

ularly, be salt and light in our communities, value what the founders have given us in our VOTE, and use this sacred trust asking God for discernment and wisdom in the process.

As President John Quincy Adams said – “Duty is ours, results are God’s.”

Our job is to take Jesus to the ballot box with us regularly and vote Biblical principles. The rest is up to the obedience of the people we elect to serve.

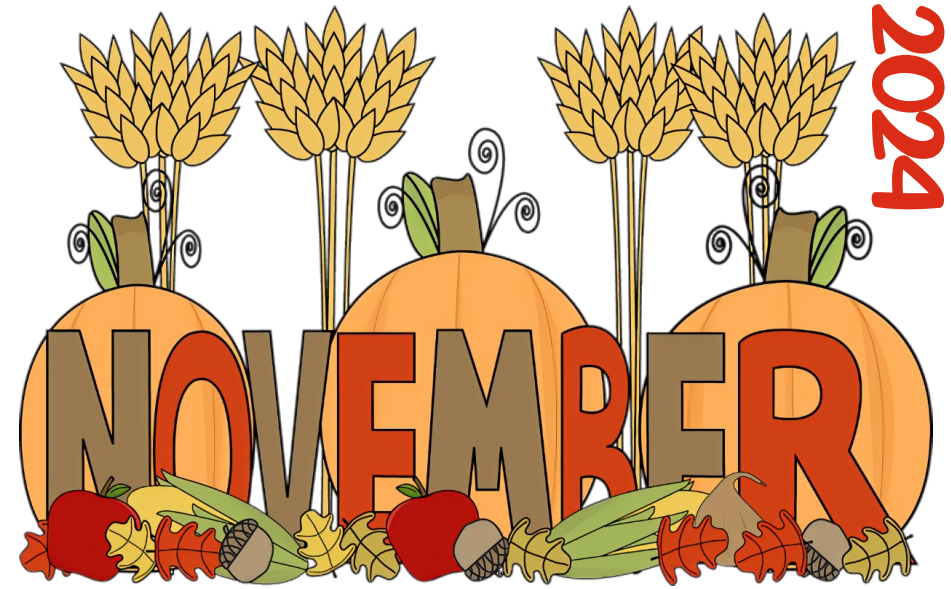
Genesis 1: 26–28 *“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”*

Revelation 5:8–10 *“Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying:*

*“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”*

God gave us a command to take dominion on the earth in the beginning and then He reminded us again that at the end of the age – we are kings and priests on the earth.

Let’s do our job well and take responsibility for where we have been planted in our nation. The United States of America is worth it. VOTE.



*The Lord’s acts of mercy indeed do not end,
For His compassions do not fail.
They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.*

~Lamentations 3:22-23

Dear friends of Faith,

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, yea and forever. Heb. 13:8

Everything in this world is being constantly changed. We are also changed from day to day a thousand years come to an end and decay. What a consolation, what a relief, that we have something firm and immutable amid the uncertain and inevitable changes of this corruptible and transient world.

Jesus is always the same—Jesus Christ— our Savior, our Life, and our Glory. He cannot change. And all that proceeds from Him is also unchangeable.

His love is the same. His peace and joy are the same. His salvation is the same. We are saved in the same way as His people in times gone by. Whatever He was to Paul, He is still to us. He has done the same for us, as He did for Luther when He made him a new man,—for us who have entered through the straight gate into the kingdom of God.

And He will remain the same forever.

What matters is that our bodies perhaps may sink in decay and death, and that heaven and earth shall pass away, when Jesus Christ remains the same—yea, for ever and ever?

Oh, praise the Lord!

Fredrik Wisloff. (n.d.). *Rest a while.*



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Are we going to vote for candidates that will protect the right to LIFE from conception to natural death?

Are we going to vote for people who will govern well with transparency, responsible spending, and personal integrity as servant leaders?

To know who to vote for – we have to do our research as we have talked about over and over again. We can't be lazy! We need to live our lives with excellence especially in this area of our civic duties – not only for our families but our city, state, and nation. Many people will be affected by our actions. If we don't vote as Christians – the wicked fill in the void and that affects all of our lives and the next generation of Americans.

Our responsibility as Christians is to know God, read His Word reg-



NOVEMBER Birthdays

Caden Smith	Nov 1	Matt Shervey	Nov 12
Adah Nguyen	Nov 4	Lauren Larson	Nov 22
Levi Johnson	Nov 7	Sue Swanstrom	Nov 23



Faith Lutheran Youth
Come "FLY" with us!

Bible study, fellowship, food,
games and so much more!

Join Us!

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

Psalm 107:1

Happy Anniversary



Aaron & Lauren Larson	Nov 11
Jacob & JoAnne Aldrich	Nov 13
Garret & Zion Hilde	Nov 26
Pastor Paul & Dawn	Nov 30
Gary & Joanne Tingelstad	Nov 30



If you have a prayer request during the week, you can start the prayer chain by calling the church office at 847-1040.

Zion Hilde

Tiffaney Holm

Gloria Mitchell



Alisha Lancaster

Lila Tingelstad

Monica Ames

Men's Fellowship Supper

Thursday, November 7th!

6 PM

Bring a dish to share!



'It Was Worth It': Battle Scars from War, Battle Scars from Following Christ

By Billy Graham

From time to time we have had the opportunity to visit veterans' hospitals. After a service, we've gone from bed to bed talking and praying with the patients. Many of these people feel neglected. They have lost limbs, eyesight or health in service to their country.

Some have been in the hospital for years and will remain there the rest of their lives. What a price they have paid for all of us. I once talked to a man who had lost a leg in World War II. When I remarked about the price he had paid, he said, "It was worth it, wasn't it?"

Let some veterans show you the scars that they have received in battle, and you will realize how much suffering, heartache and blood our freedoms have cost.

Out of this comes a great lesson to Christians. The Apostle Paul said, "I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus" (Galatians 6:17, NKJV). In other words, Paul said that he bore in his body the branding marks of a slave. When he called himself a servant of Jesus Christ, he did not mean a paid worker, as the word connotes today. He meant a slave, in utter subjection to the Master. But this subjection is borne out of love and devotion to Christ, and it ultimately brings liberty.

In the ancient world, three classes of persons were branded on their bodies: soldiers, slaves and devotees. When Paul declared that on his body were the marks of Jesus, he referred to the scars that had been left by the scourgings, stonings, vigils and turmoil he had endured for the sake of Christ. They showed that he belonged wholly to Christ, his Master. He was a soldier, a slave, a devotee.

Paul was growing old. A gaunt, wrinkled face; a bent figure; trembling hands; scars he had borne since the day he was beaten at Philippi, since the day he was stoned at Lystra, since the day he was shipwrecked on Melitus—all these had robbed him forever of the fresh, vigorous body he once had as a young man studying at the feet of Gamaliel.

Battle Scars He calls these scars of battle "the marks of the Lord Jesus." He was thinking of the way in which a master branded his slaves. Burned into their very flesh, they carried the initial of their master's name. That mark on the slave's body was the sign of his servitude to one master and his freedom from all others.

Join us Wednesday nights at 7 PM

Adult Bible Study

Come and learn about God through His word.

Youth Group

Come, let's learn together!

Invite your friends, Strengthen your faith, & build life-long friendships.



Kids For Christ

Memorize Scripture verses,

Learn more about the Holy Bible and Jesus Christ.



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES:

Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM

Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM



Serving in the Military

Layne Johnson-Grandson of Betty Lerud

Luke Tweeton-Son of Dan & Tracey Tweeton

Brayden Duffney-Grandson of Richard & Joyce Duffney

Isabelle Tingelstad-Granddaughter of JoAnn & Gary Tingelstad

Larissa Seifert-daughter of Bob & Sue Seifert

Reece Johnson-Grandson of Monica Ames

First Responders

Rick Johnson-Fireman

Jeremiah Larson-Police Officer-Nephew of Pastor Paul & Dann Larson

Phil Kinney-Fireman

Briah Johnson-Paramedic
Granddaughter of JoAnn & Gary Tingelstad

Joel Svenby-Police Officer-Son of Angie Svenby

Eric Brunn-Police Officer-Grandson of Angie Svenby

**Please keep our military and
First Responders in your prayers!**

Abby Eijfeldt, EMT-Perham
Granddaughter of Gary & Jean Krause

School Newsletter

We are also thankful for our many regular volunteers who have started coming in now and helping with correcting, copying, listening to kids read, or helping kids with their work. Thank you all for your service.

We started a new curriculum this year for our whole school in math as well as Abeka for our PreK-Kindergarten classes. We are learning how to teach it and getting used to this new curriculum after the first couple months of school.

Our bike-a-thon was a huge success with over \$8000 coming in so far. We thank everyone who contributed or helped with this event. We plan to use the money raised for a new slide, a six-square game, and a jungle gym.

In November, we have our 1st parent/teacher conferences to look forward to as well as Thanksgiving break, and we will begin practicing for our Christmas program.

On November 5, Mark Kiser will start in his position as the new FCS Administrator.

Thanks for your continued support,
Anita Thorson, Faith Christian School



Paul was not popular in his day. He was little known, despised and rejected. This does not sound much like the way we paint the ministry today, when preaching is many times called a profession instead of a calling.

Nowhere in the New Testament do I find that Christians are to expect to be popular and successful. The servant is not better than his Lord. Christ was despised and rejected, with nowhere to lay His head. He was born in another person's stable. He died outside the city walls, an outcast, having come to His own who received Him not. He was buried in another man's tomb.

In His footsteps followed the heroes of the faith who were tortured, mocked, imprisoned, stoned, torn asunder, slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, afflicted, tormented. They wandered in deserts, in mountains and in caves of the earth.

In many parts of the world, being a Christian still means suffering. But here in America, giving your life to Jesus Christ brings little persecution. Sometimes it is difficult to tell a Christian from a worldling in the United States.

Cushions of the Cross? I am afraid that we in the Church are making a great mistake by trying to make Christianity popular and pleasant. We have taken away the cross and substituted cushions. But Christ said the world hated Him, and He predicted that it would hate us. He invited us not to a picnic but to a pilgrimage. He offered us not an excursion but an execution.

Salvation is free, but discipleship costs everything we have. The rich young ruler wanted no scars. He probably would have been a member of the average church today. But in John 6, when great multitudes went after Jesus, He told them three times that unless they were willing to pay the price they could not be His followers.

Do you bear the marks of Christ? We bear the marks of whatever enslaves us. You and I are either branded with the marks of Christ or the marks of the devil.

The Bible says that some of the marks of the devil are "adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like" (Galatians 5:19-21, NKJV). And the Bible further says that those who do such things will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

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The Marks of a Christian The Bible teaches that the marks of a Christian are “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23, NKJV).

Which brand do you have on you today—the scars of Jesus or the brands of sin that Satan puts upon you?

Too many Christians have geared their program to gain worldly favor. We argue that humanity is more Christian now, that we need not suffer as our forefathers did.

But the times are not brighter. Christians are a foreign influence, a minority group in a heathen world. If the Church is acceptable to this present age and is not stirring up trouble or suffering reproach, then God have mercy on the Church! If we are at peace with this world, it may be because we have sold out to it.

What Marks Will You Have? When this life of perils and conflict and suffering is over, what marks will you have?

Did you bear in your body the brand of the Lord Jesus?

Did the whole world know that you belonged to Him—body, soul and spirit?

Did you bear His reproach?

Did you commit and surrender your life to Him?

Are you a Christian and proud of it? You should be able to say with Paul, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Romans 1:16, NKJV).

You can have the brand of Jesus Christ on you today. By simple commitment and surrender to Christ as Lord, your sins can be forgiven. You can become a child of God, adopted into the family of God, and know what it means to have the marks of Christ on you and be called a follower of Christ. I beg you to surrender to Jesus and be ready to bear His reproach and suffer and die, if necessary, in order to live this Christian life.

Sometimes it is more difficult to live for Christ than to die for Him. God wants men and women who will live the Christian life each day, though in doing so you may get scars.

But remember what the veteran of that earthly war said: “It was worth it.”

for people just because we think they are nice or we want to have a diet coke with them.

We must make these critically important decisions on who we vote in as our elected representatives with the mind of Christ and submitting our decisions to His Lordship.

Is Jesus really Lord of our lives when it comes to our civic duties?

Do we leave Him at the 100-foot marker and walk into the polling place without even considering the principles in His Word?

Here are the biggest issues in my mind when it comes to Christians’ voting habits and the problems we are facing in our nation. We must be a part of the answer, not part of the problem. You know that and I know that – but how do we communicate it to a flood of others?

Here are the keys to shifting our nation – at least in the governmental realm.

We are Biblically illiterate as a nation, and we need to know the Bible.

Let’s start by reading it! When only 3% of American Christians have ever read their Bibles all the way through, and only 9% of American Christians read their Bibles outside of church, we have a problem in our nation.

How are we supposed to vote the Bible if we don’t know the Bible? Let’s start there.

Then let’s VOTE our Biblical values in every election.

What do I mean by that?

Let’s connect the dots between issues in our culture with the wisdom from the Word of God. As I said in my article on LIFE being a foundational issue – I don’t believe we should be single issues voters; BUT I do believe that as a Christian who believes in the inerrant Word of God that we have a foundational and clear moral issue in our generation that we must prioritize in our voting and advocacy. When we make the choice between a pro-death candidate versus a pro-life candidate, we will give an account before God.

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Taking Jesus to the Ballot Box – Voting Biblically

(This article ran in the September Newsletter but we thought it was worth rerunning with the upcoming election!)

Written By [Bunni Pounds](#) www.christiansengage.org

Recently I was at a festival representing Christians Engaged – having great conversations with hundreds of people and asking people to take our PLEDGE to pray, vote, and engage for the sake of our nation.

Next to me was a man who was making salsa and selling it to the festival goers. He was fun and we instantly hit it off.

At the end of the day, the “salsa man” waved his hand for me to come over. This poor man had had to listen to me ALL DAY give the same spiel over and over again about the importance of our Christianity impacting our voting patterns.

He said really boldly – *“Young lady, I am not one who believes in God. I was also not too happy this morning that I was stuck next to you all day. I thought – this crazy woman is mixing politics and religion. But after listening to you all day, I think I get it now. You are just telling people that if they believe in Jesus that He should influence everything they do – even their civic duties and how they vote.”*

I responded – “Wow – Yes!”

He then went on – *“I think if people who call themselves Christians really lived out their faith in every area of their lives – I might believe.”*

I was blown away that this man who didn’t even know God had more wisdom than many people who call themselves Christians. He understood discipleship and the call of God on my life to disciple people and to help them live out their faith. *By the way, I shared the simple gospel with him and invited him over for dinner as well.*

This is the point.

Christians, we can’t say we believe in God and then walk into the polling place and throw our Christianity out the window – voting



Sunday, December 8th

5 PM

Bring your favorite Christmas dish and share a “taste” with us all!

After we eat, the children will decorate the church Christmas tree and enjoy a concert by the Granders!

November 2024

Sunday Schedule:
 9:30 AM Worship Service
 *Communion Service is the 1st Sunday of the month.
 10:30 AM Coffee Fellowship
 10:45 AM Sunday School for ALL ages

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Communion Service	4	5	6 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kids for Christ	7 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6 PM Men's Supper 6 PM	8	9
10	11	12	13 No Wednesday evening activities 	14 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6 PM	15	16
17 Deacon's Meeting after worship service 50th Anniversary Celebration for Dawn & Paul 4-7 PM	18	19 FCS BOD Mtg 5:15 PM Trustees Mtg 6:30 PM Council Mtg 7 PM	20 FLY 6:45 PM Midweek Bible Study Kids for Christ	21 Women's Bible Study 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 6 PM	22	23
24	25	26	27 Community Thanksgiving Service 7 PM-at FLC Pie and coffee served following service	28  Thappy Thanksgiving	29 Office Closed	30 Advent 2024 begins December 1st.