



## FROM CPLOM

Camps are filling up quickly, but it's not too late to register for summer camp at Camp Perkins!

**CAMP PERKINS SUMMER 2018** – [www.CampPerkins.org](http://www.CampPerkins.org)! What do young people need? Times to unplug with fun, safe programs, outdoor recreation, games and activities; opportunities to develop life values and appropriate risk-taking with significant, trained adult mentors and like-minded peers; and chances to form and grow "sticky" faith they'll carry with them into adulthood. Get it all at CAMP PERKINS! Prices for Youth Camp start at \$320 for registrations received by April 15th!

**FRIENDS & FAMILY CAMP – Week-long: July 1-6 or Weekends July 27-29 or August 3-5** - Planning a family vacation? Come to Camp Perkins and enjoy swimming, canoeing, archery, crafts, campfires, s'mores, and more! Kick back with those closest to you for a week or weekend, enjoying leisurely free time or taking part in Camp events! \*Prices vary by age and housing. Visit [CampPerkins.org](http://CampPerkins.org) for info.

**SINGLE PARENT & CHILD RETREAT - July 13-15** - This retreat is designed for single parents to bring their families to camp to fellowship with other Christians. Space is limited so register soon! Housing in cabins.

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## FROM PASTOR'S DESK

Dear friend of Trinity,

Happy July! Light some fireworks and Read Psalm 32 and know that your sin should not keep you out of the church, because sin can only be taken care of in the church. Certain of my relatives are often reluctant to visit their family doctor. I think they are afraid that they will find out that they are really ill. Many people treat the church like that. But we are gravely ill, even unto eternal death, if we don't seek the healing of Jesus the physician.

I heard of a lady who had a mild and very treatable form of cancer. She declined therapy for the cancer because she was afraid of the cure, which was very successful and not invasive or painful. Eventually she died, dying of her fear. Many people live in that fear of the forgiveness of Jesus because they think the cure will hurt or be invasive. But the cure for sin has already hurt the body of the physician, who is the cure for sin. His holy hands bore our sins. Our sickness was healed in His stripes (Isa. 53:5). The piercing spear of our wickedness invaded His body. That means that He has invited sinners to be His closest friends and confidants. He has taken our sin away so that we no longer bear it. He has forgiven it through the minister of the church, to whom he has promised, "If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven" (John 20:23).

Because the church is the home of forgiven sinners, we should not let the sin and wickedness of others keep us from joining the church. They are no worse than us. We are no better than them. We, all together, are sinners! In fact, we should be comforted by and drawn to the community of people who share our weaknesses. I am not a golfer and would not be at home on the golf course with a great golfer like Jordan Spieth. I am the Elmer Fudd of golf beside Mr. Spieth. In church, we are all spiritual Elmer Fudds dependent on the mercy of God in Christ who dies. One of the reasons we need to be there is because we don't deserve to be there, because the deserving is all Christ's. And if He has deserved my entry into the church, shouldn't that be true of everyone else there? How could I be more exacting about holiness than God? How could I be less forgiving than the One that counsels unending forgiveness and teaches us to pray, "Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."

Why are there sinners in the church? Because Jesus loves sinners and forgives them. He forgives you. Find a church and join the rest of those sinners.

in Jesus,

Pastor Bryan Lindemood



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The ladies of Dorcas Society will meet on Wednesday, July 11th, at 7PM in the Parish Hall. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend!.*

*We are no longer collecting Labels for Education for Bethesda.*

### **Join us Sundays on Television and Radio!!**

Worship Anew Television Program – 8:00 a.m. KSAW (Channel 6)  
Lutheran Matins 8:30 a.m.  
Lutheran Hour 9:00 a.m. - KBAR (AM 1230)

**\*\*Please be sure to submit announcements for the bulletin by 3PM each Wednesday.**

**\*\*Please submit all materials for the Newsletter and calendar by 3PM on the last Thursday of the month.**

**\*\*Please be sure to submit all calendar items to the office to be sure that the schedule is clear and the event has trustee approval.**



## MIGHTY MITES

Mitebox Sunday will be celebrated again on July 29th.

The Utah-Idaho LWML District chose six new mission grants for the 2018-2020 biennium at its recent convention. These new grants to be funded during these two years total \$29,000.

The national LWML's 2017-2019 mission grant goal of \$2,075,000 is to be divided among 22 missions around the world. Ten of these grants have been funded so far and six have been partially paid. Of all mites collected, 75 percent

go toward the district grants and 25 percent go toward the national goal.

Please pick up a mitebox from the information table and join our Dorcas Society/LWML in supporting the mission grants with your monetary contribution and your prayers.

—submitted by Verna Turley

## FREEDOM IN KNOWING...

Adam first learned of a knowledge limitation in the Garden. He and his companion Eve were created perfectly and eternally able to know good. Knowing 'evil' was a limitation given in love.

God's creation account chronicles this limitation. God prohibited eating the "fruit of the tree of the knowledge of 'good' and 'evil.'" Knowing that evil would overcome life with death, God protected His people to live forever with Him. However, deceived into thinking they could be 'like God', people rebelliously desired equality with God.

Many Christians fail to relate this freedom in knowing to life's purpose or consequence. The God of perfect wisdom desires eternal peace for people. God didn't make a creature with limited decision making. People are given knowledge of God and 'good' as a gift.

Humankind also has a freewill to choose the knowledge of 'evil' and does. The disobedient choice of Adam and Eve, (and us), brings death. Disharmony replaces harmony, resulting in people murdering God's only Son.

Some Christians know that freedom of knowing good, is a gift of God, who fulfilled His promise to rescue and redeem the future from knowing 'evil.' Jesus lived perfectly and rescued all people from a defiant and wayward nature. Easter's glow shines the full knowledge and freedom of 'good' on us.

God gave people freedom to know. Knowledge opens daily doors of thought and action. Faith translates knowledge into a loving call to serve others. The human will's defiance, caused by the deception of knowing evil, translates into self-interest, despair and destruction.

When earthly life is over, value symbols left behind will transfer to another. Transferring life's treasures can benefit or injure. Those with faith's gift of knowing good, will plan to bless, not curse. How can your lifetime plan for giving be a 'testament for good'?

## VBS A SUCCESS

Approximately 20 youngsters inhabited our church during Trinity's Vacation Bible School (June 11th-15th). They learned about the Christian faith, made crafts, played games, sang songs, and ate yummy meals.

The five-day camp was run by four wonderful young adults from Camp Perkins. These young people taught our children all week long with energy and enthusiasm.

You may send them greetings or messages of appreciation in care of:

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Special thanks are also due to the many adults and youth who helped us once again have a successful VBS week by donating funds, bringing/preparing/serving food, running registration, and helping teach our children!



**Check out this month's issue of *Thrivent* magazine. Lucille Vaughn is featured for her work with Relay for Life! <https://www.thrivent.com/thrivent-member-networks/files/29778T.pdf>**

## LWML SUMMER RETREAT

Join us for "A Christian's Journey" at the LWML Retreat, July 20-22, at Camp Perkins!

Attendees may want to preview the book, *Pilgrim's Progress*, prior to the Retreat. We will "progress" on our journey as we walk daily with our Lord. **Early registration deadline with discount is July 3. All registrations need to be mailed by July 6. Forms are available on the website at [www.utahidaholwml.org](http://www.utahidaholwml.org) and in the U & I.**

Ingathering items (all members are encouraged to participate, even if you are not attending the retreat):

- Ziploc bags
- Liquid hand soap
- Masking tape
- Pens
- Aluminum foil
- Water balloons
- Rubber bands
- Craft supplies

Thank you for helping to provide much needed supplies for the campers. See you soon!

