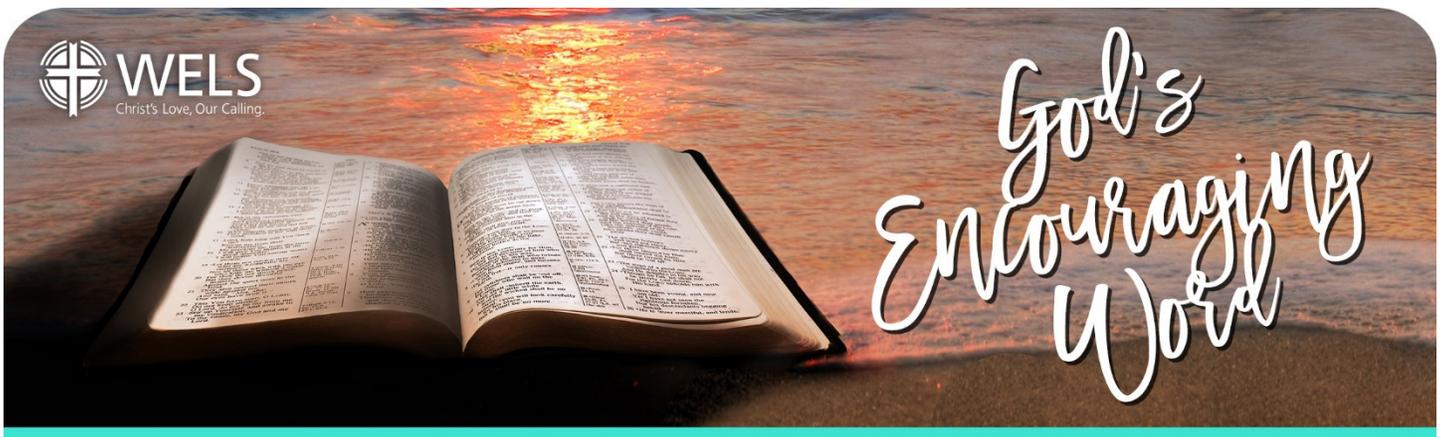


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God's Encouraging Word ... *when I am tired*

Sleep experts advise getting seven to eight hours of sleep a night. We need rest for our tired bodies to recuperate.

Even on the most regular day, life is draining. The work day is long and the demands are great. The commute, getting the kids to school, work schedules, meeting deadlines, grocery shopping, getting dinner ready, children's activities, only to get ready to do it over again the next day. Getting older doesn't help matters. By the time you hit the pillow at night you may feel like a smart device that has only 2% battery life left.

But what do you do when you become tired emotionally? It's the exhaustion that comes from strained relationships, heated arguments and being rejected by those from whom you want acceptance.

Then there's that inner weariness—the kind that no one else knows you have except you. The weariness that comes from the burden of sin and guilt. It comes when you must live in the brokenness of past mistakes. When things don't go so well on any given day, you wonder if God is angry and out to get you. The earthly consequences of your sins and knowledge of your guilt is...well...spiritually tiring.

God comes to you today with an encouraging word recorded in the book of Isaiah: **The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom. He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.**

The LORD is the everlasting God. He is the Creator. He never gets tired. He has perfect understanding; he knows what it's like when you feel tired for any reason at all. He promises to give strength to you when you're tired. The LORD God is Jesus, your Savior. He took your sins and guilt to the cross and died for you. It's a fact! Jesus took your sins and guilt away from you, buried it all in his tomb, and rose from the dead. Your sins are forgiven. That's rest—rest for your soul. Talk about strength for the weary!

And don't forget! It's the LORD God who gives the blessing of physical rest too. It's been said that a clean conscience is a good pillow. God gives you this clean conscience in Jesus Christ. He also provides you with home, food, and bed to become recharged to tackle the new day with all its challenges. So do it with all the energy and strength that Lord God gives you as his own through faith in Jesus!

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From the pen of the Pastor. Fall is here; the nights are cooler and the cornfields are changing color. Stores are starting to stock pumpkins and the coffee shop is selling pumpkin spice lattes. I enjoy the season of fall with the cooler days, the trees changing color and the harvest season apparent all around us. But what I enjoy most is celebrating the Lutheran Reformation. The heart of the Reformation is the gospel message – we are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone. Paul emphasized that in his letter to the Ephesians, **“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—⁹ not by works, so that no one can boast.”** (Ephesians 2:8-9). I love that Bible passage because it reminds me that Christ has done it all for me and all he asks is that I believe and trust in him. I hope you enjoy fall as much as I do but even more than that, I hope that you rejoice in the good news of the gospel every day.

Recent Membership changes. None this month.

Finances and attendance. So far in September we have received \$8710 in offerings against a need of \$11670 (5 weeks). The average attendance in September so far has been 65 per Sunday compared to 59 per Sunday in September 2017. May the Lord encourage us to be faithful in our church attendance and may he continue to bless us and give us a generous heart to share his blessings.

“Come Follow Me” is a video that our synod produced a few years ago. It is well done and encouraging. The video is about ½ hour in length. We have 85 copies that are free for you to take. You can take one for yourself or take more than one and give them away to a friend. These videos can be found on a table in the church entry.

T-Shirts – We purchased some extra T-shirts and have them available for sale. The cost is \$8.00 each and they are hanging in the church entry. If you would like to purchase any of the shirts, talk to Gordy Handeland or Pastor. We have the following available: (2) medium, (1) Large and (2) X-Large (all adult sizes.)

Men of His Word Conference - here is something **for the men of our congregation**. This conference is to encourage you as you lead your families, participate in the congregation and live your life for Christ. It is well worth the cost and the time. Check out the flyers in the church entry.

Women’s Bible Study – What a great opportunity to study God’s Word with your sisters in Christ! On Monday, 10/15/2018 at 9:00 AM there is a women’s Bible Study where we are looking at the Gospel of Matthew. Come and listen to the discussion or join in as much as you like. No prior knowledge is needed – just a desire to learn more about God’s Word.

Bulletin Sponsoring – There is a new sign up sheet to sponsor a bulletin. Please note that the cost to sponsor a bulletin is now \$10.00. When you sponsor a bulletin, please put the \$10 into an envelope and mark it for “bulletin”. Thanks.

Progressive Dinner – A progressive dinner is an event where you go from one house to another for the different courses of a meal. You don’t need to bring anything as the hosts will provide whatever is needed. The meal will start at 4:30 PM at the Welkes with appetizers and then proceed to the Larsons for Salad. After the Larsons we will head for the Heins for the main course and then to the Winkels for dessert. Addresses and maps will be handed out at the Welkes. If you don’t want to drive, let Pastor know and we will arrange car pooling. This is a fun fellowship event and we hope many can participate. Please sign up at church so we know how many to plan for.

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Women's Brunch – All the women of the congregation are invited to this event on Saturday, 10/6/2018, at 9:30 AM to hear Pastor Brian Kom talk about the WELS chaplaincy program at the Rochester hospitals and how he also serves as a chaplain for the Rochester Police Dept. This is a very interesting ministry that you may have to make use of if you ever are in the hospitals in Rochester. We hope you can attend.

LWMS Fall Rally – This rally will take place on 10/20/2018 at Lincoln Township (just outside of Lake City) beginning at 12:30 PM. See the bulletin inserts for more information. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to come and hear Harry and Johanna Mears talk about their African Adventure.

New Member Welcome – On Sunday, 10/28/2018, we would like to welcome those who have joined our church family in the last year. That would include Bethany Andrus, Viki Sigler, Lori Johnson, Don and Rose Thompson, Amanda Zwart and Brenan Winkels and Gavin Ramsey who were confirmed this year. Join us as we introduce ourselves and find out a little bit about our new members and welcome them into our church family.

Trunk or Treat – Once again we will have our Trunk or Treat event on Halloween, 10/31/2018, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM. We encourage our members to park in the parking lot and to hand out candy to the trick or treaters. you can decorate your cars and wear costumes if you like. It has been a fun time in the past and it is one way to help our community to see where our church is located. Talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

Something to think about..... To often we tend to complain and to think about what is wrong with something rather than to seek out the positives. I saw the following on Facebook and it caused me to stop and think and I hope that it might give you a different perspective on things too:

1. Early wakeups = thankful to have children to love
2. House to clean = thankful for a Safe place to live
3. Laundry = thankful for clothes to wear
4. Dishes to wash = thankful for food to eat
5. Crumbs under the table = thankful for Family meals
6. Grocery shopping = thankful for \$ to provide for us
7. Toilets to clean = thankful for Indoor plumbing
8. Lots of noise = thankful for people in my life
9. Endless questions about homework = thankful for kids that are learning
10. Sore & tired in bed = thankful that I am still alive