

August 25, 2024

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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH - FEDOR

The Elder-in-Charge – Jerry Falke
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The Altar Guild – Amy Corbitt, Michelle Holmes, Kinsley Holmes
The Flowers – To the glory of God in honor of Kinsley Holmes birthday this week Tuesday (27) and by Clarence & Jane Schimank in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary on the 29th.
The Organist – Kevin Patschke

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN CHURCH - LEXINGTON

The Elder-in-Charge – Dwayne Cass
The Acolyte – Michael Norment
The Head Usher – Wesley Boriack
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The Altar Guild – Kim Dowdy, Kathy Dube, Debbie Johnson
The Flowers – To the glory of God by Dwayne & Sandra Cass in honor of their 36th wedding anniversary this week Tuesday (27).
The Organist – Dorothy Wachsmann

TO OUR VISITORS - In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, we bid you welcome. May the Holy Spirit bless your, and our, hearing of the Word of God. *** Would you please sign the GUEST REGISTER [please also include your address] in the NARTHEX before leaving the church?

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING

THE ORDER OF MORNING SERVICE - PAGE 5 IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

SILENT PRAYER upon entering the nave: Loving heavenly Father! I have come to hear Your Holy Word that makes the soul righteous. So then, put Your Holy Spirit in my heart that I may accept Your Gospel with awe and truly believe it. Amen.

SUMMARY OF TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS – THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan The Law cannot give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God. (See Galatians 3:15-22) Jesus Christ is the Good Samaritan, Who with divine compassion saves us from all evil. He takes our sin and death upon Himself and bears these in His body to the cross. He binds up our wounds with the healing balm of His Gospel, and He brings us into His Church, where He takes care of us at His own expense. (See Luke 10:34-35) By such mercy, He proves “to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers.” (Luke 10:36) Therefore, “you go, and do likewise.” (Luke 10:37) We, who were torn up and stricken by the Law, are healed and revived by the Gospel of Christ and raised up with Him on the third day in order to live in

God's sight forever. He now feeds and clothes us – who were His enemies – in love. (*See 2 Chronicles 28:8-15*)
(*lcms.org/lectionary-summaries*)

READING FROM THE LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS

Summary: We are like the priest and the Levite who pass by the man dying on the road. It is not until we have our own wounds of guilt for our sin bound up by the forgiveness of Christ and soothed by the oil of the Holy Spirit that we are truly able to be a Good Samaritan to our neighbor.

Christ was given for this purpose, that forgiveness of sins might be bestowed on us for His sake. He was also given so that the Holy Spirit would bring forth in us new and eternal life and righteousness. Therefore, the Law cannot be truly kept unless the Holy Spirit is received through faith. So St. Paul says that the Law is established by faith, and not made useless, because the Law can only be kept when the Spirit is given.

The veil that covered the face of Moses (the Law) cannot be removed except by faith in Christ, by which the Holy Spirit is received. For St. Paul says, *“To this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”* (2 Corinthians 3:15-17)

This veil is removed from us (that is, we are freed from bondage to the Law) when God shows to our hearts our uncleanness and the hatefulness of sin in us. When we hear about the Gospel and the forgiveness of sins, we are consoled through faith. We receive the Holy Spirit so that now we are able to think correctly about God, fear and believe Him and do what He requires. (*lcmssermons.com; Apology, Article 5, Love/Fulfillment of the Law*)

† IN THE NAME OF JESUS †

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL (CALL TO WORSHIP)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: ♪ 411

SERVICE OF THE WORD [PAGES 5 TO 14, FRONT OF HYMNAL]

INTROIT (ENTRANCE INTO THE SERVICE OF THE WORD)

PASTOR: Have regard for the covenant, O Lord; do not let the downtrodden turn back in shame. Arise, O God, defend Your cause; do not forget the clamor of Your foes. O God, why do You cast us off forever? Why does Your anger smoke against the sheep of Your pasture? Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased from of old, which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your heritage! Remember Mt. Zion, where You have dwelt. Do not forget the life of Your poor forever. Let the poor and needy praise Your Name. (*Psalms 74:1-2; 19:23*)

CONGREGATION: ♪ **Glory be to the Father....**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Samaritan and our Mediator, Who, seeing us in our bloodguilt and despair, had pity on us and, of Your infinite mercy, shed Your innocent blood to pay for all of our sins so that we may live with You forever, we humbly thank and praise You for saving us from destruction. We worship You for bringing us to the saving knowledge of Your Name by Your Holy Word. We implore You to enable us by Your Holy Spirit to love You as our true God with our whole heart and to love our neighbor as ourselves, so that we may show mercy to all people in their need, bind up their wounds with tender care and continue to follow Your example of love and service, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: OLD TESTAMENT LESSON – 2 CHRONICLES 28:8-15

P: ^{28:8} The men of Israel took captive 200,000 of their relatives, women, sons, and daughters. They also took much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹ But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded, and he went out to meet the army that came to Samaria and said to them, “Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was angry with Judah, He gave them into your hand, but you have killed them in a rage that has reached up to heaven. ¹⁰ And now you intend to subjugate the people of Judah and Jerusalem, male and female, as

your slaves. Have you not sins of your own against the Lord your God? ¹¹Now hear me, and send back the captives from your relatives whom you have taken, for the fierce wrath of the Lord is upon you.”

¹²Certain chiefs also of the men of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against those who were coming from the war ¹³and said to them, “You shall not bring the captives in here, for you propose to bring upon us guilt against the Lord in addition to our present sins and guilt. For our guilt is already great, and there is fierce wrath against Israel.” ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. ¹⁵And the men who have been mentioned by name rose and took the captives, and with the spoil they clothed all who were naked among them. They clothed them, gave them sandals, provided them with food and drink, and anointed them, and carrying all the feeble among them on donkeys, they brought them to their kinsfolk at Jericho, the city of palm trees. Then they returned to Samaria.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C: Blessed is the man whose iniquity the Lord does not count against him, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: For Your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,” and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

C: Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found.

P: Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.

C: You are a hiding place for me; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P: I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

C: Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

P: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the person who trusts in the Lord.

C: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

EPISTLE LESSON – GALATIANS 3:15-22

P: ^{3:15}To give a human example, brothers: even with a man-made covenant, no one annuls it or adds to it once it has been ratified. ¹⁶Now the promises were made to Abraham and to his offspring. It does not say, “And to offsprings,” referring to many, but referring to one, “And to your offspring,” Who is Christ. ¹⁷This is what I mean: The Law, which came four-hundred and thirty years afterward, does not annul a covenant previously ratified by God, so as to make the promise void. ¹⁸For if the inheritance comes by the Law, it no longer comes by promise; but God gave it to Abraham by a promise.

¹⁹Why then the Law? It was added because of transgressions, until the offspring should come to whom the promise had been made, and it was put in place through angels by an intermediary. ²⁰Now an intermediary implies more than one, but God is one.

²¹Is the Law then contrary to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could give life, then righteousness would indeed be by the Law. ²²But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

TRIPLE HALLELUJAH AND READING OF THE GOSPEL LESSON – LUKE 10:25-37

C: ♪ Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: ♪ **Glory be to Thee, O Lord!**

P: ^{10:25} A lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And He said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³² But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, “Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.” ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: ♪ **Praise be to Thee, O Christ!**

APOSTLE’S CREED (CONFESSION OF FAITH) [PAGE 12]

HYMN OF THE DAY: ♪ 349

SERMON: THE LAWYER AND THE GOOD SAMARITAN – LUKE 10:25-37

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart...soul...strength...and...mind,” and “love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lk. 10:27)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. The key to understanding the *Parable of the Good Samaritan* is the lawyer’s question to Jesus: “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” (Lk. 10:25) In reply, the Lord asks him “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” (Lk. 10:26) The lawyer – or expert in the Law of Moses – answers that the Law is all about loving God with your whole being and loving your neighbor as yourself. We might be taken aback at Jesus’ response to him: “You have answered correctly, do this and you will live.” (Lk. 10:28) What Jesus is saying is that the two great commandments which the lawyer has recited are the way to earn eternal life. Keep them both, and you’ll save yourself.

Nothing too hard, right? The commandments are, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” (Lk. 10:27) If we ask most people if they love God and love their neighbor, they’ll say, “Yes I do.” Most everybody feels like they love God and their fellowman.

But if we really loved God and our neighbor this way, then we’d have no sin at all. More than that, we’d already possess eternal life by our own efforts. That would mean that we wouldn’t need Christ our Lord and His death and resurrection. Yet we do. As sinners, we need Christ as much as anyone else does.

This means that we don’t love God with all our being. We don’t love our neighbor as ourselves. We need to swallow this bitter pill of reality. Our sinful flesh doesn’t want to swallow it. But if we’re faithful to what God has revealed, then we must say that we’re indeed sinners who don’t love as we should.

Our love for God should be completely pure. We should love Him for His own sake alone and not because we want to get something in return for our love. If we could love God this purely, then we’d accept everything as good that God sends to us. Whether He sends happiness or misfortune our way, we’d always love God.

But our fallen nature resists loving God with our whole heart. This is true not only of unbelievers but also of us, His redeemed people. Often we’ll love and obey God when life’s pleasant, but when troubles come, it’s different. If we lose our job, property or other things of value to us, we may become resentful to God. If we lose dear family members or close friends, we become less likely to love the Lord and rejoice in Him.

Even faithful Job’s love for God wavered after tragedy struck his family. Job lost all his children and possessions, yet for some time afterward he was able to say, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord.” (Job 1:21) Yet as his suffering deepened, Job’s love for God faltered. He no longer blessed the Lord, or praised Him, but regretted, even cursed the day of his birth.

When adversity strikes us, we also find that our love for God and others isn't as ironclad, constant and unshakable as we'd like to think it is.

We're to love God with all our heart, soul, strength and mind. This means that nothing should be higher in priority for us than God. Take choosing to miss the Sunday morning Divine Service. Some reasons for this are good. If you're hospitalized or sick at home, this is totally acceptable. Yet other things may take precedence when we decide that they're more important to us than the worship of God. Of course, we wouldn't say that they're more important. But we still choose them over Divine Worship. May our hearts choose to put God above all things, by the Holy Spirit's help.

When we love our neighbor, it should be a pure, unselfish love. Regardless of who the person is or what they've done to us or to others, this is the way we're to love them.

Our love should be compassionate. We should feel for another person as if his injury were our injury; his sorrow our sorrow. Our love must also be helpful. We must be willing to step up, give of ourselves – not counting the cost. The Good Samaritan gives of his time and effort, pouring on wine and oil and bringing the injured man to safety. He also pays the innkeeper for the man's care and promises to pay more if there are more expenses. No cost is too much.

But we find excuses not to love. The Good Samaritan might have had reasons why he shouldn't help the man in distress. "He is a Jew and I am a Samaritan. Our people are enemies," he might conclude. Or he could say, "If I help, then any Jews who see me assisting him might assume that I'm the one who harmed him."

The Levite and the priest use excuses to avoid responsibility. We aren't told what their excuses are, but they likely have to do with the two not wanting to trouble themselves by aiding the injured man, or their not caring about him and his plight.

Often, the real reason we lack love is because we don't feel for a person as we should. Perhaps we know the individual, but deep down we're not particularly fond of him or her. Whatever the reason, it's not a good one.

We can see how much the lawyer dislikes Samaritans in his answer to Jesus. When asked who proved to be a neighbor to the injured man, he doesn't say, "The Samaritan." He only says, "*The one who showed him mercy.*" (Lk. 10:37) If he didn't even speak that one word "Samaritan," how much less would the lawyer be a good neighbor if he saw a Samaritan in need!

He also doesn't call Jesus Lord. He doesn't confess the Name of the only-begotten Son of God in heartfelt faith, even though Jesus is the Lord of glory in human flesh – the same Holy God Whom the man just confessed that He's supposed to love. Instead, the lawyer's there to test Jesus and to find fault with Him. He's there to justify himself. He's far from seeing that the greatest and truest Good Samaritan is Jesus Christ. He's far from believing that the only way to inherit eternal life is through faith in Christ the Lord – trust that He came to save fallen, lost sinners.

Jesus gets the lawyer to see that he's just as loveless as the priest and Levite are so that he has to admit that his love for God and his fellowman isn't nearly good enough to get him into heaven. Not when he'd ditch the badly-beaten man just like those two men did. The parable's true message, then, is that neither the lawyer nor any of us can ever be the Good Samaritan, Who does what we can't do since our love for God and for one another isn't always "up to snuff" – as whole and as pure as it should be.

But we needn't despair over this, saints of God! Yes, the dual-commandments "*love God with all that you are*" and "*love your neighbor as yourself*" find us falling short of them both, failing to keep them sufficiently, adequality in order to inherit eternal life with God. But then our Good Samaritan, Jesus Christ, comes to us and finds us beaten down, bloodied up and left for dead by the Law. He has compassion on us since He's kept the whole Law of God pure and undefiled for us.

For you who aren't always as loving to God as you should be, Christ loved His Father with an everlasting, perfect love, and obeyed Him all the way to the cross and the grave! In Jesus God's love for you is also everlasting. (See Jer. 31:3) For you who don't always show love to your neighbor as you ought to, Jesus suffered and died to save you and your neighbor from a lack of love for each another. So that you can love God and all others with the love He first loved you with.

Know, as the lawyer needed to know, that an inheritance is never earned by our works of love or by anything that we do. It's given to the heir by his or her father as a gift. Your heavenly Father grants you your inheritance of

eternal life with Him as His baptized, blood-bought children not because of your love for Him but because of His and His dear Son's love for you! You have no greater love from anyone than this love: That God, Who is man, laid down His life for you who are dear to Him! (*See Jn. 15:13*) He also brought you into the Inn of His Church to provide you with life-long spiritual provisions and loving care. Chief among these provisions are His own precious body and blood, which are like the oil and wine which the Good Samaritan pours on the wounds of the dying man to save his life and heal him.

The *Parable of the Good Samaritan* isn't about you being the Good Samaritan since only Jesus could be him and is him. Even so, let Jesus' words encourage and move you to love God. And to love one another as He commands you to because God first loved you unto death – the death of His only Son for you. (*See 1 Jn. 4:19*) Amen. *The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.*

OFFERTORY (ANTHEM PRECEEDING THE OFFERING OF TITHES) [PAGES 22-23]

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: O dearest Jesus, Lord and Savior, how great is Your love for us! How deep is Your compassion! How tender are Your mercies! You gave Yourself to be wounded and even to be put to death for our transgressions. It is Your blood that cleanses us from all our sins. Accept our humble thanks for the priceless gift of salvation that Your love bestows upon us and a sinful world. Through the Holy Spirit keep us ever mindful of Your love, and cause us to search diligently the testimony of it in Your Holy Word. Through the Spirit's renewing power keep our faith from failing and allow us to have no doubts concerning the salvation you have won in our behalf. May your love for us and the sacrifice it made for our salvation ever be our most precious possession.

Precious Savior, in Your Word You have told us that all people will know us as Your disciples if we love one another. Kindle anew our love by Your own love, which brought You to the cross on our behalf. Teach us by Your example to help relieve our neighbor's burdens and afflictions and to be generous toward him in his hour of want or need. Put from our hearts all greed and selfishness, so that we neither refuse to share with our neighbor nor seek recompense from him for the good that we have done. Help us always to remember how unselfish Your own sacrifice was for us. If we are wronged in any way, keep us from seeking revenge or from withholding our forgiveness. May Your perfect love drive out all hatred from our hearts.

Teach us that whatever deeds of kindness and love we do to others we really do to You. By giving us this greatest of all virtues, love: help us to prove ourselves Your disciples and children of the heavenly Father. Continue Your love toward us by forgiving our many sins, by comforting us in all our sorrows, by rescuing us in all troubles and dangers, and by coming to our aid whenever we need Your help. We dare ask these blessings of You because of Your great love and tender mercies. Hear us, precious Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: Good Physician of body and soul, Your mercies are new each day. Show forth Your mercy to those who are in great distress of body or soul, especially: _____. Grant healing, relief from pain and a peaceful spirit to these, Your children, in accord with Your good and gracious will, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: ♪ 375

CONCLUDING COLLECTS

P: Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Samaritan, in Your deep compassion You rescue us from whatever may hurt us. Teach us to love You above all things and to love our neighbors as ourselves; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

P: O Lord God, heavenly Father, Whose faithfulness reaches to the heavens and Whose mercy endures forever, we humbly implore You to confirm and fulfill in us the covenant of Your grace, made certain from the beginning of the world in Christ Jesus, that we may be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the Law, but Your righteousness, which is ours by faith in Jesus; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: 🎵 409

† TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY †

OUR ATTENDANCE FROM LAST SUNDAY

	Worship	Comm.	S.S. & B.C.	Offerings
Trinity	47	43	10	\$1,475.00
St. James	51	40	4 8	\$2,386.00

	Operating	Sunday Offerings—Trinity, Fedor Building	Missions	Cemetery	Week
Goal	49,137.00				
Actual	61,267.34		5,240.00		33
Last Week	1,475.00				

	Operating	Mission	Future Development	Total	Week
Goal	86,955.00			86,955.00	
Actual	67,931.77	30.00	140.00	68,101.77	33
Last Week	2,386.00			2,386.00	

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THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 7:00PM: SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING (Holy Trinity)
FRIDAY +Pastor’s Day Off

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

***We remember in our prayers:...at Holy Trinity...*Tim Faske, Eldor Brade, Monroe Brade, Carolyn Nitsche*;...at St. James...*Della Biehle, Bernice Lay, Lois Turner, Darwin Drosche, Lillie Mae Boettcher, Tom Kleinschmidt, Ronnie Iselt, Egor Raines, Genell Boettcher, David Roensch, Ernest Biehle, Charles Kaiser, Ginger Clifford, Walter Dube Jr., Lorine Lerche, Tim Faske* [relative and friend of St. James members], *Ruth Siegmund* [friend of St. James members], *JoAnne Meyer* [mother of Pastor Meyer], *Carole Heller* [mother of Juanita Clifford (St. James)], *Amber Brockenbush* [friend and relative of St. James members], and *all of our sick and shut-ins*.

+++BIRTH...on Thursday (8.15.24), our Lord Jesus blessed **Esther and Jimmy Terrell** (Holy Trinity) with the gift of a healthy baby boy, **Justus Bold**. We pray that our Lord Jesus would be both mother and child and keep them in His continual care.

***HOLY TRINITY...Special Voters Meeting will be held this Wednesday, August 25, at 7pm. For more information, please contact Paul Tucker!!!

+++Our joint **WEEK DAY SCHOOL**... will begin the 2024-2025 school year on Wednesday, September 4. Week Day School information has been sent out! **PARENTS**...don’t forget bus permission forms for the elementary-one part goes to the school and one part comes to the church office!!! Just as important ...we hope and pray that our children “*grow in the grace, and*

in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” [2 Peter 3:18] as we obey Jesus’ command to “teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” [Matthew 28:20]

+++**St. James**...we have a variety of cards...available individually or by the box...see either Ruth Meyer or Sandra Lay!

*****SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS**...St. Paul’s First Epistle to the Corinthians is the subject of our Sunday morning Bible Class (Holy Trinity: 8-8:24AM; St. James:10-10:24AM). All are welcome to attend.

+++Devotional book available: Copies are available in the office of Ruth Meyer’s book, “**Truth Notes**”, as well as her other books [*Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Hope Alone, and Stand Alone* (\$12.00)]. This devotional is based on her past blog post and point to God’s timeless truths in a changing world. Books are \$15 each. See either Sandra Lay or Ruth Meyer to purchase yours!

*****ST. JAMES**...how about **YOU!** We are looking for **Sunday School teachers** to teach either every other Sunday or just once a month. **YOU** can do it...just contact the church office!!!

+++Knitting & Crocheting Group...a group of ladies from Immanuel, Giddings, have been making warm hats and scarves for the needy. They’re all created from donated yarn, however, now they are very low on yarn skeins and colors. If anyone would have left over yarn that they may put it in a bag and mark it “Knitting & Crocheting Group” and drop it off at the church office.

*****QUILTING UPDATE**...St. James LWML will be quilting every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-12!!!

+++**THE FLOWER CHARTS**...are posted in the Narthex at both Holy Trinity and St. James...sign up for birthdays, anniversaries, or “just because”.

*****BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Rachel Patton, today; Julie Schubert, 26; Kinsley Holmes, 27; David Urban, 27; Casey Faske, 31; Debbie Winkler, 31;...St. James-Miranda Boriack, 27; Jennifer Speer, 27; Lane Herklotz, 28; Kellye Boettcher, 30; Jerald Meuth, 30.

+++**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**...Holy Trinity-Clarence & Jane Schimank, 29;...St. James-Jeffrey & Jamie Brade, today; Dwayne & Sandra Cass, 27.