

NEW LIFE NEWS

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Bush asks Mequon grads to help build 'more compassionate society' President George W. Bush offered what he called "a few thoughts about how you can make your mark in the world" when he delivered the May 14 commencement address at Concordia University Wisconsin, at Mequon...

"Wherever you are headed," Bush later told about 5,000 gathered in the university's field house -- including 420 who were graduating -- "I urge you to do the work nearest you, and help to build a more compassionate society."

Task force chairman sees potential for change in Synod Is the "Great Commission," or reaching the lost for Christ, the "primary focus" of today's Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod?

Two-thirds of respondents to an online survey posing that question said no.

When asked in a follow-up question what the Synod should do to become more adept at carrying out the Great Commission, the top answer among "no" respondents (29 percent) was "stop infighting, politics and judgmental attitude -- become outward, rather than inward, focused."

Gathering tagged nation's largest church- youth event With 35,000 young people and adults from more than 20 countries set to participate, the ninth triennial National LCMS Youth Gathering July 24-28 in Orlando, FL., will be "the largest single denominational youth event in the United States," says Gretchen Jameson, the Gathering communications manager.

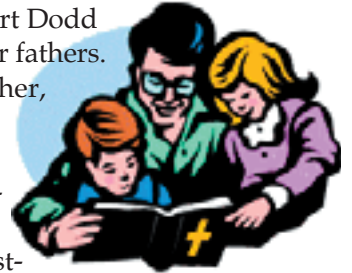
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From The Pastor's Heart

Father's Day is here again! Sonora Louise Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington started it in 1909 to honor fathers. Her own father, after the passing of Sonora's mother, had on his own raised six children. Later, in 1972, Father's Day was signed into national law.



Perhaps our father, like Sonora's, was an excellent example, or perhaps we wish he could have been more excellent. God desires us to show Christ-centered respect to those He gave as our father and mother, not because they always deserved it, but rather because He asks you to, and He promises to greatly bless those who seek to fulfill this commandment. If they were good fathers, which our church is full of, then this Father's Day they especially deserve our recognition and thanks!

We all most importantly have our Heavenly Father, who promises to fulfill His fatherly role to us with total perfection, regardless of how earthly fathers may fail! Dr. Martin Luther in the following shares one of our Father's special characteristics:

Calling on God for Help

*"and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."*

Psalm 50:15 (ESV)

This passage describes the life of faithful believers. All of the misfortunes we experience are nothing but a joyful game that God plays with us. Sometimes a father will tell his little child to do something, even though he knows the child isn't strong enough, or the task is too difficult. He may tell his little son to bring him a bucket or to take off his socks or boots. When the child tries hard to accomplish the task, even though it's much too hard for him, the father will gladly and quickly lend a hand. He will praise his child for his efforts. This will train the child to obey, and the child will also learn to love his father more and more.

These are the kinds of games that God plays with the God-fearing and faithful people who are His children and who call Him Father. They don't doubt His fatherly love and good intentions in the least. They experience His tenderness firsthand when He reaches down to them and helps them in a fatherly way. God will be pleased with their efforts and will praise everything they do even if it's small and weak. This is very similar to the way an earthly father appreciates and praises the efforts of his little children when they try to complete a task that is much too difficult for them.

-Martin Luther (*Through Faith Alone*, CPH, 1999)

New Life and Shepherd of the Hills will celebrate Father's Day on June 20th, complete with a special Father's Day Presentation and a BBQ! Bring your father, bring your grandfather, bring a friend! Let's honor our fathers; but most significantly, let us show our Heavenly Father the greatest honor of all!

Pastor Chip <><

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Why Children Need Father-Love and Mother-Love

by Glenn T. Stanton



Please see link.

Mother's Day Presentation



Thank You God for Mothers!



CONGRATS CLASS TO 2004 GRADUATES!

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Michael Chen
David Fox
Matthew Yee

HIGH SCHOOL

Andrew Chan
Matthew Chan

COLLEGE

Justin Lum – BS in Aerospace Engineering
Jason Woo – BS in Health Science