

The Voice of Hope

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Blessing
of the
Backpacks



and
teachers
and
students



STEWARDSHIP ...our offerings, time and talents to the glory of God

Pastor Rob Blezard, assistant to the bishop of the Lower Susquehanna Synod, a man passionate about stewardship, shares a monthly blog including how we appreciate and use ALL the gifts God has provided us. Truly food to live by.

Stewarding the Common Good

Jesus taught, “*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*” –**Matthew 22:38**

In Genesis 4, God asks Cain the whereabouts of Abel, his little brother whom Cain has just murdered in a jealous fit. Answering God’s question, Cain snarkily retorts, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The correct answer for Cain is, “Yes, you are your brother’s keeper.” And the principle applies to us, too.

Woven through Scripture is God’s clear priority that we love and care for one another. The imperative finds clearest expression in the life and words of Jesus, who repeatedly teaches us to love everyone – friend, family, neighbor – even enemy. *No exceptions.*

Love for neighbor is a stewardship issue because we are responsible to care for all that God has entrusted to us, including community, relationships, and the welfare of others. Stewarding the common good is an essential component.

As North Americans, we haven’t done a very good job of stewarding the common good because our culture teaches us to “look out for number one,” as opposed to looking out for everyone. Consider how much of our political division and brokenness in criminal justice, education, healthcare, economics and government results from our thinking “what’s good for me,” rather than “what’s good for everybody.”

Stewarding the common good often involves giving up some measure of what would be good just for us. We sacrifice out of love to provide what is good for our neighbor. Is anything more Christian?

This year, especially as politics and division has embroiled and divided our country, study how the theme of loving our neighbor and stewarding the common good is woven through Scripture. What does it mean for you and the church? Think. Pray. Act.

--Rob Blezard

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MAY ACTIVITIES ...current and planning ahead

DATE	ACTIVITY	TIME
9-6-20	14 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
9-13-20	15 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
9-20-20	16 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
9-27-20	17 th Sunday after Pentecost	Online Service
	<p>Services, meetings, and bible studies in September will continue to be via email and online until further notice from the synod. The recommendation is to wait until CDC phase 3 to resume services. Remember to keep in touch and share the peace by mail and or phone as we continue to stay safe.</p>	

Are you interested in what's happening in the Florida-Bahama Synod? Sign up to receive the newsletter, E-Spirit by going to the Florida-Bahama Synod web site, scroll to the bottom of the page and follow the easy directions. You will read many interesting articles about what is happening in our area churches. Stay connected!

ANNOUNCEMENTS... and other useful news

VETERAN'S BREAKFAST

The veterans typically meet at Perkins restaurant on the 4th Saturday of the month. Call first to see when resume meeting.

MUSTARD SEED MINISTRY

Money donations are always most helpful and can be sent to Mustard Seed Ministry, PO Box 3612, Fort Pierce, Fl, 34948. Donations can be dropped off at either of their locations - most needed: canned soups & meats (pop tops are best for the homeless), pasta, rice, Mac & Cheese, cereal and clothes. They are well over stocked with household items. 772-465-6021

ATTENDANCE CARDS

Debbie Barr can count how many people participate in the **online worship service**. Pass the link to neighbors, friends and family so they can also "go to church" with you! It is a wonderful way to share God's word.

PLEASE NOTIFY

The church office when you or a family member is ill or hospitalized so we can add you to the prayer list. Please also let us know when you are home and doing better, or when a name should be removed from the list.

Because of the Coronavirus all meetings will be postponed or via email until further notice

August Income/Attendance

DATE	VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE	INCOME
8-2	116	
8-9	223	
8-16	109	
8-23	94	
8-30	49+	
Deposits		\$5011.00
Bingo Board		\$1000.00
AA		\$40.00
Totals	591	\$6051.00

Our grounds are looking beautiful thanks to Jim Rodgers, Ellen King and David Christenson! Many thanks for your devotion - especially in this heat!



SPECIAL DATES...to celebrate

September



Birthdays

Richard Zuber 9/01

Shirley Jackson 9/16

Mark Tocchetti 9/22

Fisher Nelson 9/23

Tommy Barr 9/26



Happy Anniversary

*There are three things that
last faith, hope and love
but the greatest of
these is love*

1 Corinthians 13:13

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jean Beldin, Grace Benway, Mary Bergerman and family, Brooke Blake, Matthew Blake, Pricilla Carpenter, Jean Carroll, Gloria Costley (Debbie Barr's mom), Josselyn Dawson and the Kasten family, John Eubank, Robert Fernandez, Jackie Fowler, Karen Frampton, Claudia Gillis, Cruz & Delia Gonzalez, Family and friends of Frank Harris, Family and friends of Dolores Hart, Hope Lutheran Church, Tom Jameson, Kathleen Jarrach (Mary McGinn's daughter), Karen Keat, Bob and Debbie Kirchhoff, Matt Loede, Christa Luhrs, Rachel Martin, Barbara McClure, Mary McGinn, Charlie Nilsen, Joan Ojala, Jeff Payne, Leslie Peterson, Nino Peterson, Rudy Pinto, Kimberly Robinson, Joan Sellas and family, Family and friends of Art Sharot, David Simpson, Chuck Strickler, Shelly Tillman and family, Mark Tocchetti, Clemmie Vincent, Marilyn Wheeler, Betty White, Diane Woodcock and the Luther family, Larry and Marian Zimmerman, Richard Zuber.

Members in Residential Care

Pricilla Carpenter- The Gardens

Grace Benway – Lake Forest Park

Members of Our Armed Forces

SPC Cody Allen USA - USA

Master Sgt. John King - USAF

2nd Lt. Sierra McRae, US Army

During this time of COVID 19 pandemic - PRAYER for those making decisions, frontline workers and their families, persons working in public, working from home and those who have lost their jobs, schools, student and parents of students, those suffering from the virus and those who have died, those who are suffering from loneliness and anxiety.

God, we pray for people worldwide that our focus is on You

Church Council

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Church Council Highlights

8-11	Hope’s attorney will make a few legal changes to the counteroffer, speak to Grace’s attorney before making a formal counteroffer.
8-12	A vote by phone call 10-0 approved Hope requesting a local appraiser recommended by our attorney to have an appraisal done. Grace’s appraisal of \$1.49 was done by an appraiser from Naples, Fl.
8-17	A vote by email and text 10-0 approved per recommendation by Attorney Richard Neill to hire Dan Fuller to do a complete comprehensive analysis appraisal for \$2,400. It will take approximately 3 weeks for him to complete the appraisal.
8-23	Jim let council know that the Bingo equipment was sold to the American Legion in Ft. Pierce for \$1000. He also notified council that Tabernacle of Praise has found a new location to worship. They have asked to purchase 50 chairs for \$20 each from Hope – chairs that are currently being stored. A vote was requested to 1.) to sell the chairs to Tabernacle of Praise, 2.) approval to sell at \$20 or suggest a different price
8-25	Vote was 1.) 10-0 to sell the chairs to Tabernacle (they purchased chairs elsewhere) and 2.) \$20 with one person commenting price should be higher The American Legion in Ft. Pierce may be interested in purchasing chairs.

MUSIC...make a joyful noise!



Several Local Christian Radio Stations

89.9 WCNO Christian Music and Programs

96.3 CHRISTIAN FM Contemporary Christian Music

88.1 WAY FM Contemporary Christian Music

Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy. Psalms 100:2

Being Faithful

- Put God first
- Seek & Do God's Will
- Pray Daily
- Worship Weekly
- Study & Know God's Word
- Love & Serve Others
- Tithe Thankfully
- Share the Gospel
- Participate at Church
- Repent Unfaithfulness

Return to the Lord



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to lead the community to Christ**



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