

The Gift and Responsibility of Sight

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The 4th Sunday in Lent
26 March, A.D.2017
Isa 42:14-21; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Introduction

CCT: By His word of the gospel, Jesus calls us out of the _____ into His marvelous light.

Amazing grace--how sweet the sound--
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind but now I see!

How does this apply to the blind man in Jn 9?

I. A Blind Man Begins to See

A. Context

Jn 9.1

B. As Assumption Rebuked

Jn 9.2-5

What is the assumption?

What does Jesus' response teach us?

What sort of assumptions are you making?

C. Healing the Creation

Jn 9.6-7

2 Corinthians 5:19 (ESV)

¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

D. Astonishment and Sabbath Controversy

Jn 9.8-28

E. A Man Begins to See

Jn 9.29-34

Jesus _____ him out, as He does with _____ of us.

Is it an "accident" that you're here today?



Youth Lock-In

April 7th, 2017

A game night for 5th and 6th graders from
5 p.m. until 10 p.m.

A lock-in for 7th and 8th graders from
5 p.m. until 7 a.m.

Breakfast at 6:30 a.m.

Admission:

5th/7th - A snack or dessert item to share

6th/8th - A beverage to share

Sign up in the Narthex or the School Lobby

If you have questions or are interested in
helping with the lock-in,
please contact Wendy Petersen
(WNPETERSEN@gmail.com).



Fit & Focused for Health/Wellness

Come learn how much you can change your life by making healthier choices!

Monday March 27 @ 6:00pm

Room 214- Informational Meeting

St. Paul's Lutheran School/Church

(210 East Pleasant Street, Oconomowoc, WI)

Do you know anyone looking to:

- *Increase* their **energy**
- *Lose* some **weight**
- *Promote* **healthy cholesterol & triglyceride levels**
- *Maintain* healthy blood glucose levels **for type 2 Diabetes**
- *Reduce* inflammation for **improved bone & joint health**
- Has an *interest* in learning about how to **eat healthier**
- **21 days to a healthier YOU!**
- **Proceeds will go to the Fred Boldt Fund-a-Family**

Barb Boldt, Certified TLS Weight Loss Solution Coach & Trainer is going to teach & coach a science-based and clinically proven weight management system that is taught in doctor's offices throughout the United States at St. Paul's Lutheran School/Church. This program focuses on metabolism correction with low-glycemic impact eating any age or stage of their life!

Bring a friend! For more information, please contact: Barb Boldt – 262-567-0034

II. The Blind Man Sees and Believes

John 9.35-38

III. The Responsibility of Sight

John 9.39-41

If you can “see” now you’re _____.

1 Timothy 1:15 (ESV)

¹⁵ The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

Hebrews 5:12 (ESV)

¹² For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the basic principles of the oracles of God. You need milk, not solid food,

Galatians 5:13 (ESV)

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

Conclusion

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
His grace has brought me safe thus far,
His grace will lead me home.

S.D.G.

STEPHEN MINISTRY PRESENTATION

Do **YOU** know the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia?

- + Are they the same?
- + How would I know if I had either one?
- + What can I do to help a loved one who has Alzheimer's?

Come and hear our speaker, Joni Barrie-Hoffman, speak on Alzheimer's disease. She is a certified Dementia Practitioner.

Date: **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29th**

Time: **RIGHT AFTER THE 12:15 PM MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE**

Place: **ST. PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Refreshments will be provided. Sponsored by St. Paul's Stephen Ministry.



Christ caring for people through people

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