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True confession? Without the Holy Spirit, we cannot believe in Jesus

By Rev. Jeff Zell

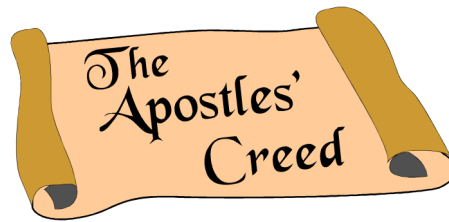
I believe in the Holy Spirit

A child responds to a request with a pleading voice, "I can't." A frustrated, grumpy sounding adult retorts, "Can't or won't?" *Can't* implies that one is not able to fulfill the request because of lack of knowledge, skill, etc. *Won't* implies a willful choice to not cooperate. Two very different reasons for not fulfilling a request.

Martin Luther begins his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles Creed with these words: "*I believe that by my own understanding or strength I cannot believe in Jesus Christ my Lord or come to him, but instead the Holy Spirit has called me through the gospel...*"

Can't or won't?

Well, the bottom line answer is that we cannot confess Christ Jesus as Lord because Adam and Eve would not obey God. Their willful disobedience set the



pattern of how we relate to God. We are by nature disobedient towards God. Left to our devices, we will always try to save ourselves in a way that will not work.

In God's boundless kindness, Jesus saves us through his sacrificial death on the cross. And, it requires the Holy Spirit working faith in our hearts and minds in order to believe, trust, confess that Jesus Christ is my Lord.

God knows all of our excuses. He knows all the reasons for either "can't or won't." He chooses to by-pass our inadequacies and ill-will entirely and give us faith as a gift.

Just another 'typical' September at good ol' ...

What's happening this month at "good ol' Gloria Dei?"

Well, on Sept. 10, we welcome Pr. Clifford Nunn from Wernle in Richmond to speak during the liturgy and enjoy our fellowship afterwards. Our congregation has supported the work of Wernle for decades, thanks to Pete Trone's abiding interest.



That same day, as our commitment to God's Wok/Our Hands, the Sunday School gang will assemble personal care kids to forward to the ELCA's disaster and world relief project, and the grown ups will meet at Resurrection Lutheran Academy with members of First English for an afternoon of painting, cleaning and other chores.

After all that hard labor, it will be time to kick back for a Sept. 17 picnic at Bob and Lisa Suter's. Clear skies and moderate temperatures are guaranteed.

But's there's more work to be done, as well. On Sept. 5, Mary Circle begins what promises to be an exciting season of meetings and projects, the first of which will be a Sept. 28 pizza dinner at Hope Ministries.

The congregation council has its monthly meeting on Sept. 12, and the social ministry and worship and music committees also will be called to order to work and plan.

What would September be without the kick-off of another invigorating Wednesday morning Bible Study? We have been told it is standing-room only!

During the month, we will step away from ordinary time to observe Holy Cross day on Sept. 10 and to celebrate the apostle Matthew on Sept. 24.

The fourth Sunday of September also is the time we pause and give thanks for another year of faithful observance of Word and Sacrament.

This year good ol' Glo!ria Dei turns a sprightly 137 years young.

LDR ready, responsive to Harvey

Even as Hurricane Harvey, one of the most powerful storms to hit the United States in years, made landfall Aug. 25, threatening millions in Texas and Louisiana with heavy rain, wind and rising tides, Lutheran Disaster Relief was prepared to respond.

Rev. Daniel Rift, director of ELCA's world hunger and disaster appeal, issued a call for gifts designated to "Hurricane Response: United States" with the assurance that the response to Harvey will not be completed until the disaster survivors have recovered and rebuilt.

Rift noted that the National Hurricane Center predicted that the storm's effects

would be "life-threatening, devastating and catastrophic" and would be followed with long periods of rain and flooding, along with massive power outages. "While many have evacuated, significant damage is still expected, and thousands of people may be housed in shelters for extended periods of time," he added.

"We have an opportunity to accompany our neighbors during and after this disaster, in Jesus Christ's name," he pointed out in an email message to congregations. "Your gifts are needed now to help those affected by Hurricane Harvey."

Gloria Dei members and friends can contribute by placing checks or money, designated for Hurricane Response, in the Sunday collection plate. Every dollar is immediately forwarded to the ELCA.





BUILDING ON FAITH REPORT

To July 31, 2017

YEAR TO DATE

Receipts for July	\$ 755
Mortgage paid for August	2,379
Loan principal on Aug. 1	66,827
Mutual Bank balance on Aug. 1	18,043
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Total paid from scrip sales	56,700

At present, 88% of each payment reduces the principal. Current interest rate is 4.95 percent. Mortgage termination date is June 2020. Thirty-four payments remain. Pledges totaling \$150,543 were received in a 2014 fund drive. Congregation should continue making regular contributions and purchasing scrip.

*Report prepared
By Dan Lindborg
Aug. 8, 2017*

Lifetime resident, longtime Gloria Dei member, Dave Post, dies at 83

The funeral Eucharist for David J. Post was held Aug. 11 at Gloria Dei with Pastor Zell presiding. David died Aug. 8 following an extended illness.



Graveside services followed at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park. David was born May 28, 1934, in South Bend, and in October 1957, married Nancy Margaret DeWachter, who died Dec. 11, 2016.

David is survived by his daughter, Patti Hyndman, son, Michael; four grandchildren, and two brothers. A lifelong South Bend resident and

longtime Gloria Dei member, he and Nancy were fixtures every Sunday in their fourth row, north side pews and together enjoyed many of the service and social activities. Dave served his church as a counter, and, with son Mike, was a regular in the city-wide church bowling league. He in the United States Army, and worked in dental sales for Block Drug Company, retiring in 1994 after seventeen years of service.

Contributions in memory of David J. Post may be made to Gloria Dei.

"Eternal rest grant him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him."

Our Christian sympathy is offered to the Post family.

Bible study resumes, guest speaker, work day on Sept. 10 ... and more

Bible Study resumes at Gloria Dei at 10 a.m. Sept. 6. On the 6th we will complete our DVD/Discuss of Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation.

Sept. 13 we will begin a bible study called *Graying in Grace: Becoming Mature Disciples of Jesus Christ*. *Graying in Grace* will lead us to study numerous Bible texts and confirm that

the act of following Jesus is for Christians of all ages.

Looks like Sept. 10 is going to be a busy day for all: The Sunday School kids and adults will assemble Personal Care Kits to assist with disaster relief through Lutheran World Relief.

During the sermon time Pastor Clifford Nunn, the Church relations

officer with Wernle, will speak with us about the remarkable work that Wernle does with youth. Then, from 1:30-4, we will join with First English in our *God's Work, Our Hands* service project by painting the cafeteria at Resurrection Lutheran Academy, 6840 Nimtz Parkway, South Bend, IN 46628.

News of members on the mend: Fr. Gene Fortune is recovering from hip replacement surgery. His therapy and recovery are going well.

Judy Larson fell and fractured her hip. She had surgery to stabilize the fracture and is now recuperating at St. Paul's on Ironwood.

Thelma Lemanski is at Healthwin to recover from a fall.

Those who have asked for our prayers include

Sara Doolittle, Lorraina

Doolittle, Al Saari (Darlene

Scherer's brother-in-law),

Judithellen Larson, Jordan Cone, Samantha Croymans,

Ken, Douglas Sorocco, Shirley Brunt, Cheryl Barker

(Joan Forslnd's sister), Gene Fortune, Thelma Lemanski,

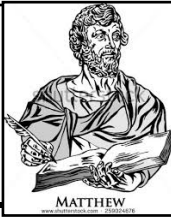
our shut-ins.



SEPTEMBER IS HUNGER ACTION MONTH

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one.

- Mother Teresa



September



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Every Sunday at Gloria Dei:</i> 9:45 a.m. Sunday School; 10:30 a.m. Sung Liturgy; Coffee Hour follows.</p>					1	2
<p>3 Pentecost XIII</p>	<p>4 Labor Day, office closed</p>	<p>5 Mary Circle, 6:30 p.m.; Worship and Music committee, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>6 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	7	8	9
<p>10 Holy Cross</p> <p>Pr. Clifford Nunn, Wernle director of church relations God's Work/Our Hands at RLA.</p>	11	<p>12 Congregation council, 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>13 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	14	<p>15 Gloria Dei plays host to state WELCA Worship & Music committee meetings</p>	16
<p>17 Pentecost XIV</p> <p>Social Ministry; Picnic at Suters</p>	18	19	<p>20 Bible Study, 10 a.m. NN Deadline</p>	21	<p>22 First English pre-school Fun Fair, 4:30-7:30 p.m.</p>	23
<p>24 Matthew, Apostle</p> <p>Gloria Dei's 137th Anniversary</p>	25	<p>26 NN Mailed</p>	<p>27 Bible Study, 10 a.m.</p>	<p>28 Hope Ministries Meal, Mary Circle</p>	29	30
<p>Pastor at Professional Leadership Conference</p>						

September Ministry Schedule

	Sept. 3 Pentecost XIII 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 10 Holy Cross (transferred) 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 17 Pentecost XV 10:30 a.m.	Sept. 24 Matthew, Apostle 10:30 a.m.
Liturgical Assistant	Dan Lindborg	Leslie Miller	Lisa Suter	Brian Saine
Servers	Tyler Marek, Dylan Marek, Amelia Marek	Colin Dreher, Garrett Miller. Mackenzie Miller	Tyler Marek, Dylan Marek, Amelia Marek	Liam Boyd, Garrett Miller. Mackenzie Miller
Lector	Ginny Brummitt	John Miller	Bob Suter	Patty Golichowski
Communion Assistant	Mary Ann Sorocco	Melinda Foley	Peggy Niedbalski	Don Holmberg
Greeters	Dorothy Anderson, Jean Petersburg	Phyllis Thompson, Lindy Dreher	Dolores and John Miller	Carol and Bob Larson
Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamp	F: Patty and Jim Carr Anniversary L: Open	F: Dolores and John Miller 50th Anniversary L: Open	F: In Memory of John Forslund L: Open	F: Colin Dreher birthday L: Open
Altar Guild	Mary Ann Sorocco, Dolores Miler, Sheryl Taghon	Lindy Dreher, Phyllis Thompson	Lindy Dreher, Phyllis Thompson	Patty Carr, Peggy Neidbalski

Ushers: Harvey Holmes, Stephen Saine, Russ Buysse.

Counters: Sept. 3: Sorocco and B. Saine; Sept. 10: Lindborg and Fortson; Sept. 17: Forslund and Taylor; Sept. 24: Miller and C. Saine.

Ushers scheduled by Russ Buysse, counters by finance committee;
Altar Guild by Patty Carr, all others by Jack Seifer (mlkusa@sbcglobal.net)

Former member, David Holmberg, 74; Ellen Saine, 101, mother of Brian

EDITOR'S NOTE—Donald Holmberg asked that the obituary for his brother David, baptized and confirmed in our congregation, be published here. Also included is a notice on the passing of Ellen Saine, mother of Brian.

David Karl Holmberg, 74, passed away following a short illness on June 15 in Nha Trang, Vietnam. David was born in South Bend, Oct. 19, 1942 to Karl and Ilah Holmberg and was baptized and confirmed at Gloria Dei. He graduated from Central High School in 1962.



Holmberg

He worked locally and was then drafted into the Army. After his military service in South Korea, he moved to Southern California where he lived for most of his adult life. He earned a degree from Northrup Institute of Technology. He worked in quality control in California. David enjoyed car rebuilding, deep sea fishing, the ocean, world travel, and art.

David was married to Heidi Korbus, Debra Ann Martel (who preceded him in death), and Nguyen Thi Phuong Ly. He is survived by his fiancée, Duc Thi Ngoc Tran, his son Timothy Patrick Holmberg

of San Diego, California, his brother Donald (and his wife, Patricia) Holmberg of South Bend, his sister Doris (and her husband, Bob) Allison of Granger, and his brother Kenneth (and his wife, Olga) Holmberg of Montague, Mass.

He is also survived by several cousins, a nephew, nieces and friends and others who knew and loved him. Funeral services and cremation took place in Nha Trang, and memorial service plans are pending. Memorial donations may be made to Gloria Dei.

Ellen H. Saine died Aug. 17 in Two Harbors, Minn. She was 101 years old.

Ellen worked as a secretary, court reporter and owner of an abstract company. She was a life-long member of Bethlehem Lutheran



Saine

Church, active in the community, and an avid golfer who won many tournaments.

Ellen made jewelry, painted and she and Leo did beautiful stained glass work.

She is survived by daughters Karen and Kathleen and son Brian. She also leaves 8 grandchildren, including Stephen. A memorial service will be held in Minnesota at a later date.

Reformation, All Saints observances ahead

Looking ahead to October: The five hundredth anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church is Oct. 31, 2017. Several events are planned at Gloria Dei:

Oct. 28 is our famous Swedish Pancake Breakfast, from 8:30-10:30. Proceeds will go toward the remarkable work of Habitat for Humanity.

On Oct. 29, we will have a Festival Eucharist at 10:30 a.m., and that afternoon at 4 p.m. an Evening Prayer. Rev. Dr. Max Johnson will preach, and reformation themed music is planned throughout the service.

We will celebrate Reformation Day, Wednesday, Oct. 31, with a Festival Eucharist.

Looking ahead to November: on the 5th we will observe All Saints Sunday. We will ring the large bell during the Prayers of Intercession as we remember members of our congregation who have entered the Church Triumphant since 2016's All Saints Sunday.

If a loved one who is not a member of Gloria Dei has died since Nov. 6, 2016 and you would like that person to be included in the Prayers of Intercession, please call Dolores at 288-5266.

Sacred Heart recitals dedicate Fritts organ

"Reformations and the Organ", a conference to open the new Fritts organ in the Basilica, will include three evening recitals that are free and open to the public.

The recitals are in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart on the Notre Dame campus and begin at 8 p.m.

Craig Cramer will repeat his inaugural recital on Sunday, Sept. 10.

Kimberly Mashall, professor of organ at Arizona State University, will perform on Monday, Sept. 11.

Christophe Mantoux, Paris, France, will perform on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Picnic time! It happens only once a year

Back by popular demand! The church-wide picnic, Sunday, Sept. 17, with Lisa and Bob Suter as our gracious hosts.

Arrive at 3 p.m. for libations, and

be ready for fine dining at 4 p.m. The fine-ness of the dining will begin with fried chicken provided by Mary Circle, and then depend in large measure on what y'all bring to share, so fix your finest side dish.

Soft drinks will be provided, or BYOB (beer or wine). Please, 21 and older only.

The Suters address is 26932 Harrison Rd. For directions and to RSVP, call the church office at 288-5266.

In case of rain, the picnic will move indoors to the Fellowship Hall.



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Please notify the church office if a special occasion is missed

Those celebrating birthdays and wedding anniversaries in September include...

September Birthdays

Ginny Brummitt	Sept. 8	Nicolas Austin	Sept. 18
Millie Lindborg	Sept. 10	Colin Dreher	Sept. 20
Phyllis Thompson	Sept. 12	Thelma Nelson	Sept. 22
Gertrude Myers	Sept. 13	Christian Yahle	Sept. 22
Ken Senn	Sept. 13	Chris Saine	Sept. 22
		Leslie Miller	Sept. 25

September Anniversaries

Patty & Jim Carr	Sept. 7	Dolores & John Miller	Sept. 16
Mary Ann & Joe Sorocco	Sept. 10	Ginny & John Brummitt	Sept. 18
Jill & Jack Seifer	Sept. 14	Carol & Brian Saine	Sept. 25