



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

Hebrews 4:1-7,11-16

"Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. For we who have believed

enter that rest, just as He has said, "AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST," although His works were finished from the foundation of the world. For He has said somewhere concerning the seventh day: "AND GOD RESTED ON THE SEVENTH DAY FROM ALL HIS WORKS"; and again in this passage, "THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST." Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience, He again fixes a certain day, "Today," saying through David after so long a time just as has been said before,

"TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS."

"Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Does it feel to you like you are in need of rest? Rest for your soul and spirit-the absence of struggle with God over who's way is the better way-the one we are trying to achieve on our own or the way that God has in mind?

We often struggle with God or wrestle with Him. That's the key to all of the anger, division, and destruction in our society-are we following our way, promoting our selfish desires, or submitting to God's way? To call oneself a Christian means to submit ourselves to God's standards and not to lower ours. By faith if we're trusting in Jesus we can enter in to God's rest as we submit our way to Him rather than living a disobedient life. Those who were led out of Egypt became disobedient to God and did not enter into His rest (living peacefully), never entering the promised land, physically nor spiritually.

We need the Lord and His way in our life today to enter into His rest, to cease struggling, and just to walk calmly with Him through all of the discordant ideas floating through our society. Because we know God values each life He created we want to honor each person, from babies in the womb to elderly in care centers, and be peacemakers where possible, praying against the violence between people and between nations. Use the Sword upon your own soul, be cleansed through that Word, enter into God's rest, and invite others to join you. Let the peace that passes all understanding guard and keep your hearts.

Shalom2u,

Pastor Joel

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June at PLC



Sundays:

- 6 **10:00am** Worship Service
 @ French Regional Park
 11:30am Picnic Lunch
- 13 **9:30am** Worship service
 10:30am Coffee Fellowship
 10:45am VBS Meeting
- 20 **9:30am** Worship service with
 Communion
 10:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 27 **9:30am** Worship Service
 also via YouTube & FB live
 10:30am Coffee Fellowship
 10:40am Abbreviated Communion
 10:45am VBS Meeting

Tuesdays:

- 8 **5:45pm** Mission Committee Meeting
 6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **6:30pm** Read Through the Bible
Study @ the church

LBF Bible Camp @ Lahti Retreat Center July 21-25, 2021

Theme: Your Name is Power

Directors: Josh & Alaura Hansen

Online Registration is open

<https://sites.google.com/view/welcometolbf/the-lahti-retreat-center/2021-camp-information>

Celebrate Our Congregation

June Birthdays:

Anita	Aho	6/11
Bill	Graunke	6/15
Myrt	Larson	6/19

June Anniversaries:

Pietro & Sara	Serazzi	6/7
Joel & Lois	Hendrickson	6/12
Brian & Leeanna	Lunn	6/14
Kevin & MaryKay	Myrmel	6/17
Lloyd & Marlene	Walters	6/27
Larry & Sharon	Wahala	6/29

Save The Date

Church Family Picnic

**Sunday, June 6th at French Regional Park
12605 Rockford Rd, Plymouth MN 55441
Moraine Picnic Site-**

Worship service at 10:00am

If the Park authorities do not cancel our reservation we will go ahead with the picnic: 1) making use of social distancing; 2) Each person or family will bring their own "bag lunch"-so we will eat "together" but not share food and drink outside of our family group and with what we have prepared or purchased ourselves.

Details or changes to follow.



**VBS
August 2 – 6,
2021**



Our Vacation Bible School's theme for the week of
8/2 - 6/2021 will be:

**“Wonder World Funfest :
Amazed by our Extraordinary Savior”**

**2 Corinthians 9:15 is the theme verse:
“Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift! (ESV)**

Students will learn from God's Word about how extraordinary the Savior Jesus Christ our Messiah is. We will learn how the prophecy of the Savior coming is found in God's Word the Bible. Then we will study some of the miracles Jesus performed showing His supreme power over nature, illness, and death, and for provision of food for many people at once. These miracles proved that Jesus was the promised Savior. VBS attendees are ages 3 years and up. We will be meeting from 9am-11:30am Monday – Friday. Please pray about helping with this outreach program and invite your family and friends to attend Vacation Bible School.

Contact Susan Baker with questions or comments
(952-884-9848).

There is a volunteer signup sheet on the narthex desk.
Thank you!

You are invited to attend the following Vacation Bible Study meetings if you would like to help with the 2021 Vacation Bible School to be held the week of 8/2 - 8/6 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday through Friday.



The first meeting is an informational and organizational meeting. Please pray about helping in some way. There is a signup sheet on the narthex desk. Please note: Several helpers in the nursery are needed so some of the people can help out in various ways.

All of these meetings will be held after the church service outside in the front if the weather is nice. Otherwise, we will meet in the fellowship hall downstairs. We will attempt to keep the meetings to an hour. Please bring a snack or beverage if you like.

There may be some smaller Wed. meetings before Bible study, if needed, on an ad hoc basis.

If you have questions or comments, please see Susan or call or email.

Thank you for considering!

Meeting Dates:

June 13 - organizational meeting
June 27
July 11
July 25
August 1 - decorate/setup

Below is a letter written by Roy Saari's great, great grandfather, Solomon Naasko who lived in Finland. It was written to John Naasko, Albert Saari's grandfather, who had immigrated and established a home near Otter Lake in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. This was the farm where Albert Saari grew up under the loving care of his grandmother, Anna Lantto Naasko.

Salomon Naasko, August 21, 1836 - April 16, 1917
Husband of Efrosyne Isakintytar
Mettavainio June 27, 1835 – September 22, 1889
Son of Juho Henrikinpoika Aho-Naasko
1806 - 1859
Brita Maria Hannuntytar 1813 - ?
Father of Juhani [John] Herman Naasko
November 15, 1875 – March 5, 1930

The below was from a copied dot matrix printed document that Calvin Naasko had in the fall of 2017. The original was not present.

(Note: This letter was written to John Naasko by his father, Solomon. Ida Naasko Heltunen has the original, which is yellowed with age. This was translated as a closely as possible from the Finnish language by John Heltunen.)

Meltosjarvi, Finland November 2, 1902

Dear beloved son, Juhani,

Greeting you with heart's fervent love, with hope of God's Peace unto the end of your life.

Your letter, I received with joy, over a week ago, for which I humbly give thanks. Oh, how great joy for my heart to hear that you are believing, as a sinner, sins forgiven in the grace of reconciliation blood and this same bloody [kirkkotietä ?] church road I have also endeavored to walk onto the end of days. Perhaps in great weakness and sinful feelings, but when Jesus has wanted to be a friend of the sinners and Apostle Paul exhorts to go before the Grace Throne to receive mercy and to find grace when we need help and I, so believe, that my days are few and life's evening is nigh. We may not see each other here on this mortal earth, however, we leave that consolation that we can greet each other in the land of

immortality with fervent hearts and better feelings than we now have.

It will not be a long time when from the north, south, east, and west, all the daughters of Zion will gather to the beautiful eternal shore to sing the hymn of victory.

Dear son, that great goal is before us, that we would win the crown and surely the Great Highest Shepherd will yet guide to the best pastures and to the living waters, all who trust in Him. I, also, testify sins forgiven in the grace of reconciliation blood which I myself often need. There is no other security than the support of the journey staff to the end of our days.

Times are very tight now, failure of crops, of bread, and hay, and nothing else at this time, but heartfelt loving greetings say to my children, if you see them and to the Pera's, if you see them. It was pleasant to hear that Pera's feeling good. Greetings to all God's elect. Be greeted first and last from me kindly.

Good-bye, God's Peace,
signed Solomon Naasko

P.S. I am here now at bridge building.

