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The Voice

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What are you looking forward to in the new year?

Looking Forward

By Pastor David H Hatch

Some have said, “Moving past the politics.” Others, “Getting the virus under control with a vaccine”, and yet others “Getting out and about again.”

As I was preparing this article, I stumbled across a news item that caught my interest. Here it is:

*“Nearly eight in 10 Americans believe that 2020 has created an identity crisis for the country with nearly seven in 10 saying the year has left them feeling defeated, a nationwide poll finds. Tied with the prohibition of activities by COVID-19 at 45% was the presidential election. Thirty-five percent bemoaned the misinformation surrounding the coronavirus while another 30% lamented the 24/7 news cycle.”**

The truth is politics, regulations and illness are not going away at the stroke of midnight on December 31, 2020.

We do hope that 2021 is “better” than 2020. We always hope the future will be brighter and have less burdens than the past. We pray for that. But there will still be trouble. We have to accept that or we are deceiving ourselves.

Let’s learn to focus on the sweet things ahead! Let’s learn to steer our focus and thoughts toward what is good and holy ahead!



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*https://apple.news/AHQ4FmreqM4ue5ofjx_wj6g



There's a podcast I listen to called "Be the Bee". It is based on the truth that the common housefly will steer toward rotting, stinking, putrid things. The honeybee, on the other hand, will fly right over those putrid things, maybe around them, and only steer toward sweet, wonderful, beautiful things like flowers.

The bee steers toward the good stuff. The bee is controlling his thinking. Therefore, "Bee the Bee".

Cars and ships, bicycles and lawnmowers all have to be steered, or controlled. When we sweep the kitchen floor, we are steering the broom!

Try this series of mental exercises:

1. You are driving your car and you see a skunk in the middle of the road. What will you do?
2. You are riding a bicycle and you see glass from a broken bottle on the sidewalk. What will you do?
3. You are mowing the lawn and you are approaching that huge oak tree in the front lawn. What will you do?
4. You are going for a walk and you see a penny on the sidewalk. What will you do?

We steer our cars and lawnmowers. We can even steer our eyes to look at something, or away from something.

That is exactly what Saint Paul is telling us to do in a special little verse in the Bible, learn to control and steer our thoughts. Put a steering wheel on our mind. See what he says:

Philippians 4:8 - Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things.

In 1965 the film, *The Sound of Music* taught the world to sing a new song about steering our thinking. The refrain and the first verse went something like this:

*"When the dog bites, When the bee stings,
When I'm feeling sad,
I simply remember my favorite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.
Raindrops on roses, And whiskers on kittens,
Bright copper kettles and warm woolen mittens,
Brown paper packages tied up with strings,
These are a few of my favorite things"*



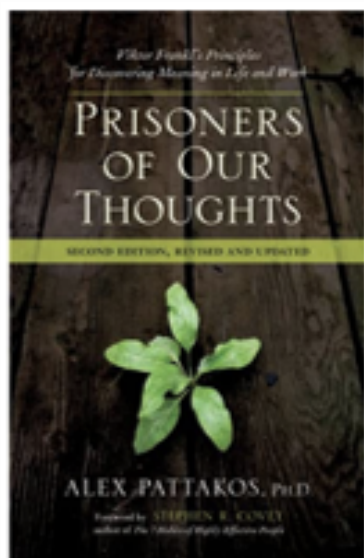
As an airplane, car or lawnmower cannot go two directions at once, neither can our minds. We can only think on one thing at a time. Trying to think about more than one thing at a time leads to

all sorts of grinding gear noises in the head and steam coming out of our ears. But thinking about holy, good and beautiful things, that is good steering.

Steering the mind and heart in the right direction is actually what the word Repentance means - a change in the direction of our thoughts, with Christ at the center and as the guide.

Romans 12:2 tells us, *“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”*

Remember the Prodigal son parable. He steered his thoughts away from his dad and from his home and those thoughts steered his feet where he should not go. Sitting in a pig pen, he awakened to his situation and steered his heart toward home where his dad was waiting for him.



I read a great book about steering our thoughts. It is not Christian, you have to add that part. The book is called “Prisoners of Our Thoughts.” Consider it. You may find it beneficial.

In the spring of 1973, there was a hit song on the radio about a dead skunk laying in the middle of the road, “Stinking to high heaven!” Sometimes our thoughts can stink to the high heaven. It’s like there’s a skunk in the middle of the road and we steer right at it in our thoughts. That is called *‘stinking thinking’*. My father-in-law says he ran over a skunk once and couldn’t get rid of the smell on the underside of the car for months.

If you could steer your car around a skunk in the middle of the road, would you? Likewise steer your thoughts around the things that disturb your life.

Let’s take Saint Paul’s word to heart in 2021 and learn how to steer and control our thoughts too! And when we land our thoughts on those holy things, give God thanks for them. Sing, whistle, pray out loud!

And when we might encounter some difficult things in 2021, lean hard on Him and we will be just fine.

NEWLHS News

You have a choice! NEW Lutheran High School is now accepting transfer applications in grades 9, 10 & 11. Limited seats are available in each class for live, face-to-face instruction on our east side campus. For more information about the outstanding Christian education offered at Lutheran High, please contact Executive Director Chris Nelson at (920) 471-5754 or visit the newlhs.com and click on the Admissions tab.

OSLC's 2021 Budget

Due to pandemic, we did not hold a voters meeting which was shared earlier, but that also meant that the Board of Personnel & Finance and the Parish Planning Council would have to approve the 2021 budget. On December 14, the two boards did approve the 2021 budget. When we feel we can hold a voters meeting with minimal risk to the members, we will review the 2021 budget and make changes as voted on by the members.

We are very blessed as our unified receipts as of November 20, 2020 are 7% above the budgeted amount. This is truly amazing based on what we have gone through in 2020 and what many business and non-profits are dealing with this year. We did get some help in the form of \$34,000 from Payroll Protection Program as part of the federal CARES Act, and \$32,000 from the Mueller Memorial. The great news is that with all the issues caused by the virus, our weekly offerings stayed fairly constant and at times slightly above as compared to 2019.

In the 2021 budget we increased our annual unified budget receipts (our offerings) by \$12,671 or 2%. This means our weekly offerings needed for 2021 is up \$243 to \$10,463. We had to make adjustments, as we cannot count on the same amount of income from fundraisers. For example, we budgeted \$26,000 less income from the Packer Servers, Fish Fries, Kitchen and Coffee Bar. We were able to decrease the cost of the kitchen/food expenses and some employee benefit cost.

We did the best we could setting the budget, but we have some uncertainties due to the pandemic, which will cause us to continue to make adjustments in 2021, as we see how the virus will impact our fundraisers and other activities throughout the year.

New Tax Provision for 2020

As part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act there is a provision for universal charitable deduction for all taxpayers of up to \$300. Ninety-two percent of taxpayers take a standard deduction rather than itemizing their charitable giving—under the new provision, taxpayers who do not itemize can now directly benefit from their charitable cash donations.

Bookkeeper Needed-Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church – Green Bay is currently seeking to hire a Bookkeeper to manage the finances and expenditures of the congregation. The position typically requires 5-6 hours a week. Please prayerfully consider this role and, if interested or you have any other questions, please contact Faith Lutheran Church at flcgb.office@gmail.com.

JANUARY 2021 USHER SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Team</i>
03 Jan	Sun	7:45 AM	Ralph Hoerchler	Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman
03 Jan	Sun	10:45 AM	Royal Bruhn	Sue Bruhn; Carson Falck
07 Jan	Thu	6:30 PM	Harvey Boeder	Jean & Paul Shusta
10 Jan	Sun	7:45 AM	Allen Knaus	Jerry VanKauwenberg; Nathan Knaus
10 Jan	Sun	9:15 AM	Shelley Williams	Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark
10 Jan	Sun	10:45 AM	Gerald Buechner	Rich Spangenberg
14 Jan	Thu	6:30 PM	Tiffany Duff	Brian Duff; † UN
17 Jan	Sun	7:45 AM	Greg Jones	Kathy Jones; John Kielpikowski; Chad Kielpikowski
17 Jan	Sun	9:15 AM	Matthew Tompkins	Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott
17 Jan	Sun	10:45 AM	Mike Charles	Sandy Groth
21 Jan	Thu	6:30 PM	David Haase	Bobby Haase; Rich Spangenberg
24 Jan	Sun	7:45 AM	Andrew Prescher	Al Brietlow; † UN
24 Jan	Sun	9:15 AM	Walter Juhnke	Aidan Hill; Lonnie Peerenboom; † UN
24 Jan	Sun	10:45 AM	Royal Bruhn	Sue Bruhn; Carson Falck
28 Jan	Thu	6:30 PM	Harvey Boeder	Jean & Paul Shusta
31 Jan	Sun	7:45 AM	Ralph Hoerchler	Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman
31 Jan	Sun	9:15 AM	Shelley Williams	Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark

FEBRUARY 2021 USHER SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Team</i>
04 Feb	Thu	6:30 PM	Tiffany Duff	Brian Duff; † UN
07 Feb	Sun	7:45 AM	Allen Knaus	Jerry VanKauwenberg; Nathan Knaus
07 Feb	Sun	9:15 AM	Matthew Tompkins	Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott
07 Feb	Sun	10:45 AM	Mike Charles	Sandy Groth
11 Feb	Thu	6:30 PM	David Haase	Bobby Haase; Rich Spangenberg
14 Feb	Sun	7:45 AM	Greg Jones	Kathy Jones; John Kielpikowski; Chad Kielpikowski
14 Feb	Sun	9:15 AM	Walt Juhnke	Aidan Hill; Lonnie Peerenboom; † UN
14 Feb	Sun	10:45 AM	Royal Bruhn	Sue Bruhn; Carson Falck
17 Feb	Wed	4:00 PM	Rich Spangenberg	(Youth)
17 Feb	Wed	6:30 PM	Harvey Boeder	Jean & Paul Shusta
21 Feb	Sun	7:45 AM	Andrew Prescher	Al Brietlow; † UN
21 Feb	Sun	9:15 AM	Shelley Williams	Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark
21 Feb	Sun	10:45 AM	Gerald Buechner	Rich Spangenberg
24 Feb	Wed	4:00 PM	Rich Spangenberg	(Youth)
24 Feb	Wed	6:30 PM	Tiffany Duff	Brian Duff; † UN
28 Feb	Sun	7:45 AM	Ralph Hoerchler	Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman
28 Feb	Sun	9:15 AM	Matthew Tompkins	Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott
28 Feb	Sun	10:45 AM	Mike Charles	Sandy Groth

Ushers are needed for all service times. If you would like to volunteer as a lead or team member, please contact the church office or Rich Spangenberg at (920) 857-3014 or spangennr.ret@uwgb.edu

OFFICIAL ACTS

Baptism:

McKenna Ivy Kelling

Born: February 10, 2018

Baptized: December 6, 2020

Daughter of Kristopher Kelling and Brianna Skupas

2021 Giving Resolution Options

Our Saviour Lutheran Church and our mission schools (Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School and N.E.W. Lutheran High School) receive cash donations from your time. How can you use your time to give in 2021? Just a few of the options are shown below:

Purchase SCRIP – You buy groceries, gas, or maybe pickup dinner at a restaurant, right? Walmart, Target, Festival Foods, Pick n' Save, Kwik Trip, Shell gas stations, McDonald's, Red Lobster, Culver's, Starbucks...these are daily or weekly stops, aren't they? Gift cards purchased from Our Saviour, for these and many other businesses, provide cash to Our Saviour. Call the church office to order and schedule a pickup time.

Amazon – When you start at smile.amazon.com and select Our Saviour Lutheran Church, .5% of your eligible purchases will be added to a check that is sent each quarter to OSLC.

Save your empty ink and toner cartridges and bring them to church. These are recycled for a credit of \$2 each which is then used to purchase supplies at OfficeDepot/OfficeMax.

Thrivent Financial members can log into their account and assign any amount of available ThriventChoice dollars to one or more designated charities, including Our Saviour. The opportunity to direct money to a specific charity is provided to you as a benefit of being a member of Thrivent Financial (not all product owners qualify; contact Thrivent with questions). ThriventChoice dollars earned in 2020 must be designated by March 31, 2021.

Box Tops for Education can benefit Green Bay Trinity Lutheran School. Download the BTFE app and scan your receipts including purchases of BTFE branded products. For BTFE products containing an actual box top coupon (including an expiration date) can be placed in the collection bin by the 2nd floor elevator at any time.

Coca-Cola products have numbered codes on plastic bottle caps, cartons and overwraps are worth \$.05 or more each. Bring the caps or cut out code number and place in the collection bin by the 2nd floor elevator any time.



We recognize the future feels uncertain right now. You may be wondering, "Is this summer even going to happen at camp?" But we know how much kids and their families need the connection and encouragement of camp right now. We have a path forward and a plan to make camp happen even if the current situation remains largely the same for Summer 2021 - we just need you.

Registration for Summer 2021 opens on January 1st at 8:00am!

To find out more details about this summer, including the steps we plan to take if necessary to safeguard the health and well-being of our campers during their time at Camp Luther, go to camppluther.com/summer2021.

Program Changes:

We're currently planning to limit the number of on-site campers each week to 60% of our normal capacity. This change means that we've reduced the number of specialty programs we plan to offer this summer. You can learn more about our Summer 2021 program schedule, including session dates and prices, on our website, [here](#). Some important changes we want everyone to be aware of:

- No Retreat Center weekend programs this summer (to accommodate additional cleaning requirements in between different weeks of camp). We still want to give the youngest campers an opportunity to come to camp, so check out our weekday [Explorer](#) sessions (Grades 1-3) and our weekend [Kindercamp Villages](#) program (ages 4-7).
- No KBC camper programs, but high schoolers can check out our awesome [High School Week](#) for intentional community, crazy awesome activities, and deep faith talks.
- Village Glamping and Family Fun Days on various weekends throughout the summer, so the whole family can get in on the fun!
- Since the 4th of July is on a Sunday this year, we're offering a special Monday-Friday Pathfinder session July 5-9. This could be a good option if your camper is testing the waters of a week-long camp for the first time.

How to Register:

Our registration process has moved completely online. Register, fill out your forms, and pay your balance all in one place! Visit [this page](#) of our website to access online registration and read our full registration policies. If you have already created an account for our online registration system, please use that account to complete the registration process. (You'll receive a reminder email with your log-in details on December 28th.) Otherwise, you will need to create a new account. Once in the system, follow the instructions to register for your chosen program.

If you rolled over your Summer 2020 payment or received an Every Kid to Camp certificate in 2020, you will be receiving a separate email explaining how to redeem those for Summer 2021.

Lastly, please don't hesitate to let us know if you encounter any problems with the registration process. You can email office@camppluther.com or call our office at 715-546-3647. We're here to help! Our office will be closed December 31-January 3. If you call or email during that time, we'll get back to you as soon as we can starting on January 4th.

In Christ,

The Camp Luther Staff

Evangelism Report-January 2021

Christmas Projects: We want to thank each of you who donated gifts to the Salvation Army Toys for Teens or the Bornemann Nursing Home Christmas gift program. We certainly witnessed the generosity of people at OSLC once again. The need at Bornemann's was for 20 male gifts and 35 female gifts, which we exceeded!! Many gifts were in our boxes for Salvation Army, and others were sent directly to their doors. In addition to these projects our Chicks with Stix group, which is a small group, knit mittens, hats, scarves, afghans and prayer shawls which were done with donated yarn and taken to the Howe Community Center and Bornemann's. Thank-you for your generosity of time and talents!!

Interviews: In January we will begin working on a new project, or maybe we should say, resurrecting an old project, The Roving Reporter. We would like to do 2 interviews of individuals or families from our congregation and print them in the Voice each month beginning in February or March. Our goal is to meet new people and to stay connected with others. If you receive a phone call or an email asking you to participate, please smile and share some information about yourself. We will have a list of questions, and if there is one you don't want to answer you don't have to.

New Members: We are looking for additional members for our Board. We meet the first Monday of the month at 6:00 pm and are meeting via Zoom at this time. We do not meet in July or September. If you are interested in learning more please call Donna at 468-4786 and ask any questions you may have, or join us for a meeting and decide if this Board is a good fit for you. We would love to have you join us!!

Board of Evangelism:	Caroline Arndt	Fay Boerschinger	Kim Ronsman
Pastor Ros	Debbi Young	Shelley Williams	Donna Zelazoski

2020 Special Donations Received

AmazonSmile notified OSLC that they would be sending a quarterly check this month in the amount of \$47.86. Thanks to customers shopping at smile.amazon.com, or with AmazonSmile turned on in the Amazon shopping app, everyday purchases generated over **\$236 million** in donations to charities worldwide so far. The breakdown of that amount worldwide is:

\$207.87 to Our Saviour Lutheran Church
\$217,644,976.48 to all charities in the US
\$237,615,915.89 to all charities worldwide

Thrivent Financial has a program called ThriventChoice that allows members to direct dollars to charitable entities based on products owned. In 2020, Our Saviour received more than \$8,000 from this program from you: our members and friends. The deadline for directing dollars provided in 2020 is March 31, 2021.

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January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Worship Registration: We will continue online registration for all worship services in 2021. Visit oslc-glb.org or, if you do not have online access, call the church office to register. We ask that you register at least one business day before the service.</p> <p>On January 10, 2021, the 9:15am service and Sunday school return in-house. Registration for 9:15am attendance will include Sunday school registration for your PK-6th grade students.</p> <p>Help us to plan and prepare for your family by registering early!</p>						
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<p>31</p> <p>7:45am Divine Worship 8am Live Stream Bible Study 9:15am Divine Worship 9:15am Live Stream Divine Worship 10:45am Divine Worship</p>	<p>Looking Ahead</p> <p>February 17: Ash Wednesday worship at 4 and 6:30pm</p> <p>February 24, March 3, March 10, March 17 and March 24): Lenten Worship at 4 and 6:30pm</p> <p>Holy Week:</p> <p>April 1: Maundy Thursday services will be at 4 and 6:30pm.</p> <p>April 2: Good Friday services will be at 12:15pm and 6:30pm.</p> <p>April 4: Easter Sunday services will be at 6, 7:45, 9:15 and 10:45am</p>					