

The Globe-Christie Connection

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Christian Confidence

“Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” - Jeremiah 17:7

Maybe you can relate to this first grader. He was an awkward, chubby kid. Each day, his only hope was to get through class, and get through recess, so that he could get home without anything too embarrassing happening. But unfortunately, time stopped the moment he had to read out loud in front of his classmates. He knew the words on the page, but his mind raced passed them, leaving no time for them to come out of his mouth. He must have sounded like an old CD player that just keeps skipping. Finally, the teacher had had enough and she blurted out, “What’s wrong with you? Do you have a bone for a brain?”

After that, he would shut down when asked to read. That is, until in fourth grade the teacher treated him differently. She gave him special reading assignments to do on his own. Then they met together, and she treated him as if he didn’t have a reading problem. In fact, she treated him as if he were a good reader who had good insights. And you know what? he actually became one. He got his confidence back because one teacher looked at him differently.

That is essentially what Jesus has done for us. We have stuttered our way through life, giving into our sinful desires. God has every right to call us what we are: spiritual screw-ups who deserve to be separated from him. But like my fourth grade teacher, God looks at us as if we were good people who do the right thing. He sees us this way because we are covered with Jesus’ love and forgiveness. As our substitute, Jesus was treated like a sinner on the cross, so now we are treated like a saint. The more we realize that God looks at us as good people through Jesus, the more we will start acting like it.

Relying on the Lord Jesus, we gain the confidence to face the circumstances and challenges of life. God patiently teaches us in his word, “Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” Faithfully supported by God who loves us dearly, we can face the events of life, no matter how demeaning or difficult they may be.

Happy



Birthday

JUNE

St. John's, Christie Members

- 13. Sandra Krause
- 15. Ellawyn Brunette

- 17. Edward Bizjak
- 26. Sandra Luedeke

- 28. Karen Statz
- 29. Luke Smith

Immanuel, Globe Members

- 4. Diane Hoppa
- 9. Lynnea Thums
- 12. Cindi Ehlers
- 14. Pastor Warmuth

- 15. Bianca Fischer
- Karen Warmuth
- Jeffrey Schultz
- 19. Dawn Murphy

- 22. Logan Friemoth
- 23. Justin McDonald
- 24. Emily Dorwaldt
- Dillon McDonald

- 26. Robert Heideman
- 27. John Donahue

Vacation

Bible

School



Vacation Bible School

July 24-28 is set for VBS and the Children's Day Picnic will be Sunday, July 30 at Immanuel, Globe. The theme is *Build on the Rock*. The course helps the children build their lives on Jesus, the Rock of their salvation. They learn to build on Jesus as he tells about *Two Builders* in Matthew 7:24-29. They learn how Jesus gives them the right building tools as they hear about the Holy Spirit's work in Acts 2. They learn that Jesus builds with safety in mind as they hear again the story of Noah and the Flood in Genesis 6. They learn that Jesus built each of them to build as they learn how two prisoners showed their faith in Acts 16. And they learn that Jesus can fix anything as they hear how Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead in John 11.

Linda Nielsen 715-267-6020 and Melissa Strangfeld 715-743-4450 are in charge of putting the program together. Please offer them your assistance in any way you can as teachers and helpers to make Vacation Bible School another enjoyable experience for all.

From St. John's in Neillsville

Early Learning Center: At our church's special voters' meeting last Sunday, the vast majority of voters who were present voted to go ahead with the construction of our proposed Early Learning Center, as long as we can raise enough money to cover the down payment. \$6,443.00 has been given toward that already!

Anyone wishing to make a gift toward the ELC may do so at any time. Donations can be turned in to the school office.

(If we can raise the money we need for a down payment, plans are to have the Early Learning Center up and running by the start of the 2018-19 school year. The Center will allow us to offer childcare and education to children from six weeks old through 8th grade. We'll keep you posted!)

Youth News

On May 13th the Youth Group sponsored a family bike trip on the Elroy Sparta Bike Trail. It was a very unique bike trail that was an old railroad bed. It was an easy ride with beautiful scenery. We went through some really neat old train tunnels that were hand dug in the 1800s. We started in Kendall and ended in Wilton. We had a picnic lunch and great fellowship. The weather was perfect and everyone had a good time. Great memories and friendships were made.

The Youth Group will be hosting another family event on June 17th. We will be going to a Milwaukee Brewer baseball game. We will tailgate before the game and listen to a concert by Christian band Mercy Me following the game.

God be with you 'til we meet again.

Dear members of Immanuel, Globe and St. John's, Christie,

My wife and I want all of you to know that we felt very much at home among you these past 8½ years. We were so blessed while we were here. The grand old parsonage with its charm made a nice home for us and when something needed tending to it was taken care of. When we needed help of some sort we never had to worry about finding it- you helped when asked. My wife and I leave with many fond memories of our time here among you. Thank you so much.

I have greatly appreciated how well the two congregations get along. That speaks well of your love for Jesus and his Church- not YOUR church, but HIS Church. I am confident you will continue to work together for the good of his Church overall, because that will ensure his blessing on each of these congregations.

When Jesus, the Lord of the Church, is ready to provide you with another pastor I am also confident that you will show him the respect and honor you showed me. No Pastor is perfect and I can look back and see things I wish I had done and things I wish I had not. But in nearly 40 years of pastoring God's people it has been abundantly clear that the Lord Jesus is in charge. On our own, as Pastor and sheep, we would have ruined it all long ago. How great is the Lord's compassion and love for his Church, that he would so bless our sometimes lackluster work in his kingdom.

I look forward to some time away from the full time ministry. At the same time I don't want to turn from it completely, and I pray that the Lord give me opportunity to serve in various part time ways in his kingdom in the future.

Thank you for the patience, love, and encouragement you displayed toward me as I served the Lord of the Church with you. You were shining examples of what the writer to the Hebrews encourages God's people to do. In Hebrews 13:7 & 17 he wrote, "Remember your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. . . . Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you."

Your fellow servant of Christ,

Pastor John E. Warmuth

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