

August 2020

The BEACON

Holmes Lutheran Church

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Therefore be imitators of God; as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us.” Ephesians 5:1-2

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for dinner on Friday night. In their rush to catch their plane and with tickets and briefcase in hand, one of these salesmen accidentally kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or even looking back, they all managed to reach their plane in time for their nearly missed boarding. All but one! He paused, took a deep breath, got in touch with his feelings and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight.

Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the floor. He was glad he did. The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled apples as the crowd swirled around her; no one stopping and no one to care about what had happened.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display once again. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become bruised; these he set aside in another basket. When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, “Here, please take this \$50 for the damage we did. Are you okay” She nodded through her tears.

He continued on with, “I hope we didn’t spoil your day too badly.” As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, “Mister...” He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, “Are you Jesus?”

He stopped in mid-stride...And he wondered. He gently went back and said, “No, I am nothing like Jesus - He is good, kind, caring, loving, and would never have bumped into your display in the first place.”

The girl gently nodded: “I only asked because I prayed for Jesus to help me gather the apples. He sent you to help me. Thank you for hearing Jesus, Mister.”

Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing around in his soul: “Are you Jesus?” Do people mistake you for Jesus?

That’s our destiny, isn’t it? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace.

If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It’s actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though you, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked up you and me on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

With much joy in His service,
Pastor Jerome

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Home Circle

Wed, Aug 5th @ 1:30pm
Devotions/Lesson: Naomi Lette
Hostess: To Be Decided

ALTAR FLOWERS:

Deb Prehm



5 Days per week Bible Reading Program

Five readings per week gives you room to catch up or take a day off to focus on other Bible readings or spiritual disciplines. Here is your reading plan for August

Aug 2-8

- ___ 1 King 10-11; 2 Chronicles 9; 1 Tim 6
- ___ Ecclesiastes 1-3; Psalm 45; 2 Tim 1
- ___ Eccl 4-6; Psalm 125; 2 Tim 2
- ___ Eccl 7-9; Psalm 46; 2 Tim 3
- ___ Eccl 10-12; 2 Tim 4

Aug 9-15

- ___ 1 Kings 12; 2 Chr 10-11; Titus 1
- ___ 1 Kings 13-14; 2 Chr 12; Ps 47; Titus 2
- ___ 1 Kings 15; 2 Chr 13-14; Titus 3
- ___ 1 Kings 16; 2 Chr 15-16; Philemon
- ___ 1 Kings 17-18; Psalm 119; Jude

Aug 16-22

- ___ 1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chr 17; Ps 129; Matt 1
- ___ 1 Kings 22; 2 Chr 18; Matthew 2
- ___ 2 Kings 1; 2 Chr 19-20; Ps 20; Matt 3
- ___ 2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matthew 4
- ___ 2 Kings 4-6; Matthew 5

Aug 23-29

- ___ 2 Kings 7-8; 2 Chr 21; Matt 6
- ___ 2 Kings 9-10; Psalm 49; Matt 7
- ___ 2 Kings 11; 2 Chr 22-23; Ps 131; Matt 12
- ___ 2 Kings 12; 2 Chr 24; Ps 50; Matt 9
- ___ Joel; Matt 10

Aug 30-Sept 5

- ___ Jonah; Matt 11
- ___ 2 Chr 25; 2 Kings 13-14; Ps 53; Matt 12
- ___ Amos 1-3; Matt 13
- ___ Amos 4-6; Psalm 55; Matt 14
- ___ Amos 7-9; Matt 15



HOLMES

August 3rd~ Julie Schmidt

August 4th~ David Johnson

August 6th~ Cara Odland

August 10th~ Dayton Eisentrager

August 14th~ Vicky Wilson

**August 17th~ William Schermer
Jim Wagner**

August 18th~ Jack Odland

August 21st~ Lynne Odland

August 22nd~ Joseph Gangestad

August 23rd~ DeAnn Johnson

August 24th~ Ashton Gangestad

August 25th~ Kallie Schermer

August 28th~ Greg Prehm

August 30th~ Laityn Reed

August 31st~ Phyllis Nikunen