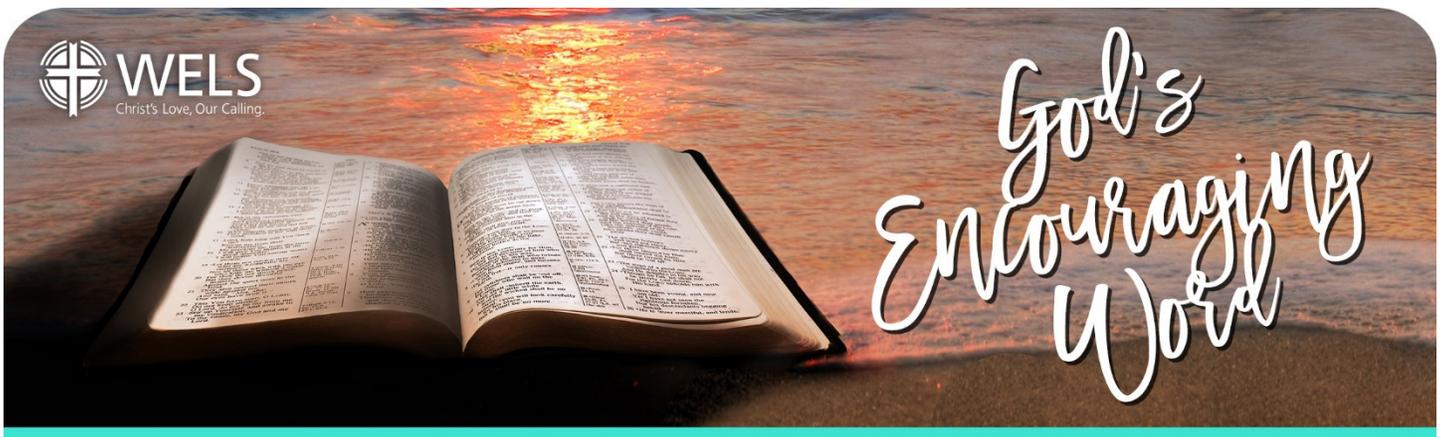


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God's Encouraging Word ... *when I am worried*

Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. – 1 Peter 5:7

Erma Bombeck once told about Donald. Donald was worrying about going to school. Here is how he expressed his anxieties: “My name is Donald. I don’t know anything. I have new underwear...a loose tooth...and I didn’t sleep last night because I’m worried. What if a bell rings and a man yells, ‘Where do you belong?’ and I don’t know? What if the trays in the cafeteria are too tall for me to reach? What if my loose tooth comes out when we have our heads down and are supposed to be quiet? Am I supposed to bleed quietly? What if I splash water on my name-tag and my name disappears and no one knows who I am?”

Worry about big things and little. Worry about the future. Worry about the past. Worry about your finances...your family...your marriage. What is it that transforms normal basic human prudence into worry? Just this: the gut-level urge to assume the worst in every possible outcome. Worry seems to have an office in hearts. It never leaves and continues to send out reports about how things are going. Its reports always paint the darkest pictures and project the worst.

You are literally worrying yourself sick over some situation over which you have no control. How can you shut down the office of worry? What can be said to help you lighten your load today? First, you need to understand that worry is not based on an outer circumstance...but on an inner condition. Worry comes not from what is happening to you on the outside...but from how you process it on the inside.

Shutdown worry by living in the present. “Cast all your anxiety on him.” You aren’t God. You don’t know the future. You may be worrying about something that will never happen. You may be worrying about something that will resolve itself. Focus simply on today. Are you healthy this moment? Do you have enough to live on this moment? Are your children well this moment? Try not to anticipate what may never occur.

Here is the key. “Cast your anxiety on him...because he cares for you.” Shutdown the office of worry remembering Jesus cares for you. How can you trust his care? The righteousness that he wove in his perfect life...colored with his blood from the cross...was guaranteed to you the moment he rose victorious over death. Like all people, you have failed so many times and so many ways to be who God wants you to be. You could worry every minute of every day over your guilt! But Jesus wants you to remember his righteousness! That forgiveness and peace with God that you were given through Jesus’ death and resurrection! You are forgiven! At peace with God! Going to heaven! Focus on this foremost thought: Jesus cares for you.

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From the pen of the Pastor. School is about to start or for some it has already started. That signals a change in seasons – the season of school and school activities and the season of fall. I hope everyone has had a good summer but some of you have been absent from worship this summer for various reasons. As we begin a new season may it also be a season of renewal when it comes to God’s Word.

Scripture tells us, *“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing”* (Hebrews 10:25) and *“faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.”* (Romans 10:17). This emphasizes the importance of gathering around God’s Word on a regular basis to keep our faith healthy and our spiritual life on track. May you be encouraged to attend worship and Bible Study so the Holy Spirit can enrich you and so that you can enjoy fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ and encourage each other.

Recent Membership changes. Sadie Brendle was called home to heaven on August 21st.

Finances and attendance. In August we received \$9981 in offerings against a need of \$9336 (4 weeks). The average attendance in August was 68 per Sunday compared to 59 per Sunday in August 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.)

New Spiritual Growth Committee - The church council approved starting this committee. The focus of the committee will be: *The Spiritual Growth Committee shall be responsible for overseeing the Spiritual Growth program for all ages of individuals within our congregation, to coordinate Outreach efforts and to aid in communication.* We are looking for both men and women to serve on this committee. If you are willing to serve or have questions, talk to Pastor.

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.

Sunday School and Adult Bible Study – this will start on Sunday, 9/9/2018. Sunday School is for all children in PreK through 8th grade. We encourage all parents to send their children to Sunday School while they attend Bible Study. On September 9th, we ask the parents to join their children in the Sunday School room for about 10 minutes as we explain how we will do things this year and how the parents can help their children to grow spiritually. The Adult Bible Study will start after this short meeting with the parents and students.

Fellowship – Have you ever wondered why we don’t join with certain \groups or organizations or why we don’t participate in ecumenical services in the community? This has to do with the biblical doctrine of “Fellowship.” Join us as we look at this doctrine in our Sunday morning Bible study. Everyone is invited and no prior Biblical knowledge is required. Questions are encouraged as we look at this important part of God’s word.

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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.