



## 1Thessalonians 5:13-15

# Rise and Shine

*13 and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another. 14 We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone. 15 See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.*

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### **From the Pastor's Office**

Carmen and I were small group leaders and I was a substitute preacher at Camp Lahti for the LBF Bible camp. We and our children had a great time, even though we missed having my mom there with us. On the last day of camp, we handed out bracelets to our class and there were enough for Carmen and I to each keep one as well.

My bracelet has the first part of Romans 12:2 on it, "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Carmen's has John 14:6 on it, "Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Both of these fit in well with the teaching materials we are using in VBS which focus on the absolute truth of God's Word. I keep telling my students about the importance of knowing God's word. Trying to hammer home the truth that will equip them for the battle we have as Christians living in a dark and broken world. The world, the devil and our own flesh are at war against us. We are in a battle and we need to be at the ready with the Word of God.

But how will they know it if they don't spend time learning it? The world is always coming at us with distractions, on our smartphones, the TV, social media, and the news stations are all concerned with one thing that is selling us. They want us to buy what they're selling and keep watching. If they can get us mad or excited, they can keep us tuning in and keep us distracted. Now this is all made easier with artificial intelligence hooking you with what you want to hear based on algorithms of your previous browsing history.

What are you filling your mind with? The news? Programs on TV? Comfortable things from your echo chamber? Consumerism?

What are you spending the majority of your idol time "meditating on" if it's those things mentioned above you won't have the best outcome. Those things are designed to leave you dissatisfied, worried, or angry. Meditating on the word of God will build your faith, increase your joy, decrease anxiety and help you discern the Will of God.

I'm not saying these things are necessarily sinful. But do you want to be a disciple of the news outlets, social media, and consumerism or of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through His Word (the Bible) and His Body (the church)? The world with all of its systems, culture, and morals is passing away but God's word is true and eternal. There is an obvious difference in return on investment.

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## August at PLC

2023 AUGUST						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

[www.calendar-to-print.com](http://www.calendar-to-print.com)

### Sundays:

**6, 13, 20, 27** **10:30am** Worship service  
also via YouTube & FB live

**11:30am** Coffee Fellowship

**20** **10:30am** Worship service -Communion

**27** **11:30am** Abbreviated Communion

### Tuesdays:

**8** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting

**6:30pm** Board of Trustees meeting

## Celebrate Our Congregation

### August Birthdays:

Christina	Madison	8/3
Kristin	Walters	8/3
Nicholas	Serazzi	8/6
Lee	Langer	8/8
Lydia	O'Neill	8/12
Nathan	Sunnarborg	8/15
Roger	Larson	8/16
Josh	Hansen	8/17
Gen	Matti	8/22
Linnea	Lunn	8/25
Julie	Bartell	8/29
Joan	Graunke	8/30
Neil	Sunnarborg	8/31

### August Anniversaries:

Bill & Phyllis	8/5
Brian & Julie	8/22
Larry & Evy	8/29

## *Save The Dates*

**August Church Office Hours will be  
Tuesdays and Wednesdays  
9:30am – 3:30pm**

### Organist/Pianist position Available

“Plymouth Lutheran Church is now accepting applications for a paid pianist and/or organist to lead us in song as part of our worship service on Sunday mornings at 10:30am and special times throughout year such as a mid-week services during lent.

We are also looking for substitutes to help fill in during our search.

You can find out more about us at <https://www.plymouthapostolic.org> and by coming to visit on a Sunday”

Contact us at [secretary@plymouthapostolic.org](mailto:secretary@plymouthapostolic.org)

### Fall Youth Rally (at Lahti Retreat Center)

Friday-Saturday,  
September 22-  
24, 2023



Theme: Navigation  
6 Jesus said to him, “I  
am the way, and the  
truth, and the life.

**No one comes to the Father except through me.**

**John 14:6**

Registration form with additional info on the  
Narthex Desk.



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## Vacation Bible School

### THEME: The Keepers of the Kingdom

Standing Strong in Today's Battle for Truth

#### Answers VBS –

#### Preparing Children to Survive in Today's World

**Thank you** for your prayers for the students that are attending our VBS the week of 7/31-8/4.

We are blessed to have young people attend! Please continue to pray that the seeds planted in their hearts and minds will continue to grow in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you, also, for all who are so willingly helping out in many different ways during the week and others who could not be on-site but who have contributed in other ways.

May the Lord richly bless you,  
VBS Directors & Staff

We will continue to collect items for the Crystal Women's Clinic until **August 27<sup>th</sup>**  
If you would like to contribute to the Baby Boutique

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Reading the Bible on your own is an incredible way to grow in your knowledge of the word of God. Here are some tips.

-If reading is difficult for you (like it is for me), then I recommend listening to the Bible. There are quite a few online resources that are free. Even if reading comes easy to you, listening is still a great experience!

-If it's your first time reading through the whole Bible, you have mine and many others permission to skip Leviticus and skim through Deuteronomy they can get a little long and repetitive.

-Find a reading plan and read the old and New Testament.

-Don't stress out if you miss days in a calendar plan go through beginning to end at the pace that works for you.

-Try to read some of the books of the Bible all at once in one sitting (again, listening to it helps with this). Especially when reading through the book of Revelation it makes more sense when you take it as a whole in that way.

The Lord bless you on your journey, as you grow in spiritual maturity!

- Pr. Ryan Kandoll