

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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Do you ever judge?

It shames this pastor to say and admit it, but I must be candid and forthright: I do.

I wish I didn't. And I don't ever set out to, but when people fail to do things the way I think they should do them, I take issue with it. It's quite likely that most of the time

folks won't notice it, but on the inside I'm irritated...annoyed...agitated...rolling my eyes.

I just returned from a vacation to Milwaukee. On the way to the city – and on the way home – I was surrounded by people who either blatantly or out of complete ignorance drove with no regard whatsoever for traffic law. Worse, these drivers were often completely oblivious of the other vehicles around them: they would change lanes (without using turn signals) and cut people off, often while speaking or texting on their cell phones and/or without their eyes on the road.

This makes me furious, as they are putting the lives of themselves and others in jeopardy. Many people share my feelings about reckless and negligent driving, but I have found that at times my frustration remains after I step out of the car. I glance around and am still noticing what in my estimation is “wrong.”

As a pastor, supervisor, baseball coach, etc it has been part of my job to diagnose situations. As a quarterback and point guard on many recreational football and basketball teams I have had similar responsibilities, and learned to diagnose situations even faster. Now, however, I find myself subconsciously diagnosing situations in which it's neither a responsibility nor a necessity. I can notice anybody doing anything and I'm immediately thinking, whether I mean to or not, “this should (*should*; not *could*) be done like *this*. NOT like they're doing it.”

I wasn't going to write about this today, as we've gone over this topic before, but while on Facebook for a moment this morning I noticed the following post, made by my friend the Rev. Dan Paddock:

“It can be a sin to think of yourself too highly--especially at the expense of another. But sometimes it might be an even greater tragedy to think of your abilities so poorly that you never use them in the service of God or neighbor. There is no worse whisper in the world than the devil's call of can't or don't into the ear of a capable child of God. May we share our gifts whenever and wherever possible in our Love of God and neighbor, Amen.”

It is most definitely a sin to think of ourselves so highly when we unintentionally, unwittingly, but undeniably, are doing so at the expense of another. Most of us are guilty of this on occasion, and I know I am guilty of this all too often.

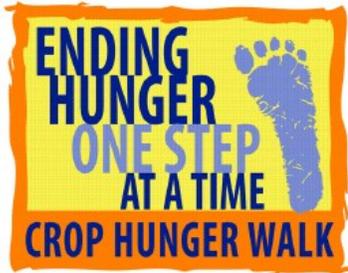
Instead of building ourselves up, we should – as Dan points out – be sharing our gifts whenever and wherever possible in our love for our neighbors. Maybe if we – and I – did a more thorough job of this we would be much less likely of lauding ourselves and looking down on anyone else. If we ever DO find ourselves thinking that we have so much to offer, we must stop playing the Pharisee and share whatever God has given to us rather than enjoying having it while others don't. In so doing, we will aid in the fight against the greater tragedy to which Dan also referred: “thinking of our abilities so poorly that we never use them in the service of God or neighbor.”

For those of us who believe we have something to actually offer, the time will never end to responsibly share what we have. For all of us who claim to be ministers in any sense of the word, that will always involve helping others to unlock their own gifts. May those of us who are so ready to say, “I can!” do our best to humbly and responsibly come to the aid of our brothers and sisters who so often struggle with, “I can't.”

Pastor Mike



May 3-Patrick Frobe
 May 5-David Garcia
 May 9-Irene Gaylord
 May 18-Bonnie Hilberer
 May 23-Marjorie Dingman
 May 24-John Brincat



The annual Crop Walk will be May 7 at 1pm. The Kirk is looking for walkers to participate. 25% of proceeds stays locally to help with food programs. There is a new incentive program this year. The walk will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Wayne. Please see Judy Curtis for more information.



MAY 20 8am-4pm

Join us Saturday, May 20 as we enjoy our annual parking lot Flea Market. We will be renting out 2 parking spot-sized spaces for \$25. If you have anything you would like to donate to the Kirk to sell, you can bring it in to the office. The sale will be 8am-4pm, rain or shine.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter (2018), Chairman and Elder
 Bonnie Hilberer (2019) Elder
 Irene Gaylord (2020) Deacon

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Mark Gallaher, Chairman and Elder
 Cindy Handford (2019) Deacon
 Lynn King (2020) Deacon

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Dorothy Albright, (2020) Chairman and Elder
 June Jennings (2018) Deacon

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Judy Curtis (2018) Chairman and Elder
 Nancy Pride (2020), Elder
 Lorraine Scott (2019) Deacon
 Audrey Conner (2019) Deacon

FOUNDATION

Leslie Holland (2019) Chairman and Elder
 Patrick Frobe (2020) Elder
 John Jennings (2018) Deacon
 Rob Otte (2020) Deacon
TREASURER: Fred Kirk



******Mary Tedd's sister, Marge Lipski, suddenly has the onset of Alzheimers***

******Lynn King's son's friend's family has health issues: the mother has fungal meningitis and the father has stage 4 colon cancer***

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Kirk of Our Savior Special Congregational Meeting

April 2, 2017

The Session called this meeting on March 12, 2017. The membership was notified of this meeting by announcements made from the pulpit on March 19th and 26th, and via mass emailing the week of March 26th.

There were 45 members present, as well as the Moderator and Clerk of Session.

Pastor Mike opened the meeting with prayer at 11:53 a.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to place into nomination for the office of Ruling Elder Mark Gallaher, to fill the 2-year vacancy left by Sharon Garcia upon her resignation. At the March 12, 2017, Session meeting, the Nominating Committee endorsed Mark as a candidate for this position. If elected, he will be formally examined by the Session at a special meeting prior to worship on April 9, 2017. If the way be clear, he will be ordained and installed during the regular worship service on that same day.

After presentation of Mark, the Moderator asked if there were any nominations from the floor. Upon hearing none, it was MOVED by Bonnie Hilberer, SECONDED, and CARRIED to close nominations and direct the Clerk to cast one ballot for the slate. It was MOVED by Judy Curtis, SECONDED, and CARRIED to elect Mark Gallaher.

As there was no other business to be brought before the congregation at this time, it was MOVED by Judy Curtis, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting with prayer by Pastor Mike at 11:55 a.m.

Jenny M. Root, Clerk of Session

Rev. Michael Beckman, Moderator

Kirk of Our Savior special meeting of the Corporation
April 2, 2017

The President, Judy Curtis, called the meeting to order at 11:55 a.m., stating that the purpose of this meeting is to remove Sharon Garcia from the Board of Trustees and to elect Mark Gallaher to the Board of Trustees.

It was MOVED by David Garcia, SECONDED, and CARRIED to remove Sharon and elect Mark.

It was MOVED by Jenny Root, SECONDED, and CARRIED to adjourn the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

Jenny M. Root, Secretary of the Corporation

KONNECTING with....

Lynn King

I live in Garden City

I've been a member of the KIRK for 30 years.

I was named for my father's initials L. F.

I love the sound of water at the lake/ocean.

Three things on my bucket list:

One thing I love about the Kirk is church family friendship.

1. Learning to knit-just began recently.
2. Travel more
3. Volunteer to help children read

If my life was a book, the title would be "The Caregiver."

My hobbies and interests are reading and gardening.

One of my favorite quotes: "Faith Family Friends"

I started coming to the KIRK because my mother-in-law invited me to a Christmas Eve service.

I find a lot of joy in gardening and reaping the bounty of vegetables.

My favorite season is September/Fall

What ways have I tried to serve God, the church and others?

To be helpful when I felt the need for anyone.

I knew God was working in my life when God guided me to allow my son to be raised by a father and mother.

What story does your family always tell about you?

I did not begin to talk until the age of 3.



May 2017 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Monday, May 1

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Dan. 4:19–27
1 John 3:19–4:6
Luke 4:14–30

Tuesday, May 2

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Dan. 4:28–37
1 John 4:7–21
Luke 4:31–37

Wednesday, May 3

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Dan. 5:1–12
1 John 5:1–2
Luke 4:38–44

Thursday, May 4

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Dan. 5:13–30
1 John 5:13–20 (21)
Luke 5:1–11

Friday, May 5

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Dan. 6:1–15
2 John 1–13
Luke 5:12–26

Saturday, May 6

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Dan. 6:16–28
3 John 1–15
Luke 5:27–39

Sunday, May 7

4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Gen. 18:22–33
1 Peter 5:1–11
Matt. 7:15–29

Monday, May 8

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 30:1–9
Col. 1:1–14
Luke 6:1–11

Tuesday, May 9

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 30:10–17
Col. 1:15–23
Luke 6:12–26

Wednesday, May 10

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 30:18–22
Col. 1:24–2:7
Luke 6:27–38

Thursday, May 11

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 31:1–14
Col. 2:8–23
Luke 6:39–49

Friday, May 12

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Jer. 31:15–22
Col. 3:1–11
Luke 7:1–17

Saturday, May 13

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Jer. 31:23–25
Col. 3:12–17
Luke 7:18–28 (29–30) 31–35

Sunday, May 14

5th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Isa. 32:1–8
2 Thess. 2:13–17
Matt. 7:7–14

Monday, May 15

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Jer. 32:1–15
Col. 3:18–4:18
Luke 7:36–50

Tuesday, May 16

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Jer. 32:16–25
Rom. 12:1–21
Luke 8:1–15

Wednesday, May 17

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Jer. 32:36–44
Rom. 13:1–14
Luke 8:16–25

Thursday, May 18

Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Jer. 33:1–13
Rom. 14:1–12
Luke 8:26–39

Friday, May 19

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Deut. 31:30–32:14
 Rom. 14:13–23
 Luke 8:40–56

Saturday, May 20

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Deut. 32:34–41 (42) 43
 Rom. 15:1–13
 Luke 9:1–17

Sunday, May 21

6th Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Deut. 15:1–11
 1 Tim. 3:14–4:5
 Matt. 13:24–34a

Monday, May 22

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Deut. 8:1–10
 or Deut. 18:9–14
 James 1:1–15
 Luke 9:18–27

Tuesday, May 23

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Deut. 8:11–20 or Deut.
 18:15–22
 James 1:16–27
 Luke 11:1–13

Wednesday, May 24

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Deut. 19:1–7
 James 5:13–18
 Luke 12:22–31

Thursday, May 25

Ascension of the Lord
 Morning: Pss. 47; 147:12–20
 Evening: Pss. 68; 113
 Ezek. 1:1–14, 24–28b
 Heb. 2:5–18
 Matt. 28:16–20

Friday, May 26

Morning: Pss. 96; 148
 Evening: Pss. 49; 138
 Ezek. 1:28–3:3
 Heb. 4:14–5:6
 Luke 9:28–36

Saturday, May 27

Morning: Pss. 92; 149
 Evening: Pss. 23; 114
 Ezek. 3:4–17
 Heb. 5:7–14
 Luke 9:37–50

Sunday, May 28

7th Sunday of Easter
 Morning: Pss. 93; 150
 Evening: Pss. 136; 117
 Ezek. 3:16–27
 Eph. 2:1–10
 Matt. 10:24–33, 40–42

Monday, May 29

Morning: Pss. 97; 145
 Evening: Pss. 124; 115
 Ezek. 4:1–17
 Heb. 6:1–12
 Luke 9:51–62

Tuesday, May 30

Morning: Pss. 98; 146
 Evening: Pss. 66; 116
 Ezek. 7:10–15, 23b–27
 Heb. 6:13–20
 Luke 10:1–17

Wednesday, May 31

Morning: Pss. 99; 147:1–11
 Evening: Pss. 9; 118
 Ezek. 11:14–25
 Heb. 7:1–17
 Luke 10:17–24

The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	2	3	4 9am-Noon WCCP Fellowship/Kitchen	5 9am-Noon WCCP Fellowship/Kitchen 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	6 9:45am-Noon Choir
7 Communion Crop Walk	8 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	9 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	10	11 7pm-WCCP Maintenance	12 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	13 9:45am-Noon Choir 9am Spring Clean-Up
14	15 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	16 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	17	18	19 10-11:30am WCCP Parking Lot/Fellowship 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	20 8am-4pm FLEA MARKET 9:45am-Noon Choir 9am WCCP Maintenance
21 Session Meeting	22 9-10:30am WCCP church for graduation practice 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-8:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	23 9am-Noon WCCP Fellowship/Kitchen 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	24 9am-Noon WCCP church for graduation/Fellowship/Kitchen	25	26 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	27 9:45am-Noon Choir
28 Deacon Meeting	29 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	30 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	31 11:30 Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch			

Financial Report as of 3/31/2017

	March	Year to Date	Budget
Income	9,389	33,442	28,923
Expenses	8,142	26,217	28,106
Net Income or Loss	1,247	7,225	817
Liquid Assets*	101,637	101,637	

* equals the total for Kirk checking, savings, and mutual funds.
Does not include Thank God 4 Christian Parents Fund.

March was a strong overall financial month for the Kirk. A warmer winter resulted in lower utility bills. Although Adult Offerings were down, plate offerings were higher. The seasonal snowplowing bill will be paid in its entirety in April.



It's a Girl!

Jenny Root welcomes a new granddaughter into her family. Caroline Marie Hoekstra was born April 3rd. She weighed 8 lbs. 14 oz and was 19 1/2" long.

The Cardinal

The cardinal's brilliance in early
spring
Awakens the earth and makes it
sing.

His radiance for a brief moment
has trod
And flashed through our lives
speaking silently-GOD.

—By Madeline Carpenter

EASTER 2017 PHOTOS:

You can find more on the Kirk of Our Savior Face-book page.

