

May 2012 – Edited for website

## **“The Table of Duties” Conclusion of Our Review**

Last year we began our newsletter review of, “*The Table of Duties.*” I have decided to combine the last two articles into this one. We conclude our review by looking at the duties for employees, employers, the young, widows, and all Christians. As you read through the final duties below, I encourage you to remember the context that we established in the first newsletter article – that is - good works don’t save – Jesus’ good works, death, and resurrection given to us by grace alone through faith alone do. God doesn’t need our good works, but our neighbor does. Furthermore, we really must give God the credit, not only for our salvation, but for our good works too. As it says in Ephesians 2, **8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them (ESV).** With that said, I leave you to learn and enjoy the conclusion of, “*The Table of Duties.*”

**For Employees:** *Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; with good will doing service as to the Lord, and not to men; knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. [Eph. 6:5ff](#); [Col. 3:22](#).*

**For Employers:** *Ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening, knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with Him. [Eph. 6:9](#); [Col. 4:1](#).*

**For Young Persons in General:** *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God that He may exalt you in due time. [1 Pet. 5:5-6](#).*

**For Widows:** *She that is a widow indeed, and desolate, trusteth in God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth. [1 Tim. 5:5-6](#).*

**For All in Common:** *Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Herein are comprehended all the commandments. [Rom. 13:8ff](#) And persevere in prayer for all men. [1 Tim. 2:1-2](#).*

*Let each his lesson learn with care, and all the household well shall fare.<sup>1</sup>*

In Christ, Pastor

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<sup>1</sup>*Table of Duties* from <http://bookofconcord.org/smallcatechism.php#tableofduties>

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We are going to include a welcome to all new members each month in our newsletter. This month we welcome all members received so far this year: Bryan Myers transferred from Concordia Lutheran, Genesco, IL; Ed & Kathy Heidtke from Faith Lutheran, Chippewa Falls; Brian & Laurie Schweisthal and Russ & Jan Blair, former members of Christ Lutheran, Chippewa Falls. If you haven't already done so, please introduce yourself and welcome them into our congregation.

## **Ascension Day Service**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>**

**After the Savior of the World rose victoriously from the grave, for 40 days He walked the earthy and appeared to hundreds of people demonstrating the fact of His bodily resurrection. On the 40<sup>th</sup> day Jesus ascended to the right hand of the Father. Ten days later, on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after His resurrection, is the Day of Pentecost. Both Ascension and Pentecost are extremely important for us and for our salvation--and so the Church has celebrated these times of the church year by feasting on and with Jesus in Word and Sacraments. For the crucified and resurrected Jesus is really present in worship, unseen, in Preaching, Holy Baptism, Holy Absolution and Holy Communion. Come feast for salvation these days, and every day, that the Lord comes to us in worship and serves us forgiveness, life, and salvation. Our Ascension service will be Thursday at 6:30 p.m. preceded by a meal at 5:15 p.m. Pentecost will be celebrated on May 27<sup>th</sup>.**

## **ZION'S WOMEN'S SOCIETY**

The Women's Society met Thursday, April 12. Fifteen members, one guest and Pastor were present. Doreen Szedlak was hostess and served a choice of two tasty cakes.

Pastor led us in devotions based on a "Higher Things" Bible study from 2 Corinthians 1:3-22.

After a short business meeting, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

We will meet again on Thursday, May 10 at 1:30 p.m. Rosa Blake will be hostess. Ladies of the congregation are always welcome to join us.

## BIBLE CLASSES

We are finishing up our study of Galatians during our 10:15 Bible class hour on Sundays. After Galatians, some future topics may include: "Witness, Mercy, and Life together," "The Liturgy and Worship," and "Holy Communion: Doctrine and Practice."

The last Wednesday morning class will be on Wednesday, May 30. We look forward to resuming in the fall. It is never too late to join the Bible classes on Sunday mornings. It is open to jr. and sr. youth!

## NOTE!

**Flowers and radio:** If you would like to furnish altar flowers or sponsor a radio broadcast for a special occasion, please call the office. Altar flowers are \$30.00. There is a flower chart on the left of the door as you enter from the education wing. Sign your name by the date you would like to furnish flowers. The radio broadcast is \$76.00. Call the office if you would like to furnish a broadcast or have any questions about flowers or the broadcast.

**Prayer requests:** if you would like a prayer on Sunday morning, please contact one of the secretaries during the week. If it is a last minute, you can also catch pastor before service.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE FELLOWSHIP BOARD

Another season of Lenten meals and Easter breakfast have passed. We would like to thank everyone who attended and those who helped with the fellowship opportunities of the past weeks. A huge "Thank You" to the Women's Society for the Ash Wednesday supper and the Easter breakfast and to those individuals who provided a main course for the suppers.

Thanks also to all who brought bars or other food items for the meals. We can't forget those who helped set up and clean up afterwards.

Everyone's efforts helped to make this a great time to join together with fellow members before attending the church service. So once again "Thank You" all. **We will be having a pizza and salad supper on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 17.** So mark that date on your calendar. Come and join us for supper before going to the worship service. Serving will again be from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. with a free will offering being taken. The church service follows at 6:30 p.m.

## **CAMP LUTHER**

The 2012 theme at Camp Luther is WITNESS (Acts 1:8). We are thrilled to be sharing this important message with everyone who ventures over the little bridge this year. We are all witnesses of the grace and mercy God has shown us in His Son, Jesus Christ, and we all have been given opportunities to share that love with others. We pray that every camper, retreat participant, and volunteer leaves camp this year thinking of a life they can bless with the love of Jesus.

Join us this year in being a Witness for Jesus! Between now and June 30, all gifts given to Camp Luther will be matched dollar for dollar. Your gift to Every Kid to Camp will help send children to camp for their very first time! Imagine the impact it will have on their life and their faith. The Outdoor Ministry Fund will help with planning improvements to Cottages, the Outdoor Chapel, Retreat Center rooms, and activity areas.

There are many activities planned for the summer and fall at Camp Luther.

Visit [www.campluther.com](http://www.campluther.com) today to the  
Learn of the many activities available.  
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## **ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN**

Orphanages are supported in several countries through the Orphan Grain Train. About 20% of children in orphanages are truly orphans, the rest are from families that did not want their children or some parents that cannot provide for their children, due to financial or health problems, Many are so consumed by alcoholism, etc. and they don't even care about their precious children.

Besides helping with medical and housing for orphans, the Orphan Grain Train also helps out with disasters like the flood in Minot and others disasters around the world.

Millions of children and families are starving in countries around the world. In order to help meet the need for food, Orphan Grain Train is initiating a new program called PROJECT FEED 500.

\$15 will feed 500. The goal is to ship enough meals to feed 4 million people by September, 2012. Any amount is appreciated.

Checks can be mailed to Orphan Grain Train, PO Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702

### **EVANGELISM & MISSIONS** **BOARD**

The Evangelism Committee met on April 18, 2012 with all members present. A new updated church ad has been placed in the Chippewa Herald for one year.

New member church information packets have been assembled and will be given to new members as they are received.

A Falls Mission festival highlighting the Eau Claire Hmong mission is being planned.

Three proposed Mission projects for 2012 have been chosen and articles on each will be printed in the upcoming Parish Life newsletter.

These projects and the Mission budget for 2012 will be presented and voted on at the semi-annual voter's meeting in October.

### **SUPPORTING MISSIONS IN 2013**

The Board of Evangelism is planning in the coming months' newsletters to highlight three missions for our congregation to consider supporting in 2013. This will be decided on at the October Voter's meeting when the 2012 budget is set.

This month we present the seminaries' Adopt-a-student program. The following is copied from the Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne's Internet site:

“Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, exists to serve the body of Christ, and the students who attend the seminary who are here for that same purpose. Upon completion of their studies these church workers will go into the world equipped with God's Word and the know-

ledge they have gained to strengthen and serve His body, the church.

However, when these future church workers move their families to begin their Seminary studies, they leave behind family and friends, as well as their financial security. Many assume great indebtedness as they pursue the vocation of pastor or deaconess.

By participating in the CTS STUDENT ADOPTION PROGRAM you will receive first-hand awareness of the seminaries mission and its service to you and the church. Through your interaction with students who are dedicating their life to serving the Lord, you will have the opportunity to share the joys and occasional sorrows, of their journey in this tangible and direct manner...Your support will provide moral and spiritual encouragement through prayer and correspondence.

In addition, your financial assistance will help provide for the physical needs of students and their families from paying the utility bills to buying shoes for the children. An additional benefit of this program is that students form strong relationships with individuals and congregations that adopt them as they share the seminary experience.”

Our Board of Missions and Evangelism is interested in learning if anyone in the congregation knows of a student at one of our seminaries that we might consider. We could request such a student or the seminary will assign a student to us. If you know someone please let the office know. Please keep this in your prayers as look ahead to 2013.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Board of Education is requesting Sunday School snack donations of juice (boxes or bottles) and snack. Please place these items in the grade3-4-5 Sunday School room on the upper level. Thank you!

There will be a casual summer Sunday School format for summer 2012. We will have Sunday School lesson and activities after church each Sunday until 11:15 a.m. Parents of Sunday School students will take turns supervising and presenting the group lessons. All lessons and activities are provided. Watch for a sign up sheet out the office!

Dear Members of Zion:

Thank you for your contribution to the benefit event for Pastor Neal Xiong on Sunday, March 18 at St. Mathew's Lutheran Church.

The generous donation from the sales of the lovely fleece mittens you sold at Zion and the additional pairs for the silent auction was greatly appreciated. Thanks to

all who contributed. The benefit has cleared over \$6,100.00 to help with the medical expenses for the Xiong family.

Gratefully,  
Connie Johnson,  
Benefit Committee

### HMONG MISSION DINNER

Date: Monday, May 7, 2012

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: St. Matthew's Lutheran  
Church, Eau Claire

Enjoy a spectacular dinner and hear about how you can become a part of a mission outreach to the Hmong Lutheran Mission of Eau Claire

Dinner: \$8.00 per person in advance

\$9.00 per person at the  
door

\$5.00 ages 6-12 (5 and  
under are free

Contact: Rev. Joe Schulz  
715-833-2424  
Rev. Steve Rutter  
715-834-4028

### LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Zion's LWML extends a thank you to all who collect receipts from Gordy's Markets. The money received along with the "mites" members collect help fund the Mission projects grants at both the District and National level.

We are happy to say that all the North Wisconsin District grants for 2010 - 2012 totaling \$92,500 have been paid with 2 months left in the campaign. New Mission

projects for the coming two years will be selected at the LWML District Convention in Appleton, WI, June 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

\*Note: A list of the proposed Mission Grants selected at the District convention for 2012-2014 is on the next page.

\*Gordy's receipts can be placed in the box also in the back entrance. We thank Phyllis Pangborn for sending off the receipts. It is a lot of work to get them ready and turned in.