

July 28, 2024

REMEMBER

Frequently in the Old Testament, the Lord tells His people to “remember.” We must be told again and again to remember because we are quick to forget. Looking into the unknown of the future can easily lead to uncertainty, fear, and discouragement. Remembering the track record of God’s faithfulness in the past builds faith in our hearts. The God who has been faithful in the past is the same God who promises to be faithful in the future. Psalm 143:5 says, “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.”

When I started working at the Bible College this past summer, I had a lot of worry and uncertainty. I was tasked with developing an intentional discipleship structure for the students on campus. How will the students respond? Will I find people who are willing to invest in the students? Will the students catch a vision for making disciples after they leave FLBC? When I found myself worrying, I remembered this concept and took time to “remember the days of old; . . . the work of your hands.” God had called me here. He has a plan, and I will get a front-row seat to watch it take shape. His track record in my past can be trusted for my future.

God was indeed faithful. Forty-four leaders said yes to leading a small discipleship group with two or three students. Many of the students were initially resistant to “one more thing” added to an already challenging and busy schedule. However, as they spent time in their groups studying God’s word, praying for one another, and sharing the joys and struggles of life, many of them began to look forward to their “d-group” time each week. For some, they have expressed that it is a high point for their week. God has indeed been faithful.

I can think about the future and wonder, Will the students take their d-group experiences here and share them with a lost and dying world? I can worry about that, or I can look back on this past year and “ponder the work of his hands.” There is always something in the future to worry about, but there are also plenty of things in the past that help us remember that we don’t have to worry. “I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.”

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AFLC Promotion for July is the Free Lutheran Bible College



Helmar Lutheran Church
Newark, IL
Sunday, July 28, 2024
Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Prelude

Welcome

Hymn: "We Have Come into His House"

Scripture reading: Matthew 6:25-34

John 6:27-29

Pastoral Prayer

Praise Team: "King of Kings"

"How Great is Our God"

"How Great Thou Art"

Sermon: "Face to Face"

III John 1:13-15

Benediction

Hymn: "More About Jesus"

Postlude

Wed. 6:30am Men's Bible Study @ Southern Belle's
7-9pm Youth Group BYBS @ Brandon and Angie Niles'

Sun: 9:30am Fellowship
10am Worship **in the FLC**
6:30pm GriefShare

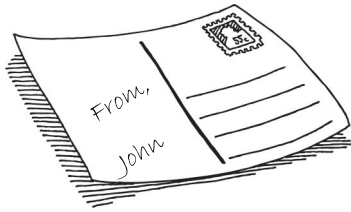
Welcome and thank you for attending our church service today. If you are new to Helmar and are interested in finding out more about us, please stop at the Welcome Center and talk with Chad and Stacy. We have a gift bag for you.

Children's Church will resume next Sunday.

Jim and Connie Turek will be here next Sunday to share an update on their ministry with Ethnos 360. There will be a door offering following the worship service.

Praise the Lord! Through the generosity of God's people and His gracious provision, all of the funds needed for the Helmarpalooza have been raised!

Bulletin Art by Ethan Carty



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Postcards from John
"Face to Face"
III John 1:13-15

As we conclude our study of the postcards from John,
we learn more about John's hopes for the church.

I. He Wants Them to Know _____ vv. 13-14

II. He Wants Them to Know _____ v. 15a

III. He Wants Them to Know _____ v. 15b

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