

Love the sinner! Hate the cliché?

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Really?



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Talk It Over

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family turn what God is saying to you into action steps. Use the following questions to begin your conversation:

- What's the strangest "Help Wanted" sign you've ever witnessed?
- When have you been "afflicted"? Could you fix the situation on your own? Did you turn to someone for help? Who? How did that feel? What did you require of yourself? Did you ask God for help? How did that work?
- How difficult is it for you to praise God in difficult times? Why? Why do you think that Paul emphasizes our need to praise God? What is the role of Christian community in all this? How does God help those who cannot help themselves?
- After this week's message, does this cliché sound more like a biblical teaching, or a philosophy that has been built in to this country?
- What does it mean when our society influences our perception of the Bible? Is there a way to be honest about the life experience that we bring to our interaction with the Bible? Can it enhance, as well as detract from, our encounters with God? How does this work?

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Prayer for this week: Lord, You are always present to give us courage, hope, strength, and peace when life overwhelms us. Help us to be your assistants here on earth as we offer hope to others. We pray for grace and mercy enough to share. In you holy name and service. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Day 1: Psalm 121

Day 2: Isaiah 10:1-4

Day 3: 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Day 4: 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Day 5: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Day 6: Psalm 8

Day 7: Psalm 18

Sounds like a Bible verse, doesn't it? But Benjamin Franklin gets the credit for this one. And in the Kingdom of God, it's quite the opposite. God helps those who cannot help themselves. We, as followers of Jesus, also help those who cannot help themselves. In fact, this is our calling and our privilege.

Because of what we have heard/learned, consider this as your next step of faith. In the coming week, help someone who cannot help him or herself

Spencer's Mission is to Live daily in God's grace, Grow in our discipleship, Share Christ with all

Jenny is on vacation this week and will not be back in the office until August 16.

New Spencer Photo Directory happening soon, schedule your session from the church website.

Life is _____ Bible Study begins Sept. 11, 9 am. Contact Cindy Weiler 715-252-3422 for info.

Financial Peace University class begins Sept. 21, 6:30 pm. Sign up on church website or contact church office.

Concession Stand Help St. John's will be helping at the Brad Bauer Tournament this year in the concession stand. We are looking for people to work a four hour shift on Aug. 19, 20, 21. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Online giving now accepts debit and credit cards. Check it out.

Lutheran Men in Mission Retreat—One Year to Live Sept. 16-18, brochures on bulletin board.

Ageing & Disability Living Actively & Staying In Your Home Longer – Senior Health Fair will be held on Friday, Sept 30th at the Jr. Fair Expo Building at the Marshfield fairgrounds from 9:30 a.m. – Noon. There will be a speaker on Fraud Prevention. See poster in lobby for more info.

LIFTING UP IN PRAYER

John Ovans, Tom Cook, Karen Larson (Nancy Dietsche's sister), Doug Oelrich, Jeff Day, Gail Jicinsky, Linda Wunrow, Darlene Dommer, Jon Soderberg, Audrey Heldt, Art Halverson, Cathy & Jessica Buss

Serving Today

9:00 am Spencer
Greeter: Jan Ammons
Tech: Roxie Wetterau
Sound: Dennis Kopp
Assisting Minister: Brandon Kopp
Ushers: Bob & Glenda Fellenz
Reader: Kelly Lawrence
Communion: Jan Ammons,
Alexis Tremelling
Acolyte: Gavid Kilty
Basket bearer: Dani Soback
Hospitality: Penny Vinnedge
Counters: Brandon Kopp, Travis Hardrath, Teri Schorer

11:00 am Riplinger
Reader: Gail Burns
Counters: Brenda Newman,
Wayne Hendrickson

Next Sunday, August 7

9:00 am Spencer
Greeter: Dorene Matter
Tech: Nadine Willett
Sound: Paige Lawrence
Assisting Minister: Roxie Wetterau
Ushers: Jesse Klement,
Jim Christopherson
Reader: Jody Scidmore
Communion: Milt Viergutz,
Amy Weber
Acolyte: Danika Griepentrog
Basket bearer: Nathan Kieffer
Hospitality: Jesse Klement
Counters: Lori Helsten, Larry Labrensz, Patty Behrens

11:00 am Riplinger
Reader: Don Newman
Communion: Gail Burns
Counters: Gail Burns,
Jane Meacham

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY
9:00 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger

MONDAY
Jenny on vacation
6:15 PM Yoga

TUESDAY
Jenny on vacation
7:30 AM Fit Club

WEDNESDAY
Jenny on vacation
7:00 PM Where Moms Connect

THURSDAY
Jenny on vacation
Pastor at Continuing Education

FRIDAY
Jenny on vacation
Pastor at Continuing Education
6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal

SATURDAY
2:00 pm Stroetz/Kuhlka Wedding

SUNDAY
9:00 AM Worship w/baptism
11:00 AM Worship at Riplinger

MONDAY
6:15 PM Yoga

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