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Love (revisited)

You recall a couple of months ago, I talked about what the following words from Deuteronomy 6:5 meant to me: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.”

I wanted to continue our dialogue of this verse by sharing with you more insight on the word “LOVE”. I researched passages all month long that focused on “LOVE”. I found different ways to interpret this word, depending on how it was used in the passage. For instance (my favorite verse in the entire Bible) - John 3:16: “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life!” This passage is absolutely uplifting and makes me feel very special that I have had the fortune to know and love my Lord. Then in another passage in Matthew 5: 44 - Jesus says “But now I tell you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.” This passage leaves me very perplexed and a bit angry. Just how deeply must I pray that I can forgive someone like

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday Worship (Traditional) at 9AM and (Joy & Grace) at 11AM. Sunday School at 10:10AM and Adult conversation at 10:15AM

Choir practice will resume on Wednesday, the 5th and will be conducted every week until further notice.

Outreach Meeting	Sep 6, 7pm
Church Council Meeting	Sep 9, 12:15pm
DOVE CIRCLE	Sep 11, 1pm
Bible Study every Wednesday at 9:30am	

Adult Retreat	Sep 22, 8:30am
Property Meeting	Sep 25, 7pm

Fall Rummage Activities: Empty Sheds, 9am on Sat, 29th
Set Up Rummage Sale, 9am, Oct 1 through 5

Mr. Holmes in the Colorado Theater Massacre? I put myself in the place of the people who lost loved ones and ask God to help them handle their grief and sadness but can I ask God to help them to acquire the inner strength to forgive Mr. Holmes? That is difficult for me. How do you react?

LOVE TO MY GOD AND ALL THE NEW HOPE FAMILY!

Joyce Palmer, The Editor

ODDS AND ENDS

I am told that Brigette Williams has received her transplant and is doing very well at home. Continue praying for added strength and wellness for Brigette as she continues her recovery.

Christina Smith delivered her baby boy two weeks early on August 30th. Tyler Johannes is healthy and very active. The Smiths are staying with the Lees until they go to Florida for 3 weeks.

You will notice that there is no family bio piece in the newsletter this time. I am experiencing great difficulty getting members to respond to my requests for information. So until further notice that part of the newsletter will be suspended.

BORDER SERVANT CORPS

Border Servant Corps seeks to provide an opportunity for volunteers to work for justice, serve their neighbor, and walk humbly with their God.

Border Servant Corps hosts [full-time volunteers](#) live in the international community, learn about living simply, work for social justice, and explore spiritually. Volunteers work with issues such as poverty, immigration, domestic violence, education, and health care with opportunities to work in churches, shelters, legal centers, after-school programs, clinics, and other social service agencies within the unique context of the border region.

The Lutheran Border Awareness Project, funded by the Thrivent Foundation, encourages servant leadership through programs such as [Border Immersions](#). Border Servant Corps hosts groups interested in first-

Hand cultural immersions focused on education of border issues. This program is designed for undergraduate missions, alternative spring break programs, seminarians, and church and youth groups. [The Fellowship through Service](#) program involves people from local organizations and congregations who are equipped to serve through a variety of programs. The Servant Stomp runs in conjunction with this program as a means of providing the opportunity with for community members to view and learn about local organizations where they can serve. Lastly is the [Lutheran Leadership](#) program where leaders from the church are encouraged to become more aware and involved in border issues through week-long immersions and additional education and service opportunities in the border region, with specific emphasis on faith, service and social justice.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CONFERENCE NOTES OF INTEREST

We welcome REV. DALENE FULLER ROGERS to our conference. She is the interim associate pastor at Peace in Las Cruces and campus pastor at NMSU.

We bid farewell and Gods Speed to REV. LUKE SEAMON. He is leaving Trinity in Hobbs for a call in the NALC to a congregation in Lancaster, PA.

Lastly, but so important, please keep in your prayers the five congregations in our conference who are undergoing pastoral transitions: Mt. Hope, El Paso; Peace, El Paso; Trinity, Las Cruces; Our Savior, Alamogordo and Trinity, Hobbs

ADULT RETREAT

September 22, 2012

8:30am - Meet and Greet

9:00am - 4:00pm

Led by: Pastor Jeff St. Clair

Theme: Faith

Price: \$10.00 per person (bring a friend)

Contact: Genon Devaney (751-5364) or
Karen Miller (755-8009)

FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Set Up Oct 1, 9am

Pricing Oct 2 and 3, 9am

RUMMAGE SALE October 5, 4-7pm
and October 6 from 8am to 1pm