

VERSE OF THE WEEK

*"Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, all your soul,
and all your mind."*

Matthew 22:37

How do we do this? Are we holding back on the ALL?

Do we need to give up something that is standing in the way of loving with our whole heart? What do we need to pray about and change in our daily life to follow this command? Think about this verse and ask God to help you discern how to live daily.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 9:30 am



Arizona Broadway Theater

Thursday, October 28.

Dinner at 5:30; Show at 7:30.

If you missed signing up for this show in 2019, a few tickets will be available!

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SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Psalm 34:15-22

Gospel: John 6:56-69

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

August 18, 2021

BISHOP: THE REV. DEBORAH K. HUTTERER

The Reverend Deborah K. Hutterer will be preaching during worship services here at American Lutheran Church of Sun City this coming weekend. We hope to see you there!

Bishop Hutterer has served in several ministry settings. She served as pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Pontiac, Illinois, from 2004 to 2007. She was Executive Director of Faith in the City in Minneapolis from 2008 to 2012. She was Chief Development Officer of Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest (LSS-SW) from 2012 to 2018. As Chief Development Officer at LSS-SW, she traveled extensively throughout Arizona preaching, presiding, or presenting at many congregations and ministry groups on topics such as refugee resettlement, child abuse prevention, and aging. In October 2020, she was elected to the executive committee of the Conference of Bishops of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



A CHALLENGE

By Terri Polk

When I was younger and career driven, I always thought, "I can't wait to retire, so I can rest and do what I want." Well, I am retired now, but I still find my days are very busy. I am still cleaning, going to the gym, attending church activities, staying in touch with the kids and grandkids.....you get the idea. Even during the pandemic, we found ourselves wanting to get a lot done - *let's spring clean, work on that scrapbook, get back to hobbies...*

We have often been so consumed with working, collecting things, amassing wealth, etc., we often don't take time for ourselves. We often overextend ourselves and then we become impatient and tired and soon might be snapping at those we love. So, what happened to "rest"?

Jesus understood the need for rest. He often went to a place alone to pray. He had encouraged the disciples to get into the boat so they could get away from the crowds and eat and rest. Jesus understood the need to recharge and renew.



When was the last time you rested? The last time you contemplated your blessings? When was the last time that you were in chaos and instead of trying to control the chaos yourself, you trusted God to help you through? I CHALLENGE YOU TO take the time to reflect and pray... and when you return to your everyday life you will find that God has renewed and recharged you.

GIVE NOW FOR EARTHQUAKE RELIEF IN HAITI

"I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words" (Psalm 17:6).

Friends,

A devastating 7.2 magnitude earthquake struck southwest Haiti on Saturday morning. Over 1,400 people were killed, and that number is expected to increase as search-and-rescue efforts continue. Blocked roads are delaying the delivery of vital supplies to hospitals, which are overwhelmed with more than 6,900 injured people. At least 26,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, but the full extent of damage is still unknown. Haiti is also suffering through a political crisis and was hit by Tropical Storm Grace on Monday night, which caused severe flooding in communities already damaged by the earthquake.

For over two decades, the ELCA has maintained a presence in southern Haiti through support for agricultural and sustainable development work. To continue our engagement with those communities, Lutheran Disaster Response is collaborating with partner organizations in the communities to meet relief needs, including food, water, medical supplies and temporary shelter. In the future, other areas of support will include psychosocial care, water and sanitation, and creating sustainable livelihoods through agriculture and livestock. We also stand with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Haiti as it assesses damage and impacts on churches and church life.

Your gifts will support earthquake survivors in Haiti. Gifts to "Haiti Crisis" will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the earthquake.

Together, as church, we can be there for our neighbors in Haiti.

In Christ's service,

The Rev. Daniel Riff

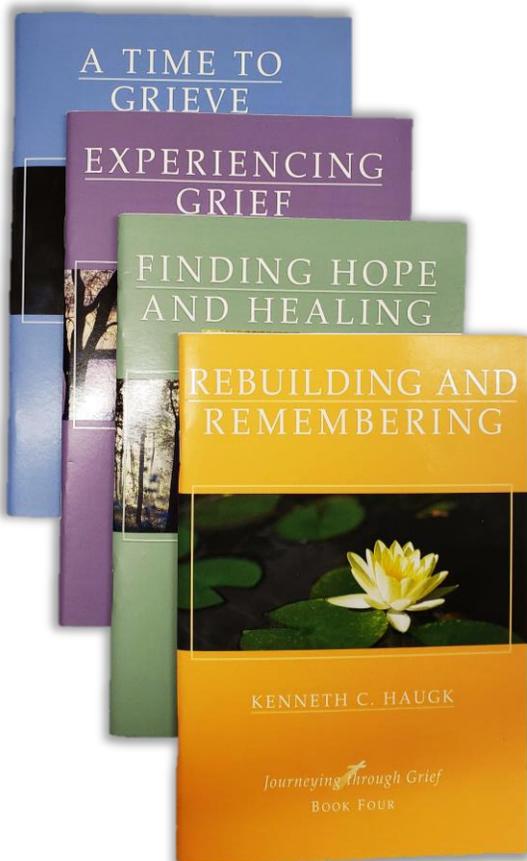
Director, ELCA World Hunger and Lutheran Disaster Response Fund

Checks or money orders
can be sent to:

Lutheran Disaster Response
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

Write "Haiti Crisis" on your check
memo line.

Give by phone at 800-638-3522
or online at www.elca.org.



Grief Journey

The grief support group, Grief Journey, meets on Tuesdays at 1:30pm - 3:00pm in the Lounge in Fellowship Hall. It is facilitated by Linda Shirck, who has an M.S. degree in Counseling.

This group provides a safe and supportive place where bereaved persons can mourn, share feelings, review the loss, and learn new coping skills. It also includes an educational component. Topics include: Understanding Grief, Self-care, Emotional Reactions, Possessions, Coping with the Holidays and others. Our foundational discussion piece will be the Stephen Ministry "Journeying Through Grief" booklet series, which many of you are receiving.

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