



MEMORIAL MESSENGER August 2019



Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." Luke 5:31-32

"It's not fair, God!"

We are tempted to say that – or at least think that – often in life. When it doesn't rain enough or rains too much, we grumble. When we don't feel well or are swamped by bills, we complain. When people who appear to have no time for the Savior are more richly blessed than we are, we get upset. "It's not fair, God!"

It's not fair, God!? Watch out! That attitude suggests we deserve better treatment from the Lord.

We never want the holy God to deal with us according to what we deserve, do we? What we deserve from God is trouble and sickness every day, then death and hell. The only true God is not a religious huckster, asking what we have to give Him before He gives us something of value in return. The only true God demands perfection! The only true God threatens to damn forever those who disobey Him! What can we possibly offer Him in exchange for any blessing, much less for entrance to heaven!?

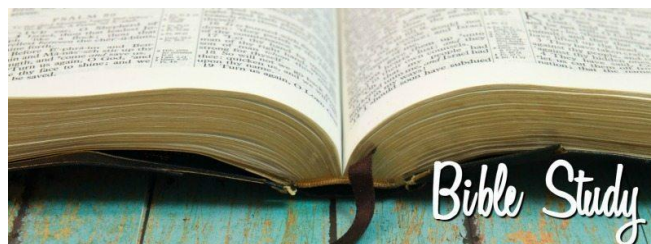
But if all of that is true, what can we possibly hope to receive from Him that is good, pleasant, and saving? That is where the only true God differs from every deity of man's imagination and of the devil's temptation. The only true God gives Himself to us to pay what we owe Him, and then credits His work to our account! That is the essence of Christ's mission of life, death, and resurrection during His thirty-three years on earth.

Based on that, our daily cry to God is *not*, "It's not fair, God!" The Son of God said, "*It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.*" We come before the only true God as destitute beggars and simply plead, "Have mercy on me, a sinner! My only hope is Your divine rescue!" We throw our supposed good life and wonderful works in the garbage and humbly repent, "Lord God, I'm sick with sin! Heal me by Your blood shed for me!"

The end of this month students return to our school's classrooms to hear all about the Savior. Next month our weekly classes at church resume, classes which teach all about God's healing in Jesus. We who are so sick with sin need that forgiveness all the time. We want our children and grandchildren to hear about that every day of every week. We desire to drink deeply of that same saving medicine every day, not just Sunday.

It's not fair, God!? Those of us who take our sins seriously and crawl before the holy Lord in repentance won't accuse Him of being unfair. Rather, we will eagerly hear His Word of forgiveness and gladly take every blessing He sends our way. That spiritually mature attitude is shaped and developed through exercise with God's Word. We'll see you in classes and services where God will meet us to give us ever greater growth in Christ, our spiritual physician, our loving Savior.

Pastor Voss



OUR SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE continues. There is one Sunday service at **9:00 AM** beginning that morning. Most weeks there will be a **Thursday evening service at 7:00** which will be the same as the following Sunday's service. This summer schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend.

OUR LUTHERAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 2019-2020 school year begins with a worship service at our **school** **Monday, August 26** at 8:30. The entire congregation is invited!

Parents, remember that classes at our school dismiss at 12:00 that day, and that our Labor Day recess is both **Friday, August 30 and Monday, September 2**.

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 Memorial Lutheran School year will be held **Wednesday, August 21**. ***The times for that evening's registration will be set by our Board of Christian Education on August 6 and will be announced the next day.*** Students are asked to come to registration in order to get set up in their desk that day, as well as to bring their school supplies to the classroom.

If that will not work for you, please contact Pastor Voss, Mrs. Domke, or Mrs. Leitz to make other registration arrangements.

NOW ENROLLING Throughout the summer, our Lutheran Elementary School faculty is available to visit with and provide information to families that are interested in enrolling their children or grandchildren in our school and preschool. Please give to our teachers or to Pastor Voss the names of anyone who would like to be contacted with more information about our school and preschool.

Kindergarten students must be 5 years old by September 1 and Preschool children must be 3 years old by September 1.

This year Mrs. Leitz will conduct a 4th morning of class each week for 4-year old Preschool students.

EVANGELICAL HERITAGE VERSION TRANSLATION ORDERS

Since January 1, 2018 we have been using the ***Evangelical Heritage Version*** (EHV) translation in worship. We received permission to use Scripture lessons posted on-line by the Wartburg Project, the organization of pastors and professors who have translated the Bible and edited the EHV translation.

On July 1 the entire EHV translation will be available for purchase from our Synod's Northwestern Publishing House (NPH). Cost for a single copy of the EHV will be \$22.99. NPH is offering discounts for bulk orders. For 10-49 copies: \$19.54 per Bible. For 50-99 copies: \$18.39 per Bible. For 100 or more: \$17.24 per Bible.

Pastor Voss is contacting area WELS congregations to see if members of the congregations desire a combined 100 copies of the Bible, resulting in a savings of more than \$5 per Bible.

If you are interested in order one or more copies of the EHV, please speak to Pastor Voss by August 15. We are just taking orders this month; payment would be due in August.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL was held July 22-25. More than 40 children learned what Jesus did as our Savior, and how the Triune God moves us to live as His followers in thankfulness for the salvation He has won for us and has given to us. We give Him our eternal thanks for His Word to share with others! The students also learned about life as children in the time of our Savior, participating in many activities the second hour of each morning.

We also thank our teachers, project organizers and helpers, parents and grandparents for all that they did to prepare and/or help with activities. Thanks also to all who donated money for supplies, refreshments, and water; and to those who organized the pot luck supper Thursday, July 25!

Pictures will be posted soon on our web site and FB page.



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BIBLE CLASS sessions begin **September 8**.

We urge parents to send their children to Sunday School regularly. Our Sunday School is using the WELS religion curriculum ***ChristLight***, which is coordinated with our Lutheran Elementary School Bible History lessons (also from ***ChristLight***) to avoid repetition of material. ***Classes are for children 3 years old through 8th grade students.***

Parents, set a God-pleasing example and continue growing in your knowledge of God's will by heading up the stairs to study God's Word when your children go down the

stairs to do the same in their Sunday School classrooms.



THE ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC will be *Sunday, September 8*. The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship is planning for the meal, and will announce details in the weeks to come. What we can tell you is that the meal will be held in the school gym.

We want to provide activities after the meal which will be enjoyable for members of all ages, but we need volunteers to organize activities. If you can help, please speak with Joe Janecke, Dan Kasischke, Jason Leitz, or Pastor Voss.

COLLEGE STUDENTS, please submit your campus address, phone number, and e-mail address to Pastor Voss. If he has your e-mail address, he would be happy to send a copy of week's sermon to you electronically.

Even if you have previously submitted a college e-mail address to Pastor Voss, please do so once again so that we can be sure to have up-to-date information. Pastor Voss' e-mail address is revdavoss@gmail.com.

We wish you God's richest blessings on your studies!

WATER DONATIONS SOUGHT We are still seeking donations of *bottled water*. We will distribute water bottles from our booth at McCormick Park for the National Night Out on *Tuesday, August 6*. Please bring donations to church by that Tuesday morning.

SUMMER SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

We thank all those who have volunteered to provide refreshments on non-Communion summer Sunday mornings! There will be two more this month – *August 4 and 11*.

The Board of Evangelism & Stewardship has set *September 1* as a *potluck refreshment Sunday*. We ask each family that heads downstairs for refreshments that Sunday of Labor Day weekend to bring a little something to eat, sharing it with the others who attend.

HELP? We have 6 volunteers to operate HymnSoft for our early services, but only 3 to do so for our late services. *Might you be willing to be on the schedule to operate HymnSoft for our late services?*

Our HymnSoft operators do not need

- to set up anything on the computer or organ (everything is set up by others before the service begins), or
- to have any extensive computer or music skills.

Our HymnSoft operators do

- follow along with the service and hit the laptop's space bar when the next music selection is needed, and ...
- ... that's all there is to it!

Speak to Laurie or Pastor Voss for a demonstration of how easy it is to run HymnSoft, as well as for answers to your questions or concerns about being a HymnSoft operator. *Might you be willing to be on the schedule to operate HymnSoft for our late services?*

SERVING OUR LORD FOR OUR AUGUST SERVICES:

<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Altar Guild</i>	<i>Greeter(s)</i>	<i>Cleaners</i>
8/04 - #4 B. Grinnell	M. Zoran	D&S Rector	J&S Janecke
8/11 - #5 S. Houser	C. Kasischke	K&J Douglas	D&C Kasischke
8/18 - #8 D. Rector	T. Wood	T&L Loeffler	J&K Leitz
8/25 - #7 D. Kasischke	K. Unruh	J&M Zoran	T&L Loeffler

