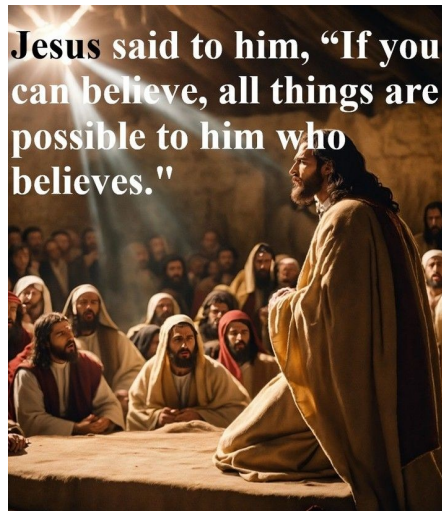


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PRAYER CHAIN REQUESTS

Eleanor Galik
for immediate prayers



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"The Right Attitude"

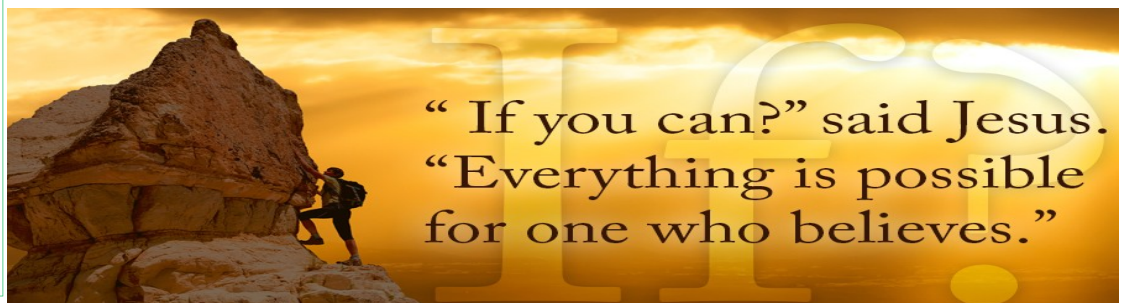
1) The right attitude makes a difference in your relationships. Theodore Roosevelt said, 'The most important single ingredient in the formula for success is knowing how to get along with people.' And Paul writes: '*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others*' (vv. 3-4). If your track record with people isn't too good, maybe you need to look at your attitude. While it's true that some people just seem to have a winning way with others, someone with limited people skills can learn to win with others if he or she decides to change their attitude and approach.

2) Your attitude makes a difference in how you face life's challenges. During the Korean War, when US Marine Chesty Puller found himself surrounded by eight enemy divisions, his response was, 'All right, they are on our left. They are on our right. They're in front of us. They're behind us – they can't get away from us this time!' In life, problems, challenges, obstacles, and failures are unavoidable. So, how are you going to deal with them? Will you give up? Will you let conditions make you miserable? Or are you going to attempt to make the best of things? Which path you select depends on your attitude. The old saying is true: what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. Remember the times in your life when you have grown the most. Weren't they times when you had to overcome obstacles and problems?

Demosthenes, who was reputed to be the greatest orator in ancient Greece, had a serious speech impediment. Legend has it that he overcame it by reciting verses with pebbles in his mouth and speaking above the roar of the waves at the seashore. As a prisoner in the Wartburg Castle, Martin Luther made use of his time by translating the New Testament into German. Beethoven wrote his greatest symphonic masterpieces after losing his hearing. John Bunyan wrote *The Pilgrim's Progress* when he was in prison. Daniel Defoe also wrote in prison, creating *Robinson Crusoe*. Abraham Lincoln is thought by many to be the best of the United States presidents, but he probably would not have become known as a great leader if he had not led the country through the Civil War.

Often, difficult situations seem to be involved in producing great leaders and thinkers. But that is only the case when their attitudes are right. When a problem comes in contact with someone who has the right attitude, the result is often wonderful. Out of great turmoil come great diplomats, business people, scientists, educators, pastors, and others. Every challenge is an opportunity, and every opportunity has a challenge. But it's the attitude with which you approach your problem that largely determines the outcome.

When a man whose son couldn't hear or speak asked Jesus to heal him, Jesus replied, '*If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes*' (v. 23). The man replied, '*Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!*' (v. 24) And Jesus did. Plus, He healed the man's son. If you need help with your attitude, talk to the Lord today.



"If you can?" said Jesus.
"Everything is possible
for one who believes."

This Week at Living Word

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 9:15am Adult Bible Study 10:00am Worship Traditional Communion Hymnal Service	6 9am-Noon Preschool	7 9am-Noon Preschool 10:00am Push Prayer	8 9am-Noon Preschool	9 9am-Noon Preschool	10 No Pre-school	11

October Celebrations

 Oct 5 Barbara Erjavec Oct 11 Jill Goebel	 Oct 8 Dave Holloway Oct 9 Joe Urbank	Happy Anniversary  Oct 10 Bill & Abby Merchantz
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Stewardship Snapshot

September 28th 21 Worshipped 6 Watched Online 27 Total Worshipped Financial Support \$1,310.00 General Offering \$7,197.61 Church Mutual Reimbursement 110.00 Mission of the Month (Honey Sunday) \$8,687.61 Total General Fund Deposit

Devotional Time

Opportunities to Connect with God

PUSH PRAYER meets every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to pray for our church, community and world. We welcome requests (call 708-403-9673) or visit our website to send in your prayer request, or join us for 30-40 minutes each week.

RADIO & TV OPPORTUNITIES

- **Worship Anew**—8:00 a.m. Sunday - Comcast channel 184 (TLN) & 8 (SD) , WPWR channel 50, AT&T U-verse channel 1008 (HD) & 8 (SD), Dish Network # 8495; 10:30 a.m. Sunday - DIRECTV channel 377 (TCT)
- **The Lutheran Hour** 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays on 1230 AM; and 9:30 a.m. Sundays on 1580 AM

DEVOTIONAL OF THE WEEK ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. *Romans 12:4-8*

VERSE OF THE MONTH ²² Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³ They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." *Lamentations 3:22-24*



LUTHERANS
FOR LIFE

Here We Stand For Life

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason ... I am bound by the Scriptures ... and my conscience is captive to the Word of God.

“I cannot and I will not retract anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience.

“I cannot do otherwise, here I stand, may God help me, Amen.”

Martin Luther at the Diet of Worms, 1521



OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH is Lutherans For Life. We will be collecting every Sunday this month for their organization and for their stand and our stand for LIFE!

Here We Stand to declare and defend the precious value of every human being.

Here We Stand to celebrate the many blessings of abundant and everlasting life.

Here We Stand for every human life, at each stage, in any state—no matter what she’s done, no matter what he can’t do.

Here We Stand from the invisible miracle of conception to the moment of natural death—because of God’s purpose, not our own plans.

Here We Stand behind Jesus Christ’s passion, not our own pride.

Here We Stand bearing His Holy Spirit’s presence, not our own capacities.



CHICAGO WOLVES

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT

NOV. 15 OR NOV. 16

THE CHICAGO WOLVES INVITE YOUR SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT, AS WE HONOR LOCAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS. ALL STUDENTS, STAFF, TEACHERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS SPECIAL NIGHT.

- SPECIALLY PRICED TICKETS
- FREE CHICAGO WOLVES HATS
- SPECIAL SCHOOL RECOGNITION ON OUR LED MATRIX BOARD
- ZAMBONI RIDES **PENDING AVAILABILITY**
- FUNDRAISING OPTIONS AVAILABLE



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO TAKE PART IN THIS SPECIAL EVENT,
PLEASE CALL OR TEXT STEFANIE EVANS AT 847-832-1939 OR VIA EMAIL AT [SKEVANS@CHICAGOWOLVES.COM](mailto:skevans@chicagowolves.com)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT is being planned for all of our past and current preschool and VBS families. It will be Saturday, December 13th from 4pm—7pm. Registration hasn't even opened yet, and we already have a family that RSVP'd for their two children, lol. Mrs. Diana is giving parents a night out for Christmas shopping, wrapping presents, date night, or just sitting home relaxing in peace and quiet for a few hours during the hectic hustle and bustle of the holiday season. She will be showing a movie, serving pizza and popcorn, and doing a craft with the children. They will also be having a fake snowball fight here. She has reached out to all the local high schools for volunteers, we of course already have some of our faithful VBS volunteers already commit to helping us out. If you would like to donate any goodies or help with setting up or cleaning up, please let Diana know, or if you want to, you can also donate towards the cost of the pizza and popcorn and crafts. As always, we appreciate everything.

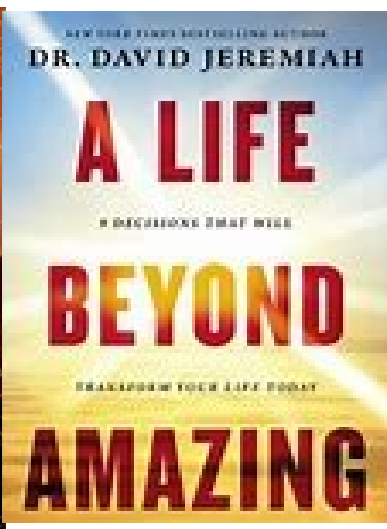
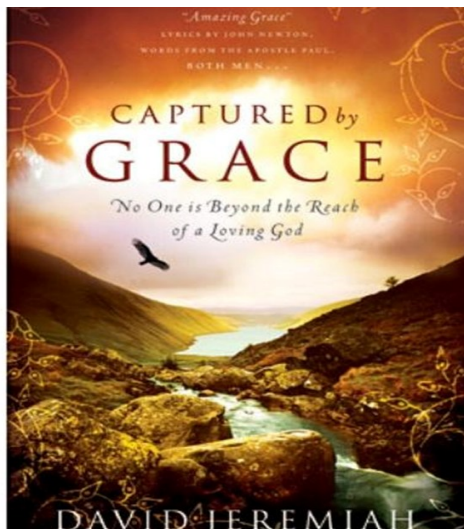
THE CHICAGO WOLVES is hosting a Lutheran Schools Night. Wee will be purchasing tickets for the Saturday, November 15th game that will be at 7:00pm. The Wolves play at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont, IL. The Wolves are an AHL (American Hockey League) team. They will be playing the Cleveland Monsters that weekend. The tickets will be \$23.00 each and the seats will be located on the lower level at center ice and each ticket will also come with a Wolves knit hat. We also have an option to buy food vouchers for a hot dog and soda for \$7.00. Children 2 and under are free. I now have the order form. We need a minimum of 10 people to go in order to get the special discounted pricing. The poster and the order forms are on the welcome desk in the fellowship hall and the poster is also on page 4 of this newsletter. I will be having the order form in the bulletins for the month of October. Deadline for purchasing the tickets is November 2nd. I will email one total order form and then also mail her the hard copy and have Bill write a check for the amount. All tickets and vouchers will then be mailed here, and you will be able to pick them up at your convenience. If you have any questions, please see me or Diana.

ORLAND PARK CHRISTMAS TREE will also be purchased this year. Anyone who wants to help decorate the tree can see Diana for more details as to the dates. It's usually just before the Thanksgiving holiday.



BROOKFIELD ZOO CHRISTMAS TREE has been purchased and we will be planning on decorating the tree on Saturday, November 8th. Most all of the preschool families have already shown interest and are very excited for the chance to be able to go to the zoo. The zoo will be giving us 20 free passes to hand out to the families, and we can purchase additional ones for \$10.00 each, which is a huge discount on the admission price. If you would like to go, please let us know by Sunday, October 12th, so we can purchase the additional passes.

CAPTURED BY GRACE will be the first book that the Bible study classes will begin with. The group will be doing one chapter a week, each chapter is basically a different topic, so if you can't make it for the entire book, you won't be behind. They will do one chapter a week and they should finish up by the start of Advent or shortly there after. The following study will be based on the book, A Life Beyond Amazing.



DAVID JEREMIAH is the author of both books. *Captured by Grace* teaches us that most Christians know that they are saved by grace, but some of us don't realize that we live by grace everyday. The lessons in the book will show us how we can apply the principles of God's grace to our lives. Please let Neal know if you are interested in joining either of these studies, so he can order enough books for all of us. *A Life Beyond Amazing* shows us how we can be the person God has intended us to be. There is a better way to experience life for all of us. It uncovers God's strategy for and challenges us to make nine important decisions that will transform our lives.

"My Fortress"

*"Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
He is my fortress, I will not be shaken."
Psalm 62:6*

1) God is my Fortress... I will MAN THE RAMPARTS.

The prophecy that Habakkuk the prophet received. ²How long, LORD, must I call for help, but you do not listen? Or cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not save? ³Why do you make me look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and conflict abounds. ⁴Therefore the law is paralyzed, and justice never prevails. The wicked hem in the righteous, so that justice is perverted. **2** I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me, and what answer I am to give to this complaint. ²Then the LORD replied: "Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. ³For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false. Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay. ⁴"See, the enemy is puffed up; his desires are not upright—but the righteous person will live by his faithfulness. Habakkuk 1:1-4 & 2:1-4

2) God is my Fortress... I will FAN THE FLAME.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. ⁷For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. ⁹He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. ¹²That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day. ¹³What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. 2 Timothy 1:1-14

3) God is my Fortress... I will DO MY DUTY.

Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves. "If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying 'I repent,' you must forgive them." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. ⁷"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? ⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'" Luke 17:1-10

