

Gospel - Luke 12:22-34

Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?”

“Consider how the wildflowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 33:12-22 (NIV)

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

North: From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind.

South: from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

North: he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.

South: No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

North: A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.

South: But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,

North: on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

South: to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.

We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.

ALL: in him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.

Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16 (NIV)

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This is what the ancients were commended for. By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God’s command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible. By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: “He could not be found, because God had taken him away.” For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God. And without faith it is impossible to please God because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith.

By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed, and went, even though he did not know where he was going. By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country;(cont’d on NEWS page)

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Lesson: Hebrews 11:1-16 (cont'd)

...he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so, from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

Thank You!!!

Thank you so much for all the donations and
volunteers who made VBS successful!!!

It was great to see all the kids!!!!!!!

Bravo to Deb Stenberg and her team for
their yeoman VBS Program!!!

The LCMC Annual Convention
will be held at Hosanna Lutheran
Church in Lakeville, MN from
2 - 5 October 2022!!

This is a worthwhile event so if
you want to go...by all means
GO! Check details at
[www.lcmc.net!](http://www.lcmc.net)



1 August 2022

Leadership Team

Ministry – Pr. Ellen Erdman, Hans Erdman, Becky Fiske

Music – Becky Fiske, Mark Scherer

Ushers – Team leader – Dan Glau – Volunteers Needed

Altar Guild – Angie Glau

Prayer List

- **Family of Sandy K.** – Sandy has passed – Pray – Peace & Comfort in their loss
- Terry E. – Lung cancer & congestive heart failure – Pray – Healing, comfort – 07/29/22
- Mitch O. – Heart surgery, went well – Pray – Complete & thorough healing – 07/22/22
- Patti & Denny – Severe car accident w/injuries – Pray – Heal & recovery – 07/21/22
- Kathy K. – Gum cancer – Pray – Accurate diagnosis and cure – 07/20/22
- Hans E. – Foot surgery – Pray – Flawless procedure all good – 07/20/22
- Amanda B. – Health & Mental Illness – Pray – Diagnose & fix – 07/08/22
- Elizabeth & family – Condolences on loss of husband – Pray – Peace and comfort – 07/05/22
- Mike – Throat cancer -- Pray – Successful treatment, complete remission – 07/03/22
- Fred – Multiple Melanoma – Pray – Strength & Healing through Chemo – 06/20/22
- Joyce – Triple Bypass Surgery – Pray – Complete recovery – 06/20/22
- Rhachel – Brain Aneurism – Pray – Healing, Strength, Recovery – 05/18/22
- People of Ukraine – Imminent danger – Pray – Enemies desist & go home – indef.
- Pray for our Lutheran children that they continue with church after confirmation.-- indef.

Prayer List Items

Please contact Jerry Youngquist (jerry.youngquist@gmail.com) with any Prayer List additions or updates!