

Life-Lines

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WONDERMENTS FROM PASTOR WAYNE'S WORLD

So this is the last newsletter article this summer that I describe the groups who use the church facilities.

GAST, which stands for German-Austrian-Swiss of the Triangle Club, has been using it regularly ever since I have been associated with Lord of Life. They meet three times per year: Fasnacht a/k/a "German Carnival" is a celebration before Lent usually held sometime in February; Oktoberfest, usually held the beginning of October; and Advent, of course, during December. Annual membership is \$20 but that is flexible; and the members have a dinner in a "potluck" style with appropriate activities such as singing German Christmas carols "auf Deutsch" related to the day. I am a member and they welcome all who want to experience German, Austrian, and Swiss culture in Garner. They might have 18-25 people at each dinner.

An Inspirational Book Club meets every third Tuesday evening in the "couch corner" of the fellowship hall. They could have 4 to 8 ladies meeting and they discuss books of Christian fiction.

A soccer group using our field was unable to attract enough interest this past June but will attempt to do so again in the fall. Its goal is to introduce 2-8 year olds to soccer. They plan to meet from 4-6:30 pm on Fridays. Who knows, perhaps the group might provide the soccer seed to a future world cup star.

Annually we host "Lifelines" a mobile medical based in Ohio that provides a variety of tests at discounted prices. This past July the group provided tests for 68 people. On their testing date, they use all our rooms in the education wing including the chapel and the entire fellowship hall.

Occasionally we do have families, both church and non-church families, use our fellowship hall for

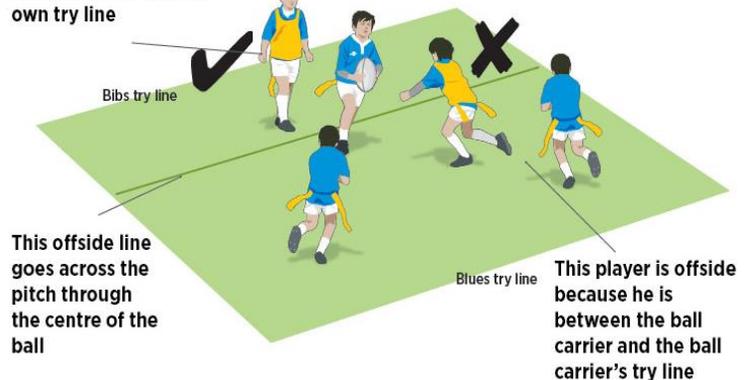
small group gatherings. We only ask that the calendars both in the kitchen and office are marked with the date.

Let me first mention what we do not intend in having these groups use our facilities. Firstly, we do not intend to make any substantial financial gains by this. Only the Soccer group will pay \$25 per week which will go into the Youth Ministry fund of Lord of Life. Secondly, it is not our intention to "gain members" by hosting such groups, but it is our intention to bring about greater visibility to Lord of Life. Thirdly, it is not our intention to feel that the members of Lord of Life have to support these groups by our participation. I am too old to learn soccer (despite watching Jean Marie and Claire play while they were young, I still do not understand what "offsides" means). I will leave the book discussions to the ladies but I will participate in the GAST Club whenever I can.

What we do intend by opening our facilities is, firstly, to extend our visibility to the community. Secondly we want to use the gift of our wonderful facility we are graced with in as many ways as we are able.

~ Pastor Wayne

This player is onside because he is between the ball carrier and his own try line



This offside line goes across the pitch through the centre of the ball

This player is offside because he is between the ball carrier and the ball carrier's try line

Women ON THE Move

Your North Carolina Lutheran Women have been very busy. We had 100 Lutheran women from across the state gather at Lenoir Rhyne University for the 36th Annual Gathering last month. This is a great time for women of all ages to gather and discuss issues common to us all. We are all affected by busy lifestyles filled with children and aging parents. We are called as Christians to be fighters of justice especially for oppressed women, children and orphans.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure **and** faultless is this: to look after **orphans and widows** in their distress **and** to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27, NIV

We have a focus of helping women caught in sex trafficking and immigration issues especially affecting children. Our charities for the upcoming year will be Days for Girls, Vigilante Truth and the Marketplace of North Carolina. We will also continue to collect money to provide scholarships for the Triennial Lutheran Women Gathering and Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in 2020.

We will have a Triangle Conference Gathering in October at a location to be announced.

We will have a Fall Retreat at the Blowing Rock Retreat Center in Blowing Rock, North Carolina, November 2-4, 2018. Our speaker will be Pastor Jenni Zima and topic "Living Worry Free".

And finally, the statewide Lutheran Women's organization, SWO, needs more people involved in our committees. We have 5 committees; Conference Leaders, Gathering Planning, Stewardship, Justice and Discipleship. The committees meet twice a year and otherwise communicate by email. Committee Day I is fast approaching, Saturday, August 18, 2018 at First Lutheran Church in Lexington, North Carolina. Committee Day II will be held in January. Location and Date to follow.

The Beach Retreat at the Kure Beach Retreat Center is planned for March 8-10, 2019. And the Annual Gathering at Lenoir Rhyne University will be June 21-23, 2019.

Please let me know if you have any questions or are interested in more information!

~ Alecia Harrison



Thank you to Ginny King for setting the altar for July and for making bread despite this hot weather. Thanks to those who have donated wine, grape juice or candles. If you have purchased any items for Sunday communion services and would like credit for these items, please remember to give your receipts to the church secretary so that these expenses will be included in your year-end contribution statements. This is very helpful when preparing a budget for the upcoming year so that it may be added to our previous year's expenses.

During July we have had 2 baptisms. Water is the earthly element used for baptism. Water is an agent of both creation and destruction, both life and death, both birth and drowning. Baptism is the most important event in our lives.

The location of the baptismal font varies. First the location should suggest as an entrance into the family of God, thus a location just inside the nave. Following the washing with water, the sign of the cross is made with oil on the forehead of the baptized. This practice has been followed since the second century but it derives from an Old Testament practice of putting a mark on the foreheads of persons who God would save. The cross is a tangible reminder that in baptism we are united with the Crucified Christ and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

~ Carol Wallace

Satisfaction ... is anyone ever really satisfied?



“Who picked ‘I Can’t Get No Satisfaction’ to be our on-hold music?”

Last week I went to lunch with a professor friend who, for some odd reason, moved from **Chapel Hill** to **Raleigh** (get my drift?!). A friend of hers happened to pop-in at the same restaurant with yet another of their pals. My friend’s friend asked to join us, and we said ‘sure.’ Besides, my friend and I were just reveling in the joy of our summer vacation and of course, solving all the world’s problems in one sitting; simply enjoying each other’s company.

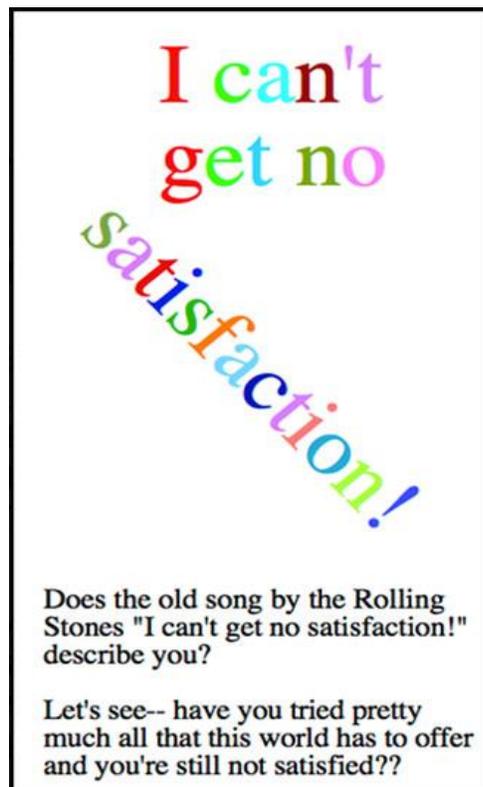
Well, those enjoyments lasted approximately five minutes after the newly invited were seated. Then it began... the whining about the previous semester’s shortfalls and their students’ underperformances seemed to take dominion over the lighthearted, laidback lunch that I had been anticipating all week. It’s not that the newly invited hated their jobs, it’s that they found fault in seemingly everything about it! The dissatisfaction they voiced started to loop in my head, and as my discontent grew over their verbal dissatisfaction with things past... I started singing that old Rolling Stones song, “*I Can’t Get No Satisfaction.*” Yep ... I did ... aloud and although my childhood teachings view ‘singing at the table’ to be the height of ill-manners, I forged ahead. They finally got it (I think), a bit late as they had ruined my lunch Shangri-La in the process.

So, after lunch I got in my car to head home, started the engine and wham! Fate reared its sometimes-not-so-ugly head as Mick Jagger’s voice blared from my radio with, you guessed it! “*I Can’t Get No Satisfaction*”. This time, singing at the top of my lungs, I processed the words... was there really NO satisfaction anywhere? It’s true that satisfaction is often an elusive phenomenon because somebody, somewhere, all the time, is going to forego

gratification and fulfillment. It’s not just the picky-prickly folk, or even those who see themselves as surveyors of everybody else’s business who experience the phenomenon of being UN-satisfied; from the pious to the irreverent, we all experience the absence of satisfaction every now-and-then. On the other hand, there is always somebody, somewhere who appears to be in a constant state of Nirvana.

Perhaps the only true satisfaction in this world is the satisfaction we get from having faith. For example, when we say we can’t see God, we reconcile that ideology in all the things around us that simply are... that exist outside of human purview. Things that we create in this life are temporary and, as logic follows, they bring temporary satisfaction. It’s kind like this ... state of grace coupled with gratification for what we possess is contentment, but because we really don’t bring anything into the world, we can take nothing out of it.

However, if you really think about it, many times our dissatisfactions result from simple things that we can do something about but opt to do otherwise ...



like the clock on the wall that has the wrong time which no one bothers to fix, but everyone complains about (unlike the weather of which we complain but can do absolutely nothing). So, I imagine that we will only ever be truly satisfied when all the trapping that we didn’t bring into the world that bother us, are no longer a factor

because we will leave them behind. In the meantime we’ll just have to count our blessings from wherever they come and find satisfaction in those; have faith. Be blessed.

~ Gale J. Isaacs

Parish Committee

Lord of Life Parish Committee met on July 15th. During our meeting, we discussed the topics below:

➤ **LOL DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Keep an eye on your LOL mailboxes for Directory Update. If you have any updates to your own information (phone number, address, email, etc.) please submit updated information and put in Dave Hash's or Parish mailbox. If anyone would like their pictures updated in the Fellowship Hall, please contact Tim Clark, Dave Hash or Terry Barnes.

➤ **DISASTER FOOD PANTRY**

The Disaster Food Pantry has been maintained (mainly by Tim Clark) and regularly sorted through to remove expired items. Since this pantry is rarely utilized, we've decided to limit the items in pantry to those with very long expiration dates (or no expiration). This will help us to eliminate sorting tasks of the pantry and still maintain an inventory of items that may be needed at some point for emergency.

➤ **EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN**

Parish Committee will be working on planning for Emergencies. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Identifying emergency equipment and communicate location of equipment to LOL congregation. Ensure equipment is current (i.e. fire extinguishers, first aid kits, batteries in AED-defibrillator)
- Identify exit signs throughout church
- Planning for Activate Shooter
- Identify LOL members with skill sets to assist in Emergencies
- Emergency Planning Templates for information needed in creation of Emergency Plans have been researched and planning template started through input from Patrick Niemann and Don Craig (Parish Liaison to Council). Parish Committee to work on completion of planning with Don's help and ideas

Yours in Christ,
PARISH Chair, Terry Barnes

Happy National Dog Day on August 26th

National Dog Day serves to raise awareness of the thousands of dogs that need to be rescued and encourages appreciation for family dogs and working dogs, such as bomb dogs, service dogs, rescue dogs and law enforcement dogs. Dogs are owned by many families in the US, however many other dogs are homeless and or have been abandoned. Every year, these dogs are taken into shelters, where millions of them are euthanized. In the US, approximately 3.9 million dogs enter animal shelters every year, of these, 1.2 million are euthanized. Only 35% of shelter dogs are adopted, 26% are returned to their owners and 31% are euthanized.

In 2005, National Dog Day was conceived and promoted by Colleen Paige, a pet lover and advocate.

National Dog Day Facts & Quotes

At one time, Iraq and Afghanistan had about 1,200 dog teams in action. When the war dogs are involved, the bomb detection rate can be as high as 80%.

It is estimated that there are 13,600 animal shelters in the United States.

According to the American Humane Association, the most common reason (29%) for giving up a dog is because their place of residence does not allow them.

Only 10% of animals that enter shelters have been spayed or neutered.

It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog. - Mark Twain

National Dog Day Events and Things to Do

Adopt a dog. There are local shelters in most counties that pick up strays or take in animals that have been given up or abandoned. Visit your local shelter to pick up a new companion.

Donate to one of many organizations such as, the Humane Society or the ASPCA, that help animals in need. You can also donate blankets, pet food and toys to your local animal shelter.

Volunteer your time at your local animal rescue shelter. Most shelters operate with volunteers. There is always a need for help walking, feeding, playing with and cleaning up after the animals.

Sign your dog up for dog training classes. There are many options from confirmation, obedience, rally, hunting, agility and utility, amongst others.

Watch a movie about dogs from all walks of life.





We pray for our world and those in it with hope for our future. Daniel Harman, Lindsay Crocker's nephew – health & healing; Karen Wright's mother, Carol Goodford – heart issues; Elena Cabrera's daughter, Stephanie;

Rebecca Swanson's niece, Brenna – pregnancy complications; David Van Benschoten, brother of Tess Andrews – multiple myeloma; Nick Vietri; Dan & Monna Stamm; Dennis King; Jack Austin - brain tumors; Shirley Poole; Bud Holderman - surgery; Larry Watson, Joan Stewart's son-in-law - ICV Stroke; Family of Ruth Sigmon, very dear friend of Dan & Roxie Hayes, who passed away 6/19; Dennis King's sister, Beverly - several serious health issues; Holly Hans' sister, Heather House and her family; Tom Miller, friend of Karen Post - undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer; Dr. Steve Rushton, friend of Karen Post - lymphoma; Darcy Williamson; Sian McLean, friend of Julia Lochra, cancer; Terry Barnes' friend/co-worker: Michael Boykin – stroke; Paul & Kerri Blanchard's son, Jason, mental disability; Fred Whitfield, Amy Macurdy's step-father, health issues; Joyce Bredell, breast cancer; family of Marge Luikart, sister of Don Wallace, who passed away April 11th; Chuck Wallace, Don Wallace's nephew, health problems; Evelyn Peterson, Mary Langworthy's mom, surgery for extensive arthritis in lower back; Tom Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – hospitalized; Becky Bandy, sister of Mary Langworthy – Crohn's Disease, bleeding; Mark Schmidt, brother of Mary Langworthy – heart attack, blood clot, complications of OWRD; Cathy LaBianca, Mother-in-law to Mary Langworthy's daughter - surgery for burst vertebrae; Christine Brennecke, TBI with complications; Susie, Benjamin and Bryce Lowe.

Please review this Prayer List and let Laura or Pastor Wayne know of any which can be deleted, information updated, or additions to be added.

thank you!



It is Back to School Time!

You may have noticed the table in the middle of the Narthex! We are collecting school items for local Garner elementary schools-- East Garner, Creech, Timber Drive and Rand Road. We ask that all the donated school items be returned to the church by Sunday, August 19, 2018. There is a variety of items needed. We are very grateful for your many generous donations throughout the year!

At our last meeting, we read a Thank You note from Antonio Smith regarding his week at Camp Agape's Nature Camp.

We also discussed the upcoming Yard Sale which will be held on Saturday, September 29, 2018. Be thinking about what you would like to contribute to our annual Yard Sale event. There will also be plenty of opportunities to help setting up and cleaning up from Wednesday to Saturday. We will again have sausage biscuits available the morning of the Yard Sale. Gale Isaacs will have Flyers to place at your business or local places that you frequent that will allow Yard Sale signs in visible areas.

Our Garner Area Ministry donations continue to overflow our collection baskets. Thank You!!!! Just a reminder that GAM Food Pantry has a freezer and we can also donate frozen items to them. You can either take them directly to GAM during morning hours OR placed labeled items in the freezer in the Storage Closet area. Also, let Connie Fortmeyer know that you placed frozen items for GAM in the Storage closet freezer.

Pastor Wayne recently asked us What Kind of Church do we Want to Be? This is a question that we all need to carefully consider. Each of us will come up with different issues and concerns. We need to be discussing them so that we can clearly move forward to the Church that we WANT to be instead of the one that we end up with. Instead of asking Why do we do something, ask Why not??? If you change the question, you change the answer. And most of all ask God to Use ME! Through prayer and Bible Study, God

Back to School, continued

will reveal to you what he would like for you to do to bring honor to God. We all can be busy, but are we doing what God is calling us to do? Something else to think about.

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." John 3:16-17, NIV. God loves us each so much. And he brings people with different gifts together to accomplish his mission. Are we meeting the needs of Garner and surrounding areas? This is a question that your Social Concerns committee ponders each month. We also ask for God to Use Me, wherever needed.



Blessings,
Alecia Harrison and Gale Isaacs
Co-Chairs, Social Concerns Committee

Lutheran
Laywomen
in History



Florence Nightingale, died August 13, 1910

When Florence Nightingale decided she would be a nurse, her family was horrified. In the early 1800's nursing was done by people with no training and no other way to earn a living. Florence trained at Kaiserswerth, Germany, with a Lutheran order of deaconesses. She returned home and worked to reform hospitals in England. Nightingale led a group of 38 nurses to serve in the Crimean War, where they worked in appalling conditions. She returned to London as a hero and resumed her work there for hospital reform.

Clara Maass, died August 13, 1901

Clara Maass was born in New Jersey and served as a nurse in the Spanish-American War, where she encountered the horrors of yellow fever. She later responded to a call for subjects in research on yellow fever. During the experiments, which included receiving bites from mosquitoes, she contracted the disease and died. The commemoration of these women invites the church to give thanks for all who practice the arts of healing.



August

August 1	Aidan Johnson
August 5	Stacie Johnson
August 7	Sarah Weisenburn
August 12	Edie Craig
August 13	Dylan Rebbeor
August 14	Sarah Watkins
August 20	Alisa Hart
August 24	Linda Hash
August 28	Sage Weatherwax
August 30	Don Craig
	Kathy Hart
	Chip Kyles
	Joe Ann Wilder

September

September 1	Deanna Leuenberger
September 2	Gerry Havenstein
September 7	Ben Harrison
	Timothy Eggert
September 8	Betty Nalepa
	Emma Terrazas
September 14	Donald Bredell
September 16	Claire Dubnansky
September 17	Kerri Blanchard
September 22	Mike Kestner
September 23	Shannon Thomsen
September 26	Bob Baxter
September 27	Esther Bredell
September 29	James Stewart
September 30	Adia Hans

Have you seen the _____ recently????

Dear Church Family,

We need your help!

The Rotary Breakfast Club has a weekly scavenger hunt to find the items needed for us to prepare the planned breakfast menu for the Early Morning Garner Rotary Club. You may be unaware that almost ALL of the items in the Rotary cabinet in the Storage Room have been purchased by the Early Morning Garner Rotary Club for us to prepare their weekly meal.

You may use whatever you need but PLEASE put it back where you found it. Also, you may use whatever items you need especially for after-service Fellowship.

But PLEASE replace what you use.

This past week, we were out of juice cups for our weekly breakfast buffet. Helen does the Rotary shopping every one to two weeks. As you know, she has had many extra activities in managing Bud's recovery from Open Heart Surgery. We do weekly spot checks on needed items and had plenty of cups the week before only to arrive at 5:30 am on Wednesday morning without enough cups to serve the Rotary.

WHERE'S THE
HOT SAUCE?!?



Hey!!
Did someone
move the
cheese???

Also this past week, Helen did the Rotary grocery shopping for a 2 week period. She arrived in the storage area to find a full Rotary refrigerator. She had to move cases of canned soda out of the refrigerator to properly store the breakfast items purchased for the Rotary. This was a physically heavy job that required a significant amount of extra time. And as mentioned above, Helen has additional requirements for her time.

We are grateful to everyone who bring a great variety of items to share for after-church Fellowship. This is a very important time for our church family to share day-to-day issues and plan for future events. IF something is left in any refrigerator, it should be properly marked with the date it was put in the refrigerator and the date it is intended to be utilized (eaten). For example, "prepared July 20, 2018; for Fellowship July 22, 2018." This will help the Kitchen angels to be efficient in cleaning out the refrigerator and placing all designated items on the Fellowship table.

We are grateful for all your generous donations and appreciate your help in making our kitchen more efficient.

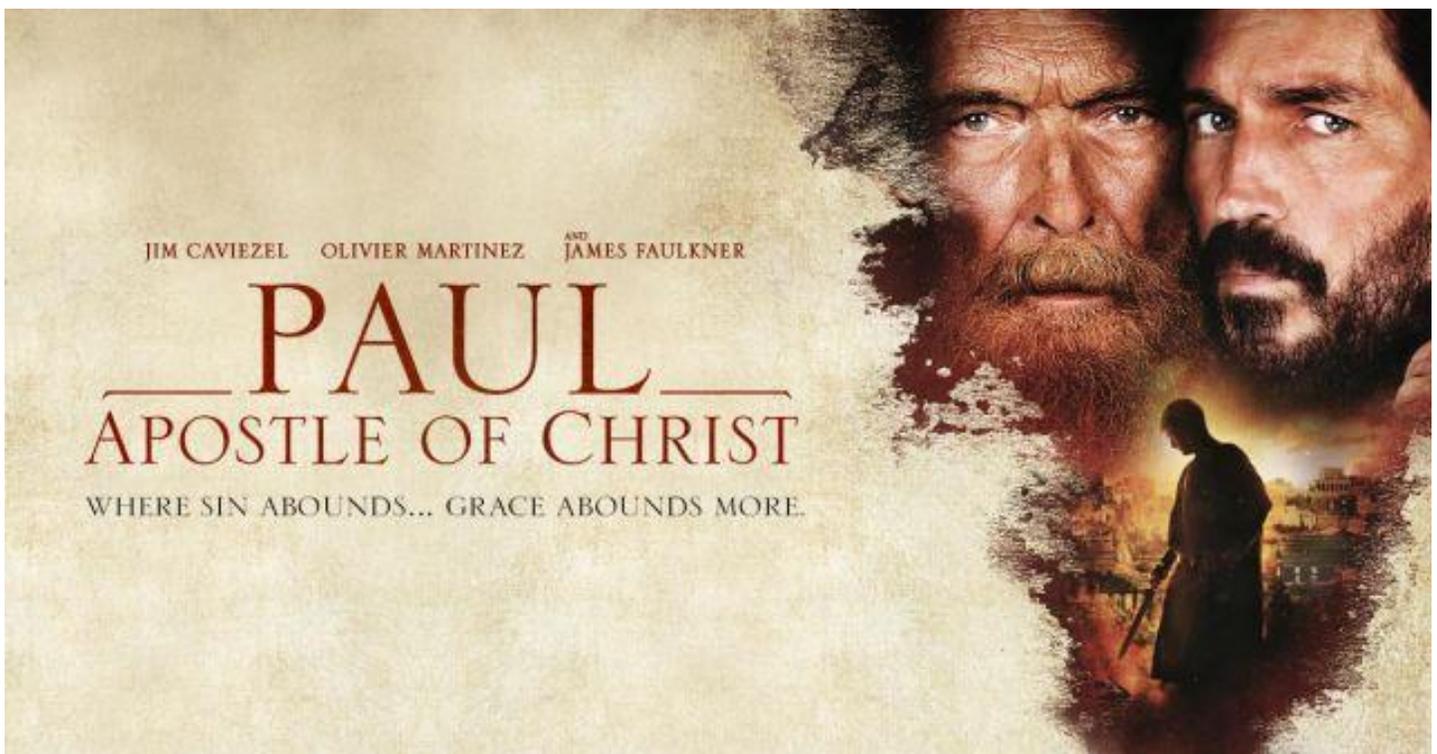
VOLUNTEER



WE NEED YOUR HELP

And FINALLY we NEED at least ONE person to help the Rotary Breakfast Club with cleaning on the third Wednesday of the month from 8-9am. We really need YOU!!!!

Thanks everyone!
Alecia Harrison



Paul, Apostle of Christ: A REVIEW

First of all, I placed "Paul" on the spiritual cinema schedule because it had been in the theaters, it got favorable reviews, and it is scriptural. What could be better. Well, I and those who viewed it two Sundays agree that, to say it was based on Scripture is a very liberal take on what based on Scripture means.

The main emphasis is Luke coming to Paul while he was imprisoned in Rome awaiting execution. Luke is reputed to be the writer of Acts in which Paul first appears in Chapter 9 and is the main focus until Acts ends. Scripturally, there is no evidence that Luke ever met Paul although the last paragraph of Acts is mentioned correctly in Paul's last conversation with Luke. Aquilla and Prisca are depicted as the ones who kept the Christian community together in hiding during the persecution. They also are not mentioned in Acts, but are important figures in Paul's letter to the Ephesians; however, they are mentioned in Romans at the very end, so they could have travelled to Rome to lead the Church, but Scripture does not attest to that. Paul is in prison the entire film whereas Acts states he was under house arrest for two years in Rome.

The entire drama of the prison warden or commandant who was friendly with Paul and Luke, and even asked Luke to save his daughter who is dying, is interesting theater but totally off the grid of Scripture. Except for Timothy at the very end, none of Paul's colleagues in mission - Barnabas, Silas, John, Mark or even Lydia - are ever mentioned. However, the film does a good job depicting the martyrdom of Stephen and the conversion of Saul to Paul. The film concludes with Paul's beheading with him going to heaven and meeting Jesus and all the previous martyrs. Scripture does not confirm this although tradition does indicate he was martyred in Rome as was Peter.

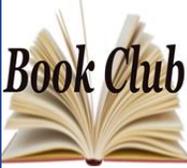
So if the purpose in making this movie was for biblical study, it failed. If its purpose was to uplift the glory of martyrdom and life eternal in heaven, the manner in which heaven is depicted was good, but I like way "The Shack" did it better by emphasizing the sheer joy of heaven. I am not even sure how ancient Rome was depicted was all that accurate.

Nonetheless, I do own the DVD and it is available to anyone to borrow as is "I Can Only Imagine".

~ Pastor Wayne



August

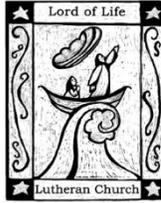
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WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

9:00 am

Sunday School

Discussion Group (Library)

10:00 am

Worship Service

Happy National Dog Day



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