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Disagreement: How Christians Should Do It

We live in fractious times. Arguing over politics has caused family members and close friends to be divided. Then there is Covid and the bickering about mask wearing or vaccinations. These are issues on top of all the normal day to day things about which we can quarrel.

What I am going to address in this article are not disagreements on weighty doctrinal issues, but rather the smaller matters that often cause Christians to “lose it,” with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

The first thing to note is that quarreling and causing dissension are sins. Proverbs 17:19 reads: “*He who loves a quarrel loves sin...*” There are people who want to constantly disagree with others and under this habit of theirs is a great deal of pride. The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians makes an appeal that we strive to agree with one another. In seeing the big picture we have so much more in common that we ought to focus on rather than highlighting our differences.

We can and ought to learn to disagree graciously. The Bible urges us to love one another, honor one another and respect one another. We are to embrace each other in humility and consider others better than ourselves (Philippians 2:3). When debating a matter we need to listen to the other and not assume what they are going to say. Common courtesy and respect are a must. We may actually be persuaded to the other person’s point of view. Christians should depersonalize their debates and never resort to name calling or character assassination.

The Bible tells us there are some things we shouldn’t argue about at all. For instance in Romans 14, it tells us that contending about eating and drinking are not important in the Kingdom of God but building each other up is important. Then, of course, Luther’s dictum to put the best construction on everything should always be kept in mind when contending over some item. In other words, see that other person and their views in the best possible light.

I have known my share of argumentative people in church meetings. They do more damage than they realize because of their effect on newer Christians or weaker ones. They can stir others up over the silliest of things. As a pastor, I have had to silence such people for the good of the church. This is not easily done and for a time seems to cause more and worse trouble. But my fellow pastors who just let this go have seen their churches descend into more and more acrimony and division.

It is inevitable that we Christians will disagree with one another. But we have a responsibility to do so in such a way that our brotherly and sisterly love for each other is not diminished.



~ Pastor Rich

LWML News

Our Lutheran Women in Mission (LWML) are gathering old eyeglasses in May and June. You can help by bringing these used items to Grace and leaving them in the "EYEGLOSS Basket" near the coffee counter! We will be taking them to Lexington for the National LWML Convention InGathering to help people in need see the world and God's love a little more clearly.

Also in May, all ladies are invited to help tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief. This project is being supported with funds for batting and supplies by THRIVENT, We thank them and hope many of you will be able to "Stitch and Visit" on Friday, May 14, at 10:30 a.m. after the Ladies Bible Class at 9:00 a.m. and also on Saturday, May 22, at 10:00 a.m. in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Every little knot holds us together with the love of Jesus.



Exciting News!!

We rejoice at Daniel Bueckman's announcement that he will be attending Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in the fall to become a pastor. May God bless Daniel's calling into the ministry. Please keep Daniel in your prayers as he begins this exciting journey!!



Drive-Thru Communion at Grace

Sunday, May 16

1:00—2:00 p.m.



Grace Prayer Team Welcomes Requests



The Grace Prayer Team is constantly at work! If you have a prayer request that you would like prayed over by the Grace Prayer Team, we welcome your requests. Please contact **Kristin McGee** at kdmcgee08@gmail.com (865-384-9834) or **Ev Brown** (evbrown@gmail.com (865-870-5603)). The request will then be passed on to the team. We continue to welcome Prayer Team members as well. If you are interested in praying for the needs submitted by our church family, please contact Kristin or Ev with your interest.

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Vacation Bible School 2021

July 26-29

9:00 a.m. — Noon

Ages 3 years old—5th grade

We need children to attend and people of all ages to volunteer. For volunteers, we need story tellers, music leaders, craft leaders, and a decorator. Childcare is available for volunteers. To register, please go to www.visitgrace.org For more information, you may contact Frieda Guthrie at childrensmin@visitgrace.org

Afraid to Tell?

A 4.0 student signed up for my speech class. It was the first time I had her in my class but it was the fourth time she had signed up for a speech class but each time before she dropped the class. Her problem was a fear of speaking in front of people. However, speech was a required course, this was her last semester and she had to pass the course to graduate. The student promised me that if I made her give a speech to the class she would pass out. She kept her promise. Fortunately, I believed her and asked her to give the speech sitting down. I also sat next to her and caught her when she passed out. I continued to require her to write and give speeches. By the end of the semester, she could make eye contact with the class while giving her speech. I continued to allow her to sit. She kept her 4.0 average. The speeches she wrote were excellent.

Do you have a fear of speaking about the most important element of your life, your faith in Jesus? You can become more comfortable telling others about your faith. Grace is offering Bible studies to help you grow in confidence and ability to share your faith. Join the "Telling About Jesus" class. The class will run approximately 8 weeks, from May 2 through June 27 and meets at 9:30 a.m., in Room 113 of the Family Life Center and also on Zoom.

~ Pastor Paul Muench



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| 5/1 | Jim Thompson | 5/13 | Alfred Ashley |
| 5/3 | Lu Anne Peters | 5/15 | Jim Phillips |
| 5/4 | Christine Harness | 5/16 | Frances Clawson |
| 5/4 | Helen Mollenhour | 5/17 | Steve Root |
| 5/4 | William Schmitt | 5/18 | Pastor Danny Anderson |
| 5/5 | Jennifer Bush | 5/18 | Sarah Dew |
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| 5/5 | Kaitlyn Garren | 5/20 | Andrew Caddle |
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| 5/6 | Carol Kreiss | 5/23 | Deborah McFall |
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| 5/6 | Arlene Stern | 5/26 | Mike Zurakowski |
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| 5/9 | Jan Wuornos | 5/29 | Ashley Smith |
| 5/10 | Gracie Frizzell | 5/30 | Kennedy Reed |
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| 5/10 | Cheryl Handler | 5/31 | Marilyn Caddle |
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| 5/6 | Ted & Jill Murphy |
| 5/7 | Drew & Laurie Martin |
| 5/9 | Terry & Rosie Turner |
| 5/10 | Harvey & Debbie Booher |
| 5/13 | Stanton & Gina Oster |
| 5/13 | Mack & Jeanette Webster |
| 5/15 | Mark & Donna Anderson |
| 5/16 | Troy & Alexandra Howe |
| 5/17 | Ryan & Linda Dreke |
| 5/17 | Lew & Mary Stoner |
| 5/19 | Daren & Becky Daenzer |
| 5/20 | Pam & Jim Phillips |
| 5/23 | Brittany & Elisha Farrabollini |
| 5/23 | Mark & Margie Frizzell |
| 5/24 | Chris & Kelly Dodson |
| 5/24 | Jim & Anna Thompson |
| 5/27 | David & Janice Ishee |
| 5/27 | Mitch & Jennifer List |
| 5/29 | Brad & Samantha Hicks |
| 5/31 | Cassie & Jared Hencke |

Bible Quiz

Acts 1:1 (NIV) reads: "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach." What "former book" did the author write to Theophilus?

- A. Matthew
- B. Mark
- C. Luke
- D. John



Answer: C (See Luke 1:1-4)



May 9, 2021

May Scripture of the Month

Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching.

~ Proverbs 1:8, NIV

May Children's Curriculum Themes

In an attempt to connect the adults and children of Grace just a bit more, I will be letting people know the theme and verse of the week in our children's Sunday school classes. I would love it if the adults would join in memorizing or at least talking about it to the children as they see each other in the halls. Listed below are the themes and scripture for May.

~ Frieda Guthrie

| DATE | THEME | VERSE |
|--------|---|---|
| May 2 | Trusting God makes us brave. | <i>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9)</i> |
| May 9 | Follow where God leads | <i>Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)</i> |
| May 16 | Tell everyone about Jesus. | <i>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)</i> |
| May 23 | Encourage each other to believe in Jesus | <i>But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness. (Hebrews 3:13)</i> |
| May 30 | God gives us the Holy Spirit. | <i>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. (John 14:26)</i> |



Operation Christmas Child

Since COVID so rudely interrupted this year, we are revamping our "20 in 20" campaign for 2021. Boxes can be donated year round, there are updates on how to pay, and we are ready to help with any questions you may have about this ministry. Don't feel like packing a shoebox? We will gladly accept donations for any items you would like to donate towards a box. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact Frieda Guthrie at childrens-min@visitgrace.org or Paul Guthrie at pgvint3@gmail.com



~ Paul and Frieda Guthrie

Hands-On Help Needed

Can you help Grace Lutheran with your hands or with your professional skills? Here are some important needs at our church. If you can help with any of these, please contact Dale Henderson (daleh@visitgrace.org or 865-234-4304).

Unskilled workers able to make consistent commitments:

(Training will be done by Dale Henderson)

1. Unlocking and re-locking the gates to the back parking lot each Sunday morning and afternoon.
2. Delivering the checks in the parking lot to the traffic police every other Sunday.
3. Periodically emptying the trash can located at the basketball court.
4. Picking up coffee supplies at US Food in Maryville.
5. Picking up litter from the walking trail and the parking lot once each week.
6. Help with setting up and tearing down for events at and away from the church.
7. Driving people to and from the church. (Contact church office)
8. Picking up litter and straightening the chairs in the FLC after the 11 am service.
9. Purging the "Drum Drips" (water system pipes) at least once per week during the winter month and once per month during the warm months.

Skilled workers able to make part-time commitments:

Handy-men and women
Plumbers
Electricians
Painters (repairing wall and doors throughout the church as needed)

Skilled workers able to make consistent commitments:

Audio video workers/technicians
Computer and software workers



Summer Sunday School Volunteers Needed

We are giving our amazing Sunday School teachers the summer off AND **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!** Please consider being 1 of 2 volunteers for these age groups:

3-year-olds—Kindergarten

1st—5th grades

You may choose any date: June 6—August 15 at 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Classes will be small and all supplies and materials are provided. For more information, please contact Freida Guthrie at childrensmin@visitgrace.org

Holy Smokers: Smoked Food Served in Many Venues in 2002

The Holy Smokers are presently a group of 10-15 men (women are also welcome as "Holy Smoker Honeys"). The Smokers meet to cook food on BBQ smoker grills and serve it to a variety of people. They have served food at Grace Lutheran events, various neighborhoods, Knox Area Rescue Ministries, Water Angels Ministries, and they also serve and share at First Offenders (a facility for people who are on probation with the law). The main desire of the Holy Smokers is to cook, serve, and share the gospel with the unchurched. They are always looking for more folks to join both to cook and to share their faith with guests. Anyone who is interested is welcome to come for any length of time. Come when you can and stay as long as you can. For more information, contact Brian Strobel at brian.strobel16@gmail.com or by phone at (515) 509-5443.

The King James Version of the Bible

The King James Version (KJV) of the Bible was 400 years old in 2011. The KJV we know is a revision from 1769. We would find the original version more difficult to read. For example, “For God so loued þ world, that he gaue his only begotten Sonne: that whosoeuer beleeueth in him, should not perish, but haue euerlasting life.” (John 3:16) The 1769 revision is the version many of us memorized in our youth.

Since sometime after the Battle of Hastings (1066 AD) “You” was the polite pronoun for people one did not know well. “Thee” and “Thou” were used with people to whom one was intimately connected, like family, or in reference to God, our dear Father, Who invites us to call Him “Abba” (Daddy). That is the opposite of what we suppose. In 1611 “You” had already replaced “Thee” and “Thou” in general usage. But, the King James Version was not accepted until fifty years after its publication. Tyndale’s translation (1536) was widely accepted, and it used “Thee” and “Thou.” The King James Version mimicked Tyndale because that is what people thought a Bible should be.

The literary qualities of the King James Version contribute to its wide acceptance over four centuries and are part of why it continues to be loved by many.

Languages change over time as they are spoken everyday. Just consider the word “hardware.” Once we knew it only in reference to stores where one bought nuts and bolts. Now it very often refers to computing devices. There have been many changes in the English language since 1611. *The Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible* (Abingdon) contains an article titled “Obsolete terms” in Volume K-Q that lists 692 words used in the KJV which have changed their meaning from a little to a lot. For example, Psalm 88:13 says. “But unto Thee have I cried, O LORD; and in the morning shall my prayer prevent Thee.” The Latin root words in “prevent” mean “to arrive before.” In our time it means “to stop someone or something” because a person arrives before another in order to stop the other from something.

The scholars who translated and edited the King James Version did a masterful job. They were very competent in the biblical languages. Yet, the King James Version created a problem for us all with “Thou shalt not kill.” The Hebrew verb used in the commandment is acknowledged as referring to murder, not to every death at the hands of another. But, this problem likely goes back to Jerome’s Latin Vulgate (384 AD). It also uses a more general term than murder, perhaps under the influence of a rabbi whose comments differed from all other rabbis.

Biblical archeology has developed over the last 150 years and has made more and better biblical texts and text fragments available. Procedures for evaluating any differences are more certain. The Bibles we have now are more accurate than ever.

~ Rev. Phil Bohlken

Summer Youth Opportunities

High School Mission Trip—July 11-17, 2021, Copperhill, TN

Our High Schoolers will be doing renovation and repair work in impoverished communities. We will be staying at a high adventure camp and enjoying fun activities between serving others. If you would like to sponsor a student or make a donation, please make checks payable to Grace Lutheran Church with “Youth Mission Trip” in the memo line.

Middle School Summer Serve—June 9-11, 2021

Our Middle Schoolers will be partnering with local Knoxville organizations to serve our city. We will be staying at Grace and spending time bonding, worshiping, and learning between serving others. To sign up, contact DCE Ashley Myers at youthministry@visitgrace.org.

Please pray for our students as we prepare to serve!!



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9:30 a.m. (Blended)/11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
Wednesday Worship: 6:30 p.m. (Blended)
Sunday School & Bible Classes @ 9:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.*

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