

Weekly Newsletter – Wednesday, October 6, 2021

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31

Sermon: “Property Rights”

PNC NEWS

Don't forget to participate in the survey that our PNC is conducting. The link is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T2J2V2F>

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of WPC! The Pastoral Nominating Committee is also holding a very important event on Sunday, October 24. Join us for lunch following the Worship service. The lunch will be catered so RSVP is very much appreciated.



SPEAKING OF SUNDAYS...

We have special events happening on three Sundays in a row.

October 17 – Jazz Sunday and a Baptism

October 24 – PNC Kick off to a Win lunch

October 31 – Special Reformation service complete with Halloween candy

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Our Confirmation classes began this past Sunday evening. The group will meet each week up to Palm Sunday. We ask for your prayers throughout their journey. Our youth and mentors are:

Reagan Van Hook and Cindy Neff

Rachel Besser and Nina Wright

Molly Besser and Barbara Phillips

Isaiah Kovalcik and Joel Winick

Sara Kovalcik and Nikki Paulson
Zach Paulson and Dennis Minks
Liz Paulson and Stephanie Windhorst
Becca Briggs and Nancy Minks

MISSION COLLECTION

The Mission Committee is collecting items for God's Shelter of Love. Below is a list of items that can be brought in and put in the Narthex.

Cat food

Body wash, lotion

Shampoo/Conditioner

All cleaning products: rags, bleach, wipes, brooms, dustpans, mops, toilet brush, small trashcans, garbage bags, dish soap, sponges

Small appliances: crock pots, coffee pots, toasters, vacuum cleaners, TV's (24-32in.)

Silverware

Baking pans

All paper products

Towels, wash cloths

ON THE CALENDAR

10/10 Confirmation Class 6:30pm

10/13 LOGOS 5:00pm

10/13 Choir Practice 7:00pm

10/14 Worship/Music Meeting 5:30pm

10/17 Deacons Meeting 11:00am

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR HANS

Dear Friends,

I am a great fan of Mark Twain. He once said, "Get your facts first, and then you can distort them as much as you please." Facts mattered to him because on his first job his editor told him that he, Twain, was responsible for the truth and integrity of everything he wrote. Unless he could prove the validity of every piece of information in his articles, they would not be published. Wow, a different world, indeed. But this was Twain's first report:

"A woman giving the name of Mrs. James Perkins, reported to be one of the society leaders of this city, is said to have given what is purported to be a party yesterday for a number of alleged ladies. The hostess claims to be the wife of a reputed attorney."

Of course, editors are a species threatened by extinction as badly as the blue whale. The path of progress has led us to a place where nobody bothers anymore whether the facts get in the way of your truth. Progress has led us to a brave new world where one must rephrase Twain's quaint statement, "Get your distortion first, and then you can get the facts that please you."

The problem of our time is not political polarization, but that political partisans have hijacked reality, and mold facts to whatever fits their opinions. If you really want a good laugh and learn how the animosity between parties is a time-honored American tradition just read Mark Twain's story "Journalism in Tennessee". (And I have to say, I used to live there. They really are like that.) Still, with all the folderol there used to be an understanding that there was a factual and agreed upon reality, with the aspects of human suffering and intellectual advancement to counter the former.

The oldest fragment of the New Testament that ever was found contains Pontius Pilate's question, "What is truth?" The answer in more than one way precedes the question. Jesus Christ has come to teach the truth, to gather those who are of the truth, and in the end to become the truth. And that truth is of course God's love. If somebody teaches anything else but love they are not truthful. In our day and age, I have to say everybody is wrong for I see very little of the love of neighbor and the love of God. Unless we turn towards love, I foresee the coming of evil things. And have not we as Christians sworn in our baptism to renounce evil and all its works in the world?

Remember, I am pulling for you, but: bugger, sometimes it's hard.

Pastor Hans