



*"Which hope we have as an Anchor of the
soul,
both sure and steadfast."*

Hebrews 6:19

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THE ANCHOR

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From the Pastor . . .

As Americans we are very familiar with the slogan, "the separation of church and state." The phrase has earned itself something like sacred status among us. I've even heard it quoted as if it comes from Sacred Scripture. It doesn't. It doesn't even come from the Constitution. In fact, though Thomas Jefferson once wrote about a "wall of separation" between church and state, the idea that there can be a complete separation between church and state is not exactly Biblical and not quite American. First, the Bible: Jesus does say, "Render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and to God that which is God's" (Matt. 22:21). And St. Paul does command obedience to the government (Rom. 13:1). This is no complete separation, though, between church and state. In fact, it's precisely on the assumption that we Christians will embrace our Christianity and obey the fourth commandment, precisely on the assumption that we will respect authority and obey laws because our God tells us to, it's on this assumption that our government is based. This is why James Madison insisted our government could not work without a moral and religious citizenry. Our Christian religion informs our citizenship. It's expected to.

And as to being American - while the Constitution's First Amendment forbids Congress from making any law respecting religion, it never even hints that our religious principles shouldn't or can't inform our laws. The Constitution instead relies on moral (and Christian) principles - for example, forbidding cruel and unusual punishment, guaranteeing a right to a speedy trial, and the assumption that one is innocent till proven guilty. And our governing officials, from President Washington down to our own time, have relied on the moral advice of Christians in the church to make and administer our laws.

So, yes, thank God that the state in America is separated from the church and kept from imposing laws on our freedom to worship our God. But "the separation of church and state" in America is not so great that our Christianity has no place in the public sphere or in the politics of America. Now, more than ever, this country and its leaders need Christian advice and Christian morality. That life in the womb is created in the image of God, that marriage is between one man and one woman, that children are a blessing from the Lord, these principles so vital for the thriving and survival of our country need Christian voices teaching them at home and speaking out for them to their representatives.

So while it is not my place or any pastor's place to tell you who to vote for or what precise economic policies you need to favor as a Christian, it is my duty as your pastor to urge you to act and confess as Christians not just at church, but at home and, when given the chance, in the public arena. Let's not let any slogan keep us from being Christians all the time. God bless our country with rulers who listen to His holy word and give us laws that protect the unborn, marriage, and the Christian family. In Jesus' name.

Pastor Christian Preus

From the School . . .

Yellowstone!

In September, our 6th-9th grade class spent four days exploring the beautiful land in and around Yellowstone Park. On Monday we were able to tour the Buffalo Bill Center of the West museum in Cody, learning about raptors and mountain men from the early days of frontier exploration. After settling in at camp, we spent two days exploring Yellowstone Park. We witnessed Old Faithful erupting beautifully and the Grand Prismatic Spring steaming in colorful splendor. We walked along the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, and enjoyed a glorious hike down to the Yellowstone River at Tower Fall. We saw a couple of bears, many buffalo, a moose, and many other animals. The Buffalo Bill Boy Scout Camp provided a wonderful spot to spend a few days. We enjoyed the great dining hall with its massive fireplace, singing Compline and playing cards. Outside along the river we built a bonfire and discussed the many connections to the Gospel that we find in the Greek myths that the students are reading in Literature class. And while this year's trip was a good deal less eventful than the wild snowstorm adventure of last year, we all had an exciting and fun-filled trip. I want to thank Mrs. Witkop and Pastor Olson for coming along as chaperones. They worked hard and were an enormous help to me, and the students learned a lot from both of them.

We're ready for another year of hard work, studying together and learning daily about God's love for us in His Son and how that love is manifested throughout God's creation and the works of man.

In Christ,

Miss Olson

6th - 9th Grade



OFFICIAL ACTS

Transfer In: None
 Reception by Profession of Faith: None
 Transfer Out: None
 Removed by Self-Exclusion: None
 Peaceful Release by Request: None
 Funeral: None
 Wedding: None
 Baptism: None
 Adult Confirmation: None



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 7 Rex & Ruth Thorne 51 yrs!
 Oct. 25 Vince & Kaitlyn Glynn 10 yrs.
 Oct. 29 Harlan & Bonnie Winckler 2 yrs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Date	Name	Age
Oct. 3	Kay Burwell	
Oct. 5	Tristin Jacob	
Oct. 5	Owen Towers	MHLS
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Oct. 7	Darian Eskam	
Oct. 9	Wilma Miller	
Oct. 10	Pres. John Hill	
Oct. 10	Pam Schuler	
Oct. 13	Kendra Brutsman	
Oct. 13	Madison Williams	
MHLS		9
Oct. 14	Gene Carl	
Oct. 14	Miriam Temme	
Oct. 17	Ron Tatro	
Oct. 18	Jet Engelke	
11		
Oct. 20	Linda Johnston	
Oct. 22	Jace Jacob	
Oct. 23	Gayle Johnson	

Oct. 23 Daphne Wendinger
 8
 Oct. 27 Syerra Tatro
 16
 Oct. 30 Connor Eskam
 8
 Oct. 31 Hannah Cordova
 MHLS 12
 Oct. 31 Logan Soliz
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News & Notes

LWML NEWS

Please come to our on Saturday, October 13 at 9:00 a.m. We will have refreshments, followed by a Bible Study on the reformation led by Pastor Preus. A short business meeting will follow. The hostesses for October's meeting will be Janet & Tarayca Walters. We hope to see you there!

**In God's love and service,
 The LWML Board**

Good Shepherd News

The Good Shepherd Auxiliary prayerfully and financially supports Bethesda Lutheran Communities, which serve people with developmental disabilities in group homes. Our members at Mount

Hope join in the mission to reach forward in Faith, Word, and deed by sharing the love of Jesus.

Our members meet the third Friday of the month. The next meeting will be **Friday, October 19, at 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall** for refreshments, followed by a brief business meeting. Please come share in the devotion, refreshments, and fellowship.

In the Shepherd's care,
Debbie Lee, President

Bible Studies and Morning Services
for September

Wednesday morning Bible Study continues in the **Fellowship Hall, beginning at 9:30 am. Matins** will be held **Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings at 8:05 am. Divine Services** will be held **each Wednesday morning, beginning at 8:05 am.** Please join us for these opportunities to learn, grow and worship!

GEMÜTLICHKEIT will be held **Wednesday, October 24, at 7:00 pm at Pastor Preus's house (3721 W. 46th St.). All men are encouraged to attend this opportunity for study and fellowship.**

The Food for Thought Project **THANKS YOU** for your contributions of food this year! October will continue with the need for fruit cups. Please leave your donations on the food box in the school wing. **THANKS AGAIN FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

HAVE A COUPLE OF HOURS EVERY FEW MONTHS TO SPARE??

We are in need of more weekly church cleaners. If you are interested, please let Wally Aakre know. Thanks.

Please check the Prayer List and let Wendy know if there are any changes that need to be made - Thank you!

Need Ideas for Christmas Presents?

God's Creation Calendars are for sale for \$10. They are available on the table in the

narthex. All proceeds go to
MHLS.

Check out the attached sheet
that tells how you can support
MHLS by purchasing items from
AmazonSmile, Smith's, or
cutting out your Box Tops and
giving them to MHLS! Thanks in
advance for your support!
SAVE THE DATES!!

Wednesday, October 10,
5:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Pizza
and a Movie Night (Youth
from Confirmation age
through High School).
Discussion topics: College,
Evolution, Intelligent
Design, Creation.

Sunday, October 14 –
Pastor Appreciation Potluck
Brunch (following church
service). Free Will offering
being gathered for new
clergy attire for our pastor.
Hope to see you there!

Monday, October 15, from
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm. – Pizza
Ranch MHLS Fundraiser!
Say you are with MHLS
when you pay for your
meal, and 20% of your bill
goes directly to MHLS!

Please come support our
school while enjoying great
food!

Friday, November 2 –
Sunday, November 4 –
Youth Breakaway at St.
Andrews in Laramie. Topic:
David: Prophet, King, Sweet
Psalmist of Israel. On-line
registration will be
available soon!