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Mark Your Calendar

10/30

Pastor Call Meeting - NOON - WSP

10/31

TRUNK OR TREAT

11/4

Pioneer Boys Sleepover & Activities

11/5

Adopt-A-Highway

11/6

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

11/8

Election Day

11/9

Book Fair Begins

11/10

Parent Teacher Conferences

Book Fair

11/13

Book Fair Ends

11/19

Pioneer Wreath Pick-Up

11/23

Thanksgiving Worship Service

11/24

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Who to Vote For? Well God voted for...

By Pastor Mark Kom

So how is that presidential campaign coming along for you this year? Some people are energized by these political campaigns, while others get worn down by them. Some folks are smitten by Trump, while others are mesmerized by Hillary. Some voters have known for months who they are going to vote for. Others have said that they want a whole new slate of candidates to choose from because they don't like either one of the two that are on the ballot right now.

Elections can be tricky things.

Wouldn't it be easy to vote if you knew who God voted for? You could go into that booth and wait for God's tap on the shoulder and he could simply tell you his choice. Easy!

While Scripture doesn't say whether God would vote "red" or "blue," it does tell us who God chose in an election year. St. Paul clues us in when he wrote this to the congregation in Ephesus: *For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will- to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves.*

In short, God chose you. He chose me. You were his choice to be a part of his family. God made that choice even before he created the world. All the way back in eternity he chose you and wanted you to be a part of his family, living with him forever in heaven.

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Reformation Practice

Who to Vote For?... continued

Of course, God's plan also included his one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to make a payment for sin for the whole world. His plan included people believing that message about Jesus Christ and his saving work as the only way for someone to be in the glory of heaven someday.

So, then, what does it mean that God chose you before the creation of the world to be a part of his family of believers? What does it mean that you were elected by God, even though it clearly says in God's Word that there is no heaven for anyone apart from faith in Jesus?


It means that it was no accident that you came into contact with God's Word and the saving message about Jesus. It wasn't a random thing that your sins were washed away when you were baptized. You weren't simply the luckiest person in the world to have a godly spouse who builds you up in your faith instead of tearing it down. It's no accident that God connected you to a Christian congregation to feed and nurture your faith in your Savior.

That was all part of the plan. God voted for you to be with him. He made sure that you came into contact with Jesus' love and forgiveness.

Elections on earth can be tricky things. It would be nice if God simply tapped us on the shoulder and told us who to vote for. Instead he tells us to be good citizens and vote according to our conscience for the candidate that we think will do the most good. It's tricky because we know that we can make mistakes and the candidates themselves certainly are not perfect. Mistakes can and will be made in trying to make the right choice.

God's election of you and me to his family was not that tricky and far less complicated. God doesn't make mistakes. His choice is always right every time. He wasn't making a choice for the next four years when it came to you and me. He was voting for all eternity. What an honor to know that God voted for you! He wanted each one of us to be with him in heaven forever! That's why he sent his Son in the first place!

In this election season, take some time to thank God for the best election of all. He chose you to be a part of eternity with him forever in heaven. Congratulations!



Order Your Pioneer Wreath Today

All purchases support the Crown of Life Pioneer program. Order sheets and envelopes are on the table in the church entrance. Checks can be made out to COL Pioneers and placed in the envelope by the order forms. Your order will be available for pick up on November 20.

18" or 25" wreath	\$18.00	15' Garland	\$21.00
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We will have a small number of Christmas card sets available for \$7.00
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God In Government We Trust

by Pastor Zachary Pudlo

Two Kingdoms

Archbishop William Temple is attributed with saying, "Your religion is what you do with your solitude." A.K.A. What do you

do when you have free time? Where does your mind drift? What do you think or daydream about? If it's the same thing day in and day out, it's possible that thing has become your religion. Like many of you, in my free time I occasionally will go to social media to see what is trending. I'm guessing I'm not the only one who sees countless political posts and rants, some with threads leading down a dark, divisive path. Right wing, left wing, libertarian, it seems like everyone has a political view they are thinking about, dreaming about and spending a lot of their free time promoting. Is it possible that politics has become our culture's religion? How does a person's Christian faith affect the way they relate to politics?

In one of his great works, *City of God*, Augustine elaborates on the Biblical teaching that Christians are dual citizens. Our primary citizenship is in the kingdom of God, but as long as we are on earth, we also are citizens of this world. Our first allegiance belongs to the City of God, and our secondary allegiance belongs to the City of Man. But what happens if those allegiances are reversed? What happens when my dedication to earthly politics takes precedence over my allegiance to



God's kingdom? How will that affect my allegiance to God and the mission he has given to his kingdom to "Go and make disciples of all nations..."?

Avoiding Division

If our world was completely united in every political aspect, then a person's political allegiance probably wouldn't affect their opportunities to share God's word. But let's be honest...our world is divided. The riots we have seen over the past couple years testify that even the great nation of America is divided. The Republican and Democratic party lines are more distant in their relations than at any other point in recent history.

As a pastor, I have been more and more sensitive to how my political views will potentially affect my opportunities for sharing the gospel.

If I have guests come to my church and they find out I publicly promote one party over the other, then I have potentially alienated myself from them. I may have made my church a place where they feel unwelcome. I have become a hindrance to them coming back to learn more about their God and developing a deeper relationship with him. That's directly counterproductive to the mission God has given to all Christians.

What's the solution then? How do I keep myself from... alienating active members of either political party from my church? We have two options before us. Option #1:

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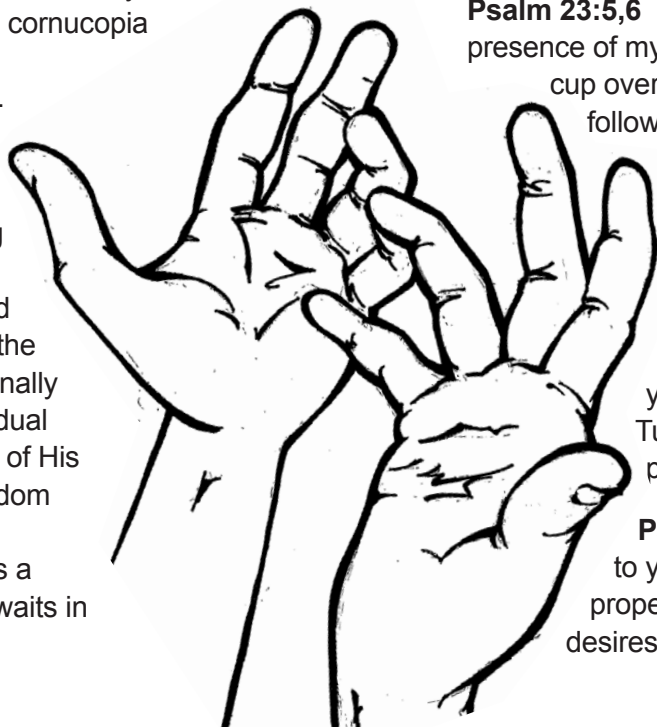
Hands-of-Plenty

Written and illustrated by Lucas Boehm

What in the world is a “cornucopia”? For my entire life I’ve assumed it was an oddly shaped basket designed by either pilgrims or Native Americans to serve some utilitarian purpose. It turns out that I had a lot to learn about this popular Thanksgiving symbol.

The word cornucopia is built on two Latin words: *cornu*, meaning “horn” (unicorn makes more sense now), and *copia*, meaning “plenty” (as in “I like to apply *copious* amounts of gravy to my mashed potatoes.”) This “horn of plenty” appears to have roots in Greek mythology in relation to Zeus and how when he was a little baby god he was protected and provided for by a goat. Long story short, the cornucopia is a traditional symbol for abundance and prosperity.

Knowing this, rather than picturing a funny looking basket overflowing with good things as a symbol of impersonal good fortune, I prefer to picture the open hands of God, personally concerned for every individual and providing for each out of His abundance and in His wisdom and time, mindful that any good thing here on earth is a pale impression of what awaits in heaven.



Listed are five Psalms that may help you pause and ponder up in your heart the goodness of our God this Thanksgiving. Use the space next to the illustration to create a visual reminder of God’s hands-of-plenty; try drawing, writing a list, or cutting out pictures and pasting them.

Psalm 1:1-3 “Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.”

Psalm 23:5,6 “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.”

Psalm 24:1 “The earth is the LORD’s and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.”

Psalm 118:36, 37 “Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain. Turn my eyes away from worthless things; preserve my life according to your word.”

Psalm 145:15,16 “The eyes of all look to you, and your give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.”

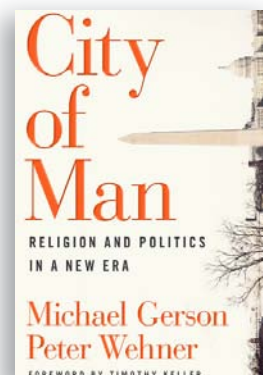
BOOK REVIEW

“City of Man”

by Michael Gerson and Peter Wehner

Review by Pastor Zachary Pudlo

“The Declaration would make little sense without the word ‘Creator’: the God who grants our rights and calls us to protect the rights of others.” This single quote pretty well sums up the entire book *City of Man*. The authors of this book are Christian politicians who record an overview of the Christian role in the political scene throughout the history of America. These writers give a strong historical argument for why Christians should be involved in the political scene citing the Christian role in saving lives during the Roman Empire, along with the Christian role in the abolishment of slavery to name a couple. As the authors analyze our current political scene, they use a Biblical and moral backdrop for their recommendation on the Christian and the church’s role in politics.



SCHOOL NEWS

Third Grade Learns About Fire Safety

The South Metro Fire Department from West St. Paul visited the 3rd graders to remind them to practice good fire safety.



Families need a meeting place

Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and in every bedroom

Remember to never go back into a burning building for any reason

Escape plans should be practiced

Smoke alarms save lives

Avoid playing with matches, lighters, or candles

Fall and crawl to escape during a fire

Exit your house and then call 9-1-1

Test smoke detectors every month

You never hide from a fire. Go outside!

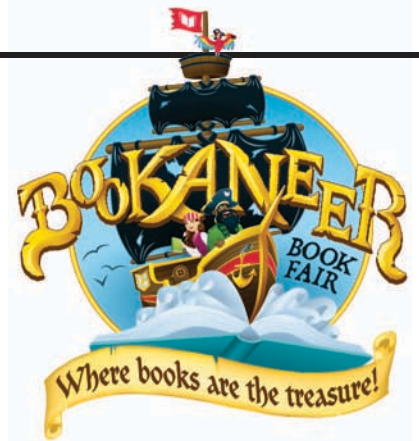
Bookaneer: Where Books are the Treasure

Wednesday, November 9th - 8:00 am-3:30 pm

Thursday, November 10th - 8:00 am-8:00 pm

Sunday, November 13th - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

We are looking for a few more Book Fair helpers. Please email Bethany Brigham at bethyann107@gmail.com or Beth Plath at bplath@colwsp.org to volunteer.



Did you know COL has a Frisbee Golf Team???

We had a great second year of disc golf with lots of fun competing and growing from 6 golfers to 17 this year. We participated in 3 tournaments with a least 4 teams of 4 members each. 2 B Teams (grades 3-5) and 2 A teams grades (grades 6-8).

How cool is that!

REPORTS

TREASURER – Fiscal Year 7/16 to 6/17

September ended the fiscal year to date (FYTD) with \$365,583 in total income with expected budget income to be \$528,939,709 (\$163,356 below budget). Clear the Path matching funds which we budgeted for is -\$110,764 lower than budget income. Envelope Offerings are -\$70,001 less than budgeted. We hope to balance both by the end of the year. Expenses (FYTD) were \$464,021 which gave us a FYTD of a negative \$98,437. We owe \$0 to our special funds account. Clear the Path contributions as of 9-30-16 totaled \$611,921 which were paid directly to reduce our loan balance down to \$795,852. Direct questions to PerryAbel@gmail.com.

DEATHS

- Mildred Behnke died on 10/16/16, funeral with Pastor Kom on 10/22/16.

BAPTISMS

- Sophia Grace Schaller daughter of Jered and Emily Schaller on October 16 with Pastor Kom.

MARRIAGES

- John Boody and Melissa Leiferman on 10/15/16 with Pastor Pudlo
- Timothy Orton and Abigail Herold on 10/22/16 with Pastor Pudlo

No Hunger November Give Back Before Giving Thanks!

"Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God. He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them — he remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry." – Psalm 146:5-7

Neighbors, Inc. food shelf needs your help. The food shelf serves an average of 550 families each month and provides clients with a week's worth of food during each visit (about 110 lbs. per family)

As we remember to give thanks for all our blessings this Thanksgiving, please remember those that are in need of our help. There are drop boxes at both campuses and any checks can be made payable o Neighbor's Inc.

Welcome New Members!



Grey Davis – I come from the Lake Mills, WI area and attended St Paul, Lakeside Lutheran, and Martin Luther College. I enjoy being active as much as possible and I am an avid Badger fan. I work at St Croix as a World History instructor and a dorm supervisor.



Darin & Rebecca Hillstrom, Kat and Riley – We were members of Salem Woodbury moved to Eagan this summer. Darin works for Travelers Insurance and Rebecca teaches at St. Croix. Riley is a junior at the U of M and Kat is a Senior at St. Croix.



Steve Turbeville – I was a member of Shepherd of the Hills and Emanuel Lutheran in the 80s and 90s. I currently work for the Department of Corrections as a Sergeant at Stillwater State Prison and I am a city of Eagan Volunteer firefighter.

New Members not pictured

- Bill Mullenau
- David & Susan Swanson (Kristofer and Adaline)
- John Johnson & Jordan Arganbright (Alyssa, Levi, Rebekah)

YOU ARE WANTED!

Adopt-A-Highway

Saturday November 5 – 10:00 am
Meet at Eagan Campus. Lunch provided

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Tuesday, November 1

7:00 pm Evangelism
Technology Team

Wednesday, November 2

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
Confirmation Class-EGN
8:00pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, November 3

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

Friday, November 4

7:00 pm Pioneers - Boys Sleepover
8:20 am Matins
10:00 am Good Samaritan

Saturday, November 5

10:00 am Adopt-A-Highway - EGN
5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, November 6

Daylight Saving Time Ends
8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-Eagan
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, November 7

3:30 pm Lego Club
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:00 pm Mary/Martha - WSP

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day
9:00 am Mom's Time-EGN
6:30 pm Education
Properties
Handbell rehearsal
7:00 pm Stewardship

Wednesday, November 9

Scholastic Book Fair
6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
Confirmation Class-EGN

Thursday, November 10

NO BUS SERVICE
Scholastic Book Fair
2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
7:00 pm Elders-EGN

Friday, November 11

Veterans Day
NO SCHOOL
Scholastic Book Fair
5:30 pm Away Game @ Belle Plaine

Saturday, November 12

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, November 13

Praise Service
Scholastic Book Fair
8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, November 14

6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:30 pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, November 15

7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, November 16

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN
Confirmation Class-EGN

Thursday, November 17

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:00 pm Girls A Game @ St. Croix
6:30 pm Pioneers Regular Meeting
7:00 pm Boys A Game @ St. Croix
Riverview Cemetery

Friday, November 18

8:20 am Matins
5:30 pm Home Game vs Cross
of Chris

Saturday, November 19

9:00 am Pioneers Wreath Pick-up
5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, November 20

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-EGN
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, November 21

6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, November 22

9:00 am Mom's Time-EGN
6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 23

NO BUS SERVICE
NO-Bible Class EGN
NO-Confirmation Class-EGN
11:30 am Early Dismissal
6:30 pm Worship WSP

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 25

NO SCHOOL

Saturday, November 26

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, November 27

8:00 am Worship WSP
9:00 am Worship EGN
9:15 am Education Hour-WSP
10:15 am Education Hour-Eagan
10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, November 28

2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
6:30 pm Worship WSP
7:00 pm Youth & Adult Education

Wednesday, November 30

NO-Bible Class EGN
NO-Confirmation Class-EGN
4:00 pm Worship WSP
6:30 pm Worship WSP
Grades 5-8 sing WSP

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Susan Klessig | 12 Courtney Bluhm | 18 Hanna Myrlie | 23 Wayne Kurth |
| 2 Abigail Kom | Rollie Dohn | 19 Matthew Boehlke | Emanuel Lange |
| 3 Matt Berg | Nick Krueger | Cameron Dietrich | Matthew Voigt |
| Ronald Kuecker | Chet Lander | Kent Uecker | 24 Richard Schindeldecker |
| 4 Stephen Wolfrath | Erin Taack | 20 Tammie Eichmann | Hans Schnobrich |
| 5 John Bejblik | Madelyn Wallace | David Mielke | Anna Spott |
| John G. Wenker | Makenna Wallace | Roman Olson | 25 Sheldon Farley |
| 6 Jennifer Koeppen | 14 Ann Coates | Ethan Picardo | 26 Jamie Fischer |
| 8 Blaze Graves | Martha Rothi | Beth Rupprecht | Henry Seidl |
| 9 Nathaniel Burkhardt | Bruce Schumacher | 21 John R. Danner | 27 Wayne Danner |
| Heather Tourville | Marie Tuhy | Sheryl Duff | Sharon Kaniess |
| 10 Christine Kwasniewski | 15 Taite Fischer | John Koeppen | Dennis Klocow |
| 11 Emily Ahlman | 16 Suzie Gydesen | 22 Rick Hansen | Brooklyn Nied |
| Abigail Bejblik | 17 John Bejblik | Ryan Johnson | 29 Nikki Grunwald |
| Nicolas Lemmer | Diane Krosting | Justin Paul | Lucille Tako |
| Jimmy Taack | Matt Otterstatter | Keri Solseth | Armin Vanselow |



Senior Luncheon

The seniors' lunch last month was a hit with attendees. Seniors were treated to music by the Choristers, led by Ashley VanCalster. Donna, dressed in Bavarian costume, gave a presentation on little known facts about Martin Luther and a little of the history of Oktoberfest.

Harry Cannon played the part of the mayor, "tapped the keg" and poured the first glass for Pauline Pagel, our Minster-President. All enjoyed a German meal featuring bratwurst while listening to German music.

Donna is retiring and moving to Arizona. If anyone would like to take over planning lunches, speak to Donna Herbison before Christmas or to one of the pastors.



A Big Thank You to Donna Herbison

After years of faithful service, Donna Herbison is retiring from the Parish Nursing program. Her time spent visiting shut ins, offering help and expertise, organizing Senior Luncheons and everything else she did for the program certainly didn't go unnoticed. Thank you for all your work! You are a great help and blessing to many!



JUST FOR FUN

QUOTE FALL

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Please direct ideas, questions or comments about this issue to ZacharyPudlo@crownoflifemn.org



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