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Newsletter

INSIGHT FROM GOD'S WORD: God's Hands:
Terrifying and Comforting!



The Bible speaks two seemingly contradictory statements about the hands of God: they are terrifying and they are comforting! (Please understand that "the hands of God" is a metaphor, or word picture, for the activity of God, since God is spirit and therefore, has no hands.) So, how can God's hands be **both terrifying and comforting**?

About terror, Hebrews 10:31 says, "It is a **terrifying** thing to fall into the hands of the living God!" The Greek word refers to something which "causes fear," "brings dread," or "causes panic or terror!"

About comfort, 2 Samuel 24:14 records the words of King David, "I am in deep distress. Let us fall into the hands of the LORD, for his **mercy** is great!" The Hebrew word means "compassion, mercy," especially that of a mother for her children.

So, how can the hands of God be both comforting and terrifying? Romans 6:23 tells us that the difference is Christ, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Without faith in Christ, the result of sin is eternal death, damnation in hell—thus, the hands of God are terrifying, or they surely ought to be, and will be on Judgment Day! But faith connects the believer to Christ—through Christ the believer receives the gift of eternal life—so, the hands of God are comforting!

That the hands of God are both terrifying and comforting is an expression of law and gospel. The law condemns the unbeliever for his sin and threatens eternal damnation. The gospel comforts the believer with the sweet and certain promise of the forgiveness of sins and eternal life! May the hands of God always be comforting to us! Pastor Brechbuhl

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What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will

reply: "A manager." That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him. We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price" (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into the God's Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.– LCMS

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SEPTEMBER BAPTISM
ANNIVERSARIES

TOMHAVE Abby E.	1-Sep
BEARD Madisen P.	4-Sep
DAVIDSMEYER Lennox P.	4-Sep
LOVEKAMP Shawn M.	4-Sep
BRUNE Amy M.	5-Sep
DAY Carl S.	6-Sep

DOYLE Molly M.	6-Sep
WHEELER Dora K. (Dorrie)	6-Sep
STINSON Kayleigh N.	7-Sep
PETERSON Brynli	9-Sep
GEHRKE AJ E.	10-Sep
MCKEE Roberta L.	10-Sep
GEHRKE Darin R.	11-Sep
LEISCHNER Lauren M.	12-Sep
MILLER Tina M.	12-Sep
MONROE David A.	12-Sep
MONROE James C. (Clint)	12-Sep
WERRIES Ruth A.	12-Sep
SCULLEY Charles E.	13-Sep
ARING Martha I.	15-Sep
HADDEN Blake W.	16-Sep
PATE Jennifer L.	16-Sep
WELCH Kaitlyn E.	16-Sep
HILSABECK Abigail R.	17-Sep
STUCKER Jeremy C.	17-Sep
PRATT Tyler A.	18-Sep
GEERS DAVID	19-Sep
GEERS KEALONI	19-Sep
HASCHEMEYER Matilda L.	19-Sep
WITHEE Adam R.	19-Sep
SCHAEFER Reid I.	20-Sep
STRUBBE Cheryl E.	20-Sep
BEZLER Steven C.	21-Sep
BOEHS Kenneth P.	21-Sep
METCALF Cheyenne K.	21-Sep
WANKEL Michael R.	21-Sep
MAYBERRY Jordan D.	22-Sep
MAYBERRY Samuel Q.	22-Sep
MAGELITZ David	23-Sep
TOMHAVE Caroline	23-Sep
WARNECK Robbe L.	23-Sep
BARROW Alyssa L.	24-Sep
CLAUSSEN Patricia L.	24-Sep
SHIREMAN Pamela S.	27-Sep
HAWORTH Joyce D.	28-Sep
LASHMET Maxine J.	29-Sep
MAGELITZ Jessica S.	29-Sep

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

UPCOMING SALEM WORSHIP START TIMES:

8:30 am start times are required for pastors to preach at two congregations, allowing for travel time:

Aug. 21st 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

Aug 28th 9:00 am Rev. Riemer

Sept 4th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

Sept 11th 8:30 am Rev. Phillips

Sept 18th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

Sept 25th 9:00 am Rev. Brechbuhl

+ The Adult Bible Class will be immediately after the service and taught by Rev. Riemer, when Rev. Brechbuhl or other pastors have to leave to preach elsewhere.

+ Since Rev. Brechbuhl will only be preaching an average of three times at Salem each month, the service will start at 8:30 am about once a month to allow Revs. Phillips and Strattman to preach at their own congregations at 10:00 am.

CHURCH & SCHOOL COOKOUT: We are excited about inviting everyone out to our house for another church and school cookout! Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 28. Come out from 3:30-7:00 for lots of time to visit and for the kids to play. We will eat at 5:30. We will provide the main dish, table service, and water. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair if you wish. If you want, please feel free to bring your own drinks. Be sure to tell all of your family and friends! Our address is 2629 Woodson Franklin Road, Franklin, Illinois. If you have questions please feel free to call 217-370-0581. We will have the cookout rain or shine. We're looking forward to seeing you! Deborah and Steve Steinacher.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR SALEM: It has become a tradition, the Ladies' Guild will be collecting school supplies for our Salem students for the coming school year. There will be a collection box in the church nartex beginning Sunday, July 31st through the month of August with a list of supply suggestions attached. School begins Friday, August 12th. Many thanks and God bless for helping our Salem teachers and students.

SCRIPT CARDS: Please remember the script card program here at Salem. The money made from you purchasing gift cards goes directly to the School. In today's world, it is much safer to use a gift card to make purchases, buy gasoline and etc., that way you are not putting your credit card into a machine that might get compromised. Please remember Salem when making purchases of gift cards.

ALTAR FLOWER VASES: If you have had Altar Flowers and taken the vases home with you, please return the vases. We are out of Altar Flower vases and are in need of getting them back. Thank you.

IN SYMPATHY: Rebecca Ann Lakamp passed away Monday, July 25th at Jacksonville Memorial Hospital. Rebecca leaves behind, husband, David Lakamp; two sons, Jeffrey (Deborah) Lakamp of New Berlin and Jason (Jennifer) Lakamp of Murrayville; four grandchildren, Andrew Lakamp of Lincoln, NE, Erin Lakamp of Texas, Austyn Lakamp and Ashlyn Lakamp of Murrayville. She was preceded in death by one son, Jay David Lakamp. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 3rd at Williamson Funeral Home with burial at Diamond Grove Cemetery. May the Lord bless those who mourn the loss of this Loved One!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Salem is back to having monthly committee meetings. With the COVID19 we all have become lacks and have taken a step back to being in meetings. We would like to invite all who are on committees back to the meetings and invite anyone new that would like to participate on a committee to come. Committee meetings are held the second Tuesday night at 6:30 pm here at Salem. All are welcome and everyone needs to come together and get involved. Thank you.

SALEM'S CALL COMMITTEE: The following members have either been nominated by the Voter's Assembly or volunteered to serve on Salem's Call Committee at the June 2022 meeting. The following members have agreed to serve on that committee: Mike Krause, Chairman, Danny Magelitz, Kevin Eckhoff, Judy Riemer, Darin Gehrke, Mary Anne Lawson, Luella Crim, John Tomhave, Mark Lovekamp, Dwayne Middendorf, Linda Strubbe. Salem's Board of Elders appointed the above noted members to serve on the Call Committee and establish Vice Chairman Mike Krause to serve as chairman of that committee. It was approved by the Elder's at the Tuesday, June 28th meeting.

DEACONS: Listed below are the names of the Deacons for Salem Lutheran 2022. Please feel free to give your Deacon a call.
 Group 1: "AA-GARM" Wade Mathis 217-690-2693
 Group 2: "GARR-MAN" Austin Tomhave 217-883-3461
 Group 3: "MASS-SHE"
 Group 4: "SHIR-ZIM" Dwayne Middendorf 217-248-2091
 Two Elders assisting Deacons:
 Larry Baker (217)370-1480, Gerald Warcup (217)243-2620

HUGH THANK YOU: Salem Lutheran would like to thank first, Larry Baker, Arnie DeLong, Randy Tendick, Mark Lovekamp, Larry Vincent, Darin Gehrke, Ty Gehrke, Quinton Gehrke, Austin Tomhave, Terry Wellenkamp, John Tomhave, Steve Steinacher for the dedication and hard work on our playground this last couple of weeks. We would also like to thank our congregation members for their donations towards this project. Three fourths of the project amount has been donated, we still have a small amount to cover the project, if you would like to donate, please do so. Thanks again and we are all so blessed to have a group like the above to help us out.

2022 Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life Annual Nut Sale: Nationally, Lutheran's for Life is celebrating 44 years as an organization! Our local Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life will be having their annual nut sale from September 11th to October 9th this year. If you value life and wish to support our mission, please help by ordering

some pecans and/or other nuts from Lutherans for Life. Order forms will be available soon. If you wish to order any nuts, please fill out a form along with your payment and give it to one of the Lutherans for Life volunteers—Ruth Werries, Karen Engebrecht, Karen Tomhave or you may leave it in the church office. Illinois Valley Lutherans for Life appreciates all the support you have given them in the past. Nut sale proceeds are used to help support the Pregnancy Resource Centers in Jacksonville and Rushville, to provide funding for Students for Life events and to support our national LFL office. Locally, funds are used to provide age-appropriate books and educational materials for our Lutheran School. "Thanks for supporting Life"!

SALEM LADIES GUILD: Salem Ladies' Guild will be hosting the Jacksonville LWML Fall Rally on Wednesday, September 14 th . It will begin with breakfast at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall and will conclude mid-day. Registration fee is \$5. The theme for this year's rally is "Light Up the World with Christ." All are most welcome to attend. In-gatherings are planned for the Jacksonville Food Bank and New Directions Warming/Cooling Center. Just call Vickie Austin (217-361-9423) if you'd like to attend.

OUR FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP	
WORK PROGRAM	
Fiscal Year 8/2020-7/2021	
(from 9/30/2020 Treasurer's Report)	
CURRENT FINANCIAL	
INDEBTEDNESS	
7/31/20	6/30/22
Farmers State Bank Line of Credit	
\$122,900.20	\$0.00
Internal Loan from Restricted	
\$63,725.00	\$0.00
	LEAP
\$828,100.60	\$677,802.80
Financial Status Report for	
June 2022	
Our total operating needs monthly:	\$ 48,227.92
Our operating receipts June, 2022:	\$ 34,032.42
Our total operating needs YTD:	\$530,507.13
Our total operating receipts YTD:	\$584,184.13
Our Shortfall or Excess YTD:	\$ 18,796.26

SCHOOL NEWS

Our school year is off to a great start! Thank you to all the people who came to help refurbish the playground so that it was ready to receive our students on the first day of school. The students have all been excited to use the playground!



anything! This is the excitement we are bringing to our students this year. Both the teachers and their kids were able to have a fun morning learning this new technique.



Our teachers worked hard preparing their rooms. We started our teacher week with an Inservice to learn more about incorporating music into our learning with the Orff Music style. We invited them to bring their children so that they could see the effects it has on children. Harrison, a second grader, loved using all the instruments and thought it was a great way to learn. Amelia, a 3 year old, said it all when she had to go to the bathroom and asked grandma if we were waiting for her so she didn't miss

We also spent some time recertifying our teachers in CPR.





Before we knew it, it was time to welcome our students for the first day of school! Grades 6-8 worked on setting up a timeline that spans from pre-history to the millennium. They also worked on creating the continents so that we could talk about our school theme; Making Disciples for Life.

