

WEEKLY E-NEWS

JUNE 15, 2023

Next week at a
Glance:

Sunday
June 18, 2023

Worship 9 am

Sunday School/ Bible
Study 10 :15 am

June 21
Women's Bible Study
6:30 PM

Men's Bible Study
6:30 PM



Child of God:
A Making and
Shaping Community

SIN IS NOT OKAY (Adapted Devotion from Paul Tripp)

*"But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the **deceitfulness** of sin" (Hebrews 3:13).*

First, sin blinds us to our own sin. Often, we will have no idea that what we are doing or have done is sinful. We don't have much difficulty identifying sin in the lives of others, but we tend to be surprised and offended when someone points out our sin, weakness, or failure.

Or, maybe we're on the fence about if something is actually sinful. The seductive power of temptation is that it distracts us with pleasure so we fail to see its moral danger. Genesis 3 is a case study of this. The fruit of the tree "was a delight to the eyes." And the crafty serpent put moral skepticism in the mind of Adam and Eve with his lie, "Did God actually say..."

Lastly, sin doesn't always seem so sinful to us after the fact. Even when our consciences are bothered by transgressing God's moral boundaries, we quiet them with self-atoning arguments. We participate in our own deceit by working to convince ourselves that the wrong we did wasn't so bad or it could have been a lot worse.

Or, we rewrite the narrative of the moment to make ourselves look more righteous than we were, or the victim of someone else's sin more than our own (see Genesis 3 again).

Where does all of this lead? To a very dangerous spiritual posture of "okayness."

Most people have turned their backs on the ultimate moral fact of the universe—the holiness of God—and are content to live with a personal assessment of "okayness." They carry with them no sense of personal moral brokenness, no fear of God, and no sense of need for the rescue of his grace.

They eat the forbidden fruit again and again, and they possess little shame and fear. They believe they can be what they're supposed to be and do what they're supposed to do in life without divine rescue, forgiveness, or assistance.

We are in spiritual danger when we can minimize or deny the inexcusable sinfulness of sin.

We repudiate the holiness of God when we walk away feeling okay about what God says is unholy.

Let the sinfulness of sin grip you—then weep. Weep for your casual response to it, weep because of its blinding power, weep for the hold it has on those around you, but most of all, weep because every time you sin, you betray your holy Lord.

Confess your sinfulness and know that you are forgiven and redeemed through the blood of Jesus. Be real and honest with your sin condition and know that the grace of Christ covers it all and call today another day of His loving-kindness.

Sinner and Saved in Christ,

Pastor Gorline

SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR WORSHIP

JUNE 4 - SEPTEMBER 3

WORSHIP AT 9 AM, ALL AGES SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:15 AM

THIS SUNDAY STARTS ALL AGES FAMILY FRIENDLY SUNDAY SCHOOL

THIS WEEK'S THEME "The Art of Words"

CONGREGATION MEETING JUNE 25 Following Worship Service

MEN'S EVENT June 17th. Burger burn and Target shooting. Starts at 5 PM. 145 Valkyrie Drive, Moscow Mills, MO 63362. Pistol, rifle, or semiautomatic and trap target shooting. No steel tip ammo. If shooting isn't your thing you can just hang out and enjoy some grilled meat and fellowship. \$5/pp for food and drink. Another \$5-\$10/pp to help cost cover of supplies. Bring a camp chair. RSVP at jgorline@coglcs.com.

WOMEN'S EVENT June 20th-Child of God Ladies are invited by the Ladies of the Chapel Circle from the Chapel of the Cross to a Fellowship Lunch on June 20th at 11:30 am. The location is Old Hickory Golf Club, 1 Dye Club Dr., St. Peters. For further information contact Lynda Gorline at 716-208-6074 or lrgorline@gmail.com.

NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY-The summer Bible Study will be on 1 Corinthians. They meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm, in Room 125. Please come and enjoy some time in fellowship with other women as we spend time in God's Word. If you are interested in attending please contact Pamela Wenger at 636-219-2152 or email at thewengerfamily@aol.com.

FAMILY MOVIE MATINEE - JESUS REVOLUTION - JULY 16th - 5 PM. CHILD OF GOD LUTHERAN GYM. Bring a lawn or comfortable chair. Food and drinks provided.

FUSION YOUTH EVENTS

June 23 Jr. High and High School combined. 5-8 PM. Bring \$5 for Pizza and Drinks. Location: Child of God.

High School—June 24 Glow Ball Mini-Golf June 24th 9 PM - Cave Springs Driving Range and Mini-Golf. Bring \$5 for golf and another \$5 for snack bar.

OASIS Foodbank Mobile Distribution : July 10th (8 am - 12 pm Location Christ's Church in St Peter's. 6930 Mexico Rd. Arrive at 8 am).

Ladies Event June 20th-Child of God ladies are invited by the Ladies of the Chapel Circle from the Chapel of the Cross to a Fellowship lunch on June 20th at 11:30 am. The location is Old Hickory Golf Club, 1 Dye Club Dr., St. Peters. For further information contact Lynda Gorline at 716-208-6074 or lrgorline@gmail.com. Carpooling is available.

Family Movie Matinee July 16th-We will be showing "Jesus Revolution" at 5 pm in the Child of God Lutheran Church gym. Bring a lawn chair or comfortable chair. Food and drinks provided.

There will be a Marriage Retreat September 1-3, 2023 at Heit's Point in Lincoln, MO. This event is sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church in O Fallon, MO. For more information and to register please contact DCE Charity Smith at 636-272-4505 or csmith@hcross.com.