

Holy Word Lamplighter

September 2009

You Are a Star

Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God, without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe. (Philippians 2:14, 15)

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ALTAR CARE

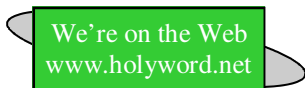
It was parents' night in the kindergarten classroom. One of the little girls clung to her teacher with a big smile. Her parents thought it as so sweet until she said, "I want Mrs. Kendall to be my mommy." Teacher and parents laughed, but it was the tense kind of laughter. It was one of those bittersweet moments for the parents. They were glad their little girl was growing up. But there was also the sad realization that, in the years ahead, their importance in her life would wane.

Paul feared that the respect the Philippian Christians had for him might be waning also. His glorious preaching tours had suddenly come to an end with his imprisonment in Rome. No more crowded synagogues. No more new church starts. *Now* for Paul was living in a house, enjoying visitors as they came by, and talking to the Roman soldier who guarded him around the clock.

But Paul's importance wasn't waning among the children in faith. It was growing. He wrote in his letter to them, "I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation . . . I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:12, 13). To the Philippians, you could say Paul was a star.

He encouraged the Philippians and us. All of you are stars. So be what you are. Stand out around the people around you. It's not so important that you shine with superior work skills or become skilled craftsmen. Rather, shine in your words and deeds. Paul encouraged, "Do everything without complaining or arguing." Thankful words rather than whining words, winning words rather than argumentative ones—these are what make us shine and these are what make an impression on the world around us. And even though we are not impressive people, others will notice our godly attitude as they noticed Paul's.

The world is crooked and depraved. It's like a dark, moonless night out on the high seas. There is nothing to guide it, nothing by which the world's thinkers can set their compass to help the people around them arrive at a safe harbor. You, Christian, are the world's hope, the stars that give it direction. So watch your life, and let your light shine. You may be leading someone else to eternal life.





Staff Minister's Corner



Elsie Partee	9/1	Ashley Vaughn	9/14
Jordan Schupmann	9/1	Megan Sumbillo	9/14
Tara Garner	9/3	Kaitlin Heins	9/14
Arlene Harrington	9/3	Chad White	9/16
Daniel Mattek	9/5	Molly Stelljes	9/18
Terri Engel	9/5	Chelsea Engel	9/18
Roxanne Klepper	9/6	Karen Timmerman	9/19
Ken Robinson	9/7	Andrew Michelson	9/19
Linda McKee	9/7	Dayne Fenske	9/20
Patrick Sanchez	9/7	Stephen Berg	9/24
Irmi Greenwood	9/9	Marvin Hoepken	9/25
Jennifer Bernstein	9/9	Scott Garner	9/26
Jason McLerran	9/10	April Gonzales	9/26
Gail Wier	9/10	Barbara Johne	9/28
John Moss	9/12	Jennifer Hecker	9/29
Jacob Pool	9/13	Tom Vos	9/30
Marisa Parrish	9/14		

Welcome, Vicar Bowe

Our new vicar, Paul Bowe, arrived on Tuesday, August 11. We welcome him and look forward to having him with us for the next year.



Anniversaries

Frank and Virginia Kammerdiener	9/1/73
Ben and Gail Wier	9/4/99
Steve and Katy Hughes	9/8/01
Glenn and Alex Reynolds	9/21/02
Roke and Sheri Sumbillo	9/24/94
Tim and Donna Faske	9/29/94

Prayer Corner



Forever Young Group

The Forever Young group is for those age 55+. We will resume monthly gathering on Thursday, September 10.

Please contact Gloria Cook (251-8725).

Sunday School News

Sunday School teachers for this month are:

- Age 2 & 3
- PreK & K
- Grades 1-2
- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- High School

Lessons

- 9/6
- 9/13
- 9/20
- 9/27

School News

Holy Word Lutheran School began its 35th year on August 25, with an enrollment of **** students.

We welcome old and new students alike. New students his year are:

Kindergarten

- Katharine Kenney
- Olivia Priour
- Cole Roderick
- Sam Smith
- Lauren Steinke
- Jessica Taylor
- Sully Taylor
- Danni White

Grade 2

- John Simmons

**Church Council Meeting
April 18, 2001**

