



What My Dad Taught Me

For a lot of us Father's Day is a day to remember. If you are like me, maybe your dad died years ago. (So, you won't be going out to buy a card for dad.) But all of us have been shaped by what our Fathers did and didn't do.

My dad was a hard-working man. He taught me the value of a dollar and how to be a good steward of what you earned. He also taught me how to provide for myself; how to farm, how to hunt and how to make it in life with whatever you had to work with.

He was also a man of faith. He never missed church or Bible study and led by example.

When I look back, I can say that dad did the best he could to provide for our family. He wasn't perfect; no Father is except for our Heavenly Father. But my dad was there for me.

We will be celebrating Father's Day on June 18th, a time to reflect on the importance of fathers.

Fatherless children are:

5 times more likely to commit suicide

32 times more likely to run away

20 times more likely to have behavioral problems

14 times more likely to commit rape

9 times more likely to drop out of high school

20 times more likely to end up in prison

Like everything else in life, it is important to be involved in the life of your children and grandchildren.

When the serpent tempted Eve, the Bible says Adam was "with" her. In Hebrew, "with" implies that he was standing right there. God had given Adam the responsibility to lead and protect his wife. I often wonder, why didn't Adam step forward and say, "Get away from my wife! We were commanded not to eat from this tree. Go away snake!" Instead, Adam just watched everything unfold in front of him.

Think about what this passivity entailed. By watching as Eve took the fruit, Adam was essentially waiting to see if it would kill her. For a guy who was supposed to offer himself for her protection, that's pretty uninvolved. It's also pretty common today. Often, the great temptation for men is not to do evil. It is to sit back and do nothing. *"The only thing necessary for evil to triumph in the world is that good men do nothing"* Edmund Burke

That also applies to being a father.

Ephesians 6:4: *"Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."*

That means being pro-active and involved in the lives of your children.

My father did that for me and what he did for me I try to do for my own children.

To all you dads out there; **HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**

Pastor Ray



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.



Deacon's Digest

If you were able to read last month's newsletter you may recall that my column was providing suggestions on how to make your church a more friendly and welcoming experience. That kind of church makes it easier for a visitor to find a way to connect, then to assimilate and become a member. It also will uplift the current members and become a spark to help ignite the fire we get from the study of His Word and the fire we get from the Holy Spirit when we worship. In the May edition my column provided 14 general action items that members can do to help provide an atmosphere which is conducive to making church connections to a new visitor and even a current member. Today we will discuss six things that you can do or say to bring a person, whether a visitor or current member, closer to our church and to feel at home which will enhance their worship experience. If you consider yourself a shy person, these are things you can rehearse at home to make it easier to try at church.

1. Introduce yourself. Take the initiative, don't wait for others to initiate conversation with you.
2. Look people in the eye and smile.

3. Ask questions and learn about your guests and others you don't know well.
Example: Do you live here in Shalimar? Are you a Native Floridian? Etc.
4. Invite visitors to join you at something, anything! [Today's fellowship meal, one of our 3-4 bible studies—don't forget to check out what is going on from the bulletin or the screen loop between services, or our web site]
5. Tell people that you are glad that they are worshiping with us here today.
6. Invite them to complete the green registration card and/or sign the guest book in the Narthex, on the lectern at the left-hand side of the entryway.

If you see me at worship, please take the time to try these out on me to warm up for the real thing, I normally attend the late service. You'll be able to get this going if you just give it a try, God will be with you and will provide the words you need.

Blessings and Peace to you.
Deacon Joe



Manners and Customs of Bible Times

Lighting

Lighting for houses was provided by the oil lamp. Originally this consisted of an open earthenware saucer containing olive oil. Part of the saucer was “pinched” in manufacture, so as to provide a place for the flaxen wick. Such lamps obviously had problems arising from spillage, and closed containers were therefore developed with two holes – one for the wick and one to put oil in. When the oil began to run low, the flax would smolder and the lamp would need to be refilled from a container (see Matthew 25:8).

Later, larger glazed and decorated lamps were made with handles and with multiple wicks to provide additional light. The higher the lamp, the better the lights. Lamps were therefore put on a projection from the wall, hung from the ceiling, or placed on a simple lampstand (a thick tree branch pushed into the earthen floor). If nothing else was available, the lamp was put on an upturned measure or even on the floor.

Heating

Heating and cooking were done by fire, using natural combustible materials such as dried animal manure (Ezekiel 4:15), sticks, dried grass (Matthew 6:30), thorn bushes (2 Samuel 23:7; Isaiah 10:17) and charcoal (John 21:9). The fire could be made in the open (or in a depression in the earth floor) or contained in some kind of earthen cooking box. Better homes were provided with a chimney (Hosea 13:3, KJV), but in most cases the smoke blacked the roof and choked the persons inside.

Fire was kindled by flint or by friction. One of the most important fuels was the wood of the white broom plant. Its embers stay hot for a long time and even the seemingly cold ashes can be easily fanned into a blaze. Heating is particularly important in the hill country; winters are cold and damp and there are falls of snow.

Submitted by Beverly Steele



6/1 - Cole Nix	6/12 – Lydia Day
6/2 - Louise Gilman	6/12 – Stephen Lynn
6/2 - Dianna Riggerbach	6/15 – Bob Johnson
6/3 - Sandra Connor	6/17 – Brenda Hemmer
6/3 - Dolores Hudson	6/18 – Jim Baughman
6/4 - Patricia Crum	6/19 – John Miller
6/7 - Jan Bollin	6/20 – Diana Fallon
6/8 - Dean Namniek	6/22 – Anna Haase
6/9 - Georgette Lare	6/22 – Joela Parker





- 6/1 - Mark & Dianna Riggerbach
- 6/12 - Ray & Debbie Angerman
- 6/14 - Dean & Sara Brown
- 6/21 - Don & Sandy Hagel
- 6/21 - Darryl & Minda Haag
- 6/22 - Ross & Kelly Binkley
- 6/29 - Lew & Mary Paul

What is a Woman is a documentary on gender theory and transgender ideology. These ideas deserve our serious attention. As many of the scenes in the documentary reveal, transgender ideology harms people—especially little children.



June 17, 2023 10:00 AM
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
FREE ADMISSION
Sponsored by Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Life Team



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00 PM Elder's Meeting	2 1:00 PM Bible Study	3 8:00 AM Praise Band
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Congregational Changes



Since the first of the year our congregation has grown. There will be highlights of changes on a monthly basis going forward.

New Members

1/12/2023 the Roberts family joined as members. Matthew, Anna, Olivia and Grey.

1/12/2023 Bob and Peg Hille.

3/15/2023 Joseph Wilkinson

4/9/2023 Theo Bier was baptized.

5/3/2023 Karen and Faith Seagle. Faith was confirmed on 5/14/2023.

5/5/2023 Margaret Goulden.

5/16/2023 David and Eileen Blair.

Those that went home to be with Jesus.

1/19/2023 Don Panzenhagen

5/19/2023 John Gronning

5/25/2023 Nancy Pruess

Prayer Requests

Those who are in the military

Bea Daily (Cancer Diagnosis)

Sandra Hagel (Health Issues)

Richard Worsham (Brain Cancer)

Bob Pruess (Congestive Heart Failure)

Marie Berkowitz and her son who are traveling

The Gronning and Pruess families for their loss.

The World's Greatest Baby Shower at the convention center



Farewell to Lois Henry



The Heaven Seminar



Youth Group Goofy Golf Outing



American Heritage Girls

