



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.

Plymouth Lutheran Church

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From the Pastor's Office

Carmen and I with our family are very grateful for the love and appreciation you have shown us not

only during pastor appreciation month, but also during the year that I have been your pastor. I'm thankful to be a part of a congregation who has a respect for the office of the pastor and has been gracious as I operate in and continue to learn more about that office.

On our way to church recently Virginia (our 4 year old daughter) brought something up that sparked me to ask her the question, do you know that mom and dad are still learning? I told her everyone has a lot to learn. God is the only one who does not learn. He is the only one who is complete and does not change. The rest of us should have the attitude of learning all our life.

The truth that God is immutable (unchanging) and omniscient (all knowing) is under attack. This is nothing new. Pastors Foltz wrote about it in 2001. Truth has been under attack for all of human history beginning with the lie that Satan told Eve.

A dear member of our congregation shared a letter with me written by Pastor Foltz which I want to share, because it is fitting with the Wednesday night study we are doing as well as the sermon I preached on October 29, 2023. I will quote the letter below. In it he refers to one of the letters sent to the seven churches at the beginning of the book of Revelation, the letter to the church in Pergamum in Revelation 2:12-17. It would be helpful to read these 5 verses prior to reading his letter below. Feel free to call or set up a meeting if you'd like to talk more about this!

God's peace
Pastor Ryan Kandoll

LIMITS TO TOLERATION

The congregation at Pergamum is charged with tolerating falsehood! Considering the consequences, the charge is not inconsequential.

We are, of course, not talking about opinions for which the evidence is not all in. We are speaking about truth which has been given.

Jesus indicated that we should teach all nations *to observe ALL, that I have commanded you." When our Lord speaks, there is no room for disagreement - at least as far as His people are concerned. Or rather, that is what God desires for His people.

The spirit of our age would have us believe that to speak the truth and to say that someone or some opinion or some viewpoint or some idea is wrong is bad, intolerant, unloving, judgmental, proud and arrogant.

Without a doubt it may appear to be that to those who are determined not to hear or believe the truth...or who are determined to find their truth someplace else than in the holy Word of God, or who believe there is no ultimate truth.

But is it not really loving and caring to speak the truth - perhaps often at great personal risk? To speak the truth, stand up for the truth, support the truth means that one has the opportunity to help those who are in error - spiritual darkness. It also indicates commitment and faithfulness on the part of the believer and the desire to live the godly life.

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November at PLC



Sundays:

- 5, 12, 19, 26** **9:15am** Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
10:30am Worship service
11:30am Coffee Fellowship
- 19** **10:30am** Worship service -Communion
26 **11:30am** Abbreviated Communion

Tuesdays:

- 14** **6:00pm** Mission Committee meeting
6:30pm Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesdays:

- 1** **9:00am** Men's Breakfast @ Perkins HWY 55 & 494
9:30am Women's Bible Study at the church
6:00pm Evening Bible Study
- 8, 15, 22, 29** **9:30am** Men's and Women's Bible Study at the church
6:00pm Evening Bible Study

Saturdays:

- 4** **9:00 am** Church Work Day

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

Celebrate Our Congregation

November Birthdays:

Lois	Hendrickson	11/6
Teo	Ellis	11/8
Virginia	Kandoll	11/13
Charlotte	O'Neill	11/15
John	Pelto	11/17
Bill	Rokala	11/18
Earl	Christopherson	11/19
Stewart	Lee	11/21
Larry	Wahala	11/25
Steve	Dahlmeier	11/27
Susan	Baker	11/27
Alisha	Ellis	11/30

November Anniversaries:

Steve & Marilyn	11/4
Kevin & Stacey	11/14
Tim & Sue	11/19

Save The Date

National Collection Week is November 13th -20th.

Shoebox Sunday is November 12th



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Shoebox Sunday is November 12th

Pastor Appreciation Sunday October 29th 2023



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Everything does NOT go! Every opinion is NOT as good as every other opinion! Truth is NOT subjective! At least not for Christians. When God has spoken, Christians are called to believe and live that truth.

Error outside the church is perhaps not nearly as much a danger and insidious as is error inside the church. Error eats away at the very foundations of a congregation's life and work and service and worship in a manner reminiscent of termites. They do their work, largely ignored & unobserved, until one day the house collapses.

We think we can tolerate this error or that error without speaking out, and little by little the whole attitude toward truth and error begins to change and fudge. Soon the foundations are gone. Sadly we have seen the results of such thinking in some major denominations in our own time. God's Word and the teachings of His Word become one set of truth among many. Take your pick! And church members can be found who think it doesn't make any difference if they hold opinions contrary to God's Word.

Jesus indicated that in the future there would be great apostasy (falling away) of people because they will listen to false teachers and prophets. The false teachers will use the right words, will sound good, will even sound religious and perhaps even biblical (the cleverest ones always do!)...but their work will be so destructive that Jesus asks whether He will find faith on the face of the earth when He returns.

This would indicate that the really dangerous work against truth will take place within the congregations.

In the letter to the Pergamum congregation they are condemned for tolerating people who teach error and falsehood...obviously because error will lead people away from the Lord and Savior, the Way of salvation.

We are told to check what is taught and preached in our midst according to the Word of God. It is not enough to believe that whatever comes from the mouth of a "pastor" or whatever is read in a "theologian's" book is biblical truth from on high. It has to be checked out...and we are responsible for doing that...and dealing with error when it occurs. Of course, our standard is to be the Word of God...not opinions garnered elsewhere.

There is evidence of love and concern of the highest degree when we attempt to separate error and truth, in the spirit of love.

May our congregation be modeled after the will of Jesus... faithful to the Word of God in all that we teach, preach, say, and do.

With You In Thanking God For The Great Heritage Of His Word Which He Has Bestowed Upon His Church,
Pastor Rodger N. Foltz



VBS 2023 – Keepers of the Kingdom was a great success.

It was held July 31-Aug 4 from 9am – 11:30am

- We had 30 students ranging in ages from 0-12 and 13 on site volunteers helping in many different capacities. Also, many behind the scenes helpers with donations and set-up.
- The children learned about the Armor of God
Ephesians 6:10-18
- We gathered with an assembly at the beginning of the day, followed by class time, game time, snack time and craft time.
- We collected baby items for the Crystal Women's Center
- Made Tie blankets for the MN Children's Hospital.



Thank you to all who made VBS a Success!
2024 VBS Dates are July 29th to August 2nd



