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July 4, 2021 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

“Strong When Weak” - Sermon Text: Mark 6:1-6 - Rev. Dr. Walter Maier

July 11, 2021 – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 85; Amos 7:7-15; Mark 6:14-29

“Straight Lines” - Sermon Text: Amos 7:7 - Rev. Thomas Eggold

July 18, 2021 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 23; Jeremiah 23:1-6; Mark 6:30-44

“The Compassionate One” - Sermon Text: Mark 6:37a - Rev. Shayne Jonker

July 25, 2021 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 136:1-9; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 6:45-56

“When in A Storm” - Sermon Text: Mark 6:45-56 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

BIBLES: CPH is having a sale on bibles and other reading materials. Trisha has an order form on the bulletin board in the new foyer. If you would like any of these reading materials she will order them for you. She needs your order by July 29th.

During the month of June, the following people were in the hospital, had surgery, recovering at home or our shut-ins – **LEVI SMITH, HALEY SHOULDERS, SARA VANSTONE, JOHN BROCK, DAVID COOMER, DORIS TURPIN, MICKIE ISAACS, CLYDE BRODERHAUSEN, HELEN MARIE WORTMANN, MARTY KOCH, GAYLE O’RISKY, MARGARET CHEANEY, and WANDA KAHRE.**

<u>CHURCH ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>BIBLE CLASS</u>
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WHAT'S COMING UP

NEWSLETTER ITEMS: If you have an item for the monthly newsletter it must be in no later than the 20th of every month! Nothing will be accepted after business hours on the 20th. You can also submit items by emailing them to: trisha@tldarm.org

PASTOR TEMME’S BIBLE CLASS: Please join us for a study of the book of Joshua. In July we will see how the Lord’s victories enable His people to live in their land inheritance as heirs of all His covenant promises.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Please join us for our mission festival on Sunday, July 25, when **PASTOR MICHAEL PAUL** will preach and give us an update on his mission work in Taiwan following a luncheon after the service.

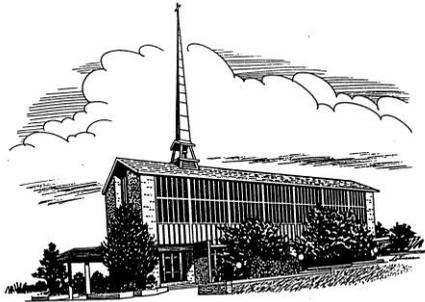
NEW ADDRESSES: If you or someone you know from the church has a new address or phone number, please let the church office know. Thanks Trisha

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS:
July 20 - 23 Higher Things Youth Conference, Grand Rapids, Michigan

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EVIL ANGELS

In last month's newsletter we talked about the good angels who are part of God's invisible creation. Angels are spirit beings who were created good. The good angels are many and powerful. They serve God and help us. But there are also evil angels. We call them devils or demons. But just where did the evil angels come from?

The first appearance of an evil angel in the Bible is in the Garden of Eden. A serpent spoke to Adam and Eve, tempting them with the words, "Did God really say?" But just who was this serpent? The account in Genesis 3 does not name him, but the last book of the Bible confirms that it is Satan. "The great dragon was hurled down--that *ancient serpent* called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray." (Revelation 12:9) The devil possessed the serpent and spoke through it and in so doing led Adam and Eve and the whole world into sin. But just where did Satan come from and why is he so evil? In a lament over the king of Tyre, the prophet Ezekiel gives us a clue. Ezekiel draws a comparison between the king of Tyre and the devil. He writes.

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you . . . Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones. You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you. Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, O guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones. Your heart became proud on account of your

beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So I threw you to the earth." (Ezekiel 28:12-17)

Ezekiel describes the devil as a high ranking angel, a guardian cherub, who was very beautiful. God created him good, but he became proud, and of his own free will he rebelled against God and sinned so God threw him out of heaven. Since that time of disgrace, the devil has been a sore loser, bitter against God and his creation. The only way he can get back at God is to pervert what is good and try to destroy man, God's most important visible creation. So the devil lies, deceives, and tempts people in order to lure them away from God. Jesus says of him, "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." (John 8:44)

But the devil is not the only evil angel. He also led a rebellion in heaven where other angels sided with him and rebelled against God. The apostle John alludes to this rebellion in Revelation. "Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. His tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth." (Revelation 12:3-4) The red dragon is the devil who took not a majority but many angels with him into wickedness. We now call them demons. The apostle Peter describes their judgment and fate. "God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to hell, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment." These evil angels are sore losers like the devil. They hate God and seek to destroy our faith in Christ. The apostle Paul reminds us, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." (Ephesians 4:12) As we learn from accounts in the Bible, demons can possess people and animals, but most often they spend their time snatching away the seed of God's Word (Matthew 13:19) and tempting us to sin.

The apostle Peter warns us against the devil. "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." (1 Peter 5:8) But we need not fear him. Satan's name means "Accuser." He is like a prosecuting attorney who accuses us of our sins before God. His accusations bring guilt and often despair, but remember that Jesus Christ has completely conquered the devil. Upon the cross Jesus paid the price for our sin and took our punishment. Satan "bruised his heel" but Christ "crushed his head" (Genesis 3:15). Though Satan may still tempt us, he can no longer accuse us before God because Christ is our advocate, our defense attorney before the Father. By Christ's crucifixion, death, and resurrection, he has bound the devil so that he can no longer deceive the nations as he once did (Revelation 20:2-3). Therefore, the apostle Peter exhorts us, "Resist him, standing firm in the faith." On Judgment Day all those who rebelled against God in unbelief will be cast into the fire prepared for the devil and his angels. They will go away to eternal punishment, but all believers in Christ to eternal life and so will you (Matthew 25:41, 46).

Pastor Temme

“CHEERS & TEARS”



Cheers to **EVERYONE** who served and participated at Darmstadt Day last Saturday. We had 50 volunteers who served over 300 adults and over 80 children. We collected donations of \$1067 for Youth First of Southwest Indiana, which will also receive \$1,000 from the mission category of our Legacy Fund. Ten households requested more information about our church and preschool. Thank you for your participation in this outreach and social ministry event for our community.



We pray for the family of **RON MAASBERG** who died on June 14th and was given a Christian burial on June 19th.

PRESCHOOL

The preschool is still enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year, flyers and other information can be found on the preschool table in the back of church.

We are also hiring for the 2021-2022 school year. We are looking for 2 part time assistant teachers, hours will vary.

Every year we've been blessed by this congregation with helping gather extra supplies and snacks for our students. Each year I am amazed at the outpouring of love we receive. If you would like to bless the preschool for the upcoming school year, the preschool wish list will be on the preschool table in July & August.

This year, I was asked to create an Amazon wish list, if you would like to order from our Amazon list, the link is on our website.

We are grateful for this congregation and continued support.