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"Faith That Moves Mountains"

Matthew 17:20

A Monthly Newsletter

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Christian Leaders Need Cleansing Too

How often do you wash your hands? How often do you think doctors wash their hands?

This past summer I was reading the book, Superfreakonomics (2010). In one section of the book, the authors revealed research they had conducted on how often doctors wash their hands. During a five-month study in the intensive-care unit of an Australian children's hospital, doctors were asked to track their own hand washing frequency. Their self-reported rate was 73%. Not perfect, by any means, but not so terrible either.

Unbeknownst to these doctors, however, their nurses and assistants were spying on them, and recorded the doctors' actual hand-hygiene rate: a paltry 9%. When the doctors found out what their actual hand washing rate was, they were beyond embarrassed. When the hospital's epidemiologist took cultures of their hands, the resulting images were disgusting and striking images—gobs of colonies of bacteria were parked literally in the palm of their hands.

You will be happy to know that the hand-hygiene compliance improved in that Australian hospital to 100% when the administration put pictures of the disgusting bacteria-laden handprints on the doctors' own screen savers on computers throughout the hospital. Apparently these doctors just had to be reminded how filthy they were so that they realized how much they needed to be cleansed.

I have the highest regard for doctors and count on them to heal and provide care for my family and I.



Yet, I thought the report was fascinating and applicable to our Christian walk too. We need to be reminded daily about our filthy and sinful lives. We truly are filthy rags to our Lord, and the wages of our sin is death. We may not think we are too sinful or that 73% of the time we are "okay Christians," but the truth condemns us: We are sinful human beings in need of a cleansing—in need of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The administration, faculty, and staff at Lutheran High remind our students of this reality each and every day.

While we set the bar high and lay out our expectations for them that they are called to live, act, and think as budding Christian leaders, the truth is that they are sinful and will fall short of God's commands and design (as I do). Thank God for Jesus Christ and His gift of salvation to us!

Too many teenagers today are growing up in a world that justifies and defends their sinful nature and behavior. Their self-justification for living in sin or the sinful life is often times condoned and supported by our corrupt culture and other pagan influences.

Christian leaders know better. They know they are sinners like everyone else. The difference is that Christian leaders know who they are following and whom has forgiven them for all their sins. They know they can turn to Jesus and God's Word for direction, guidance, and loving care. Most importantly, they also know that coming clean, thanks be to Jesus, is a good and Godly thing.

In Christ,
Jim Pingel
Executive Director

LHS Parent Dave Jablonski makes a splash for LHS

The folks at ACUITY had fun and raised funds for multiple charities including Safe Harbor, American Cancer Society, Juvenile Diabetes Research, Sharon Richardson Hospice and Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School.

LHS parent, Dave Jablonski was dunked many times and raised \$1,237.00 for Lutheran High. Additionally, ACUITY will be having a LHS Jeans Day to raise more funds.

Lutheran High has been blessed by many different organizations that share the proceeds from their brat frys, rummage sales, and other community events. We are grateful for your support!



Former LHS parent, Terri Hughes, was delighted to dunk Dave Jablonski and support Lutheran High School.



HarvestFest - Saturday, October 8

“Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the firstfruits of the crops you sow in your field.”

Exodus 23:16

It’s time to celebrate the Harvest at Lutheran High.

What could be more fun than this awesome evening of exciting games, great food, fantastic shopping and time with your friends.

-  Break out your Western apparel - jeans, boots, hats, plaid, flannel - & kick back
-  Play Bean Bag Toss, Quarters Game, and Find The Needle In the Haystack
-  Shop the Farmers Market
-  Pick up specially designed LHS Crusader wear and Western Items
-  Support the LHS Wish List
-  Feel Lucky? Play Hats & Chaps for special prizes
-  Compete in Black Jack or Barnyard Bingo
-  Have a riot with “Flickin Chicken”
-  50/50 Opportunity for a Lutheran High tuition voucher
-  Tackle unique challenges in Lutheran High’s version of ‘Minute to Win It’

\$30 per person RSVP Required
Includes ‘All You Can Eat’ Buffet Dinner, Dessert & Soft Drinks

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