

# **Lebanon Lutheran Church July 2023 Newsletter**

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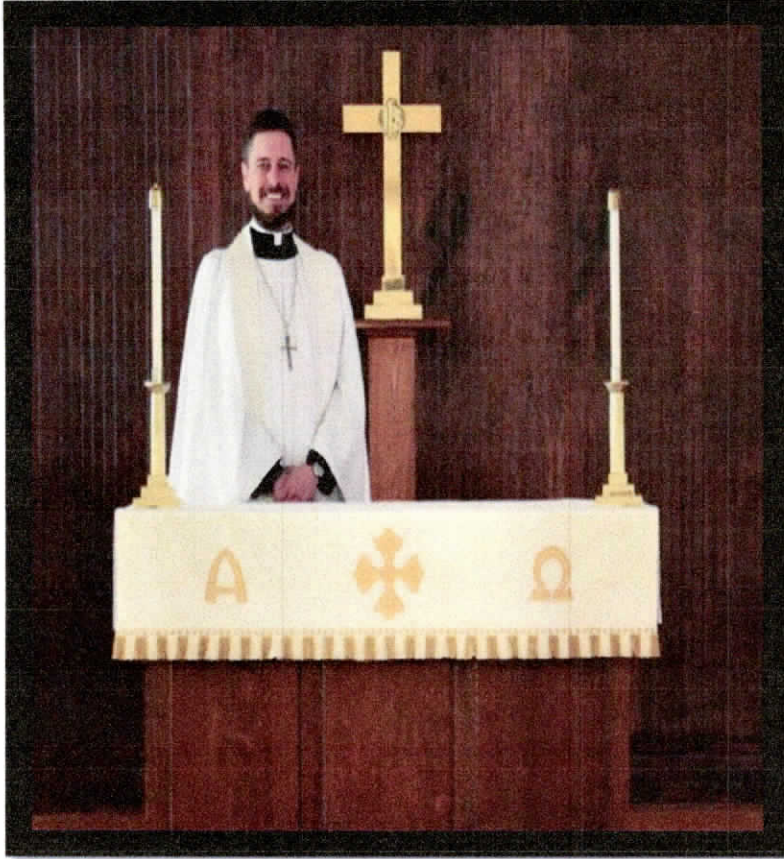
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# *A Message From The Pastor*



For this issue of the Newsletter, I am including a recent article written by the Rev. Brad Hales, Pastor of Reformation Lutheran Church in Culpepper, VA. The article appears in the spring edition of SIMUL, a publication of St. Paul Lutheran Seminary. He has graciously allowed me to reproduce the article here.

In this “green time” of the Church, it is important for us to continue to think and act as a congregation in renewal. I think Pr. Hales’ article is a nice reminder, refresher, and exhortation: we can always do better, and I do mean all of us, in living and acting as a church that values the activities and disciplines leading to renewal.

Prayerfully,

Pastor Porter

## ***RENEWING THE LOCAL CHURCH - A BIBLICAL PATHWAY***

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“Pastor, all we have to do is implement this new program, try this new worship style, or employ the right person, and our church will renew — just like that.”

I have often heard these, or similar words, while traveling around the country helping Christians reenergize their congregations. There is this thought that instead of the local church using the gifts and talents that the Holy Spirit has already provided, that there must be a “magic bullet,” or something else out there which will change the tide and trajectory of the parish. But is there ever such a “magic bullet” for a church’s problems? In my experience, the answer to that question is always “No.” Only God himself can renew Christ’s church, as he uses the open hearts and passions of his people.

Every congregation needs renewal. Whether it is experiencing falling worship attendance, a lack of participation, few discipleship opportunities, or a spirit of negativity within the body, churches need to be continually revived to share the Word of God, assist the saints to grow in faith, and be the light of Jesus within the community.

So, where does this revival begin? It commences with the Holy Scriptures which are the “road map” to a revitalized mission. In his book, *Anatomy of a Revived Church*, Thom Ranier speaks about the importance of the Word in congregational change when he writes, “To be clear, any human-centered change is headed for failure. True change in our congregations must be rooted in the truths of the Bible, saturated in prayer, and empowered by Him alone.”<sup>1</sup>

There are numerous biblical examples of renewal that warrant our consideration. In Exodus 18:13-27, while Moses was struggling to deal with the daily issues of the Israelites, his father-in-law, Jethro, suggested that he appoint others who might assist him in his work. Our churches also need clergy and lay leaders who will share in the work of ministry. And equipping and training those new leaders is a key task in building a renewed church.

Another example can be found in the reign of King Josiah of Judah in 2 Kings 22. While working on a refurbishment project on the Temple, the builders found the “Book of the Covenant” — God’s holy Word, behind its walls. After reviewing its contents, Josiah realized how far they had wandered away from God, including neglecting the Passover celebration. When the king eradicated the false gods and priests from the land, a spiritual renewal bloomed.

In Jonah 3:1-10, God’s reluctant prophet was sent to the Assyrians to share the Lord’s message of repentance. But Jonah was not pleased when these enemies of Israel accepted this message and confessed their sins. We need to do the opposite. We need to pray for such confession in our congregations and rejoice when we see it. Because congregational repentance of past apathy and mission inaction is sometimes needed for the church to be revived. In addition, hearing and responding to God’s Word is paramount to the discipleship process of a renewing church. Nehemiah 8:1-12 reminds us about the centrality of God’s Word. After Nehemiah and Ezra returned from exile in Babylon to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, they got back into the Word, gathering all the people each day to read holy scripture.

Another key to renewal is *Christocentrism*. In I Corinthians 3:1-11, the Apostle Paul confronts the believers in Corinth about their sexual immorality and disobedience, asserting that the most important thing they needed to do was to make Christ the center of their lives and the church — an indispensable ingredient for any sustainable parish renewal.

Clearly, there are examples of renewal within the Holy Scriptures. But how else does the Bible share specific characteristics of the renewal process?

**1. Dealing with the negativity and darkness.** I had just started pastoring a new congregation, and felt that it was important to read and study the Word of God with the church council. As we were going through the Gospel of Mark, the president of the council blurted out, “Pastor, do you really believe that stuff?” After initially being taken aback, I told him that I absolutely do believe in the Word of the living God. Quietly, I thought to myself, “so this is the darkness we will have to deal with.”

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<sup>1</sup> Ranier, Thom S., *Anatomy of a Revived Church* (Spring Hill, Tennessee, Ranier Publishing, 2020), 21.

Experiencing negativity and darkness within the body is something that has to be confronted on the renewal journey, because it may be the cause of congregational decline. Scripture tells us that there was conflict within the early church. We're told that the disciples fought with each other, because some wanted to be greater than the others. In Acts, there was an uproar since the widows weren't being cared for, and there was additional friction when the Gentiles were filled with the Spirit and baptized without being circumcised. So, we know that discord has always existed in the church. The question is: from where does this pessimism, frustration and conflict arise? In James 4:1-3 it is written, "What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? It is not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask."

When churches struggle and deteriorate, members and employees will lash out in a myriad of ways. Whether this "lashing out" manifests itself in anger, betrayal, hurt, leaving the church, "stirring the pot," or blaming others, it always seems to devolve into cognitive dissonance about the reality of the church's decline. One of most common misconceptions is a perceived lack of interest, or even a suspicion of hostility, from the surrounding community. In the book, *Reclaiming the Glory*, author Mark Clifton writes, "Declining churches are often slow to believe the problem lies within. Instead of embracing Jesus' call to transform their nearby community, they tend to believe they need protection from it. They may make attempts at community engagement...but when no one attends Sunday school or morning worship as a result of these attempts, the church's resentments are reinforced.<sup>2</sup> In addition, parishes in need of revival are usually inward thinking, as they care only about their own wants and needs instead of the needs of those who still need to hear the Good News.

Dealing with these poisonous attitudes, and the devil himself, who will do everything possible to prevent the church from moving forward, is not easy, but must occur. Such a renewal involves prayer, building healthy relationships, and following the biblical model of conflict reconciliation. If conflicts erupt, Matthew 18:15-17 reminds us that we need to go to the offender first to resolve the conflict. If that effort is unsuccessful, we must try again, taking someone with us as a witness. And if both these efforts are rebuffed, the next step is to go to the council, where church discipline might be required.

In dealing with such situations, reconciliation, that is, bringing brothers and sisters back into the fold, should always be our primary goal. This may not end up being the ultimate outcome, but we have to try. A few years ago, my own church had to deal with serious conflict. Through God's grace, we were able to navigate through it with professional assistance. But now, we always promote using the Matthew 18 model first, attempting to arrive at reconciliation before things escalate.

**2. Discipleship is everything.** There can be no congregational renewal without a focus on discipleship. "If you want your church to become a congregation that makes disciples that make disciples, you have

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<sup>2</sup> Clifton, Mark. *Reclaiming Glory-Revitalizing Dying Churches* (Nashville, Tennessee: B and H Publishing Group, 2016), 26-27.

to get your people into discipling relationships with one another. This has to be the foremost priority of your church. You must encourage engagement in discipleship in your preaching, teaching, and your conversations. You must model discipling others and being a disciple as well. You must create environments where relationships happen that form the basis for discipleship."<sup>3</sup>

In Matthew 28:19-20, the Lord Jesus makes it clear that the church's task is to make disciples. The Greek word for disciple, *mathetes* (μαθητής), denotes a pupil, a learner. All ages required!

Whether we're lifting up the Word, prayer, worship or witness, as people grow in their own faith, that growth will revive the parish. I remember fondly years ago when a an 85-year-old member of a past congregation wanted to speak with me. He had been baptized, confirmed and married in the church. We had just finished studying God's Word when he said, "I'm an old guy, but I have never learned so much about the Scriptures and Jesus." In that interchange, and many others, I became convinced of the power of God's Word to ignite church renewal.

Prayer is another extremely significant aspect of renewal. According to Thom Ranier, "I have yet to see a sustained church revitalization that was not undergirded by a powerful movement of prayer. Please read this sentence again. It is categorical. It is imperative. It is a priority."<sup>4</sup>

I have personally seen this in the congregations that I've been a part as they traveled down the renewal road. Prayer Warriors would pray constantly for the church's redevelopment, healing for its people, and a spiritual awakening. Were they constantly attacked by the Devil? Yes! But they kept on praying, and Jesus kept on moving. "For those of you seeking to lead a revitalization, let me exhort you, First, if you don't know the prayer warriors in your church, find them. Second, if you can't find them, start asking people in the church to help you find those who have a passion for prayer. Third, encourage those prayer warriors."<sup>5</sup>

In a church where biblical literacy is deteriorating, worship attendance is waning, and apathy is rising, the only way to turn the tide is to emphasize spiritual growth and discipleship training: putting Jesus at the center of parish life. You see, Christ has to literally take back the church. I know that this last sentence may not make sense. "Isn't it the Lord's church to begin with?" Absolutely! But Jesus has to become real again. Through the Holy Spirit, people's hearts need to be awakened to the Savior. Christ has to become the paramount thing. In my present congregation, when you ask individuals about the ministry, they will say, "It's all about Jesus!"

**3. Visitation.** Not long ago I was having a discussion with a community member who worships at another local church. After sharing with him that I have enjoyed fellowshiping with his new, younger pastor, the man looked at me and said, "Can you teach that guy how to visit?" I was certainly caught off guard by his comments, but he continued on. "I like him as our pastor. But he needs to get out of

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<sup>3</sup>Clifton, 74-75.

<sup>4</sup>Ranier, 71

<sup>5</sup>Ranier, 75.

his office and visit, because we have an older congregation." I did not specifically respond to his words, but it got me thinking. How significant is pastoral and lay visitation to church revitalization? In my experience, plenty.

In the Gospels we're told that Jesus visited the towns, villages, cities and countryside. He wasn't stationary. Christ was out sharing the kingdom of God, preaching, healing and teaching. He was out in the world.

Why is visitation so important for renewal? Well first of all, it builds trust. When you take the time to "reach out," those ostensibly casual visits start to develop connections. During these encounters, people are able to share their hopes and concerns. Individuals want to know that their church leaders aren't trying to throw out the "baby with the bath water" when pointing the congregation in new directions. The visits also provide leadership the opportunity to share Christ's vision for the parish. Building trust is essential to congregational revival.

Secondly, visits demonstrate care. I once followed a pastor who had served the church for forty years. Preaching was not this man's strength, but his pastoral care was impeccable. His presence and concern had a profound effect on the church's growth. There aren't too many professions today where you have access to homes or personal spaces. When we visit, especially with the aging, attention needs to be given on the condition of the home, the person's dress, mental state, or any smells which might indicate that the individual may not be able to successfully care for him/herself. And when we take the time to call, it offers encouragement, support, and often simply gives the person visited someone to talk to.

Thirdly, visiting fosters faith. As I reflect upon the thousands of visits I've made, I often think about all the wonderful saints who have simply shared Jesus with me. While I explained scripture to them, listened to their life challenges and offered them the sacrament, their faith in God, belief in the Word, and wisdom and guidance, in turn, have strengthened my own faith in Christ. When we are willing to go and abide, the Lord will abide with us in the midst of our gatherings.

Fourth, visiting builds relationships. While many of the visits a pastor makes are with church members, there is a great benefit of intentionally connecting with other community members. These encounters are not done just to convince someone to come to your church, but they are primarily made to build relationships which could help others, and to get the congregation better known in the greater area. In his book "Visiting in the Age of Mission, Kenyon Callahan echoes these same sentiments as he writes, "God invites us to visit with persons in our community. We're not called to visit members only. We're invited to visit with community members... They are people for whom God has given us a mission. God encourages us to help them."<sup>6</sup>

I realize that there are many today who believe that having to visit others is a thankless task in ministry. I've been told that there is no time, and people don't want to be bothered. I unequivocally reject these assumptions. If we do not take the time to build these key relationships in and out of the church, we won't be able to build the support and trust needed for renewal efforts. Whether it's in a home, a

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<sup>6</sup> Callahan, Kenneth L. *Visiting in an Age of Mission*. (San Francisco: Harper and Collins, 1994), 5.

workplace, eatery, hospital, care facility, on the street, or wherever the venue, visitation will always be valuable for caring, support and revival.

**4. Equipping.** In Ephesians 4:10-11 it is written, "And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds, and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry for building up the body of Christ." Church leadership is called to help equip believers to identify their vocations, and to put Christ first in their daily lives. The more people in the congregation take ownership for the ministry, and see themselves as ministers, the more they will have a renewing effect upon the parish. When a congregation relinquishes the idea that it's the "pastor's job" to do everything, it then begins to take responsibility for the church's mission. This kind of "mission ownership" by the laity is a key element in bringing renewal into a spiritual community.

During the Reformation, the "priesthood of all believers" was introduced as the biblical alternative to the Roman Church's insistence that those involved in spiritual pursuits were somehow closer to God, doing the Lord's will. In his book entitled, "God at Work," Gene Veith writes, "Similarly, in our earthly vocations we must attend to how God is calling us through other people and through the ordinary circumstances in life. And we cannot assume that what God is calling us to is exactly what we want, though He has no doubt prepared us to be exactly what He needs for His greater purpose."<sup>7</sup>

If we recognize that the Holy Spirit is providing all of us the gifts, the work, the relationships and the encounters to make Jesus known and share God's love, then how can such an equipping not bring vitality back into Christ's Church?

**5. Finding the Niche.** The church can't be all things to all people. Instead, why not use the strength that God has already provided the congregation, and maybe that can be the focus of the ministry? What is the church's niche? Maybe aging? Maybe intergenerational? Maybe children and youth? Instead of doing a "buckshot" approach, why not use the church's God-given gifts for discipleship and outreach? As it says in 1 Peter 4:10, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

**6. Ministry Isn't Easy.** My maternal grandparents, subsistence farmers, owned forty acres of clay ground. When it was wet, the water laid on the soil. When it was dry, the ground actually cracked. It was often difficult to plant, and there were obstacles all along the way until harvest. This is a great metaphor for renewing the church. It's not for the faint hearted. There will be a cost. There will be attack. You may feel like you've made one step forward, and three steps backward. But it will be the most rewarding thing you will ever embark upon in ministry.

**7. Leadership is Everything.** I've been a part of church renewals my whole pastoral career. Here are a few things that I've learned, especially from others. First, leadership is everything. The leaders have to set the positive tone for where the church is going. They do not give up, they constantly encourage, and they do not leave just after a few years. They strive to move forward with the conviction that Jesus is going to change the church and revive it. In his book "Leading Turnaround Churches," Gene Wood writes, "What drives effective turnaround leaders is a conviction that God has called them into the

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<sup>7</sup> Veith, Gene Edward. *God at Work*. (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2002), 57.

work of harvest. While there seems to be parts of the globe not ripe 'unto harvest' that cannot be said about the United States. Leaders who change the church from maintenance to fruitfulness are out in front."<sup>8</sup>

**8. Expect Opposition.** Someone shared a story with me the day I was installed in my present parish. As two of the members were taking out trash to the dumpster, one looked at the other and said (about me), "I guess this guy is going to actually make us do something." There will be people who don't want the church to change, grow, or welcome anyone new or different. Expect it, but don't let the negativity overwhelm you. Please don't lose your cool. No matter what is thrown your way, Jesus has your back, because the Lord wants his church to be revived.

**9. It Comes Down to Living or Dying.** It's pretty simple. If a congregation does not take the intentional steps for renewal, then there is a good possibility that it will continue to deteriorate and someday die. According to Ranier, "So, what is the central thesis of our anatomy of revived churches. In essence, revived churches chose to live. That choice was arduous. That choice was challenging. That choice was painstakingly slow at times. That choice was almost always painful. That choice required church members and leaders to put God and others before themselves. That choice was sacrificial."<sup>9</sup>

## **Conclusion**

I hope these principles of discipleship, visitation and equipping will assist in your church renewal efforts. There is a biblical pathway toward church renewal. And it is my prayer that the Holy Spirit will give you the strength to follow that pathway to your church's fruitful future in Jesus Christ.

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<sup>8</sup> Wood, Gene. *Leading Turn Around Churches*. (St. Charles, Illinois: Church Smart Resources, 2001), 30.

<sup>9</sup> Rainer, 139.



# Events at Lebanon

Do you or someone you know need a ride to Church?

Please contact Ann Deming  
(540)869-5795 Leave Mssg.

## Wednesday's

8:15 AM Matins

10:00 AM Individual  
Confession & Absolution

1:30 PM Communion

*(There will be no 5:30 Vesper Service)*

## July Birthday's

12<sup>th</sup> Meg Lang

13<sup>th</sup> Jeff Hamman

16<sup>th</sup> Jessica Kimmons

19<sup>th</sup> Sharon Painter

McDonald

28<sup>th</sup> Wilda Clem

29<sup>th</sup> Judy Martin

## Anniversaries

7<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Bridget  
Diehl

8<sup>th</sup> John & Lauren  
Miller

20<sup>th</sup> Jeff & Libby  
Smoot

Women's Meeting  
Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7:00 PM

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 AM @  
Queen Street Diner

Church Service  
Changes for  
July and August

\*Divine Worship  
Service @ 9:00

\*Sunday School  
@ 11:00

*(We will resume regular church service  
schedule on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>)*

Sunday School Class led by  
Rev. J.D. is at 11:00 Sunday  
for July & August

Christian  
Education

Children's/Elementary  
Sunday School Class led by  
Leslie Heird and Dorothy  
Harriman is on summer break  
and will resume in September

## Choir Practice

Choir will practice  
Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and  
July 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM

\*See Evelyn if interested in  
joining the Choir

Church Anniversary  
Planning Meeting

Watch announcements for  
July meeting date or check  
with Brenda Rose

Flowers For Sunday  
Morning Worship

If you would like to provide  
flowers, please see Dorothy  
Harriman (540)409-6470



## **We are celebrating 175 Years of Bearing Witness to Christ!**

Sunday, September 24, 2023

11 am Divine Service of Holy Communion

Luncheon Follows\*

The Community is welcome to join us!\*

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Check our Facebook Page for additional Anniversary Events!

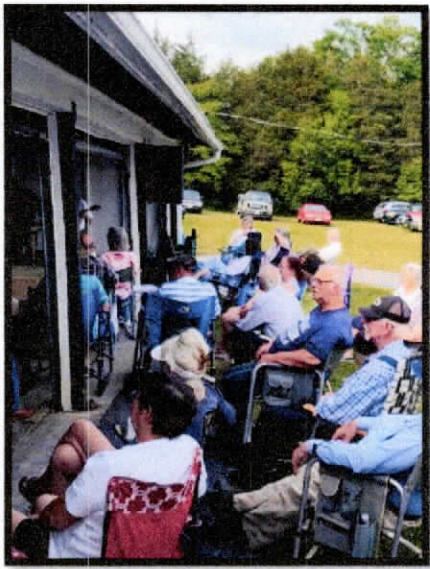
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# Ice Cream Social

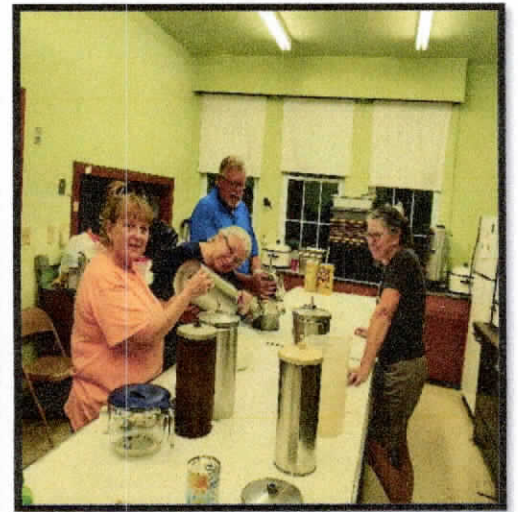
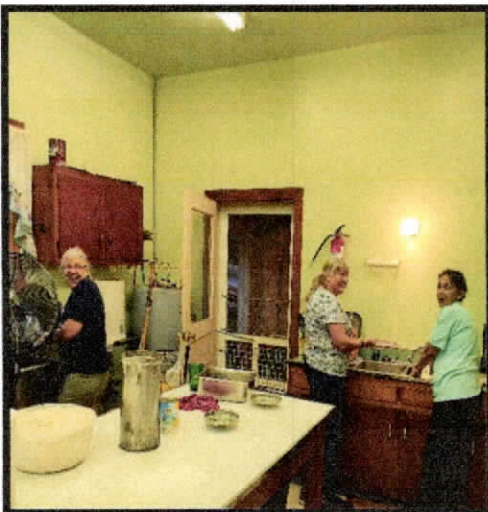
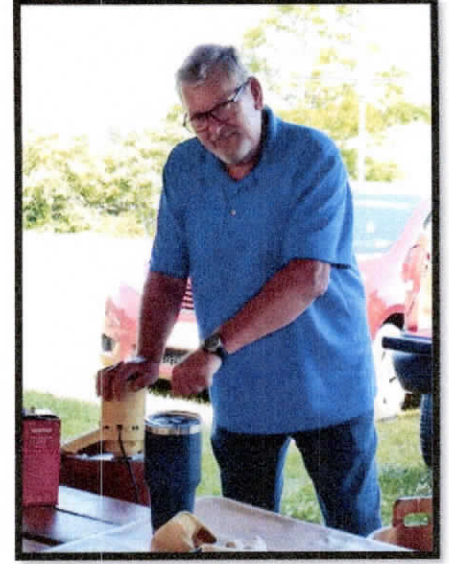


Ice Cream Social on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Lebanon Church Community Center. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food and the music by Five of a Kind. We served hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks and ice cream. We made the ice cream on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – grape nut, pineapple, strawberry, banana, mint chip, cookies & cream, chocolate and vanilla. We gave out balloons that said “Jesus Loves You” on them. There was a \$250 Thrivent Card that was also donated to purchase the ice cream mix. Thank you for all of the generous donations from Members at Lebanon Lutheran Church and for all of their help in making this event possible. We collected a “Free Will Offering” with all of the money donated going to Family Promise and Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center. We raised \$4,210.00 for Family Promise and Shenandoah County Pregnancy Center. “Thanks Be to God” for giving us the ability to hold this event and for all who donated/supported this event to be able to raise such a generous amount to be given to help those in need in our community.

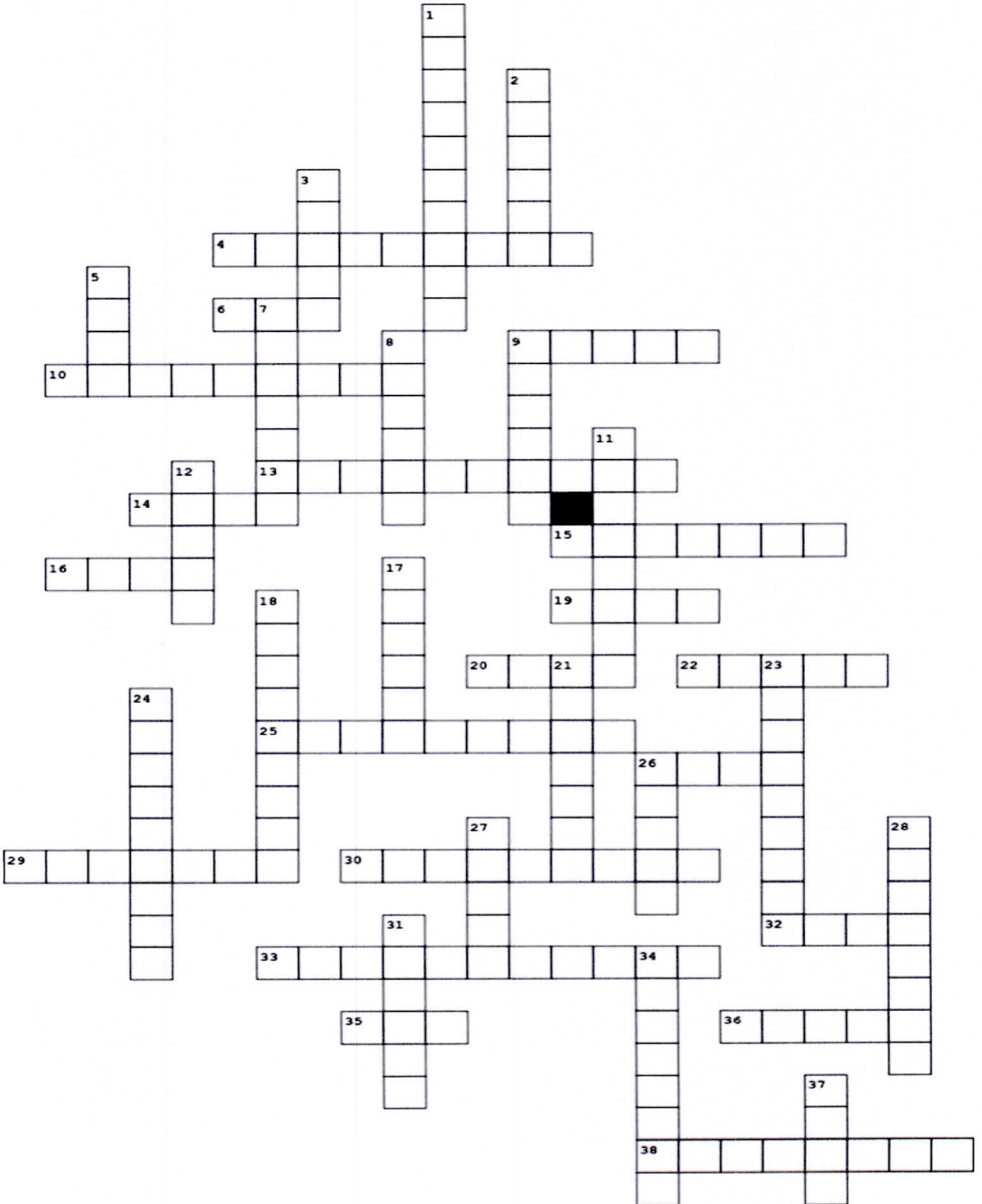
# Ice Cream Social



# Thank You To All That Helped Make Ice Cream For The Ice Cream Social On June 3<sup>rd</sup>



# 1 Corinthians Chapters 9-11



# 1 Corinthians Chapters 9-11

## Across

4. "Or do you despise the Church of God and \_\_\_\_\_ those who have nothing?" (11)
6. Woman is the glory of whom? (11)
9. In all we do, give this to God? (10)
10. "that I may share with them in its \_\_\_\_\_." (9)
13. "No \_\_\_\_\_ has overtaken you that is not common to man." (10)
14. The bread we break is a participation in this of Christ? (10)
15. Not all things are this? (10)
16. A man should not pray or prophesy with this covered? (11)
19. This being long is the glory of a woman? (11)
20. Do not put Christ to this? (10)
22. The cup of blessing is a participation in this of Christ? (10)
25. "Do not be \_\_\_\_\_ as some of them were, as it is written," (10)
26. "It was written for our sake, because the plowman should plow in hope and the thresher thresh in \_\_\_\_\_ of sharing the crop." (9)
29. Do this first to yourself, before eating the bread and drinking from the cup? (11)
30. They drank from this rock that followed them? (10)
32. "for you are the \_\_\_\_\_ of my apostleship in the Lord." (9)
33. Man is not this of woman? (11)
35. He is the head of Christ? (11)
36. "For it is written in the law of \_\_\_\_\_," (9)
38. Do not put this in the way of the gospel of Christ? (9)

## Down

1. "But I \_\_\_\_\_ my body and keep it under control," (9)
2. "understand that the head of every man is \_\_\_\_\_," (11)
3. She was created for man? (11)
5. We should not desire this? (10)
7. Beyond your own what, you will not be tempted? (10)
8. With temptation God will provide a way of this? (10)
9. "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be \_\_\_\_\_ concerning the body and blood of the Lord." (11)
11. Jesus said, "This cup is the new \_\_\_\_\_ in my blood." (11)
12. It is his supper we eat, when we come together in church? (11)
17. "woe to me if I do not preach the \_\_\_\_\_!" (9)
18. If food is offered as this do not eat it! (10)
21. "I have made myself a \_\_\_\_\_ to all, that I might win more of them." (9)
23. Those who serve at the altar, share in the sacrificial what? (9)
24. "For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks \_\_\_\_\_ on himself." (11)
26. "Do I say these things on \_\_\_\_\_ authority?" (9)
27. Runners run but only one receives this? (9)
28. Do not provoke the Lord to this? (10)
31. "You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of \_\_\_\_\_." (10)
34. Do not seek your own good, but seek it for this person? (10)
37. Paul said, he became this to the weak? (9)

All Questions are Formed from the ESV Bible.

Chapters are in Parenthesis.







# Lebanon Lutheran Church



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