



LEWIS LAKE NEWS

Receiving God's Blessing | Becoming God's Blessing



“This fall, God seems to have given us a small gift of beauty in the midst of the heaviness that rests upon our world.”
See Pastor Bob’s article *Signs of Blessing* on page 6. (Photo Credit Joyce Tvedt)

GOD IS GREAT

One of the familiar table prayers shared by Christian families down through the years goes like this.

“God is great, God is good. Now we thank Him for this food. Amen.”

The prayer is great one for young children because it is rhythmic, memorable and simple. And it has good theology, for if there ever was a true statement uttered around a table, it is this one. God is great and God is good.

One of the ways in which God is great is referred to by theologians as the “Eternality of God”. God is eternal. Usually we think of something being eternal as being very old, but it is a little different with God. Mark Jones says it this way.

Time has a beginning with succession of moments, but God has no beginning, succession of moments, or ending.

Jones goes on to make several observations about God’s eternity.

God has no beginning – He has always existed. Nothing brought Him into being.

God has no ending – He will never stop being who He is, nor will He grow old and weak.

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God has no succession of moments – God sees all things that have ever been or ever will be at once. For God, there is no past or future, but only one eternal present. To describe this truth Jones goes on to talk

about a baseball game.

We watch a baseball game as a succession of innings. The second inning follows the first. We don't know what will happen until the next inning is played.

But God sees every inning of the game at once. He sees the 9th inning at the same time as He sees the first. Yet the 9th inning and the first inning remain separate things in God's mind.

Thus, God can predict the future, and work out His wonderful plan of salvation

because all things are constantly before Him at all times. God sees Adam and Eve at the same time as He sees Moses, the Apostle John and you and I. God is not trapped within time, for time is His creature, made by Him.

So when we sit down to eat our shepherd's pie, and we bow our heads and say "God is great, God is good", this is just part of what we mean. God, indeed, is great. Greater than you can imagine. He dwells in a place where time does not go by. And because this great God is also good, He holds us in His hand and is at work to save us in every way that we need to be saved. For even though God is eternal, existing outside of the passing of time, yet He chose to enter into time with us, through His Son, Jesus so that we could enter into His eternity with Him! So do not be shaken by a little virus or the raging of the nations. For God is great and God is good.

Pastor Bob



Pastor Bob DeYoung is the Senior Pastor at Lewis Lake and has served this congregation since 1982.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

We will celebrate together with an organized potluck meal and short program.

Sunday, October 18th following Sunday School

Let Bob & Sandy and Joe & Michele know how much you appreciate their service to our church family. Feel free to send them a card or note of encouragement throughout the month of October.

There will be a "Gift Table" set up in the Narthex for you to leave cards and gifts for Pastor Bob & Pastor Joe during the month of October.

Potluck sign-up sheet is on the East Wall.



Understanding Bible Words Better:

blasphemy noun

blas-phe-my | \ 'blas-fə-mē

In the sense of speaking evil of God this word is found in Ps 74:18; Isa 52:5; Rom 2:24; Rev 13:1-6. It denotes also any kind of calumny, or evil-speaking, or abuse (1Kings 21:10; Acts 13:45; 18:6 etc.). Our Lord was accused of blasphemy when he claimed to be the Son of God (Matt 26:65). Those who deny his Messiahship blaspheme Jesus (Luke 22:65; John 10:36).

Blasphemy against the Holy Ghost (Matt 12:31, 32; Mark 3:28, 29; Luke 12:10) is regarded by some as a continued and obstinate rejection of the gospel, and hence is an unpardonable sin, simply because as long as a sinner remains in unbelief he voluntarily excludes himself from pardon.

- Lightly edited entry from *Easton's Bible Dictionary*

Used by Jesus: "Therefore I tell you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven people, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven." Matt 12:31

Used by Jesus' enemies: When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven." And behold, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming." Matt 9:2b-3

Fall Work Day

It's that time of year again. The leaves will soon be falling and that means there will be raking to do. Get your rakes ready!



Once all the leaves have fallen we will announce a date & time for fall clean up.

Quarterly Business Meeting
All Church Members are encouraged to attend
Monday, October 12th
at 7:45 pm
In the Fellowship Hall

Keep up on Events here at Lewis Lake



You can find the Church Calendar online at www.lewislake.org Under the "Church Calendar" tab. You can also view the Calendar on the *Breeze* app on your mobile device.

Want the latest information from Lewis Lake?
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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Get connected today!



Covenant World Relief Sunday

Sunday, November Covenant World Relief is the humanitarian aid ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church. For more than 65 years, CWR has been the Covenant's response to human suffering and injustice in the world. They provide immediate response to disasters, and perform community transformations which often requires long-term engagement to bring lasting change. This year, CWR is engaging in a special emphasis on Refugees

How can you get involved?:

- ◆ Take a can and calendar (Cans will be available at both entrances on October 11th)
- ◆ Share with your children why we are raising funds -Collect change (by following the calendar or however you'd like)
- ◆ We will collect the cans November 22nd.

"We are so grateful for all at Lewis Lake Covenant Church and for your faithful support of Covenant World Relief for many years!

God's blessings,

Catherine Werner, Manager of Covenant World Relief"



Please make checks out to Covenant World Relief

HAVE YOU SET UP YOUR BREEZE ACCOUNT YET?



With Breeze you can:

- Manage your Personal and family information
- Access the **ALL NEW** Church Event Calendar and register and sign into events.
- Access the Church Directory (allowing you to look up fellow Lewis Lakers)

Talk to Tami in the office if you need help getting set up.

SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE

At Home Services will stream at 9 AM Sunday Mornings

- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/LewisLakeCovenantChurch>
- Website: <https://lewislake.org/>
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LewisLakeCovChurch/>

Audio of the sermon and sermon notes are available on the Media page of the website as always.

Signs of Blessing

It certainly feels these days as though a heaviness weighs upon our land, like a soaked blanket we cast upon the fire to smother the flames. Our schedules are slowed down, our interactions with others are muted, handshakes are rebuffed and even when we do smile our coverings keep people from seeing them. People find themselves disagreeing with each other and walking on egg shells around each other as we struggle to figure out new ways to do old things. Life just has a very odd feel to it. We are not at ease these days.

In the ancient world, after a time when a different kind of heaviness had settled upon the world, God gave His people a sign of hope that He was still present and still at work. God put His rainbow in the sky. It was a thing of beauty to counteract all the ugliness, as well as being a specific signal that God would not bring that particular heaviness upon the world ever again.

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Photo Credit Bev Tvedt

world. More than one person has commented on the fact that the fall colors seem especially vibrant this year. The oranges and reds and yellows, illuminated by flowing sunlight, have turned out to be quite a treat, even coming a little earlier than normal. A drive through the countryside almost functions like a carwash, washing away the heaviness for a bit and putting a new shine on our inner person.

Is it too much to see a beautiful maple tree as a sign that God is still with us and still at work in our world? Certainly the fall colors don't rise to the level of a rainbow, but when I sit among the fall foliage in all of its glory my heart is lifted up and I say, "thank you Lord for reminding me that you are still here and still at work."

*"For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall break forth into singing,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.*

Isaiah 55:12

Pastor Bob



Photo Credit Bev Tvedt

Common Slaves Conference Coming Up

Some books I read fast, in a few big chunks of time. Some I read slowly, a couple minutes at a time and over a period of months. It depends on the density of the book and how unfamiliar the material is. One of the books I'm now slowly reading is *The Race Set Before Us: A Biblical Theology of Perseverance and Assurance* by Tom Schreiner and Ardel Caneday. Both Pastor Bob and I have taken classes from Dr. Schreiner, though in different millennia, ha! I've had the pleasure of getting to know Dr. Caneday a bit in recent years through the Common Slaves group that I'm a part of.

The Bible is uncomfortably clear that not all who have some kind Christian experience will enter into heaven. For example, in Jesus' parable of the soils different people have different types of positive response to Jesus, but they really don't have genuine spiritual life. This biblical reality can contribute to sleeplessness as we wrestle with the state of our soul— I know it has for me!

The doctrines of the assurance that one is a true Christian and the confidence that one will continue to follow and not abandon Christ have been hotly debated – as meaningful, practical, and important doctrines often are, and ought to be. I want to encourage you to read the book (check out my copy if you like), but even moreso I'd like to encourage you to think about attending the Common Slaves Fall Conference, at which Dr. Caneday is coming to speak on the major themes of the book. If the subject seems too confusing, know that Ardel has been a pastor, Sunday school teacher, and college professor for several decades, and is incredibly gifted

at communicating difficult subjects in an understandable way.

A better understanding of this subject can not only bring some peace of mind to a troubled heart, it puts a spotlight on the goodness of God toward his children in calling and keeping them, while also destroying the myth of an apathetic Christian life.

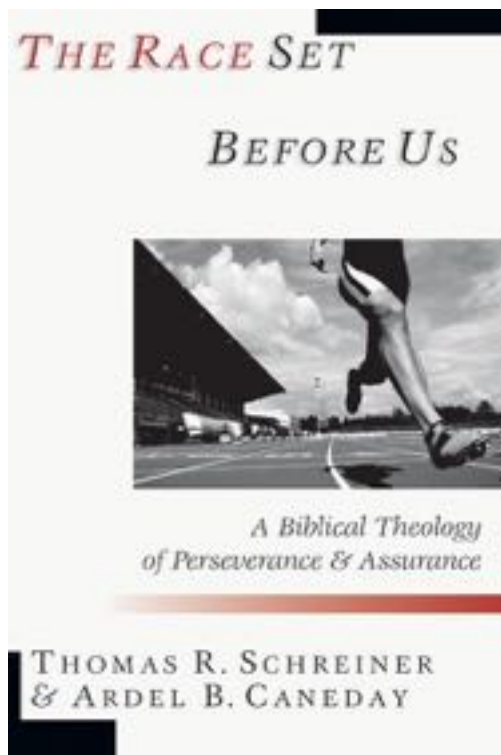
The conference is **Friday, October 30, up at Lifespring Church in Crosby, MN.** It's free to attend,

but you do have to register. The easiest way to do that is head to commonslaves.com where I have all the details and links for registration there on the front page. If you have any further questions or comments, reach out to me. If you'd like some company for the trip up, let me know that too, because I'm sure we can come up with some kind of carpooling arrangement.

I have no doubt that most of you think I'm generally enamored with theological things that are boring to everyone else, and I actually don't blame you too much for it, so I don't suppose Betty or Tami would mind me directing you to ask their opinion of these conferences and why they're not

only instructive, they're inspirational, encouraging, and a lot of fun.

-Pastor Joe



Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

There is an epidemic affecting one out of every four women and one out of every nine men. They suffer behind closed doors, most often concealing their pain, fearful of those on both sides of the door. These are the victims of abuse. They are neighbors, co-workers, friends, and loved ones. Victims of abuse come from all walks of life, and this epidemic knows no boundaries. While the secular world can offer protection and advice, it cannot provide the one thing most needed: Jesus's healing touch that brings renewal and hope.

What can you do to help?

If you suspect abuse:

- Ask if everything is okay
- Ask if she / he is safe
- Tell her / him you are available to talk
- Tell her / him you can be trusted
- Offer help
- Point out what you've noticed
- Assure confidentiality

If someone confides in you:

- Help her / him weigh their options
- Pray
- Listen without judgement
- Refer to outside help (AVA, Pastor, or professional)
- Tell her / him you are sorry this is happening
- Tell her / him you are concerned for them
- Tell her / him you believe them
- Support her / his decision
- Reassure her / him it's NOT her / his fault
- Encourage safety planning

DO NOT:

- Tell her / him what to do
- Try to fix things
- Blame or talk bad about their partner
- Recommend marriage or couples counseling
- Express unbelief
- Do nothing

The mission of Advocacy for Victims of Abuse (AVA) is to promote safety and healing for victims of abuse and help bring and end to violence against women,

children, and men. If you would like to learn more about AVA, or joining the Lewis Lake AVA Team, please reach out to Jen Peterson at 320-223-0495 or call the Church office.

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. ~ Proverbs 31:8-9

Thank you!
Jen Peterson



Jennifer Peterson is our Lewis Lake AVA (Advocacy for Victims of Abuse) Coordinator/Trainer. Jennifer and her husband Dennis have been members at Lewis Lake for five years.

Wear PURPLE on Sunday, October 4th to raise awareness for Domestic Violence.



Domestic Violence Awareness Month
October



Library help wanted

Construction and remodeling often cause a temporary displacement of the familiar. Case in point, remodeling of the west end of our Church building has made it necessary to empty the library shelves.

If we are to keep a church library, there is a need for someone to take responsibility for maintaining it.

This person will be responsible for the following:

- Keeping the shelves neat and orderly
- Maintaining the checkout clipboard
- Placing returned books in their proper place
- Cleaning and dusting of the books and shelves

These tasks must be done weekly and will involve the use of a stepladder.

Contact Betty Kilian 320-515-1237 if you have any questions or are interested in taking on this position.

Nursery Volunteers

Now that we are back to Sunday School and in person services we find ourselves needing to staff the Nursery during Worship and Sunday School. If you have a heart for Children and would like to be involved in the Nursery rotation, **please sign up and indicate your availability.**

Parents of children who use the Nursery are encouraged to take an occasional shift

- Sarah Terpstra is the Nursery coordinator for during worship.
- Melodee Hall is the Nursery coordinator for during Sunday school.

Please contact these ladies if you have questions about serving in the Nursery.

Ushers & Greeters

Our ushers and greeters play an important role on Sunday mornings as they are the first people that our visitors come in contact with. Please consider signing up to serve in one of these positions.

Usher Lead

We are looking for someone to coordinate/schedule our ushers. This person will be responsible for scheduling our volunteer ushers. Ushers typically are scheduled for a month at a time.

Coffee/Fellowship set-up and clean up

Outside of Sunday worship one of the things people look forward to here at Lewis Lake is that steamy cup of coffee, a cookie or two and fellowship with our friends here at church. Like any other ministry at Lewis Lake, this ministry can't happen without volunteers. Angie Tvedt is our Kitchen Coordinator and she is always looking for volunteers. Please contact Angie 651-248-8768 if you have questions about volunteering in the kitchen.

Multi-purpose room tear-down/set-up

As you know, every Sunday we tear-down the first few rows of chairs to set-up tables for Pastor Joe's Sunday school class. We are looking to set up a team that we can count on to be focused on getting tear-down/set-up completed quickly each Sunday as well as for special events.



Common Slaves Fall Conference 2020

*Let Us Run with
Perseverance and
Assurance!*



Friday, October 30, 2020

Details

Location: Lifespring Church
30 Hallett Ave, Crosby, MN
(www.visitlifespring.com)

Date: Friday, October 30, 2020

Time: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Who: Everyone is invited to attend. Pastors, laymen, and young people will all benefit greatly.

Cost: None! (Free-will donations will be received at the door to offset the costs. Additionally, if you would like to help financially sponsor the conference, please visit www.visitlifespring.com for giving and contact info)

Do I still need to register?

Yes. Pre-registration is important for our planning.

Register online before October 20
www.eventbrite.com/e/let-us-run-with-perseverance-assurance-tickets-121431499885

Fall 2020 Worship Schedule
effective Sunday, September 13

Worship:
9:00 am

Coffee & Fellowship:
10:00 - 10:30 am

Sunday School/Confirmation:
10:30 - 11:15 am



Notary Services are now available

As requested by Council, Tami is now commissioned as a Notary Public. Notary Services will now be available at zero cost to Members and Non-Member friends of Lewis Lake Covenant Church. You can catch Tami on Sunday mornings or make an appointment to stop by the office during the week.

Reminder

**Daylight Savings Ends Sunday, November 1!
Don't forget to set your clocks back.**

Sermons are now available via podcast!

What is a Podcast? Simply put: a podcast is an audio program, just like Talk Radio, but you subscribe to it on your smartphone and listen to it whenever you like.

You can subscribe to our Lewis Lake podcast directly from our website *Media* page by selecting a sermon and subscribing to the podcast by clicking on the red link or the podcast icon appropriate to your device. Once subscribed, you will then be able to listen to sermons as they post. The sermons are posted on Sunday mornings (after Sunday school) so you can listen on Sunday without having to wait to see it online later in the week. As always, if you need assistance subscribing to our podcast, talk with Tami and she will get you connected so you will never miss a sermon.

The screenshot shows the Lewis Lake Covenant Church website. At the top is the church logo and a navigation menu with links: Home, About Us, Media, Church Calendar, Vacation Bible School, Online Giving, Links/Resources, and Get Connected. The main content area features a podcast player for 'Bob DeYoung: Battling Vanity'. Below the player, there are links to 'Play in new window', 'Download (Duration: 37:02 — 16.9MB)', 'Subscribe: Apple Podcasts | Android | RSS', 'Solomon may have had too much news the day he wrote chapter 4. Open your Bibles to Ecclesiastes 4:1-16', 'Watch the service on YouTube', and 'Sermon Notes'. There is also a 'Posted in Media' section and a 'Subscribe to Podcast' section with social media icons for Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, and Twitter. The footer includes the church's address (1230 Grand St, Grand Street, MN 56358), office hours (Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM), a 'Call Us' button with the number 320-398-3293, a map showing the church location, and copyright information (© 2020 Lewis Lake Covenant Church. All Rights Reserved. Site by Superior Lighthouse, LLC).

YOU MAY NOT KNOW THEM OR THEIR CHILDREN BUT



Over the years, we have hosted our Covenant Missionaries who were on furlough from the mission field. Back in the day, they would spend two weeks interacting with the church to which they were assigned. We ate together, prayed and played together, worshipped together. There were also opportunities to hear from our missionaries at Annual Meetings and Women Ministries events of the Covenant Church. Regardless of the venue, **at some point they would mention the Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar**. Whenever possible, they arrange big events and meetings or decisions on or close to the date they are listed for prayer. **YOUR PRAYERS ARE THAT IMPORTANT TO THEM!**

If you have never taken a **Covenant Missionary Prayer Calendar** home, we encourage you to do so and connect through prayer with singles, couples, and families serving around the world. There are pictures of the missionaries, special dates like birthdays and anniversaries, as well as information about the countries in which they serve. The Calendars may be found on the east wall with all the signup sheets and whatnot. OR, if you would prefer to get the information in a daily email, visit covchurch.org/prayer-calendar.

~ Betty Kilian

October 2020

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