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## From the Pastor's Desk...



### "Resting in God's Love" Psalm 131

Dear Fellow Redeemed,

I have a tough time relaxing. An even tougher time falling asleep and staying asleep. Perhaps it's an aging thing. Perhaps not. What I do know is that I have an over-active mind. I can't "turn off" my thoughts. I live inside my head. In other words, I am my own worst enemy!!!

As we continue our series on "Selected Psalms", let's turn to a psalm that is great for those of us who cannot be still inside. It's **Psalm 131**.

This psalm is written by David, a man very familiar with struggles and conflict both without and within. David suffered from persecution and attacks from people. He also agonized with a guilty conscience due to his many falls into sin. He struggled with both God and his neighbors! His was a "noisy interior". David could resonate with the hymn stanza "Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come." (Lutheran Service Book 570:3).

Under Divine inspiration, David wrote **Psalm 131**. It's a very short (three verses), simple, right to the point psalm.

In verse 1, David knows his standing and place before the holy God. He realizes how small he is in relation to God Almighty. David doesn't even try to understand God or to figure Him out. It's a confession of David's smallness next to God's magnificence. "**Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, nor with things too profound for me.**" (verse 1)

David leaves big matters to God. David also leaves ALL matters to God. He commends everything to God's wisdom and care. In other words, David "lets go".

The result of this is a quiet interior. Peace. Calm. "**Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a child weaned with his mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me.**" (verse 2)

Notice that it's David's SOUL that is calmed and quieted. External troubles and calamities may continue, but internally, all is calm and quiet. David rests and relaxes in God's presence, love and forgiveness just as a very young child would rest in its mother's arms. You can rest and relax when you know for a fact that you are loved and forgiven. This love and forgiveness gives you a security that is perfect and permanent. It can never be taken away.

David wrote many other psalms. They always included a confession of his sins. Many sins. Terrible sins. Mountainous sins. Inexcusable sins. But they also included God's pronouncement of forgiveness. Complete forgiveness. Total forgiveness. Unconditional forgiveness. Unlimited forgiveness. For even the

worst, dirtiest and lowest sins. David knew for a fact that all of his sins were laid on Jesus on the Cross. David knew that he would never be charged with any sin. Ever. No matter what. See **Psalm 103**. Really. Do it now! And then check out **Psalm 51**. David at his worst and God at His best!!!

David finishes **Psalm 131** with this: “**O Israel, hope in the Lord and from this time forth and forever.” (verse 3)**. Note what David does NOT say. He does not say “Hope in your efforts to change”. He does not say “Hope in your circumstances improving”. He does not say “Hope in your promises to get better”. What he DOES say is “**Hope in the Lord**”. All of your hope and expectations are in the Lord; namely, in Jesus. He doesn’t merely GIVE you quiet and calm. He IS your quiet and calm. He doesn’t merely GIVE you peace. He IS peace itself. The “peace that flows from sin forgiven; joy that lifts the soul to heaven.”

For those of you who share my inner noise and turmoil, **Psalm 131** is a breath of fresh air. It is water for a soul dying of thirst. Pray **Psalm 131**. Pray it alone. In silence. In a quiet place. You’ll be glad you did.

Have a Blessed August!

Resting in Jesus’ Wounds,

Pastor Bill Metzger  
Psalm 131

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## News from the Preschool

*Jean Hoger, Director*

We are almost ready for our Preschoolers! The floors are waxed, the carpets cleaned, and the windows washed. Over the summer we had youth helpers sanitize toys and scrub chairs. They also helped prepare our alphabet book pages for the 4 year-old class. A big thank you to Paige, Chloe, Mackelvie and Mikayla for volunteering their time. Two of these are former students!

We are delighted that Mrs. Charles is returning. Thank you for your prayers for her complete health. We are adding Alyssa McFaul to our 4 year-old class on Thursdays. She is looking forward to working with the kids!

Summer is a blessing because we are able to return renewed and ready to serve. Thank you for your continued prayers and support. Because of this the kids are able to sit at the feet of Jesus every school day.

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## OWLS Hoots and Happenings



OWLS will be meeting on Thursday, August 2 at noon at the home of Ken and Sandy Hauser of Cary. The OWLS bulletin board will have full information including address and directions. You may also sign up to bring a dish to complete the luncheon.

OWLS will also meet on Thursday, August 16 at the home of Brad and Mary Beth Miller on the Fox River. Brad will take us out on his pontoon boat to enjoy one of the best parts of summertime. The time and directions will be posted on the bulletin board. Come and enjoy an afternoon with friends!

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## Church Picnic September 9

The annual church picnic will take place on Sunday, September 9 following the 10:45 OUTDOOR worship service. Hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments and drinks will be provided. Please look for sign-up sheets to bring a dish to pass or a dessert and to sign up to help.

## Kids for Christ - -The Vine Life (Confirmation)

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***ALL PARENTS and Students in Grades 3-8:***  
***Our Wednesday evening Christian Education classes will begin on***  
***September 5, meeting from 7–8:30 PM.***



An Informational Meeting is on **Sunday, August 26 at 6:00 PM** to share what KFC and The Vine Life is all about. Please make an effort to be there whether you have been previously involved or not.

This is a wonderful opportunity for your child's Christian walk with Jesus. Let Jesus be your top priority and give your child a chance to grow closer with their Savior! Contact Pastor or Mrs. Metzger with any questions.

## Coffee Fellowship

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We will be starting back up in September with coffee fellowship. If you would be interested in serving coffee and a few treats, please contact Bonnie Robertson or see her at church. We are always looking for families or groups to serve after the Saturday evening service or the Sunday 8:30 service.

## Bowlers Wanted!

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Looking for some fun and fellowship on a Friday evening? No skill required! Come join us the 3rd Friday of every month at 6:30PM at 3D Bowl in Island Lake. The season runs September 21 through April 19, 2019. The cost is \$14 per person. Please contact Donna or Joe Stefinsky if you are interested.

## Holy Cross Blood Drive

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The Human Care Ministry is sponsoring our Bi-Annual Blood Drive at Holy Cross on Monday, August 20 from 3:30-7:30PM. Mark your calendar now to donate one hour of your time to help someone in need. Heartland Blood Center Supplies Blood/Blood Products to 63 hospitals in Northern Illinois and NW Indiana. Service is provided around the clock, 365 days a year. Every 2 seconds someone in the USA needs a transfusion. Without our help Heartland can't meet the needs of area patients with the 600+ pints of blood required everyday - there is ALWAYS a shortage of blood.

Holy Cross's goal for this drive is 31 units which will help 93 patients. All donors will receive a Chicago Bears "HUDDLE-UP..GIVE BLOOD" long-sleeved T-shirt as a thank-you for your Gift of Life Donation.

Heartland Blood Center has implemented a new policy regarding Walk-In Donors. The NEW Campaign Appointment Matters will ensure and respect all donors who schedule a donation time and will be taken ahead of walk-in donors. If you choose to walk-in you will be given the next open time slot on the donor schedule. We have always valued our loyal walk-in donors and hope you will continue to donate with a Convenient Scheduled Time. The goal is to improve donor flow with less wait time. We will continue to contact donors at church, on the phone and we can put you on the online schedule at your convenient time. Donors can also schedule a time on line at [www.Versiti.org](http://www.Versiti.org) or call Barb Molzer. Double red cell donation appointments are also available to schedule.

**SAVE THE DATE--DONATE BLOOD-- IT'S IN YOU TO GIVE--IT'S SAFE & SIMPLE--IT SAVES LIVES**

# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2 OWLS	3	4 5:30P Worship
5 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	6	7	8	9 10:00A Prayer Shawl	10	11 5:30P Worship 7:00P Taizé Service
12 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	13 6:30P Board of Elders	14	15	16 OWLS	17	18 5:30P Worship
19 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT)	20 3:30-7:30P Blood Drive 7:00P Governing Board	21	22	23 10:00A Prayer Shawl	24	25 5:30P Worship
26 8:30A Worship (sanctuary) 10:45A Worship (LOFT) 6:00P KFC/Confirmation student/parent meeting	27	28	29	30	31	

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