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# On the Road with the Gospel

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

## **Matthew 28:19-20**

How are you at carrying out the great commission? Many people think that's the job of their pastors in the church, teachers in our parochial schools, or missionaries in faraway places. While those people are certainly vital in discipleship efforts, you too are called and sent to make disciples of all nations. Let me share with you a few examples I have recently experienced in my own life.

Last week I was in Wisconsin and stayed at the home of Tim and Paula Huebschman who are wonderful people and faithful servants of the Lord. Important to note that Tim's father, Dr. Ray Huebschman, was instrumental in resurrecting this very ministry back in 1980 when it was known as Worship for Shut-Ins.

Tim's wife Paula had a debilitating illness back in 2020 that left her with multiple amputations which drastically changed her way of life. She has an amazing story that I hope she can share in a future issue of the Broadcaster.

What amazed me, however, as I was sitting in their church's choir room on Sunday morning,

was how God was still using her to share His word with the young people present during their Bible study hour despite the difficult circumstances she's had to endure. The Holy Spirit is working through Paula to share the good news about Jesus and He is doing the same in you.

As I write this to you, I'm on a bus with my son's 8th grade class to visit our nation's capital. Visiting Washington D.C. is a remarkable way to develop a perspective of just how vast our world truly is. A group from a Lutheran school in Fort Wayne, Indiana, venturing to the capital of the most powerful superpower in the world. As we were about to depart for our trip at 5:30 a.m. this morning (yikes!) I prayed with the students and parents in attendance, "Risen Lord and Savior, as we go on this journey, may we show your love with every person we come in contact with." Just as the Holy Spirit is working in the hearts of these precious young people to grow their faith to do good works on behalf of His kingdom, He is doing the same in you.

God is also doing a good work in this ministry of Worship Anew.



We receive letters every day from viewers around the country who have been blessed by this ministry, one person recently shared the following:

*"Dear friends of Jesus, I'm sending this letter to all the wonderful people who work for Worship Anew. Thank You for giving all the people who can't get to church and still can enjoy a service on Sunday to worship our Lord. I just watched Pastor Paul Shoemaker give a wonderful sermon and talked about John 3:16. I really enjoyed that and also the choir that sang Jesus Love Me (one of my favorites) ...I wait for my next Sunday to enjoy another service. Love to all."*

I've been in awe at how God uses the ministry of Worship Anew to reach people in your community and throughout the world. We are blessed to have wonderful pastors, choirs, authors, volunteers, and team members who come together to share God's love with the mission of helping aging adults live an abundant life in Christ. One of the ways you can come alongside this ministry is by supporting Worship Anew through your prayers and a donation that furthers the work of sharing the Gospel with people who are in desperate need of the assurance we have in our Savior's mercy and grace.

Recently, while traveling out of town, my family was walking through a park when I thought I recognized a mom and son who I saw at church that week. I asked if they were at Grace on Sunday, and it turns out they were not the same two people. As we continued walking, I overheard the son say to his mom that they should go to church again and asked how much it cost. The mom responded that it doesn't cost anything to go to church.

The boy sounded surprised, "It doesn't cost anything!?" As Christians, we know that when it comes to the cost, Jesus paid the price. In fact, through church, WE receive His many gifts. Everything we give is in response to what God has done for us. While I was surprised by that young boy's question to his mom, I was almost moved to tears by his comment of returning to church. Do you know someone like that family who you could share the free gift of God's love for them?

Paula Huebschman encouraged the students she was teaching that morning to spend time reading their Bible for 21 straight days. I think the saying goes that it takes 21 days to create a habit and 90 days to make it permanent. This is a good challenge for all of us. You can start with the Gospels, the Psalms, or the book of Genesis. As you spend time in God's Word may you be inspired to know that we have the incredible opportunity to make disciples in our local community, nationwide, and throughout the world. Whether it's those disciples 2,000 years ago, a group of teenagers from Fort Wayne, Indiana, a person with an amputation in Wisconsin, or a global ministry like Worship Anew, everyone has the opportunity to make disciples of all nations.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew F. Leighty".

**Matthew F. Leighty**  
Executive Director



# Worship Anew in June

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**June 4, 2023 – The Holy Trinity**

**Psalm 8; Acts 2:14a, 22-36; Matthew 28:16-20**

**“The Blessed Trinity” – Sermon Text: Matthew 28:16-20**

**Rev. Paul Shoemaker**

God has chosen to reveal Himself in three persons, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. In doing so He shares with us His uniqueness as our God. Today we celebrate the Blessed Trinity.



**June 11, 2023 – Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**Psalm 119:65-72; Hosea 5:15-6:6; Matthew 9:9-13**

**“Truly Loving Jesus” – Sermon Text: Hosea 5:15-6:6**

**Rev. William Mueller**

What does it mean to live before God? How is this possible? What about when things are going horribly wrong? Hosea lifts up two great points about this life with the one true God: a third day resurrection and the need for more than just lip service.



**June 18, 2023 – Third Sunday After Pentecost**

**Psalm 100; Exodus 19:2-8; Matthew 10:1-5a, 16-20**

**“Here Am I – Send Me!” – Sermon Text: Matthew 10:1a, 2a**

**Rev. Dr. Thomas Ahlersmeyer**

Jesus calls His original twelve to be His disciples and sends them out to be His apostles. He calls us to be His followers and then sends us out to be His ambassadors. As Jesus was with the original twelve, so He is with us.



**June 25, 2023 – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

**Psalm 91:1-8; Romans 6:12-19; Matthew 10:29-32**

**“Your Value” – Sermon Text: Matthew 10:29-32**

**Rev. Dr. Walter Maier III**

What is your value? The world will answer this question one way, but what matters is how God views you. You are of tremendous value to the Lord! Thus, he will watch over you, take care of you, and will use you in wonderful ways.





# HOPE-FULL *A Look Inside* LIVING

SUNDAY, JUNE 18, 2023

## Farming and Faith

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

*1 Chronicles 16:34*

Dad used to say that farming is worse than gambling. Yet in another sense, he said that farming makes you completely rely on God for every shower to help the crops grow, from planting to harvest. When I was in grade school, I remember four straight years of drought where the rains seemed to bypass our farm. I watched my dad face these trials with unwavering faith. Dad and Mom protected us 8 kids from worry, faithfully attending worship every Sunday, and leading us in after-supper family devotions and bedtime prayers. God was teaching me that I could always trust in him to provide for our needs.

*Steve Hess  
Fort Myers, FL*

**Thank you, Father,** for Dad's example of complete trust in you through the tough times. Strengthen my faith in you to sustain me and encourage others in their walk of faith. Amen.

**Reflect:** Who was an example of encouragement? Encourage others by your trust in God.

**Read:** 1 Chronicles 16:8-36 and Matthew 6:25-34

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# Growing

## A DEVOTION BY GINA TEEPLE

*Director of Development and Ministry Relations*



Last summer I had a suspicious weed in my landscaping. Normally I am merciless when it comes to weeds. This time, I decided to let it grow. Without any help or encouragement from me, it turned into a beautiful sunflower.

This flower became a reminder to me of several things.

### **First: We need to give ourselves and others time to grow.**

I had no idea this 'weed' was really a sunflower. I would have pulled it, fully convinced I was doing the right thing for the rest of my landscaping.

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus tells a parable about a man who sowed good seed in his field. In the night, his enemy came and sowed tares (weeds) among the good seeds. As the two started to grow, the man's servants asked if he wanted them to remove the tares. The man told them "No!" He did not want to risk uprooting the wheat in the process. As it turns out, it is difficult to distinguish tares and wheat when they are first growing.

### **Second: It is God who gives the growth.**

As a child I planted countless apple seeds in my backyard. I was convinced that with enough love and water, I could start my own orchard. Despite my best efforts, it never worked. I was not able to grow a single tree.

Perhaps that is why I am often overwhelmed by the sowing and reaping language in the Bible. I can plant and water and fertilize, but things don't always grow. Sometimes I don't plant or water at all, and things like this flower still grow.

Fortunately, things do not depend on me. Paul writes about this in 1 Corinthians: I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. (3:6-7).

Paul goes on to say in verse 9 that "we are God's fellow workers."

We are called to be faithful in our labor, but the outcome does not depend on us. Even if I had planted that sunflower seed and watered it faithfully, I could not make it grow. God gives the growth!

### **Finally: The harvest may look different than we expect.**

The seed had come from a nearby bird feeder. Considering how many seeds fell from that same feeder, dozens of flowers should have been growing! But there was only one.

One is very different than the image I have in my brain when I consider Jesus' words in Matthew 9:27: "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

But Jesus makes it clear in his other parables that sometimes the harvest consists of one – one lost coin, one lost sheep.

## Prayer

Lord, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us.



# In the Garden

## WORD SEARCH

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BUD



# Calling On Dads



*For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”*

## Romans 8:15

I've had a few different nicknames over the years: "Tommy-Gun", "Tom Tom", "T-Dog", and just plain "T" being a few. What I love to be called more than anything is "Dad", even if I often hear, "Mom! Dad! Oh, hi Dad! Where's mom?"

We have a God who desires to be called on. We cry out to him "Abba! Father!" not just when we need something (though we always need Him!) We call to God to give Him thanks and praise.

We call on Him to remember that we are only stewards of His gifts and the family we care for is His family first and foremost.

Not only this, we have the Spirit who lives in us and directs our prayers to the Father when we have no words, when we have nothing left. The Spirit reminds us that we are not slaves, we are sons!

Today, join with me in thanking God for our adoption as sons and for the sacrifice of His Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. We also thank God for fathers and father-figures who have not molded us into their image, but have encouraged us to grow in Christ to be more and more like Him.

Happy Father's Day!

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