Original Church Series Reflecting the Gospel | 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24 Pastor Paul Bauman

Context #1 – Our relationship with our leaders – vs. 12-13

- <u>Respect</u> contemplate; consider; or "get to know"
- <u>Esteem</u> view; regard or value

We encourage our leaders by appreciating the weight of responsibility they have been given by Jesus for us as His body.

Context #2 – Our relationship with one another – vs. 14-15

KEY: The existence of leaders/elders does not exempt the body from caring for one another.

- a) <u>The idle</u> one who is neglectful of their duties; insubordinate. Warn or confront according to God's expectations for them.
- b) <u>The fainthearted</u> anxious or discouraged over someone or circumstances. Encourage them with the hope of God's faithfulness.
- c) <u>The weak</u> strengthless; crippled by a lack of self-control. Faithfully hold onto and care for them.

Context #3 – Our attitude in Gospel community – vs. 16-22

- a) The discipline of joy.
- b) The discipline of dependence.
- c) The discipline of gratitude.
- d) The discipline of submission.



Sunday, November 5th, 2023

You're invited! Join us for a special Thanksgiving service tonight at 5 pm followed by a turkey dinner in the gym at 6:15 pm. Dinner is provided.

The Church Bonfire is Friday, November 10th from 6-9 PM at Marshal and Sarah Pankoke's home (856 392nd Road, Beaver Crossing). Bring your favorite soup and a lawn chair. Everyone is welcome! Contact Sarah with questions at (402) 803-0618.

Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. National Collection week for Operation Christmas Child is November 13th-20th. Stop by the Operation Christmas Child table in the foyer to learn more.

The Annual Congregational Business Meeting is scheduled for January 14th at 4 PM. Even if you're not a voting member, if you consider Hillcrest to be your church home, we encourage you to attend! The meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Stop by the Welcome desk to pick up a copy of the proposed changes to Hillcrest's constitution and bylaws. **Childcare will be available during** the meeting for for O-6 years old. Please scan the QR code to register for childcare.

Membership: If you would like to become a member of Hillcrest Church, you can pick up an application at the Welcome desk. Applications should be returned to the drop box or the church office by Sunday, December 3rd.

Ways to Give: Offering collection boxes are located by the sanctuary doors. You can also give online at hillcrestefc.org/give or on the Hillcrest Church app.