

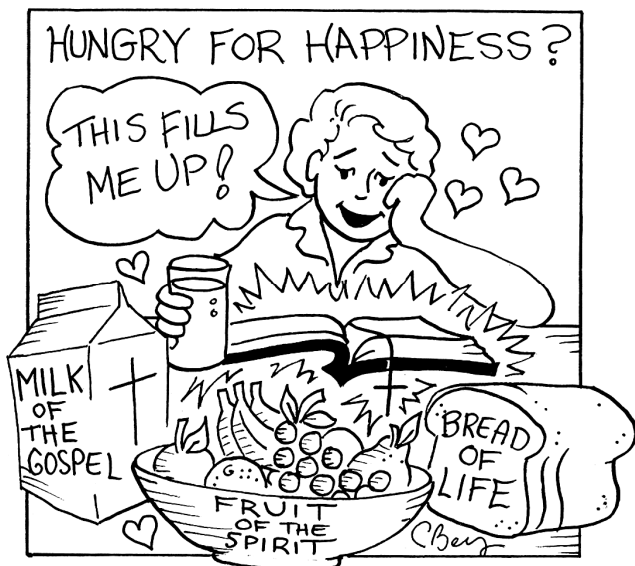
NEWSLETTER

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How can I be happy when I'm hungry all the time?

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.”

Matthew 5:6



I have never really been hungry. Have you? What I mean is I can't remember a time when I had gone days without eating and didn't know when I would eat again. What a terrible, desperate feeling that must be. People who go on diets can't say they know that kind of hunger, but they speak of feeling hungry all the same. And it's not a pleasant feeling.

Jesus once said that actually it's great to be hungry all the time. In fact, it makes you happy. But listen to the "hunger" he's talking about: ***"Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled"*** (Matthew 5:6). The only hunger that makes someone happy is the hunger for righteousness.

Jesus used the word "righteousness" to talk about two related blessings for his

followers. First of all, righteousness is being declared not guilty by God. It's an acquittal. Righteousness means that God the Judge looks at you and declares you not guilty of all your sins because Jesus covers you in his holiness. Jesus' holiness becomes your holiness in God's sight. That's righteousness and it's a gift that is received by those who put their trust in Jesus as their Savior. Flowing from this gift is another one. When you know God has forgiven your sins, you want to do things God's way. This, too, is righteousness. Jesus says when you long for God's not guilty verdict, you will also long for ways to say "thank you" with your life. You will hunger for righteousness.

There's lots of spiritual junk food out there, and it may seem like your soul's hunger will be satisfied by it. What about the idea that if you're pretty good or just try a little harder or are better than the next guy, then God will have to accept you? That's not real righteousness. It's self-righteousness, and it's a spiritual Twinkie that can never truly satisfy your spiritual needs.

Instead be hungry for Jesus' righteousness. Yearn for the forgiveness only he can supply and receive it by trusting in him. And then stay hungry. Stay hungry for making the words and deeds of your life a big "thank you" to God who sent his Son Jesus for you. To be hungry for righteousness is to be happy ... and satisfied.

CHURCH NEWS

Jesus Cares Bible Class ended May 20th for the ninth season. During that time, we have had the privilege of telling God's plan of salvation to many guests from the surrounding communities of Glencoe, Hutchinson, Arlington and Gaylord. We wish to thank Pastor Reichow, Elenora Hardel, Joyce Koepf, Barb Heidemann, Mavis Graupmann, and Arvid and Judy Schwartz for all their hard work and patience.

Jesus Cares Picnic The annual Jesus Cares Picnic will be held on Tuesday, July 1st starting at 4:00pm at Oscar Olson Park. Eight summer ministry students from The Lutheran Home will be joining us. We invite all members and guests of St. John's to join us for this fun event. Questions, contact Pastor Reichow.

Glencoe Parade We will be participating in the Glencoe Parade on Sunday, June 13th. The Youth Group has volunteered to help with building this year's float, however, we are always looking for extra hands. We are having a planning meeting on Wednesday, June 2nd. Also, we need someone who is willing to provide a vehicle and/or drive the float in the parade. Speak to Pastor Reichow immediately if you are interested.

Summer Bible School Summer Bible School will be held Sunday–Thursday, August 8th-12th from 6:30 to 8:30PM. Children age 3 through adults are welcome and encouraged to participate. Please keep this in mind as you plan your summer vacations.

We are planning a meeting on Monday, June 14th beginning at 7pm to begin the planning. The theme for this year is "Circle J Ranch". All parents and interested helpers are invited to attend this meeting and bring some new ideas and excitement to this year's Summer Bible Program!

Road To Emmaus Our church has several copies of Road To Emmaus DVDs for members to share with family and friends. You may remember seeing this video the Sunday after Easter. This movie has drawn the attention of many, many people to Jesus and what he has accomplished for them by his death and resurrection. It is our goal to use this video to reach out to family, friends and prospective future believers and members. Please sign-up on the sheet in the narthex if you are interested in getting copies of the DVD to share

with other families. Members are also encouraged to check out a copy from our video library in the meeting room. If you have any questions you may speak with Pastor Reichow.

Congratulations Graduates! Congratulations to High School graduates Shay Goette and Josh Raddatz and College graduate Ben Schuth. May God bless his children in all their future endeavors.

Time of Grace with Pastor Mark Jeske airs on KMSP channel 9 at 6:30am Sunday mornings or you can visit the website www.timeofgrace.org for the latest messages, send prayer requests and get access to many different books and products. You may also chat with Pastor Mark Jeske on Facebook and Twitter or download messages to your ipod. Please visit their website for more information.

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YOUTH NEWS

Thank you The Youth group would like to thank everyone for their aluminum cans. We recycled them for a total of \$400.00. Please continue to save your aluminum cans.

Valleyfair It was decided that we will be going to Valleyfair on Wednesday, July 21st. Family and friends are invited to come along. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

2 nd	Andrew Kettner
3 rd	Brianna Lowden and Rebecca Litzau
4 th	Emma Albers
6 th	Benjamin Siers
8 th	Caleb Goette
15 th	Chad and Jennifer Koenen (14 th Anniversary)
16 th	Werner Schmidt
18 th	Michael and Jennifer Siewert (17 th Anniversary)
21 st	Ruth Brinkman
22 nd	Mabel Ehlers Steve and Pam Warren (14 th Anniversary)
23 rd	Frank Papke and Pam Warren
24 th	Bryan Koepf
25 th	Elenora Hardel and Brenda Stockman
27 th	Leonard and Ruth Lange (46 th Anniversary)
28 th	Jerome and Katheryn Ehlers (41 st Anniversary)
29 th	Bill and Emily Rabe (3 rd Anniversary)
30 th	Catherine Templin and Vernon Von Berge John and Teresa Ross (20 th Anniversary)