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Fall 2013

A Message from Jerry Brock

Dear Friends,

As I write to you at the end of the summer season, I hope you find this issue of The Messenger full of the clear and concise message of Christ here at Faith.

There are many examples in Scripture in which we find God speaking very directly and clearly. For example, He spoke strongly and concisely in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20), and in Matthew 22:35-40, Jesus' response to a

Pharisee's question was very straightforward.

One of them [a Pharisee], an expert in the law tested him with this questions: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

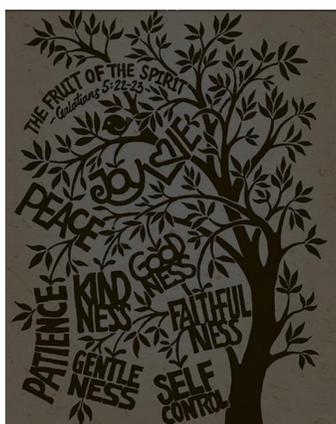
Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and Prophets hang on these two commandments.

Direct, Concise, Clear. And motivated by love.

I urge you to continue seeking your own unique ways to share God's love. For strength in doing that, I encourage you to continue worshiping regularly and committing time to daily prayer and Bible study.

May God bless you richly and use you as a blessing to others!

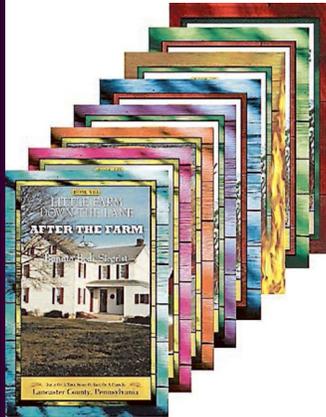
Jerry Brock
President,
Executive Council



22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

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**Book signing
with author &
speaker Bonnie
Bedi Siegrist**

**Wednesday,
September 11**

Ladies Guild

Faith Ladies Guild will soon be back into our activities for the 2013-2014 year! We are looking forward to seeing each of you for our 1st meeting on September 11th (please remember this date!) instead of September 4th. This is due to the fact that our September program is only available for this date. This is always an exciting time of the year for our 1st meeting in that we all gather together to have fellowship with our ladies once again and enjoy an afternoon with our friends! Remember...if you are not a member of our Ladies Guild, please feel welcome and come meet our ladies from church. We have refresh-

ments served by our lovely hostesses starting at 1:00 PM followed by our program at 1:30 PM with the business meeting following.

Our program in September will feature BONNIE SIEGRIST, a Christian author and speaker. Her topic will be "How to be a 'Great' Grandparent". Bonnie has been working with foster children troubled teens for years and she has quoted that she has experienced the blessings and trials of life and her main reason for speaking, writing and promoting her work is because of the commitment she made to God in the writing of her first book. We are inviting all ladies, parents,

grandmothers, and great-grandmothers to come and hear Bonnie speak. There will be a poster in Narthex II and on the Sunday School doors with more information.

The LWML (Lutheran Women Mission League) Sunday will be coming up in October. Keep watch in your bulletin for the date. We'll be looking forward to your smiling faces and praying that your summer has been a good, restful, and healthy one.

*(Submitted by:
Rose Wegner,
Program Chairperson)*

A Joke you can tell in church:

The Elderly

When I worked for an organization which delivered meals to the elderly, I would take along my four year old daughter. She was always fascinated by the appliances of old age - canes, walkers, wheelchairs, etc. One day I saw her staring at a set of false teeth in a jar. She said to me, "The tooth fairy will never believe this."

Altar Guild

Faith Lutheran Altar Guild is a Ministry available to all members of our congregation. The experience of being a part of the Altar Guild is a needed and valuable contribution to the worship service at Faith. No previous experience needed and you can choose the month you would like to serve. To prepare the chancel for Holy

Communion takes less than two hours on a Friday morning, we work in pairs so you and your partner select the time.

The Altar Guild members meet twice a year to prepare the schedules and discussion on upcoming church events that require guild attention.

Please contact Mary Oles at (727)845-7689 or Pam Arndt at (727)264-6498 for more information on a rewarding way for you to serve the Lord

*(Submitted by: Mary Oles,
Altar Guild Secretary)*



Women's Bible Study

Women's Bible Study will resume on Tuesday evenings beginning September 17th from 7-9 PM in the CLC.

Over the past 2 years we have looked at and studied 52 of the more than 150 named women in the Bible. We learned how important women are to our God and how much Jesus loved them then and how much he loves us today. We also discovered how relevant their lives then are to our lives today.

This year we will be looking at several different topics:

- "Twelve Ordinary Men" - Who were these men

Jesus called? I'll tell you right now, they weren't saints! What is most amazing about the disciples is that Jesus never selected them at all. When we take a fresh look at the disciples, we are faced with a stunning fact: they were ordinary. Hopelessly human. Remarkably unremarkable. But they were available and obedient to the Master's call.

- "Practicing the Presence of God" - Let's learn together how to make God a part of **every minute of every day**. This will change the way you live.

- "Lies Women Believe - And the Truth That Sets Them Free" - We will look at what God's Word has to say about many difficult questions and sometimes controversial subjects.

I am so excited to begin a new season of learning and growing closer to our wonderful God! I hope you will come out for an evening of learning, fun and fellowship, together, as only women can. Light refreshments will be served (of course!).

(Submitted by:
Tami Musgrave)

PERSPECTIVE:

We have been called to work diligently, to the best of our abilities, so that He can be glorified. Our Perspective should be based on eternity.

²³Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

Colossians 3:23-24 (ESV)

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

Sunday morning Adult Bible Study will resume on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30 AM and will be led by John Schaerffer. Our topic will be on the Book of the Prophet Amos. Amos, who tends to be a lesser known prophet, was a contemporary of the better known prophet, Isaiah. Amos speaks not only to the past, but speaks also to today's present culture and problems in society (so much so, that you might even think that Amos is speaking personally to you today). Join us as we look at "God's Word for Today," and see how God speaks of "Justice for All" through His

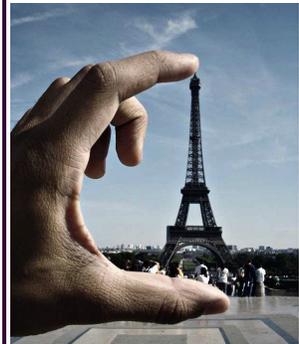
prophet, Amos. A sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in Narthex II so that we will have an idea of how many papers to print.

(Submitted by:
John Schaerffer)

A **NEW** Sunday morning adult study will begin on September 22 at 9:30 AM. Join us for Beth Moore's Bible class, "To Live is Christ". An in-depth study of the life and ministry of the Apostle Paul is planned to permit you to take a journey into the life and heart of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles. This course will

give you a new appreciation of servanthood, more than any other person, Paul provides us an example of sold-out servanthood. The course will alternate with video one week and workbook the next. The class will break between November 24, 2013 and January 19, 2014 and will be completed on March 23. There is a sign-up sheet in Narthex II. The price of the workbook is \$16.00.

(Submitted by:
Phyllis Miller)



Study from the Book of Psalms – Psalm 66

PSALM 66

1 Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

2 Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!

3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

4 All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name." Selah

5 Come and see what God has done, how awesome his works in man's behalf!

6 He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot-- come, let us rejoice in him.

7 He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations-- let not the

rebellious rise up against him. Selah
8 Praise our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard;

9 he has preserved our lives and kept our feet from slipping.

10 For you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver.

11 You brought us into prison and laid burdens on our backs.

12 You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance.

13 I will come to your temple with burnt offerings and fulfill my vows to you--

14 vows my lips promised and my mouth spoke when I was in trouble.

15 I will sacrifice fat animals to you and an offering of rams; I will offer

bulls and goats. Selah

16 Come and listen, all you who fear God; let me tell you what he has done for me.

17 I cried out to him with my mouth; his praise was on my tongue.

18 If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

19 but God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.

20 Praise be to God, who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me!

(NIV)

COMMENTARY

PSALMS

Commentary on Psalm 66:1-7

The holy church throughout all the world lifts up her voice, to laud that Name which is above every name, to make the praise of Jesus glorious, both by word and deed; that others may be led to glorify him also. But nothing can bring men to do this aright, unless his effectual grace create their hearts anew unto holiness; and in the redemption by the death of Christ, and the glorious deliverances it effects, are more wondrous works than Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.

Commentary on Psalm 66:8-12

The Lord not only preserves our temporal life, but maintains the spiritual life which he has given to believers. By afflictions we are

proved, as silver in the fire. The troubles of the church will certainly end well. Through various conflicts and troubles, the slave of Satan escapes from his yoke, and obtains joy and peace in believing: through much tribulation the believer must enter into the kingdom of God.

Commentary on Psalm 66:13-20

We should declare unto those that fear God, what he has done for our souls, and how he has heard and answered our prayers, inviting them to join us in prayer and praise; this will turn to our mutual comfort, and to the glory of God. We cannot share these spiritual privileges, if we retain the love of sin in our hearts, though we refrain from the gross practice, Sin, regarded in the

heart, will spoil the comfort and success of prayer; for the sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination of the Lord. But if the feeling of sin in the heart causes desires to be rid of it; if it be the presence of one urging a demand we know we must not, cannot comply with, this is an argument of sincerity. And when we pray in simplicity and godly sincerity, our prayers will be answered. This will excite gratitude to Him who hath not turned away our prayer nor his mercy from us. It was not prayer that fetched the deliverance, but his mercy that sent it. That is the foundation of our hopes, the fountain of our comforts; and ought to be the matter of our praises.

(Submitted by: *Richard Jensen*)

Boomer Blast Weekend

September 13-15, 2013



Boomers & Beyond: Faithfully Navigating Life after 50

Join us to meet & enjoy fellowship with other Boomers, plus give us your input as we plan future ministry to this age group.

Location: Good Samaritan Society Kissimmee Village, 4197 S. Orange Blossom Trail

Accommodations: One and Two-bedroom Villas with private bath

Cost: (includes 2 nights lodging, breakfast & lunch both days, plus Friday night dinner)
 Early registration (by Aug. 22): **\$140.00 per person**
 After Aug. 22: **\$150.00 per person**
 Registration deadline: Sept. 1, 2013

Led by: Pastor Steve Kauffman & Deborah Kauffman

Friday

- Arrive after 3:00 PM
- Welcome Luau Buffet & Orientation

Saturday

- Breakfast, followed by Worship and Forum: *Boomers and Beyond*
- Afternoon free for Golf, Fishing and/or Swimming
- Evening at Downtown Disney & Dinner on your own (transportation provided)

Sunday

- Breakfast, followed by Worship (with special music)
- Discussion of future ALOA Events and Plans
- Lunch and depart, refreshed and revitalized

The Good Samaritan Society Village is a gated golf community where participants can enjoy the 9 hole golf course, tennis courts, fishing, pools & hot tubs, fitness center & game room.

Extend your stay and visit Disney, Universal, Sea World or the Holy Land Experience. Rooms are just \$25.00 pp, per night. Contact Good Samaritan - Kissimmee Village at 800-859-1550.

For additional information call ALOA at 800-930-2562 or e-mail aloa4u@gmail.com



REGISTRATION FORM Boomer Blast Weekend: Good Samaritan - Kissimmee Village Friday thru Sunday, September 13 - 15, 2013

Names:(s) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ St _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Home church name/location: _____

Boomer Blast total: _____ \$140 per person (by Aug 22) \$150 per person (after Aug 22) **Deadline: Sept. 1, 2013**

Make checks payable to: ALOA-FL Region. Mail to: ALOA - FL Region, PO Box 4367, Clearwater, FL 33758

A Joke you can tell in church:

Beauty

A little boy watched, fascinated, as his mother covered her face in cold cream.

"Why do you do that?" he asked.

"To make myself beautiful."

When she began to rub it off, the boy asked, "Why are you doing that? Did you give up?"

Dates to Remember:

September 8: We will resume two Sunday services, 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM

September 8: Sunday Adult Bible Study, 9:30 AM (Study: Prophet Amos)

September 11: Ladies Guild (Author & Speaker, Bonnie Siegrist)

September 15: Last day to purchase Bibles

September 17: Women's Tuesday Night Bible Study (Study: Chonda Pearce video and discussion)

September 22: Sunday Adult Study, 9:30 AM (Beth Moore: "To Live is Christ")



PERSPECTIVE:

Talent is God-given: **Be Humble**

Fame is Man-given: **Be Grateful**

Conceit is Self-given: **Be Careful**

John Wooden

Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.



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