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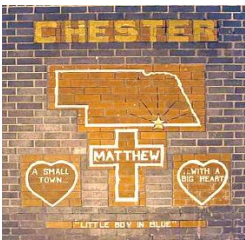
**“Thov Kom Tus Tswv Txojkev Hlub
Tsua Muaj Plhwj Mus Li”**

First Sunday in Advent
Our Savior Lutheran Church
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Thov txoj koobmoov txojkev hlub thiab txojkev haumxeeb pub rau nej sawvdaws los ntawm Vajtswv uas yog peb Leejtxiv uas yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos. Asmees.

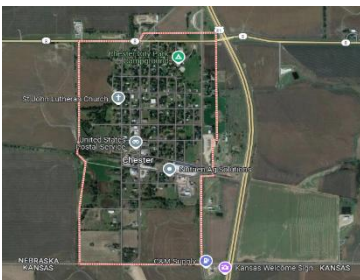
1 Thexalaunikes 3:12, "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you – *Thov kom tus Tswv txojkev hlub ntau zuzzus thiab plhwj rau ibleeg rau ibleeg rau txhuatus, zoo ibyam li peb rau ntawm nej.*" (NIV). Nov yog Vajtswv txojlus. (Cross-reference – Filipis 1:9; 1 Thexalaunikes 4:1, 10; 2 Thexalaunikes 1:3)

Illustration "Little boy, abandoned, found near Chester, NE December 24, 1985" (Show body laid in ditch)



Hlub Christmas Eve, xyoo 1985, Charles Kleveland caij tsheb mus rau lub nroog Hebron, Nebraska. Charles nyob lub zos Chester, Nebraska, qaumteb ntawm Belleville, Kansas. Nws caij tsheb ntawm lub cheebnroog txojkev, nws pom ib yam dabtsi txawv txawv ntawm ibtus kwjdeg. Muaj ib daim ntaub xiaiv qhwv zoo zoo rau hauv kwjdeg. Nws nres nws lub truck thiab xauj rau ntawm tus kwjdeg saib yob dabtsi. Nws lub plawv yuav laug nres vim muaj ibtug menyuam tub cuaj xyoo tuag rau hauv tus kwjdeg.

(Show map of the town of Chester, NE)



Ib lub limtiam tomqab ntawd xwb tibneeg hnov thooob plaws hauv lawv lub cheebroog. Cov pejxeem hauv lub zos Chester, xav tsis thooob, ceeb, thiab npau taws. Lawv haistias “Yog vim li cas thiaj li muaj li no?” Lawv xav sibnug tias “Leejtwg muaj lub siab phem ua li no?” Qhov ua rau lub zos ceeb tag vim nws tshwm rau Christmas Eve. Qhov uas ua rau lub zos xav tsis thooob yog thaum tus Kws Khobmob kuaj tau haistias tus tub no tsis yog tuag los ntawm txojkev tsimtxom, losyog niamtxiv tsis saibxyua. Tus tub no tuag rau txojkev “natural cause – *tsi muaj mob*” ces niam thiab txiv cia li muab lub cev coj mus cia rau hauv tus kwjdeg, ib miles

kev ntawm US 81. Cov tub ceev xwm nrhiav tsis tau thiab tsis paub meeja haistias tus tub no lub npe hu li cas, niam txiv yog leejtwg, thiab tsis paub tias yog leejtwg li. (Show Tombstone)



Nov yog ibyam yamntxwv ntawm txojkev phem kev zoo rau lub caij Christmas. Qhov phem uas xav tsis thooob li yog li cas niam thiab txiv cia li muab nkawv tus menyuam tso tseg cia ntawm kwjdeg ntawm ntug kev? Qhov zoo yog lub zos Chester cov pejxeem sawvdaws tuaj sib koomtes pab nyiaj ua lub ntees tuag thiab muab faus lub zos lub chaw faus cov tuag. Nws daim txiag zeb sau haistias "Little boy, abandoned, found near Chester, NE December 24, 1985 – *Tus menyuam tub, tso tseg*

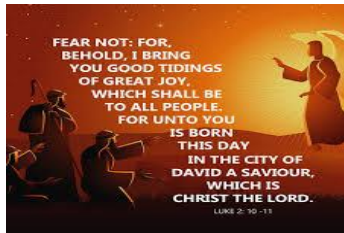
pom nyob ze Chester, NE 12 Hli Hnub 24, Xyoo 1985."

Zaj keebkwm nov qhia txog Vajtswv txojkev ua rau tibneeg rov muaj txojkev qab siab ua neej, txawm haistias muaj tej xwmtxheej nrog rau kev quajntsuag. Vajtswv txojkev yuav txhawb tibneeg rau tej lub sijhawm zoo li kom tibneeg tsis txhob tag kev cia siab. Yog li ntawd tus Thwjtim Paulus thiaj li sau rau cov ntseeg ntawm Thexalaunikes haistias "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you – *Thov kom tus Tswv txojkev hlub ntau zuzzus thiab plhwj rau ibleeg rau ibleeg rau txhuatus, zoo ibyam li peb rau ntawm nej.*" (1 Thexalaunikes 3:12).

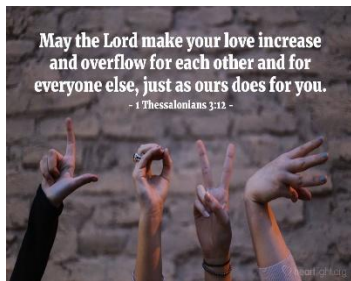
I. Vajtswv txojlus zoo heev rau lub caij "Advent – *Caij Yexus Los.*" (Show Advent)



Lolus "Advent txhais haistias "coming – *los.*" Lub caij Yexus los yog lub caij uas peb tos ntsoov yuav ua koobtsheej rau thaum "Christmas – *Hnub Yexus Yug.*" Yav dhau los Yexus yug los rau lub nroog Npelehees. Tamsimno Yexus los rau peb los ntawm "Word and Sacraments – *Nws Txojlus thiab Vajtswv Tes Dejnum Dawbhuv.*" Rau yav tomntej, hnub kawg, Nws yuav rov los ua Vajntxwv ntawm txhuatus vajntxwv thiab tus Tswv ntawm txhuatus tswv. Lub caij Yexus Los yog kom cov ntseeg Vajtswv rov tig saib nws tus kheej saib nws yuav npaj li cas rau nws lub neej vim Vajtswv yuav rov los. (Show Luke 2:10)



Nov yog lub caij uas peb nco txog Vajtswv txojkev hlub, kev zoo siab, kev haumxeeb, thiab kev raug zoo rau tibneeg ntiajteb. Peb niaj hnub tos ntsoov li Vajtswv Txojlus sau haistias "I bring you good news of great joy, which shall be for all people. Today in the city of David a Savior is born; he is Christ the Lord – *Kuv koj xovxwm zoo nrog kev zoo siab, uas yog rau txhua haiv tibneeg. Hnub no nyob hauv lub nroog Daviv tus Cawmseej yug law; nws yog Khetos uas yog peb tus Tswv.*" (Lukas 2:10). (Show 1 Thessalonians 3:12)



Lub caij Advent yog qhia txog kev hlub. Peb puas yuav ua lub neej muaj txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau lwmtus. Peb txhuatus yeej xyaum kom peb muab tau txojkev hlub no rau lwmtus. Peb sim ua tus tibneeg zoo, ua lub ntsej muag luag ntxhwb ntxhis, hais lus mos muag, thiab muab kev hlub rau lwmtus kom ntau tshaj li yav dhau los. Peb tsis yog yuav ua koobtsheej rau tej khoom plig uas peb yuav tau txais losyog yuav muab rau lwmtus xwb tiamsis peb ua koobtsheej rau qhov khoomplig uas zoo tshaj li lwmyam khoomplig. Qhov khoomplig no yog peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Khetos.

Txawm haistias peb xav muab txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau lwmtus los txojkev txhaum pheej los ua rau peb kom peb muab tsis tau txojkev hlub rau lwmtus. Txojkev hlub uas plhwj mus li rau tibneeg tsua muaj kev cuamtshum mus tag li. Kev huas rau khoom ntiajteb heev duos vim tibneeg muaj teebmeem ntawm tsevneeg, muaj kev mob kev nkees, nrog rau lwmyam uas ua rau tibneeg muaj kev txhawj kev ntshai mus tag li. Thaum tibneeg muaj tej no tshwm rau hauv tibneeg lub neej lawm, muab txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau lwmtus tsawg kawg nkaus vim los ntawm tej kev teebmeem hauv lub ntiajteb.

(Show Efexaus 4:13)



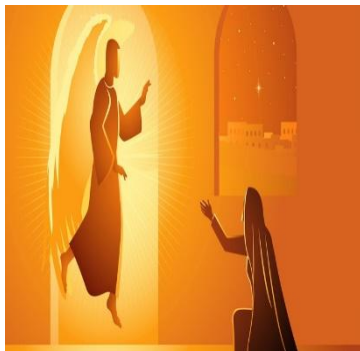
Tibneeg tsis cia siab rau txojkev hlub, kev haumxeeb thiab kev zoo rau tibneeg vim tibneeg tsis yog siv txhua lub sijhawm muab txojkev hlub plhwj mus li. Tibneeg tsua siv tej lub caij ua koobtsheej xws li Christmas thiab Valentine's coj los qhia rau lwmtus haistias "Kuv hlub koj, peb hlub nej, kuv muab qhov khoomplig losyog cov paj no rau koj vim kuv txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau koj." Yog koj tsua siv tej lub koobtsheej coj los muab kev hlub rau lwmtus xwb, txhua hnub hauv koj lub neej koj puas tseem hlub lwmtus tiag? Kev hlub yog koj ua txhua yam kom muaj txojkev haumxeeb.

II. Thov kom tus Tswv txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau lwmtus mas nyuaj kawg nkaus rau peb tibneeg ntiatjeb. **(Show God's love never fail)**



Vim peb yog tibneeg muaj kev txhaum, kev dagntxias thiab kev simsiab hauv peb lub neej. Vim dabntxwngnyoog niaj hnub sim kom koj mus ua kev txhaum tsis txhob muaj txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau lwmtus. Yog peb raug sim siab thiab ua kev txhaum tsis muaj kev hlub vim peb nyob nrog rau kev txhaum, peb puas muaj leejtwg pub txojkev hlub no rau peb. "Yes – *Muaj!*" Vim peb tus Cawmseej Tswv Yexus Txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau peb tibneeg ntiatjeb. Yexus txojkev hlub muaj txhua lub sijhawm tsis muaj hnub kawg thiab yeej tsis hloov li.

Thaum Yexus yug los rau lub nroog Npelehees, peb pom Vajtswv txojkev hlub rau tibneeg ntiatjeb vim Vajtswv tso Nws tibleeg Tub los cawm ntiatjeb txojkev txhaum. **(Show angel speaking to Mary)**



Thaum tus timtswv Kaliyees hais rau tus nkaujxwb Maivliag, uas yug Yexus peb tus Mexiyas, Maivliag qhua Vajtswv rau Vajtswv txojkev hlub. Maivliag thiaj li qhuas haistias "His mercy extends to those who fear him... He has lifted up the humble... he has filled the hungry with good things. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and his descendants forever – *Nws txojkev muaj rau cov uas ntshai nws... Nws tsa cov uas txo hwjchim...Nws pub yam zoo rau cov tibneeg tshaib plab. Nws pab haivneeg Ixalayeas tej tub txib mus ibtxhis...Hws nco ntsoov ua zoo rau Anplahas thiab nws tej xeebntxwv mus ibtxhis.*" (Lukas 1:50, 53-55).

(Show Luke 1:76-78)



Yauhas tus muab tibneeg ua Kevcai Ntxuav qhuas txog tus Tswv Txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li haistias "You will go before the lord to give his people the knowledge of salvation thru the forgiveness of sins, because of the tender mercy of our God – *Koj yuav mus uantej ntawm tus Tswv uas qhia rau haivneeg paub txog kev cawmdim los ntawm txojkev zamtxim rau kev txhaum, vim Vajtswv txojkev siab mogmuag.*" (Lukas 1:76-78). Peb txhuatus ntseeg Vajtswv peb yuavtsum paub Vajtswv xojlus ntawm Yauhas thaum Yexus haistias "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son and whoever believe in him shall not be perished but have ever lasting life – *Vim Vajtswv hlub tibneeg ntiatjeb kawg li nws thiaj li txib nws tibleeg Tub thiab yog leejtwg ntseeg nws leejtub tus ntawd yuav tsis ntsib kev ploj kev tuag tiamsis tau txojtia mus ibtxhis.*" (Yauhas 3:16). **(Show Love)**

III. Vajtswv txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau peb los thaum Yexus yug los cawm lub ntiajteb no.



Vim Vajtswv txojkev hlub, vim yeej muaj tau txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li ibleeg rau ibleeg thiab rau txhuatus. Thaum koj txais Vajtswv txojkev zamtxim thiab kev hlub, koj yuav muab tau kev zamtxim rau lwmtus. Thaum koj txais Vajtswv qhov khoomplig uas yog Vajtswv tus Tub Yexus, koj yuav zoo siab hlo muab khoomplig rau lwmtus. Thaum koj txais Vajtswv txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau koj, ces lub "Advent – Lub Caij Yexus Los" yuav ua rau koj muaj txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau lwmtus mus ibtxhis. (Show man and woman love)



Xyoo 1968, Marsha Lockwood thiab Michael Kramer sis ntsib ntawm lub tsev kawm ntawv the University of Massachusetts. Nkawv sib nyiam thiab pib sistham vim nkawd hais lus los sis raug zoo, nkawv nyob sis ze, nkawd yug ob peb lub limtiam tsis deb thiab nkawd tsevneeg nrog rau nkawv tej phoojywg los nyiam zoo sisthooj. Thaum nkawv pib tham txog tej no, nkawd mam li paub txog haistias Marsha yawg thiab Michael yawg yog "best friend – phoojywg zoo tshaj." Nkawd obtus yawg mus kawm ntawv uake, ibtug mus ua accountant thiab ibtug mus ua Insurance agent, thiab nkawd obleeg ua haujlwm tib lub chaw ua haujlwm. (Show two men arguing)



Tiamsis muaj ib hnub nkawd hais lus tsis sibhaum rau ib qhov dejnum. Nkawv obleeg cia li npau taws tsis hais lus li lawm. Txawm nkawd sis ntsib los tsis sis hu thiab thaum nkawv caij tib lub elevator uake los nkawd ibleeg tsis ntsia ibleeg. Nkawd ua li no tau 50 lub xyoo. Thaum obtus xeebntxwv no txojkev hlub loj zuzjus, nkawd npaj roojmov sisqhaib vim nkawv yuav los sis sau ua txijnkawm los nyob uake rau xyoo 1974. Yog li ntawd, nkawd thiaj li caw nkawd obtus yawg no tuaj nrog nkawv koom roojmov sisqhaib zoo siab uake. Tus nkauj nyab Marsha nco haistias hnub ntawd muaj yam tseemceeb tshwmsim rau obtus yawg no. Marsha haistias "They were sitting next to each other all thru the party. They were talking about the days back in school when they were boys. It was as if no time had passed at all." From that day, they were once again the best of friends – Nkawd obleeg zaum nyob uake mus txog lub koobtsheej ntawd tiav. Nkawd tham txog thaum nkawd tseem menyuam yaus..." (Showw best friend)



Yog vim li cas thiaj li muaj li no? Nws muaj tau vim obtug xeebntxwv txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau nkawd. Txojkev ntawm tus nkauj nyab thiab tus nraug vauv coj tau lwmtus rau los muaj txojkev hlub. Nov zoo sisthooj li Vajtswv txojkev hlub uas yog txib Nws tus Tub los rub peb ntawm txojkev tsis sibhaum nrog Vajtswv rov mus muaj txojkev sib raug zoo nrog Vajtswv. Yexus yog tus nraug vauv rov los coj tus nkauj nyab uas yog pawgntseeg rov muaj txojkev hlub plhwj mus li rau txhua leej txhuatus. Nov yog txojkev haumxeeb pub tau txhuatus rau lub sijhawm uas peb yuav ua koobtsheej rau thaum Yexus yug. Thov kom tus Tswv txojkev hlub tsua muaj plhwj mus li rau koj, kuv thiab tagnrho lub ntiajteb mus ibtxhis thiab ibtxhis. Asmees. Thov kom Vajtswv Txojlus pub rau peb sawvdaws totaub thiab tau nyob kajsiab lug rau ntawm Tswv Yexus Khetos. Peb txhuatus uas yog Vajtswv cov menyuam peb sawvdaws hais: Asmees.

Children Message How To Be A Christian



Theme: Finishing a Job

Object: Hammer, nails, and board

Scripture: "Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith." (1 Thessalonians 3:10, NIV).

Good morning, boys and girls. How many of you have ever started to do a job, but when you were ready to start, but you found that you were missing something. (*Let them answer*). Let me show you what I mean. Let's pretend that we want to put these nails on the board. (*Let's have a volunteer - Give the nail to the participant. Ask the volunteer to nail the board, but don't give the hammer*) What's the problem? Can't you put the nails into the board? Do you need something else? (*Let them answer*). That's right; you need a hammer. You can't do the job unless you have a hammer.

It would help to have the proper tools to do a job right. The Apostle Paul knew the same thing was true about Christians. He wrote to the believers and told them how much he was praying for them and how happy he was for them to be Christians. Paul knew that it took a lot of parts to make a whole Christian, and he wanted to see his friends so he could teach them all he knew about being a Christian.

Sometimes we have that same problem. We call ourselves Christians, but we have not learned all the parts about being a Christian. We need to know to love, forgive, worship, and share. We cannot be jealous or cheat, steal, lie, or any of the other things that aren't Christian. When we commit our sins, we must ask God for his forgiveness. Paul wanted to show his friends how to be whole Christians and how real Christians live. You and I want to do the same thing with our friends. We want them to live the life of Christians and share it with others.

You can't drive nails into a board without a hammer or be a full Christian without prayer, worship, studying His word, love, or sharing your faith with others. Next time you see a nail and hammer, you will remember that you cannot nail the nail without the hammer. You cannot be a Christian unless you put your faith and trust in Jesus. Coming to church to worship Him and sharing his love with others.

Let's Prayer: Dear Jesus, thank you for teaching us to be a Christian. We will follow you and share your love with others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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