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Newsletter

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More Than a Negative

Even if you've never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, "Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?" Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line. But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He's not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn't just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbors.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way. Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it's easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone's back. But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a

beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

MAY

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

LOVEKAMP, Linda S.	1-May
STRUBBE, Janet K.	1-May
STUCKER, Caquista C.	1-May
DIETERLE, Christopher W.	3-May
JANES, Jillian L.	3-May
SULLIVAN, Terrance M.	4-May
DEVLIN, Tyler A.	5-May
BRADLEY, Stephanie A.	6-May
MANKER, Nicholas M.	7-May
BERRY, Dallas M.	9-May
THOMAS, Lillian R.	9-May
THOMAS, Mykenzie L.	9-May
WINCHESTER, Vicki L.	9-May
WINKELMAN, Sandra S.	10-May
FAIRFIELD, Ashley J.	11-May
BROWN, Cheryl Annn	12-May
GARRETT, Karen S.	12-May
HINDS, Darlene E.	12-May
FERRIS, Alexandra M.	13-May
MUSCH, Albert H.	13-May
LAWSON, Naomi C.	14-May
MCKEE, Olivia G.	14-May
WALKER, Timothy A.	14-May
BURGER, Sandra J. (Sandy)	15-May
HESS, Larry G.	16-May
WATKINS, Margene	16-May
DOLEN, MICHAEL	17-May
ELMORE, Zacheriah R.	17-May
ELMORE, Zion B.	17-May
REEVES, Brandon A.	17-May
SIEVING, Delaney J.	17-May
THIES, Myka B.	17-May
DE FRISCO Jr., Raymond J.	18-May
MAGELITZ, Jennifer E.	18-May
COOLEY, Jonathan W.	19-May
HART, Emily G.	19-May
HART, Jacob E.	19-May
HINDS, Randall E. (Randy)	19-May
PRATT, Shane A.	19-May
BUTLER, Dale L.	20-May
WARCUP, Karl A. (Allen)	20-May
WIEGAND, Jay W.	20-May
DOYLE, Kelly I.	22-May

JARMAN, Elizabeth E. (Elaine)	22-May
SHIREMAN, Andrew F.	22-May
VALENTINE, Jacob M.	23-May
BRUNE, Timothy N. (Tim)	24-May
COOLEY, Odin H.	24-May
COOLEY, Jackson P.	25-May
DE FRISCO, Aiden J.	25-May
DE FRISCO, Gemma A.	25-May
DE FRISCO, Peyton J.	25-May
DEFORD, Casey M.	25-May
MICHAELS, Brady W.	25-May
SWEETIN, Aaliyah F.	25-May
SWEETIN, Kiara F.	25-May
HANNANT, Brett L.	26-May
PHEBUS, Emily C.	26-May
MCCARTHY, Erin E.	27-May
TOLER, Jaymee L.	27-May
THIES, Meagan N.	28-May
WILLIAMS, Donald E.	28-May
BAKER, Larry D.	29-May
MURPHY, Lisa G.	29-May
WARD, Kevin C.	29-May
WINTERS, Connor T.	29-May
MAGELITZ, Danny E.	30-May
BROWN, KOERT	31-May
DAVIDSMEYER, Emrick W.	31-May
PERRY, Allison M.	31-May

Greetings in Christ,

I would like to update you with this month's Swaddling Clothes results. Swaddling Clothes hosted its monthly shopping day on April 8, 2025. We assisted 22 families with 47 children being assisted. We gave away 31 packages of diapers, 31 packages of wipes, and 8 baby hygiene products. We gave away multiple clothing items, including shoes, underwear, socks, jackets, jeans, pajamas, and tops. We featured "dress clothes" this month including little girl's dresses and boys' outfits/button-up shirts/slacks. We gave away several baby bottles, thermometers, pacifiers, blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, Q-Tip's, formula, and other food items.

We gave away the following "big items": Toddler Bed, Mattress, Potty Seat, and Diaper Bag

We completed the seasonal change over. Currently we have spring and summer clothing offered. This month we will be working on expanding into the other side of the building. We received a donation of racks, additional racks, and shelving units were purchased. We will also use tables, bookshelves, and other items remaining in the room to display items. We are also looking at expanding the hours of operation during the

summer months. We would still be open on the second Tuesday of the month, but we would remain open longer. Another exciting addition includes Arch Books from Concordia Publishing House (CPH). These books were donated by CPH, and each family received 4 Arch Books in addition to the other items that they chose. A special thank you to those who worked on the April Shopping Day: Laretta Scheller, Leta Malcott, Michelle Moeller, Lucille Hannel, and Sharon DeLong. I would also like to thank the property committee for their assistance in helping with the expansion into the other side of the building: Arnie DeLong, John Steinacher, Jim Turley, and Randy Tendick. And thank you to Darrin Gehrke, and David Hannel who assisted with removing items and placing them in the auction. We still await notification of the LCMS Million Dollar Life Matching Grant that was applied for in January. Please continue to keep the Swaddling Clothes Ministry and their clients in your prayers. Thank you for your support, Deaconess Linda Strubbe

IN SYMPATHY: Bonita Becker passed away Sunday, April 20th at White Hall Nursing and Rehab in White Hall. Mrs. Becker is survived by her husband, Carl and their three children, Tim (Sue) Becker of Jacksonville, Cindy (Ted) Miller of Stanford, KY, and Marc (Vikki) Becker of Alexander; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one sister, Evelyn (deceased husband David) Thompson of Carrollton, one brother, Henry (Carole) Huppe of Arenzville, and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by one sister, Maxinie Lashment (surviving husband, Ronald of Jacksonville). Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 23rd at St. John's Lutheran Church in New Berlin with burial at Berea Cemetery. May the Lord Bless those who mourn this loved one.

IN SYMPATHY: Mary Ann Engebrecht passed away Monday, April 28th at New Perspectives, Silvis, IL. Mary Ann is survived by her sons, Brian (Christine) Engebrecht, Milan, IL, Steven (Tammie) Engebrecht, Helena, Mt, and Bruce (Ruth Ann) Engebrecht, Jacksonville, IL; grandchildren, Ben Engebrecht, Katie (Gabriel) Aiello, Caleb Engebrecht, Adam (Breanne) Engebrecht, Kayly (Garrett) Snyder, Elizabeth (Ben) Hollendonner and Joseph Engebrecht; great grandchildren, Clara, William, Blake, Lily, Tanner and Mason; brother, John R (Jane) Rosendahl, Blue Springs, MO; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and their families. Funeral service will be Sunday, May 4th at St. John's Lutheran Church, East Moline, IL where visitation will be from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm Sunday prior to the services. Interment will be at 1:00 pm on Monday, May 5th, at Rose Hill Cemetery, Petersburg, IL. May the Lord Bless all who mourn the loss of this Loved One.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

REMINDERS: DON'T ASSUME that Pastor knows when you are hospitalized. Please call the Office 243-3419 to let us know when you enter the hospital.

GRADUATION: Salem Lutheran School will hold Graduation on Sunday, May 18th. This year we have the following graduating: Frankie Ortiz, 206 Zela Lane Jacksonville, IL 62650; Tyreese McCrary, 125 Walnut Court Jacksonville, IL 62650; Sophia Robinson, 491 Crow Road, Franklin, IL 62638. May the Lord bless these new graduates with lots of blessings for a bright future.

CONFIRMANDS: Sunday, May 4th is Confirmation Sunday and Salem Lutheran will be confirming the following: Cayden Hood, 833 Fairview Road, Bluffs, IL 62621; Liam Hood, 833 Fairview Road, Bluffs, IL 62621; Sophia Robinson, 491 Crow Road, Franklin, IL 62638; Bennett Schumacher, 110 Country Place Drive, Jacksonville, IL 62650. May the Lord bless these new confirmands.

NEW BABY: Pastor and Mary Schultz became the new parents of a baby boy on Friday, April 25th. Lazarus Jonah Joel Schultz, weight 9 lbs. 4 oz. 21" inches. Lazarus has a very excited big brother Stephen. Mom and baby are doing well. May the Lord Bless this new addition to the Schultz's family.

CONGREGATIONAL VOTER'S MEETING: The July Congregational Voter's meeting has been moved to Sunday, May 18th due to some decisions that need to be made before summer. Please plan on attending. Thank you

HUGE SUCCESS: This year's Spring Auction and Dinner was a huge success. Thank you to everyone more information is forthcoming. Thank you

LOOKING FOR A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER: Salem Lutheran School is seeking a faithful and passionate Kindergarten Teacher. We are looking for a dynamic teacher who is committed to fostering a Christ centered learning environment. An LCMS trained teacher, or an LCMS member is preferred but not necessary for this position. Please help our school in the search for this teacher: Encourage qualified applicants to apply. Pass along any leads to Salem office. Above all, pray that the Lord Jesus would send us the teacher we need to train up our students in the way they should go.

COOKIE WALK DISHES: If you are missing some dishes from the cookie walk, please look at the stack of dishes and pans in the conference room. Please take, needing to get the counter cleaned off. Thank you

LOOKING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE

ASSISTANCE: Salem Lutheran Church and School is looking for administrative assistance to work in the office part-time. This position needs an energetic, people-orientated, computer-skilled individual, and some marketing skills, and lots of love for Salem. This position may have the potential to go full-time. If you would be interested in this position or know of someone who has the potential we are looking for, please contact the office or contact Pastor with the information so we can try and get a qualified individual for our position. Thank you

LUTHERAN WITNESS RENEWAL: If you currently have a subscription for the Lutheran Witness, it is time to renew. The subscription price is \$20.65 per year or \$1.72 per issue. If you would like to subscribe, please let the office know. This information needs to be in the office by April 30th. Thank you

SCRIPT 'GIFT' CARDS: In need of a 'gift card', please check in the office to see if we have the gift card that you need. We have the following gift cards: Amazon, Applebee's, Casey's, Dairy Queen, Dunkin Donuts, Home Depot, Shell, Starbucks, Walgreen's, Wal-Mart.

DOORBELL DINNERS THANK YOU: Thanks so much to all the brave volunteers who delivered Doorbell Dinners the week of March 31-April 4. We had wonderful individuals who stepped up to help those in need in our Jacksonville community. These people represented YOU: Laretta Scheller, Lucille Hannel, Linda Strubbe, Danny Magelitz, Ruth Werries, JoAnne Acree, Jane Henderson, and Elaine Jarman. Also an extra thanks to the students from Salem School who were at most times our "runners": Delaney Harper, Franki Ortiz, Sophia Robinson, and Tyreese McCrary. If you want to join the fun we are scheduled to deliver meals again from April 28-May 2. Call Rita Tendick at 217-473-5017 if you wish to help.

Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast – May 10, 7:30-10 am, St. John's. You are invited to enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, corned beef and hash, ham, scrambled eggs and assorted homemade pastries all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go toward the support of the State Fair Booth for the Lutheran Layman's League of the Central Illinois District.

EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter breakfast was a wonderful way to celebrate that Jesus is risen! It was wonderful to see everyone visiting and enjoying the special day. A huge thank you to everyone for donating sweets for the breakfast. Thank you to everyone who came and helped us celebrate Easter. A wonderful time was had by everyone!

175TH CELEBRATION: In celebration of the 175th year of St. Paul's, we are delighted to announce three

hymn festivals/hymn sings! The first will be held on Sunday, May 4 at 3:00pm. Accomplished organist Burnell Hackman of Peace Lutheran in St. Louis will be playing "Music of the Church Year." Join us for sacred music, a hymn sing, and refreshments! Additional upcoming organ performances/hymn sings: June 29 - Leigh Holliday (Resident Organist of St. Paul's) - "Beloved Hymns of Church History" August 24 - Rev. Lance Klamer (Pastor and Kantor of St. Paul Lutheran in Fowler, Michigan) - "Lutheran Compositions throughout the Centuries" St. Paul's Lutheran Church 121 N. Pearl St. Havana, IL 62644

THANK YOU! The recent in-gathering donations supporting The Orphan Grain Train were amazing. Many bundles of clothing, blankets, and shoes were picked up at the District LWML Convention in Lincoln, Illinois on April 26. When we put it together with other churches a one-ton truck and trailer were filled to capacity. A total of \$1,972 was given by the churches in the 12 zones of our Central Illinois District to help with shipping costs. Thank you to members of Salem who also contributed. **THANK YOU!** Lauretta Scheller and Lucille Hannel served as voting delegates at the 80th annual convention. We appreciate their willingness to serve. **THANK YOU!** Lauretta Scheller made the convention banner for the Jacksonville Zone. The banner now hangs on the west wall of our sanctuary. "Planting Seeds of Faith" depicts all churches in our zone who have LWML societies. Check it out sometime and be sure to thank Lauretta for sharing her talents to make this meaningful banner for the convention and for us.

DOORBELL DINNERS: Thank you to the dedicated volunteers who delivered Doorbell Dinners during the week of April 28-May 2: Elaine Jarman, Danny Magelitz, Ruth Werries, Jo Anne Turner, Linda Strubbe, Lauretta Scheller, Lucille Hannel, Jane Henderson, and Salem Students (Delaney Harper, Franki Ortiz, Sophia Robinson, and Tyreese McCrary). Their efforts were much appreciated. This was our last assigned week until Sept. 1-5. Please consider joining us in the fall. Rita Tendick, Doorbell Dinner Coordinator for Salem Lutheran Church can be reached at 217-473-5017.

THOSE WHO **May, 2025**

LECTORS

May 4th

9:00 AM

Paul Reither

May 11th

9:00 AM

Roger Ward

May 18th

9:00 AM

Darin Gehrke

May 25th

9:00 AM

Rodney Dolen

SERVERS

May 4th

Dennis Jarman

Paul Reither

May 11th

Kyle Schumacher

Randy Lawson

May 18th

Dennis Jarman

Mike Krause

May 25th

Dennis Jarman

Danny Magelitz

ORGANISTS

May 4th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

May 11th

8:30 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

May 18th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

April 27th

9:00 AM

Bruce Engebrecht

ALTAR GUILD

May 4th

9:00 AM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Andrea Price

Cleanup – Monika Warcup

Donna Moody

May 11th

9:00 AM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Sherri Tomhave

Cleanup – Sherri Tomhave

May 18th

6:30 PM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Elaine Jarman

Cleanup – Elaine Jarman

May 25th

6:30 PM – Setup & Cleanup

Setup – Michelle Moeller

Cleanup – Michelle Moeller

Gloria Kusy

CANDLES

Elaine Jarman

LINENS

Libby Nobis

RADIO TECHNICIAN

May 4th

Kevin Eckhoff

May 11th

Roger Ward

May 18th

Kevin Eckhoff

May 25th

Roger Ward

KEY MAN

April 27th – May 3rd

Dan Blanchette

May 4th – May 10th

Randy Tendick

May 11th – May 17th

Richard Aring

May 18th -May 24th

Ken Boehs

May 25th – May 31st

David Hannel