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A message from Pastor Quinn

Werner Franzmann: In Trembling Hands, Lord God, We Hold

Anyone associated with Michigan Lutheran Seminary knows “God’s Word is Our Great Heritage.” The truth of MLS’s school hymn is also the focus of Werner Franzmann’s Reformation hymn, “In Trembling Hands, Lord, God, We Hold” (CW 199).

Werner Herman Franzmann was born into a Christian home in Lake City, Minnesota on August 11, 1905. His father was the Pastor at St. John’s Lutheran Church and Werner attended St. John Lutheran Elementary School. Following his grade school days he attended Northwestern Preparatory School and Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin. He graduated from Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in 1929, as a member of the last class to complete its training at the Wauwatosa campus before the Seminary moved to Thiensville. After serving one year as a tutor at Northwestern College, Franzmann’s first call to the parish was to serve Salem Lutheran twelve years.

Franzmann then accepted the call to serve as professor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary. He taught religion, English, and Latin at MLS for 14 years. During that time he also served the Michigan District in various capacities. In 1956 he was installed as the first full-time editor of Northwestern Publishing House. Franzmann served as managing editor of the *Northwestern Lutheran* (now *Forward in Christ*). He was also instrumental in initiating the production of the devotional booklet, *Meditations*. The last four years of his public ministry were spent serving Darlington Lutheran Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

In retirement, however, he continued to serve the Lord and his church. Franzmann was active in the work of the Board for Parish Education. He wrote a *Children’s Bible History* in 1973. He produced two popular commentaries on the Bible with which you may be familiar. *Bible History Commentary: Old Testament* was published in 1980, and its companion,

Bible History Commentary: New Testament was published in 1989.

Franzmann did not begin writing hymns until he was over fifty years old. Reflecting on the finished product after the sometimes difficult process of hymn writing, he marveled, “Did my Lord actually permit me to do this?” His humble focus was always serving his Savior who had served him and serving others with the gospel. That is clear in “In Trembling Hands.” The hymn marvels at God’s gift to us in his Word – the Savior revealed in it, God’s preservation of it, and our privilege in proclaiming it. Take some time to consider it this Reformation season.

*In trembling hands, Lord God, we hold
Our heritage, your gift of grace,
Your gospel, bringing wealth untold:
All blessings here, in heav’n a place.*

*“In trembling hands” – for how could we
Retain your gift by our own pow’r?
The pearl of priceless worth would be
Soon lost – attend us ev’ry hour!*

*“In trembling hands” – with joyous awe,
Like Luther, we behold your Son:
For us he kept your holy law,
In dying full salvation won.*

*“In trembling hands” – and yet we cling
With grip of steel, which you must give,
To Christ, our all, our eve’rything,
To Christ, the life in whom we live.*

*“In trembling hands” – the treasure won
We only hold through Scripture, Lord.
Then keep us all, till life is done,
As people trembling at your Word.*

*In trembling hands, Lord God, we hold
Our heritage; now give us hands
That gladly share your heav’nly gold
With needy souls in many lands!*

Coming in October:

October 5,6,7 MDTC Convention, No LES
October 7 Fellowship Evening 6:30-11:00 PM
October 11 Church Council
October 15 LWMS Rally, Zilwaukee
October 18 Voters' Assembly 7:00 PM
October 30 Joint Reformation Service at St. Paul's in Saginaw at 4:00 PM

President's Report—Mike Krueger

The Voters' meeting on Tuesday, October 18th, at 7 PM will include a discussion of staffing for the LES next school year. Thinking about our staffing I am reminded of our Walking Together Sunday and the blessings we receive as we walk together in our service to the Lord.

We have been and continue to be blessed by the service of our called workers. We are blessed by our Synod's ministerial education system continuing to provide us with well trained workers. We are blessed with many students from our congregation that are willing to offer themselves for the public ministry of the church or at least to be encouraged to prepare for full-time work in the teaching or preaching ministry. Currently that includes: Kayla Fournier, David Delu, JB Pitt, Cheyenne Lehman, Aaron Pretzer, Tosha Arthur, Sarah Fournier, Grace Johnson, Jessica Riggs and James Westphal at Michigan Lutheran Seminary; Tyler Glessner, Abbie Gawel and Michael Schwab at Martin Luther College and Paul Krueger and Joe Gawel at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

We are also blessed with opportunities to serve the Lord ourselves through service here at Good Shepherd and with our offerings to serve Him here at Good Shepherd and throughout the world through our gifts to the Synod. Please keep our called workers, our synod and our work here at Good Shepherd in your thoughts and prayers. If you have input on staffing for our LES for next school year please discuss it with a voter, council member or Board of Education member.

Voters' Assembly

The October Voters' Assembly will be held on Tuesday, October 18th beginning at 7 PM. Voters of Good Shepherd have quarterly meetings during the calendar year plus a special December Voters' Assembly to elect officers to serve for the coming year. If you are a voting member you are encouraged to attend because it is at the Voters' Assembly that financial reports, reports from the various boards and other business pertinent to keeping God's house in order are decided. If you cannot attend a meeting, please let either President Mike Krueger, Secretary Steven Umphrey, Pastor Seifert or Pastor Quinn know

Fellowship Opportunities Coming Up!!!

The Good Shepherd Fellowship Committee is up and running again! There are a few events that we would like you to take note of for the month of October.

The Fellowship Committee would like to invite you to come and join them on Friday, October 7th at 7:00 PM for a night of family fun and fellowship. It's a night out for everyone. Younger kids, get your comfortable clothes on, grab a pillow, and meet us in the preschool room for a movie and popcorn. Sixth graders and older, bring your favorite game and meet us in the fellowship hall for popcorn and fun. Feel free to bring any snacks or non-alcoholic beverages you would like to share. Can't wait to see you there.

Come join us for an afternoon of Fall fun at Warmbier Farms, (just south of Auburn on Garfield Road) on Sunday, October 23rd. The cost is \$5.00 per person (50 cents off if you wear white.) Two year olds and under are free. For more information about what this cost includes go to www.warmbierfarms.com. We will meet at 2:00 p.m. at the entrance to the farm. Hope to see you there.

On Saturday, October 29th at 5:00 p.m. we will be meeting for an adult night out at Entre Amigos (2600 N. Saginaw Road). If you are planning on attending, please sign up on the sign up sheet on the bulletin board by Wednesday, October 26th. You can also call Sandy Umphrey to register.

Dear Friends of the Pregnancy Counseling Center

It has been a busy summer at the Saginaw PCC with over 150 people coming to our new center at 916 Gratiot for advice and assistance. Our number one priority at the PCC continues to be sharing the love of Jesus with our clients. It is such a blessing to be able to sit, talk, and witness with them in the warm and welcoming atmosphere at our new building. If you haven't seen the new Center yet, we encourage you to come by and take a look. Visitors from other agencies in the area have commented that they are glad to have a Christ-centered organization to refer their clients too, as many of them are denied the privilege we have of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with those they serve.

A few months ago one of our counselors had the privilege of sharing God's plan for marriage and sexual purity with a young lady and her live in boyfriend. She came back to the PCC recently and shared that after her conversation with our counselor she and her boyfriend, now fiancé, read through the materials given them and that they are no longer living together and are waiting till after their wedding to be sexually intimate. The Holy Spirit can and does accomplish wonderful things.

We were able to expand our offering of baby clothing up to size 3T because of the extra space at the new center. However, we need help getting out the word that we accept donations of new and used baby clothes from premie to size 3T. Items particularly in short supply just now are new and used clothes size 24 months to 3 toddler, new clothes size 0-3 months, crib sheets, baby bath towels, receiving blankets, car seats, and cribs with fixed (not drop) sides. Your gifts of new and used baby items provide us with opportunities to share Jesus with our clients.

From our treasurer - With thanks to God who has moved the hearts of our supporters, we now have a stable cash position. The costs for the building materials and supplies to renovate our Saginaw center had depleted our savings at the end of 2010. The generous outpouring of gifts received so far in 2011, many of which were received at the grand opening in January, have helped stabilize our finances. But just as vital as these special gifts were to our renovation activities, so also are your regular offerings and gifts to support our ongoing mission in Flint and Saginaw.

Attached to this update from the Saginaw PCC is a

copy of a handout / bulletin insert regarding donating to the PCCs via United Way. Please share this information with the members of your congregation.

Have a blessed day in Jesus,
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Little Lambs Bible School

Little Lambs meets twice weekly, each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 11 AM. Children ages 2 to early 5's are invited to attend. Kim Schuette has been called to be in charge of this program. A Bible story, a craft project, singing and snacks are scheduled for each day that Little Lambs meets.

When our Preschool closed, the Board of Education and the pastors thought that there should be something for small children so they may learn about their Savior before they begin LES. There is no charge for this program. If you know someone who has small children you might pass the word along about our Little Lambs Bible School. Kim Schuette may be contacted for more information, and would be happy to add names to her waiting list.

LWMS Rally

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society will have their annual fall rally this year at St. John's in Zilwaukee, Michigan. Registration begins at 10:30 with the business meeting starting at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be served followed by the guest speaker, Mr. Bill Meier.

African Medical Mission

There's an emergency at the African Medical Mission and they are desperately in need of more empty pill bottles. Good Shepherd shipped 207 in late summer but more are needed. Please soak the labels off the bottles before bringing them to church and that every bottle has a top for it. If you have any questions, please call the church office for contact information.

Scripture Readings for October

October 2 Trinity 15

1 Kings 17:8-16
Psalm 62
Galatians 5:25-6:10
Matthew 6:24-34

October 9 Trinity 16

Job 5:17-26
Psalm 126
Ephesians 3:13-21
Luke 7:11-17

October 16 Trinity 17

Proverbs 25:6-13
Psalm 143
Ephesians 4:1-6
Luke 14:1-11

October 23 Trinity 18

2 Chronicles 1:7-12
Psalm 2
1 Corinthians 1-4-9
Matthew 22:34-36

October 30 Reformation

1 Samuel 3:19-4:1
Psalm 46
Revelation 14:6, 7
John 8:31-36

Choir

Our church choir can always use more voices. If that is one of the gifts that God has blessed you with, please share it by joining the choir in singing God's praises. Amy Lindesmith is our choir director. We don't have a sign-up sheet. Just show up on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Baskets

Thanksgiving and Christmas are coming and that's time for preparing holiday baskets for some families in our congregation. Baskets will be delivered before the holidays. A basket for a free-will offering will be at the back of the church on November 6th and 13th for the Thanksgiving baskets. A box for food stuffs will be in the narthex for donations, also.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

Our shut-ins

Please see your paper copy of the Newsletter, or call the church office for information on our shut-ins.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Each month we print birthdays and anniversaries coming up. If you have the time and would like to make someone's day by sending a card, please feel free to do so.

Birthdays in October

October 10	Kate Hocquard
October 11	Tom Ross
October 11	Jessica Riggs
October 12	Cheyenne Lehman
October 13	Carrie Hennig
October 15	Amy Lindesmith
October 15	Marianne Perry
October 18	Evan Schwab
October 20	Nathan Butler
October 23	Carol Arbury
October 28	Kiley Brandt

Anniversaries in October

October 20	Melissa and Dan Lehman
October 23	Kriss and Carol Arbury

Ladies Shopping Trip

Joanne Atkinson has planned a one-day shopping trip for November 12 to Mason, Michigan. This is a Saturday that will have a house to house sale as well as a craft sale at the fairgrounds. If you enjoy seeing a variety of articles all for sale, this is the place to be on November 12th. And as always, there will be ample opportunity to enjoy good food and good company.

A Letter to the Children in Our Congregation from our Central African Medical Mission:

Have you ever ridden in an ambulance? I hope that many of you have not! If you are riding in an ambulance it usually means that you have been injured or are very sick. But with its loud siren and flashing lights, an ambulance really gets noticed as it speeds to the closest hospital. An ambulance is a very important vehicle that helps to save lives. That's why I am excited to tell you that our Lutheran Mobile clinic here in Malawi just got a brand new ambulance!

Perhaps our ambulance can tell you a few stories about his job here in Malawi, Africa, and why he is so important. Let's ask him a few questions:

“So as an ambulance for Lutheran Mobile Clinic in Africa, where do you have to go every day?”

Ambulance: “I have to travel very far everyday. I start in the city on the cement roads and keep going until I am far in the country. The roads then turn to dirt and I drive to the village where the people are mostly farmers. They live in small houses made out of bricks and have grass roofs. I try not to run over the chickens, goats, and cattle that run in front of me! I drive this far because there is no hospital out in the villages. Everybody in the village likes to see me coming! The children stand on the side of the dirt road and wave to greet me.”

“You are a very big vehicle, what do you carry with you out to the clinics?”

Ambulance: “I carry about 12 people who are doctors, nurses, and other healthcare professionals. Some days a pastor also comes along. He tells the people in the village about God's Word. There are no hospitals out here, and there are also very few churches. Some of the people have never heard about Jesus and how much he cares for them.”

“Tied to my roof are boxes full of medicines, vaccines, bandages, and food if people are hungry. We have to carry all of our supplies with us, and we never know how many people will be waiting in line to get help from the clinic. Most days we see about 300 people. Is that more people than are in your school?”

“I see that you have a siren! Do you ever have to turn on your siren and speed to the hospital?”

Ambulance: “Oh, yes! Sometimes we find some very sick people at the clinic. They don't have a car and can't get to the hospital by themselves. Sometimes they ride in a cart pulled by an ox or ride on the back of a bicycle, but this is a very slow way to get to the city.

Last week a mother brought her very small baby to the clinic. The baby was born too early and couldn't breathe very well. The pastor found out that the mother was a Christian and she said she wanted her small baby to be baptized. First the pastor baptized the baby, then the mother and the baby climbed in the back of the ambulance. I drove as fast as I could to the hospital. I put on my siren and flashing lights so that the other cars would move out of the way.

“I really enjoy my job here in Africa. I can see that so many people rely on me everyday to bring nurses and medicines to their village. As an ambulance, I use the gifts God has given me to serve so many needy people, because I know that they, too are God's children that he cares about.”

Melissa Schuetze