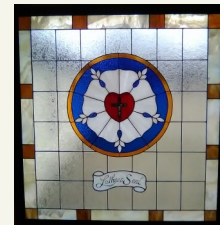


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Grace Lutheran Church

Birthdays

7/02: Bernie Thomas

7/02: James Sharp

7/03: Nate Lile

7/05: Peter

Granderson

7/09: Callida Sharp

7/09: Vonnice Suelter

7/15: Cathy Munden

7/18: Barbara Martin

7/26: Ardella Frerichs

7/30: Sandra Whalen

7/31: Blake Wright

Anniversaries

7/02: Harold & Gwen

Lampe

7/12: Robert & Cindy

Miller-Morgan

7/15: James & Angela

Sharp

7/19: Larry & Jodi

Wright



Jesus is Risen... (Part 3)



"Jesus is risen. That means your sins are forgiven. That means that death cannot hold you anymore. And Jesus is coming back soon for you."

We continue a series on these four sentences. This month we consider how to use them in our daily lives.

First, we pray. Make a list of the people in your life that you see regularly within your home, church, workplace, neighborhood, school, grocery store, etc. Make it a habit to pray for these people.

Pray that God would help you to live faithfully in those relationships. Pray that God would give you opportunities to speak about Him in those relationships. And pray that He would give you boldness to speak when the opportunity arises.

Second, keep your eyes and ears open to see and hear the opportunities you prayed for as they arise. Here's an example. I took a formal driver's ed course when I was in high school. On day one, I was walking up the stairs to the classroom next to a guy I had just met (we'll call him Steve). Steve randomly blurted out, "I can't believe there are people in the world who don't believe in evolution." Seeing this as an opportunity, I shot my hand up and said, "I'm one of those people!" Steve responded, "Really!?" For the duration of driver's ed, we were engaged in conversation that I hope helped him hear about Jesus. Watch and listen for those little phrases that invite you to speak God's Word when you otherwise would not have been able to.

Third, don't make it complicated. You don't need to have a master's degree in theology to talk about your faith. This is where those four simple sentences come in. You know what they mean and that they apply to you. You know that they are promises God wants to share with others. Let's revisit Steve. One of the last days of class he said, "Look, when I die, that's it. I'm in the dirt. There's nothing after." How might we use those four sentences to respond? Perhaps we could say, "It sure looks like death is the end, doesn't it? And yet, 2000 years ago, a man named Jesus was crucified, died, and was buried. But what you said about death was not true for Jesus. He rose from the dead; He stood up and walked out of that tomb. He's alive even today, and because Jesus rose and is alive, I know that my death is not final, either. When I die, Jesus is holding me in heaven. And one day, Jesus will come back and raise my body back to life, too, so I can be alive forever with Him." Everything said in that response hinges on those four sentences and what they mean (see last month's article).

Finally, be patient. This will not all happen overnight. Patiently pray, patiently watch for opportunities, and when you see them and take them, patiently engage in those conversations. All of this takes lots of time.

In Christ's Service, Pastor Heitshusen

HAPPENINGS AT GRACE

5th Sunday Potluck

Good food and lots of fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended the 5th Sunday Potluck on May 31st.



The **Project Rise** meal was served to participants on Thursday, June 4th. A huge thank you to the people that helped by providing food and assisting in other ways. Pictured above are Bernie Thomas and Edith Chambers, who were present to serve the meal.



The Men's Glee from Freistatt visited on Sunday, June 14th, and participated in the morning service. Their contribution was greatly appreciated by everyone.



The City Wide Yard Sale was held on Saturday, June 6th. The weather interfered causing an early shut down.