

A CALL TO PRAYER

Listen!

Are you like me? Do you talk too much and listen too little? Recently I read that the outer ears are the only parts of the human body that continue to grow until death. Maybe there's a message there for us. Jesus said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"—the implication being that just because we have ears doesn't mean we're listening.

Frederick Buechner wrote a book of daily devotions entitled, *Listening to Your Life*. The book's premise is that God is speaking to us through the experiences of our lives, including where we find joy and meaning, as well as where we feel yearning or emptiness. If we pay attention and *listen* to our lives we may catch a word from God. God has something to say to us—in the psalm or in a song, in the sermon and in the silence, in sharing with our sisters and brothers. Humble hearing begins with the awareness that there's something we need to hear. Prayer should be a balance between talking to God and listening. Let's listen, we'll be glad!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we're not good listeners, and too often we miss some word of comfort or correction you have for us. Unplug our ears, focus our attention, help us to listen for that something we need to hear, a word you have for us, and make us glad. (*Pause for a few moments of listening time.*) In the name of your living word, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

—Gene Hagenberger, pastor
Easton Church of the Brethren
Easton, Maryland

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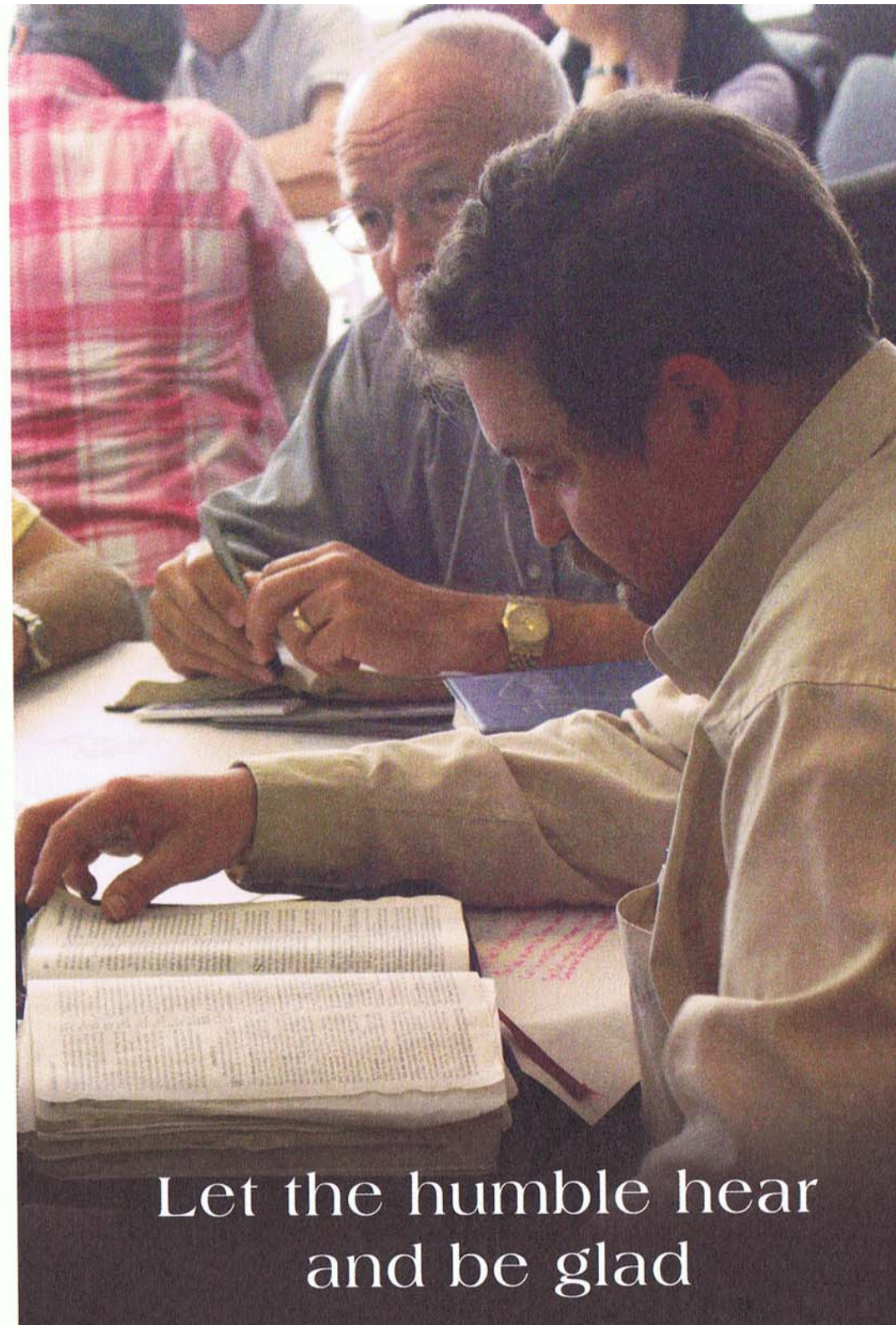
Text for Today

Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22) (2), NRSV

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; **let the humble hear and be glad.** O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears. Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them. O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.



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Let the humble hear
and be glad



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 October 25, 2009
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL DAYS Rhelma - 24th

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES

*GATHERING HYMN #163 *Obey My Voice* (sing twice)

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Mark 10:47-49, 52)

ONE: Jesus, Son of David, have mercy upon us!

ALL: Take heart, get up. He is calling you!

ONE: Son of David, have mercy upon us!

ALL: Come! Your faith has made you well.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Back of bulletin)

*UNISON INVOCATION:

Creator God, we have seen your glory in everything around us.
 Now we see it in ourselves. We will no longer consider ourselves
 alone or abandoned, but found and redeemed! Amen!

PRAISE HYMN *It Is Well With My Soul* (see insert)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:7-9

MUSIC MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"Jesus Heals the Blind Man"

READING FROM PSALMS 126

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

READING FROM THE LETTERS Hebrews 7:23-28

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #565 *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Ankeny, IA Church

Praying For Us: Prairie City, IA Church

GOSPEL READING Mark 10:46-52

MESSAGE "The Blind See, the Seeing Are Blind, But Persistence Wins"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN #433 *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* Please stand if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, October 25:

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Message | Rev. Lucinda Douglas |
| Children's Message | Marcene Cox |
| Music | Teri Kelderman |
| Music Ministry | Carl & Alina Douglas (violin duets) |
| Ushers | Mark Bilsland and Scott Maggert |
| Adult Sunday School | Marcene Cox |
| Children's Sunday School | Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox |

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, November 1:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Message | Rev. David Loveall |
| Children's Message | Marcene Cox |
| Music | Marcene Cox |
| Ushers | Mark Bilsland and Alan Cox |
| Adult Sunday School | Scott Maggert |
| Children's Sunday School | Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox |

PRAYER REMINDERS

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Our Congregation & Children | Helen Van Kekerix (stroke) |
| Living Peace Church, Sioux City | Rev. John Elder (lung trouble) |
| UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie | Julie Fisher (thyroid cancer) |
| Lost Brothers and Sisters | Ann Evans (cancer) |
| Those Serving in the Military | Matt Pruin (cancer) |

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.
www.unitedchristiansinternational.org

2009 CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator

Linda Adams

Deacons

Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

Clerk

Jo Rolston

Treasurer

Sandi Cox

Adult Sunday School Teachers

Linda Adams
Donna Brinkman

Alan Cox

Marcene Cox

Scott Maggert

Sally Young

Children's Message

Marcene Cox

Children's Sunday School

Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

Church Facility Trustee

Scott Maggert

Church Sign

Alan Cox

Custodial Care

Members take monthly turns

Farm Trustee

Ross Cox

Fellowship Time

Clarence & Rhelma Evans

Lawn Care

Jed Cox
Ross Cox

Messenger Agent

Donna Brinkman

Ministerial Committee

Marcene Cox
Ross Cox
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee

Ann Maggert
Sally Young

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am

Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion

1st Sunday of Each Month

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Anniversaries and Birthdays for October

Anniversaries

11 - Devan Fox

13 - Sally Young

23 - Brian Harder

24 - Rhelma Evans

Roma Keller

Birthdays

03 - Jared Cox

Molly Abraham

Jessica Harder

06 - Cody Jans

Donna Jans

Pete Aberson

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Rev. Lucinda Douglas this morning. Also, welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve! You've been given the Light, go now to let it shine!

Adult Sunday School

Today we will discuss Tape 1, Session 2, "The New Testament Is Our Creed" (no book). For next week we will discuss Tape 1, Session 3, "Believer's Baptism" (w/book chapter 3). This is a series on church heritage and membership. We welcome your participation!

Messenger

The Messenger subscription is due November 15. The cost is \$14.50. Please send your check to Donna Brinkman, if interested.

Devotional

The November-December *Upper Room* devotionals are on the back table. Please take one for your daily devotions.

Church Service Recorded

Starting last Sunday, the church service was and will be recorded. You can listen to it on the church's website in the "Together" section pertaining to church bulletins, or download it, or put it on your personal music device. Copies will be put on cds for individual use. A library of these recordings will be kept at the church.

Community

Pruin Fundraiser

The St. Paul High School Youth Group is collecting donations for the Vern, Kathy, & Matt Pruin family. All funds will be given to the family in the form of a Visa Debit Card. Please make contributions prior to Nov. 10. Make donation checks payable to St. Paul LYO and note in the memo "Pruin donation". Donations can be given to Larry Smit or Thad Dykstra, or mailed to: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 1425 Pleasant Court, Sheldon, IA 51201. Updates on Matt can be found at www.caringbridge.org/visit/mattpruin

Guest Speakers

Nov. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Nov. 8 - CJ Wurpts

Nov. 15 - Pete Aberson & Village Choir

Nov. 22 - Dyan Sterk (Harvest Sunday)

Nov. 29 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

Dec. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

It Is Well with My Soul 223

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits . . . Psa. 103:2

HORATIO G. SPAFFORD

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1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, When sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, tho' tri - als should come, Let this blest as -
3. My sin— O, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought, My sin—not in
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled

sea - bil - lows roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
part but the whole, Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
back as a scroll, The trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

Chorus
"It is well, it is well with my soul."
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
"E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

soul,
with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.