

# Looking Up

“... look up, and lift up your heads;” Luke 21:24 KJV

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PASTORS ARTICLE - COME BACK

*“For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.’ But you were unwilling” -Isaiah 30:15*

They were unwilling because the very idea of return suggested defeat – precisely because it suggested to a stubbornly independent people that their true victory depended upon another besides themselves– The Holy One of Israel. Their rejection of Him guaranteed their failure on every field of conflict, whether physical or spiritual. In such a state, the reality of God is scorned, and the person is referred back to himself, not God, as the only possible source of rest. Men, however, prefer the bragging rights that attend violence to the honor that attends quietness, for that honor belongs to another. This is the assessment of God upon His ancient people, concisely stated, “You were unwilling.” That is, “You would rather go it alone. You would rather glorify your own strength. You would rather be ‘Alpha and Omega’– source and goal!” Returning and rest was no option for the stalwart and bristling “spiritual soldier” of Israel – neither is it an easy option for the modern “spiritual athlete” of our own day. For these things demand a humiliation of the most profound type.

True Quietness of heart is had at a terrific price. One must actually die to obtain it. One cannot war to own it. One cannot possess it unless one has first lost all things. Its very nature demands that one recognize the failure of self-quieting and, instead,

surrender himself to the quieting action of God. This is all quite paradoxical and must have inspired acute grief in its first audience: They were told, in essence, “Everything you think you know is wrong. Everything that appears to be the means to the end is a miscalculation.” All the world is turned upside-down. And thank God it truly is! For the “foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.” So stated the Apostle Paul in relation to the cross of Christ Jesus, who, in very form God humbled Himself to death, even the death of the cross. Christ Jesus lived and lives the perfect human life in returning and rest, quietness and trust. And His strength was expended on the ground of the hill of Calvary, in supposed weakness, in supposed failure. He was willing, where all else were unwilling. He did not grasp where all else greedily grasped [Phil. 2:6]. Having opened now the fount of blessing, He grants true quietness of heart to all who believe in Him... All who have grown weary of grasping. That quietness of heart is the very gift that one can neither earn nor strive to obtain. We have been quieted by God and rest in God.

In a world defined by aggression, debate, and abject hostility, we are refreshingly defined by something that transcends the hopeless fray: returning and rest. It is the unmistakable characteristic of the new Man. It is the unmistakable characteristic of His Church.

*Pastor Nathan Juntunen*

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*Sunday School Begins*

**September 12th** - 9:45am - There are classes for all ages, so please consider attending.

Pre-1st:Kevin & Susan Karnes - 2nd-4th:Emmanuel Aho - 5th-7th:Calvin Aho 8th-9th:Nathan Juntunen - Post Confirmation/Adult: Josh Gedenberg

*Ladies Bible Study*

Begins **September 15th** - 10am at the Church

*Men's Group*

Begins **September 9th** @ Noon at Godfathers Pizza

*Friday Night Bible Study*

Begins **September 10th** - 7pm @ Nathan & Laura's - Following locations TBA

*Youth Group*

Begins **September 15th** @ 7pm at the church

*Family Night Begins*

Everyone is welcome to join us for family night every 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month, beginning on **September 22 - 6:30 p.m.** - at the church

*Family Night*

**October 13 - 6:30 pm** @ the Jim Parsley Center

*Fall Fun Fest*

**Wednesday, October 27 - 6:30pm**

Please join us for an evening of fun, games and candy.

We ask that each family bring 2 bags of candy and one 2 liter bottle of soda.

Costumes (of good taste, of course) are always welcome.

*Apostolic Lutheran Church Newsletter Changes*

Our goal is to have this newsletter sent primarily via mail. If you would like to receive the newsletter via email please send your email address to: **admanu2@msn.com**

*Please Remember in Prayer:*

Larry Questad - Dan Fortish - Jim & Channele (Kinnunen) Laitinen & Family

*Baby News*

Congratulations to Brett & Janelle Logan on the birth of their son!

**Devin James** was born on May 30, 2010 - 7 lbs. 15 oz.

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# September 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 11:00am Service	6 Labor Day	7 Board Meeting	8	9 Men's Bible Study Godfathers Pizza-Noon	10 Bible Study - 7pm @ Nathan & Laura's	11
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### September 12th MEAL, DESSERT & CLEANUP GROUPS

**Meal Preparation - Group # 1** - Kyle & Eileen - 944-7323,  
Chuck & Danita, Linda Hanson, Seth & Marlene, Larry & Judy, Jaret & Kendra

**Dessert & Cleanup - Group # 4** - Calvin & Wanda Aho - 896-4926  
Mark & Carmen, Nathan & Laura, Emmanuel & Melanie, Jeremy & Jennifer

# October 2010

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### October 10th MEAL, DESSERT & CLEANUP GROUPS

**Meal Preparation - Group # 4** - Calvin & Wanda Aho - 896-4926  
Mark & Carmen, Nathan & Laura, Emmanuel & Melanie, Jeremy & Jennifer

**Dessert & Cleanup - Group # 2** - Shane & Diana Benjamson - 901-5694,  
Andy & Ruth, Kevin & Susan, Abe & Lisa

# Baby in a Basket

Read Exodus 2:1-10 about an important child. To solve the puzzle, first work the math problems. Then beginning with answer 1, write the words in order on the lines below.

4+4 him	23-10 he	11+8 him	43-22 saying	100-99 When	14-2 and	36-32 grew
5+6 daughter	12+12 him	25-20 older	13+15 water.	100-80 Moses	100-94 she	9+7 son.
20-3 She	92-90 the	20+5 out	28-14 became	18+9 the	11+11 I	7+2 to
30-20 Pharaoh's	12+6 named	8-1 took	21+2 drew	18+8 of	5-2 child	8+7 her

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