

Recently the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran church in America) has ordained a transgender bishop. This is not something approved of or supported by the Bible. ELCA is a very liberal branch of Lutherans who have been straying farther and farther from the Bible. Unfortunately many people hear the term Lutheran and lump all of us into one camp.

As Missouri Synod Lutherans we follow what the Bible says literally and don't support what ELCA is doing and teaching. It's very important for us to educate people to the fact that there are many divisions of Lutherans and that we are a conservative, Bible based synod of the Lutheran Church. We do NOT perform same sex marriages, ordain homosexual ministers, endorse people changing their gender or wander away from what the Bible (God's Word) teaches and adopt what the world or our government endorses. We know that ultimately we are going to meet God and be judged by Him so we need to get ready now with a strong faith as well as a great love for Him.

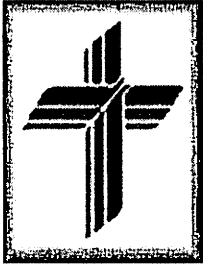
UPCOMING EVENTS:

Quilting is every Tuesday morning from 9 am – 12 pm

Book Club meets on Thursday October 14 at 10 am.

Church Council Meeting is on Tuesday October 12

Food Pantry is on Friday October 23 from 9am – 10am



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Pastor's Corner

A year ago we were all talking politics and the upcoming election. More people than not got tired of all the talk and expressed that they'd be happy when it was all over. And now, a year later we are all still talking politics and what's going on with our Southern border, with terrorists, with Afghanistan withdrawal, the economy, COVID, and human rights as well as crime and other current issues. Anyone you talk to has an opinion on one or several of the above topics. Every conversation seems to have someone inject something about our political system and their love or disdain for our leaders.

I wonder why people don't talk incessantly about God and about our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus told us to confess Him before men and He would confess us before our Father in heaven. But how many steer the conversation around to talking about our faith in Jesus Christ and the only way to have our sins forgiven so we can spend eternity with our heavenly Father. All of the political issues we are dealing with today have already been experienced in the Old Testament and are addressed by Jesus in the Gospels and the New Testament. We've always had inequality, wars, plagues (pandemics), power struggles, greed, lying, cheating, murders, and law breakers. The resolution of these issues is always the same, but we don't seem to learn from it. We all want peace and unity but that is something we'll never fully have.

Perhaps instead of concentrating on worldly issues we need to begin to sort out spiritual issues. What happens when a person's body dies? God tells us that we can live again if someone pays for all our sins and what we've done wrong. We can't pay for it ourselves but Jesus took our sins and our guilt and paid for them by suffering and dying on the cross in our stead. Eternity is more important than the few years we will spend on this earth. Shouldn't we be showing others the way to eternal life? Shouldn't we be constantly speaking. Often we take for granted that people don't want to talk about this, however, as we age we begin to question more and more the meaning of life and the meaning of death. Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. Let's be obedient and continue on with the work he has left to us.

May all the praise, honor and glory be to God and God alone.

Pastor Weikart