

Smallcald Articles Part II section IV.—OF THE GOSPEL.

We shall now return to the Gospel, which affords us more than one means, one counsel and assistance, in opposition to sin ; for God is superabundantly rich in his grace and favors :—



*First*, through the oral word, in which is preached remission of sins in all the world, and this is properly the office of the Gospel ; *secondly*, through Baptism ; *thirdly*, through the holy Sacrament of the Altar ; *fourthly*, through the power of the keys, and also through the mutual conference and admonition of brethren, Matt. 18:20 : “Where two or three are gathered,” &c.

Sec. VII “And in respect to those points, which concern the oral, external word, we should maintain firmly, that God grants his Spirit or grace to no one, unless through or with the external word, previously delivered. Thus we shall fortify ourselves against the enthusiasts, that is, deluded men, who boast of being in possession of the Spirit without and prior to the word, and accordingly judge, explain, and distort the Scripture or the oral word at their pleasure...”

“We should and must, therefore, constantly maintain that God will not confer with us frail beings, unless through his external word and sacraments. But all that is boasted of, independent of such word and sacraments, in reference to the Spirit, is criminal. For God desired first to appear to Moses, through a burning bush and the oral word ; and no Prophet, neither Elijah nor Elisha, independent of, or without the Ten Commandments, received the Spirit. Neither was John the Baptist conceived without the words of Gabriel preceding; nor did he leap in his mother’s womb without the voice of Mary. And St. Peter, 2 Pet. 1:21, says : “The prophecy came not in old time by the Holy Ghost.” But without the external word they were not holy, much less were they, as still unholy, impelled by the Holy Ghost to speak ; for they were holy, says Peter, when the Holy Spirit spoke through them.”

Well that’s a mouthful. Perhaps you are asking, “What does this mean?” “Why is pastor putting this before us?” Well we are going to be entering into Lent this month. For most Christians or at least a lot of them, they focus on the Law, the do’s and don’ts, how they haven’t done them and even making up and following laws God never gave. Well, I’d like to point you to the means of

grace. I want you to afford yourself especially upon the means of grace, those you have received and those you should avail yourself of.

First is preaching. Make sure you make it to church to hear God's word preached. Listen for the good news in the sermon and when you hear it, write it down so you can remember it and make use of it during the week.

Second is Baptism. Take out your catechism and remind yourself what God has done for you in that act of his, who he has made you there and the promises attached to baptism. The promises there make you into the people God wants you to be.

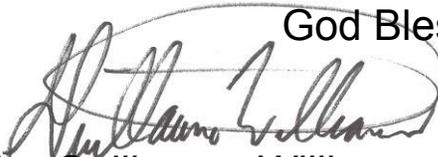
Third is the sacrament of the Altar. Resolve yourself to come to Church to receive this gift of God. Prepare yourself before service with the prayers in the front cover of the hymnal and with the question on page 329 in your hymnal or Christian Questions and Answers in the front of your catechism. Search your bible to see what the blood of Christ does for you. You are receiving it in the Lord's Supper.

Fourth is the power of the keys or Absolution. You realize Lutherans practice confession and absolution, right? Make an appointment with me to confess your sins and most importantly have them absolved. We could take the example in your catechism. We could do the rite on pg. 292 in the hymnal. Your confession is not as important as hearing the Words of Christ, of Absolution, spoken by Christ, through your pastor. Many a person is freed from habitual sins by regularly confessing those sins and having them absolved, i.e. forgiven through the pastor.

Fifthly, the mutual conference and admonition of brethren. Martin Luther points us to Matt. 18 here. In Matthew 18 we have individuals who go to those who sin against them in order to forgive them. If they do not repent of their sins, they take others as witnesses to call them to repent and to forgive them. Finally there is when the church calls them to repent in order to forgive them. So we are to about forgiving those who have sinned against us in the past and in the present.

These means of grace are how God the Father brings to us Jesus who transforms us by these means of grace into his image and likeness. So during this time of Lent make the most use of them.

God Bless!

  
Pastor Guillaume Williams, Sr.

## FROM OUR ELDERS

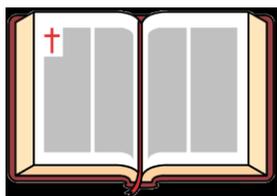
You begin your Lenten walk to the cross on Ash Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. All Lenten services will be held on Wednesdays at 7 pm.

Your Elders urge you to attend these midweek services and Sunday morning Bible study. Come to fellowship after service on Sunday and before Bible Study. We would like more of you to attend.

If you need to speak to your Elder, please do not hesitate to call him. You will find his name after yours in the directory. We are here to help you if needed.

	<i>In His Service,</i>
Chuck Kiel	573-302-0438
Mike Merchant	1-618-789-2464
Alan Wiese	573-424-4600

## BIBLE STUDIES



**Sunday's Bible Study Classes** - The Sunday morning Bible Study for adults is a topical study on Ephesians. Come and join us! Led by Pastor Williams will meet in the downstairs fellowship hall at 11:20 am.

**Worried about the expense? *Weekly Bible study materials are provided at no cost to you.*** A donation is welcome though. Just place in a separate envelope with your giving no. and marked "Bible Study" and put in the offering plate on Sunday.



*All are welcome to join any of the classes at anytime.*

## 2020 FELLOWSHIP

Do you have an idea for an event/activity for us? Just let the church office know and we will put it on the calendar.

*We still need someone to chair this committee. This committee is in charge of helping organize all fellowship activities and potluck's at Hope Chapel. They also help get volunteers to pick up donuts and make coffee for Sunday Fellowship. If you are interested in chairing this committee, please let Pastor, Don Hunkeler, or Kathy Heinemann know.*

## SWADDLING CLOTHES



I would like to share the past year of giving to communities families in need of baby supplies. 2019 was a great year! We helped 236 families giving them 241 packages of diapers, 256 packages of wipes and so much miscellaneous, bottles, ointment, lotion, baby shampoo and wash, thermometers, combs and brushes, and too many pieces of clothing to count. Ladies made homemade blankets, quilts for babies. Cathy King from the Senior Center knits them and our Betty Merli makes the quilts. The families love them and we are so blessed to have them do this for us.

Needless to say the families at Hope Lutheran Chapel have given time and monetary gifts to help us supply most of these if not all of the items. Walmart is very generous to us also. I personally am so thankful for all those who give and the ladies who come and help.

Once again we are in need of monetary gifts to keep us going. In January we had 29 families and this month, February I had to spend \$707 for February supplies. Some of these supplies will hold over to March but our attendance has been so great this last months, we never know from one month to another what we will need.

We had three members do Thrivent action teams and we were so grateful. If you are a Thrivent member please consider doing this. We get \$250 and you can do it twice a year. If you want to donate put monetary gifts put in a designated with your number on it as it is tax deductible.

Again thank you everyone for gifts, time, and prayers. We are blessed!!

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!**

## BUDGET INFORMATION

FYI – to keep in mind our 2020 Budgeted weekly amount is \$3,430.87.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service Type</u>	<u>Total Offerings</u>	<u>Total Attend.</u>
January 5 2020	Sunday	\$ 1,516.71	44
January 12 2020	Sunday	\$ 568.51	18
January 19 2020	Sunday	\$ 3,340.17	45
January 26 2020	Sunday	\$ 2,524.00	36

## PRAYER CHAIN

*PRAY for one  
another  
James 5:16*

To place a prayer request on the prayer chain, please call the coordinator, Doris Meyer at 346-7681 or 434-6633. If you cannot reach Doris, call the church office at 348-2108 or Pastor Williams. All the participants are appreciated and more are certainly welcome to

join. Just sign the sheet in the narthex or call Doris or the Church office. Prayer changes things. Thanks be to God!

In His Name we pray,  
*Doris Meyer, 346-7681*

If you CAN NOT reach Doris, call the church office, 348-2108.

## STEWARDSHIP



We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God's grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus' work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God's Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn't just remind us of the sufficiency of God's spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body. But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying "no" to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you've learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You've learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

"But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs." (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God. Let us learn this without sin by training our flesh this Lenten season.

## LWML Ladies Guild News



Ladies of the Ladies of Hope Chapel are invited to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11 am in the meeting room.

If you have any questions, call 573-348-2108 or email [office@hopelutheranchapel.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

**LWML Spring Rally** is April 18, 2020 at Bethany in Eldon. Please let Kathy Heinemann know if you would like to attend.

**The Missouri District LWML Convention** is June 12 - 14, 2020, in Springfield, MO. We are allowed 2 delegates. If you would like to be a delegate, please let Kathy Heinemann know ASAP as the deadline has passed.

**Spring Rummage Sale** will be in May – more information to follow. Sonja Howard and Joyce Trost will host it, please let one of them know if you have items you wish to donate. Clothes are ok, but they really do not sell as well as other items.

## SCRIP CARDS

### HOW DO YOU ORDER YOUR SCRIP CARDS?

Get Started Today to Raise Funds for Missions! We have a few on hand to purchase today from Amazon, Bath and Body and Shell and more can be ordered soon! There is a basket on the credenza with order forms. Just find the one you want, fill it out, and give the form and payment to a Ladies Guild member and you will be part of the next order. **Checks need to be made payable to Hope Chapel Ladies Guild.**

Also available are reloadable and ecards! Goto <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> to check out the details. You will need to register as a family account. You can click on the SHOP link to browse categories and gift card availability. Contact Kathy Heinemann for additional information on when and how to order your SCRIP cards

today. You can email me at [office@hopelutheranchapel.com](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.com), or send me a message on Facebook. Our enrollment code is: B2931L9366372.

Scrip Coordinator: Kathy Heinemann 573-280-6126

## HELP WANTED!!

Want to share your gifts? Have a chat with your Elder, Don Hunkeler, Pastor, or church secretary! Many roles/opportunities are available.

## LUTHERANS FOR LIFE



***Blessings to you in the name of God our Creator, Jesus our Redeemer and the Holy Spirit who sustains us,***

Because all human life is precious and a gift from God, sometimes medical decision making can be difficult. Sometimes just because something can be done doesn't mean that it should be done. The following is a guide from the ***Healthcare Advocacy and Leadership Organization*** with *life-affirming principles for medical decision-making*; I pray you find it helpful:

"1. No matter what life-sustaining procedure/medical treatment is in question, when in doubt, **err on the side of life**. A medical intervention can be tried with the option of stopping it if it proves ineffective or excessively burdensome **for the patient**.

"2. It is the physician's obligation to truthfully and fully, in layperson's terms, discuss with the patient/proxy/family/guardian the benefits, risks, cost, etc. of available medical means that may improve the patient's condition/prolong life. The focus should be on what the person making medical decisions needs to know in order to give *truly informed consent*.

"3. The patient or the patient's legal representative makes the decision whether a treatment is too burdensome. (Note: The patient's life must never be ended because it is considered a burden to the patient or others.) If a

patient wishes to fight for every moment of life, this is a legitimate interest to be respected.

"4. It is impossible to make morally sound, sensible, informed health care decisions based on guesswork about some future illness or injury and possible treatment options. Health care decisions must be based on *current* information.

"5. Two extremes are to be avoided:

- Insistence on physiologically useless or excessively burdensome treatment even when a patient may legitimately wish to forgo it.
- Withdrawal or withholding of treatment with the intention to hasten/cause death.

"6. The object and motive for administering **pain medication** must be to relieve pain. Death must not be sought or intended.

"7. Nutrition and hydration, whether a person is fed with a spoon or through a tube, is basic care, not medical treatment. Insertion or surgical implantation of a feeding tube takes medical expertise, but it is an ordinary life-preserving procedure for a person who has a working digestive system but is unable to eat by mouth.

- **Acceptable** - During the natural dying process, when a person's organs are shutting down so that the body is no longer able to assimilate food or water or when their administration causes serious complications, stopping tube-feeding or spoon-feeding is both medically and morally appropriate. In these circumstances, the cause of death is the person's disease or injury, not deliberate dehydration and starvation.
- **Unacceptable** - When a person is not dying---or not dying quickly enough to suit someone---food and fluids are often withheld with the intent to cause death because the person is viewed as having an unacceptably low quality of life and /or as imposing burdens on others. The direct cause of death is then dehydration and starvation." (For more information see [www.HALOrganization.com](http://www.HALOrganization.com))

*Rest in God's wisdom and His **grace**,*  
*Sylvia Glenn*

Feel free to call me (573-592-7866) for information or concerns about life issues. For those who have had an abortion, there is a **word of hope!** "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds" (Psalm 147:3). For confidential post-abortion **referral, counsel, and reconciliation** call WORD of HOPE, toll-free 888-217-8679, or visit [www.word-of-hope.org](http://www.word-of-hope.org).

## FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

### ***NEW FLOWER CHART!***



Find your special date to donate flowers for the Altar while the selection is good. Sign up early and often. The cost of flowers is \$26 per Sunday and you just need to put the money in the offering plate marked "Altar Flowers".

### ***MISC WOOD PROJECTS***

We have a few small woodworking projects that we are looking for 1 – 2 volunteers to help with.

Contact the church office for more measurements.

1. Shelf above TV in Large Fellowship hall so VCR & DVD player are not sitting right on top.
  - a. Preferably a  $\frac{1}{2}$  -  $\frac{3}{4}$  shelf so the cords can be free and air can circulate.
2. Shelf in counter's cabinet above the current top shelf.
  - a. Approximately 5" from top – just low enough to hold the basket with the book.
  - b. Can be a  $\frac{3}{4}$  deep shelf.
3. Stand for the CD player and sound board in overflow. Would like a couple of shelves below for storage. See secretary for exact dimensions needed.

### ***Collections requested:***

*"infant items"* – for Swaddling Clothes mission

*"Cancelled stamps"* – for missions (LWML)

*"Money-off coupons – no expiration date"* - for Concordia Seminary Food Bank (LWML)

*"Portals of Prayer"* – Prison Ministries (LWML)

*"Empty Inkjet Cartridges"* – Offset office supplies & Habitat for Humanity

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## Office Secretary Hours for March

*Monday thru Friday - 8 am to 12 pm.*

### **New Article/Bulletin Deadlines:**

*Newsletter Articles – 2<sup>nd</sup> to last Sunday of the Month*

*Bulletin Notes – Wednesdays at 9 am*

**WARNING:** *Articles not received by their deadline will not be included.*

Articles for the church newsletter, “The Anchor,” or notices for the bulletins, may be put in the in-box on the church secretary’s desk or sent by e-mail to:

[office@hopelutheranchapel.org](mailto:office@hopelutheranchapel.org)

## **CANS FOR CHARITY PROGRAM**

Our receptacle is here! We hope you have been saving your aluminum (soda) cans : )

Just drop them in the small dumpster that is located at the top of the upper driveway and we will turn them in for \$\$ that will be used to help those in need locally and world wide.



## **Daily Devotions**

Our Pastor publishes daily devotions on our website, facebook, twitter, and linkedin.

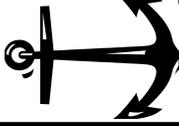
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**Service Schedule**

11 a.m. Fellowship  
11:20 a.m. Sunday School/Adult Bible Study  
10 a.m. Communion Worship Service  
Sunday Communion Worship Services (Ind.  
Cup)  
Communion 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Common Cup only)

**March 2020**