

Council Update

The council understands the steeple still has missing siding. Insurance has said they will cover the cost of the labor and the siding.

However, we are still waiting for equipment that extends to the steeple to safely repair it.

We Need Your Help

We will need your help updating our member list. Please go to the following address online <https://www.hrlutheran.com/contact-8> or call the office @ 320-383-2336

Bible Study

By Reverend Cody Mills

Yes, I would love to have a bible study! Currently, I meet with residents at Valhalla in Clarkfield to and we have started with Genesis. So far, the residents have had great success at attending the bible study

and they get little tidbits for information about the Old and New Testament.

For example, they learned why it is called testament. Testament means a creed, statement of belief, a directive of one's property in a will, or something that serves as tangible evidence.

If you are interested in attending one here at Hazel Run Lutheran, please let me know.

Coexist Bumper Sticker

By Reverend Cody Mills

If you love the bible as much as I do and see it fitting to adhere to and learn, you will find that scripture is particular about who saves us and who gives comfort from death.

I listened to a podcast that mentions the coexist bumper sticker, and the sticker's purpose is to signify unity through the adoption of other religions and gods. I agreed deeply with this podcast as it outlined the

dangers of conformity through the world and acceptance of other faiths for unity.

When you identify that you are Christian, you confess that Christ alone saves you. There is no other religion where God takes the sins of humanity, suffers death for humanity, and then rose again for humankind.

Indeed, we must love anybody that denies Christ or who disagrees with Christ alone. At the same time, Christians are separate from the world and cannot adopt other religions. Other religions denounce Jesus Christ as God, Son, and mercy seat for all of life.

As Christians, we accept the law that God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have given us and not the world.

In Christianity, God chooses you. When he does this, he guards you and redeems you and brings you into unity with Him. Unity is through

Christ and not the world; in fact, a Christian is not part of the world.

With the coexist sticker, the mantra wants to manipulate you to be accepted and loved by the world. This philosophy tells you that you need to find acceptance from the world by participating in all world does.

Christ has separated you from the rest of the worldly instinct to create a person who receives the gift of forgiveness and removal from self-preservation. Coexist wants you to get an identity in the world, and you are not of this world. You are sanctified by Christ. Praise be to God for making us whole and able to serve others without self-preservation.

Financial Report

By Lori Stevens

Beginning Balance:	\$22,731.25
Income for April:	+ \$ 2,724.80
Total:	\$25,456.05
Expenses for April:	- \$3,209.33
Ending Balance:	\$22,246.72

John 15:19 ESV

¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.