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It Is There If We Have The Eyes To See It

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And so much more!

So what is the last thing a fish discovers? Can you guess?

We will spell it backwards - retaw.

Likewise, what might be the last thing we discover because we are surrounded by it? The goodness and mercy of God!

Goodness and mercy are not just following us (Psalm 23:6a), they envelop us! When we take everything else away, that is what we have left, the goodness and mercy of God.

I have met folks who grew up believing that God was always angry at them - that His wrath and punishment awaited them at every corner. Luther felt that way. His conscience was always accusing him, even after confession. Luther “discovered” that God is love and wants the best for us. He gave us His best in Christ.

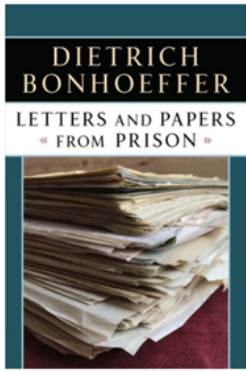
May we keep re-discovering that we are made in the image of God. Christ has justified us by faith at the cross. We are connected to Him in Baptism, we died with Him, were buried with Him, and we rose with Him. We are alive in Christ. It is the Evil One who is now accusing us. Christ surrounds and envelops us with goodness and mercy.

I am currently reading a book called, Letters and Papers from Prison. This is a collection of correspondence and notes to and from Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer while he was in prison in Nazi controlled Germany in the early 1940s. This is a non-fiction book, containing actual real historical writings. Some of these letters and papers were smuggled out by Pastor Bonhoeffer’s guard.



We will read some excerpts in a moment.

Some folks want to live in a cell alone – we call those folks monks. Some are in a cell against their will – we call them prisoners.



Pastor Bonhoeffer was a prisoner. He was engaged to be married but could only have short visits from his fiancée. His parents lived only about 6 miles away, but they were often denied visits. The family and friends could bring parcels of goodies and flowers, books and mementos, which proved to be an encouragement-lifesaver for Pastor Bonhoeffer. Handwritten letters through the postal mail was their super-treasured form of communication.

There were air raids where Pastor Bonhoeffer was. Windows broke, walls caved in, lights went out, the cold wind blew into the prison. The same was happening all over Berlin, as the Allies were squeezing the will-to-power out of Hitler.

It's an inspiration to read how people survive emotionally and physically in the middle of suffering. Pastor Bonhoeffer's letters are no exception.

What makes Pastor Bonhoeffer's writings powerful today is that he saw the rise of the Nazi party inside his country as the rise of evil. He was a young Lutheran pastor-professor teaching seminarians. His seminary was boarded up by the Gestapo. He himself is later arrested, and that's why we find him in prison. In the midst of imprisonment, in a setting of war, when most tangible things were taken from him, Pastor Bonhoeffer realized he was still surrounded by the Goodness and Mercy of God.

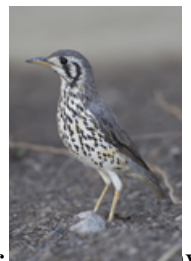
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Let's listen in as we read a few short excerpts of letters and notes where Pastor Bonhoeffer is observing the Goodness and Mercy of God that surround him

To his parents [Tegel Prison] 14 April 1943

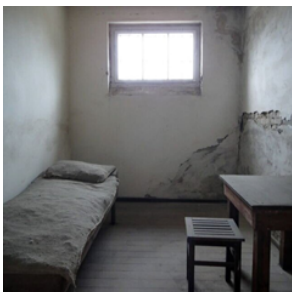
Strangely enough, the discomforts that one generally associates with prison life, the physical hardships, hardly bother me at all. One can even have enough to eat in the mornings with dry bread (I get a variety of extras too). The hard prison bed does not worry me a bit.

Here in the prison yard there is a thrush which sings beautifully in the morning, and now in the evening too. One is grateful for little things, and that is surely a gain.



To his parents [Tegel Prison] Easter Day, 25 April 1943

I'm so glad to let you know that even here I'm having a happy Easter. Good Friday and Easter free us to think about other things far beyond our own personal fate, about the ultimate meaning of all life, suffering, and events; and we lay hold of a great hope. Since yesterday it has been marvellously quiet in the house. I heard many people wishing each other a happy Easter. . . . In the stillness now I can also hear your Easter greetings, if you're together with the family today and thinking of me.





First of all, I must thank you very much for all the things that you brought me . . . You can't imagine what it means to be suddenly told: 'Your mother and sister and brother have just been here, and they've left something for you.' The mere fact that you have been near me, the tangible evidence that you are still thinking and caring about me (which of course I really know anyway!) is enough to keep me happy for the rest of the day. Thank you very much indeed for everything.

In recent years we have really learnt how much joy and sorrow can and must fill the human heart at one and the same time.

Before I go to sleep I repeat to myself the verses that I have learnt during the day and at 6 a.m. I like to read psalms and hymns, think of you all, and know that you are thinking of me.



The day is over now, and I hope you are feeling as peaceful as I am. I've read a lot of good things, and my thoughts and hopes have been pleasant too.

To his parents [Tegel Prison] 15 May 1943

One of my predecessors here has scribbled over the cell door, 'In 100 years it will all be over.' That was his way of trying to counter the feeling that life spent here is a blank . . . 'My time is in your hands' (Ps. 31) is the Bible's answer. But in the Bible there is also the question that threatens to dominate everything here: 'How long, O Lord?' (Ps.13).

For all my sympathy with the contemplative life, I am not a born Trappist (Monk). Nevertheless, a period of enforced silence may be a good thing. . . .



To his parents [Tegel Prison] Advent I, 28 November 1943

I want to write to you on the afternoon of the First Sunday in Advent. Altdorfer's 'Nativity' is very topical this year, showing the Holy Family and the crib among the ruins of a tumbledown house. . . . Perhaps he meant that Christmas could and should be kept even in such conditions.

November 29, 1943

I lay on the floor in the darkness with little hope of coming through the attack (Air raid) safely, led me back quite simply to prayer and the Bible.

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Closing thoughts from Pastor Dave – Pastor Bonhoeffer focused on the blessing in his midst during a very difficult time in his life. He saw that no matter where he was, as a fish is surrounded by water, he was surrounded by the Goodness and Mercy of God. When everything was taken from him, he saw God's blessings! Pastor Dave

To buy this book at Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/Letters-Papers-Prison-Dietrich-Bonhoeffer/dp/0684838273>

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All aboard the Rocky Railway!!!

Join us for Our Saviour's VBS as we discover that Jesus' power can pull us through life's ups and downs using exciting games, fun Bible songs, and even more activities! The adventure starts with a kickoff event on Sunday, July 18th at 5pm. VBS will continue July 19-22 from 6-8pm!

Keep an eye out for more announcements to come regarding registration, as well as volunteer and donation opportunities. We can't wait to gather safely to learn more about Jesus!

If you have any questions, please contact our VBS Director, Caitlin Wheeler at **wheelercaitlinm@gmail.com**.

We'll see you on the railway soon!

June 2021 Usher Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Lead</i>	<i>Team</i>
03 Jun	Thu	6:30 PM	Harvey Boeder	Jean & Paul Shusta
06 Jun	Sun	7:45 AM	Andrew Prescher	Al Breitlow
06 Jun	Sun	9:15 AM	Matthew Tompkins	Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott
06 Jun	Sun	10:45 AM	Mike Charles	Sandy Groth
10 Jun	Thu	6:30 PM	Tiffany Duff	Brian Duff
13 Jun	Sun	7:45 AM	Ralph Hoerchler	Matt Norem; Gerald Kirchman
13 Jun	Sun	9:15 AM	Walter Juhnke	Lonnie Peerenboom; Rich Voskamp; Larson Parks
13 Jun	Sun	10:45 AM	Royal Bruhn	Sue Bruhn; Carson Falck
17 Jun	Thu	6:30 PM	David Haase	Bobby Haase; Rich Spangenberg
20 Jun	Sun	7:45 AM	Allen Knaus	Jerry VanKauwenberg; Nathan Knaus
20 Jun	Sun	9:15 AM	Shelley Williams	Robin Williams; Rosemary & Steve Clark
20 Jun	Sun	10:45 AM	Gerald Buechner	Rich Spangenberg
24 Jun	Thu	6:30 PM	Harvey Boeder	Jean & Paul Shusta
27 Jun	Sun	7:45 AM	Greg Jones	Kathy Jones
27 Jun	Sun	9:15 AM	Matthew Tompkins	Ethan Tompkins; Kory Altergott; Kole Altergott
27 Jun	Sun	10:45 AM	Mike Charles	Sandy Groth

†UN-Usher Needed: If you'd like to volunteer as an usher, please contact the Lead usher of the group you'd like to join or contact Michelle in the church office at (920) 468-4065.

Board of Fellowship

Needed: We still need a couple of Servants to complete our **Fish Fry Manager Team**. Would you please consider filling a position?

We already have a **Fish Fry Manager Team** of 3 Servants, but would like to have one more to complete the team. We feel if we have a team of 4 Servants, you won't have to be committed for every time we have an event. If you love working in the kitchen, enjoy working with people and love to eat, this might be a great opportunity to check out the job description and see if you would like to join the team. Serv-Safe certification is not required but encouraged. Classes would be available if you would like to have the certification. OSLC will pay the fees.

We also need someone to serve as **Kitchen Manager**. This position could mostly be done at a time that works best for you. There is a job description for this position as well. Please consider this if you like being in a kitchen, enjoy working with others and are a good organizer. Serv-Safe certification is not required but would be available if you would like the certification.

At this time, we don't know when we will be able to begin serving fish fries again, but it would be awesome to have all the team mates in place when we get the word that we can begin. It will take some time to get organized before we can begin and we would love your help when we get the word that we can go ahead.

Please direct your questions to Jill @ 920-265-1402 or the church office. Jobs descriptions are also available for you to read to get a feel of what would be expected of you.

Blessings,

Jill Proulx, Chairwoman, Board of Fellowship

Official Acts

In: Calvin O'Harrow, Profession of Faith
Craig and Amy DeVoe, Adult Confirmation
Seth and Andrea Johnson, Adult Confirmation Children: Maxwell, Elias, Clara
James Nash, Adult Confirmation
Alex Smurawa, Adult Confirmation
Wayne and Elizabeth Keon, Profession of Faith

Received Their Crown

Richard C. Zimonick

April 21, 1933 ~ April 1, 2021

Private family service held

Senior Recognition – More From 2020

As many of you know, we recognize our high school seniors in the church newsletter at the end of each school year, including a picture and some information about the graduates' plans.

Somehow, in 2020, two of our students were not included in the July 2020 Voice article. To remedy that, below are their featured stories...



Sydney Altergott graduated from Preble High School. She planned to attend Concordia University of Wisconsin to study diagnostic medical sonography and play soccer. Her favorite Bible verse is from Isaiah 41:10 ~ Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Her favorite memories of growing up at Our Saviour are from Vacation Bible School.

Will Servais (no picture available) graduated from N.E.W. Lutheran High School in May. His plan was to attend Fox Valley Technical College to study cybersecurity and ethical hacking. His favorite Bible verse is Deuteronomy 31:6 ~ Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Favorite memories are plentiful for Will and include going on the mission trip as a freshman, making pizzas at 6AM, going to Confirmation classes on Wednesday and sitting in the pitch black basement.

If you or your child will graduate in 2021, please watch for a request for information so that we can honor your graduate in a future issue.

LWML Gifts from the Heart

We are in our final weeks for collecting items for Gifts from the Heart to bring with us to the LWML National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The collection will run through June 13. See the information below on the items we will be collecting.

Assurance for Life Ministry – "Christ's love, offered freely, one-on-one, to envision the unique and sacred value of each human being". Assurance is a specialized health clinic serving Lexington, KY and the surrounding areas providing free medical services, compassionate counsel, and support to individuals facing unplanned and often crisis pregnancies. They also minister to those experiencing issues from past abortions. For this ministry, we are collecting:

- Baby Toiletries—shampoo, soap, lotion, etc.
- Baby Bath Towels, Wash Cloths and Burp Cloths
- Crib Sheets
- Laundry Baskets (small or collapsible)
- Disposable Diapers (size 3) and Wipes
- New Clothing – Sizes NB-12 months (onesies, sleepers, outfits, gowns, coats, etc.)
- Diaper bags
- Baby Toys—Rattles, Teething Rings, etc.
- Small "First" Christian Books—board books, vinyl books, Arch books*

MOST Ministries provides vision testing and recycled prescription eyeglasses to impoverished people living in developing nations around the world. This eyeglass ministry allows team members to reach out with Christ's love and engage in sharing the Gospel. Donations of your used eyeglasses will support this mission outreach.

*Concordia Publishing House is offering a special on Arch Books for Convention. Books will be delivered directly to Lexington. The deadline to place an order is May 23, 2021. Use the promo code "GFTH" at checkout to receive the discounted prices. Visit <https://books.cph.org/lwml-gifts-from-the-heart> and click "Order Online" to go directly to the registry and select the books.

17TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC CAMP LUTHER

June 18, 2021

Gather together a foursome and join us for a great day of golf, food, and fellowship.

100% of proceeds go to Every Kid to Camp.

June 18, 2021

Registration 8:15 am Tee Off 9 am

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Rhineland, WI

TWO GOLF DIVISIONS

Indicate your choice on
Registration form

Competitive Division

- Teams will compete for best score in regular scramble format.
- Each golfer may purchase any amount of mulligans. \$10 each. Non-transferable.
- Prizes awarded to top three teams.
- Individual prizes for: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt.

Hacker Division

- Teams will compete in regular scramble format.
- Each golfer may purchase any amount of mulligans. \$10 each. Non-transferable.
- Prizes awarded to bottom three teams.
- Hackers are eligible for: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, and Longest Putt.
- Individual prizes for: Most Lost Balls, Most Balls in Water, and Least Used Tee Shots.

Greens Fee for each golfer:

\$150 before May 21, 2021

\$175 before June 11, 2021

All Greens Fees are due June 11,
1 week before the event.

Format:

18 Holes Scramble

Hole-in-One Contest:

The 2021 event will feature a
Ford Pick-Up Truck from
Eagle River Ford.



Register as a foursome or as an individual. Individuals will be placed in a foursome. Your contribution is due by June 11, 2021.

CAMP LUTHER



2021 GOLF CLASSIC, JUNE 18, 2021
NORTHWOOD GOLF CLUB, RHINELANDER, WI

Please fill out **ALL** information for **each** Team Member

Choose Your Division

☐ Competitive Division

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Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GOLFER # 3

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

GOLFER # 4

Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 7-45am Divine Worship 9-15am Divine Worship w/Livestream 10-45am Youth Confirmation New Protocols start today. See below...	3 6:30pm Board of Elders	4 6:30pm Band Practice	5 10am Staff Meeting 5:15pm Board of Fellowship	6 12:15pm Divine Worship 6:30pm Divine Worship 6:30pm Trinity School Musical in Gym	7 1:30pm Trinity School Musical in Gym 3:30pm Trinity School Musical in Gym	1 <hr/> 8
9 Mile Box Sunday Mothers' Day 7-45am Divine Worship 8am Livestream Bible Study 9-15am Divine Worship w/Livestream 10-45am Divine Worship	10 6pm Personnel & Finance 6-45pm Church Council	11 9am Bible Study 6:30pm Band Practice Last Day of Preschool	12 10am Staff Meeting 10am Preschool Closing Program for 3K and 4K	13 Ascension Day 12:15pm Divine Worship 6:30pm Divine Worship	14 4pm Wedding Deadline for June newsletter articles	15
16 7-45am Divine Worship 8am Livestream Bible Study 9-15am Divine Worship w/Livestream 10-45am Divine Worship	17 6pm Board of Evangelism 7pm Board of Education Sanctuary/Altar project begins today	18 9am Bible Study in the Youth Room 6:30pm Band Practice	19 10am Staff Meeting	20 12:15pm Divine Worship 6:30pm Divine Worship	21	22
23 7-45am Divine Worship 8am Livestream Bible Study 9-15am Divine Worship w/Livestream 10-45am Divine Worship	24 4pm Ruby's Pantry at Redeemer Lutheran 6pm NYG Chaperones	25 9am Bible Study in the Youth Room 6:30pm Band Practice	26 10am Staff Meeting	27 12:15pm Divine Worship 6:30pm Divine Worship	28 Trinity Awards and Chapel - Last Day of School	29
30 7-45am Divine Worship 8am Livestream Bible Study 9-15am Divine Worship w/Livestream 10-45am Divine Worship	31 Memorial Day Office Closed	New Protocols Begin Sunday, May 2 – All services continue to require registration. Pre-registration by Wednesday at 11:59pm for Thursday and by Friday at 2pm for Sunday are appreciated. Sundays 7-45am – Masks required; social distancing; no singing 9-15am – Masks optional; social distancing; singing (with Praise Band) 10-45am – No Protocols Thursdays 12:15pm – Masks required; social distancing; no singing 6:30pm – No Protocols				