

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER



LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Cherish What God Has Given

In the Small Catechism, Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments. With each commandment, there is something prohibited, and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The one time this pattern is not followed is with the Sixth Commandment.

“You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here, the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all of the commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. In the same way, you will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all of the Christian life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have - every possession, every relationship, every ability - is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All of these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes. My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

MANNERS AND CUSTOMS OF BIBLE TIMES

VEGETABLES: Vegetables were in common use. Beans and lentils were common throughout the Old Testament period (“Take wheat and barley, beans and lentils, millet and spelt...” Ezekiel 4:9) It was a lentil-based stew that Jacob cooked and



Selling vegetables at Bethlehem market.

gave to Esau (Genesis 25:33-34) and beans that were given to David when he fled from Absalom (2 Samuel 17:28). Leeks, onions, garlic, cucumbers, and melons were familiar in Egypt (Numbers 11:5).

MILK: Milk was another basic food and was obtained from most of the animals that were herded. Some of it was fermented to produce yogurt, and it is this that is sometimes referred to as milk (e.g. Genesis 18:8; Judges 4:19). Some of it was churned to provide butter (Proverbs

30:33). Milk was placed in a skin bag, and the bag was alternately shaken and squeezed until the butter was formed. Milk was also used to make cheese (2 Samuel 17:29). Presumably the buttermilk would have been used too, but it is never mentioned in the Bible.

FRUIT: Fruit was another necessary part of the diet. Olives were grown for eating and for use in cooking oil. Olive oil was mixed with flour and used for frying (Leviticus 2:5). Fresh figs and dried figs were available (1 Samuel 25:18; Jeremiah 24:2). Fresh grapes were eaten (Numbers 13:23), whereas others were dried as raisins (1 Chronicles 12:40). Pomegranates were popular (Deuteronomy 8:8), and melons had been eaten in Egypt (Numbers 11:5). Locust beans, sometimes called carobs, were a useful sweetmeat or candy, and almond and pistachio nuts were always around (Genesis 43:11). Dates are not mentioned in the Bible, but there are plenty of reference to them in Jewish literature.

- 3/17 - Jon & Angie Anderson
- 3/20 - David & Eileen Blair
- 3/21 - Bob & Peg Hille
- 3/22 - Arthur & Violeta Brunner



- 3/1 - Scarlett Wood
- 3/1 - Caroline Wood
- 3/3 - Anna Roberts
- 3/13 - Sandy Hagel
- 3/13 - Stephanie Prince
- 3/16 - Kim Finn
- 3/19 - Jean Grieve
- 3/19 - Allan Koepsell
- 3/20 - Julie Cox
- 3/23 - Darryl Haag
- 3/24 - Arthur Brunner
- 3/24 - Theo Bier
- 3/27 - Lillian wood
- 3/29 - Dalton Binkley
- 3/31 - Debbie Angerman



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March 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 Early Communion Mite Collection Both Services 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary	4	5 Homeschoolers	6 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:30 PM Lent Service	7 5:00 PM American Heritage Girls 6:00 PM Elder's Meeting	8 6:30 PM Jesus Movie 1 6:30 PM Jesus Movie	2 8:00 AM Praise Band 9 8:00 AM Praise Band 9:00 AM Puppet Practice 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study
10 Late Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 2:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Youth Group	11	12 Homeschoolers	13 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:30 PM Lent Service	14	15 6:30 PM Jesus Movie	16 8:00 AM Praise Band 9:00 AM Puppet Practice 9:00 AM Life Team
17 Early Communion 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 2:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Youth Group	18	19	20 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study 5:30 PM Lent Meal 6:30 PM Lent Service	21 5:00 PM American Heritage Girls 6:00 PM Council Meeting	22 6:30 PM Jesus Movie	23 8:00 AM Praise Band 10:00 AM Egg Hunt Noon AM Puppet Practice 2:00 PM Palm Harvest
24 Late Communion Palm Sunday 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:45 AM Contemporary 2:00 PM Confirmation 6:00 PM Youth Group	25	26 Homeschoolers	27 9:30 AM Quilting 10:00 AM Bible Study	28 Maundy Thursday 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday	29 Good Friday 6:30 PM Service	30 8:00 AM Praise Band 9:00 AM Puppet Practice
31 Communion Both Easter 6:00 AM Sunrise on the Beach 7:00 AM Pancake Breakfast 8:00 AM Traditional Service 9:30 AM Puppet Show 10:45 AM Contemporary						

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