 | 6  Pastor Bernard led 6:30 PM-Adult Bible Study-comparative Christian religions | 7 | 8 9-2:30 PM-Islamic Workshop @ Trinity, Syracuse Cynthia Khan |
| 9 8:45 AM-Worship 10:00 AM-Worship 11:00 AM-FS | 10 | 11 6:30 PM-Choir Practice 7:30 PM-Mary Martha LWML | 12 | 13 | 14 Fall Cleaning  | 15 Fall Cleaning  |
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2011

Mobilizing the church and lay people in Muslim Evangelism

Is the church ready to interact with and receive new believers?

Is youth aware of the threat of Islam on campuses

Aware Awareness

on

ISLAM



Come join us for the workshop on Islam, Christians of all backgrounds and youth are especially welcome!

Speaker: Cynthia Khan

Date & Time: October 8, 2011

9 am - 2:30 pm Lunch provided

Trinity Lutheran Church
140 Swansea Drive
Syracuse, NY 13206

An offering of the Rochester Region LC-MS

For registration and more information:

Rev. Richard Mokry 315.272.5459

Rev. Juan Rivera 315.759.8491

Rev. David Bernard 585.329.5575

Workshop for Christians only, Please!

