



### ***HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY, BUT MY WORDS WILL NOT PASS AWAY (MATTHEW 24:35).***

I am astonished and amazed how the Word of God is discarded, and no longer held to be true, effective and absolute. I am astonished and amazed how the majority opinion or the group that makes the loudest noise trumps the truth of the Divine Word. I am astonished and amazed that people listen to other people rather than the truth taught in Scripture.

But in reality, I should not be astonished and amazed, since the Apostle Paul wrote to his spiritual son Timothy saying: *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions* (2 Timothy 4:3).

We are seeing this firsthand more and more each day. People no longer attend worship service on a regular basis. It is not important to be in His house to feed on His Word, be nurtured and strengthened in the service to God and neighbor. What is right is viewed as wrong, and what is wrong is held as truth.

Recently, the number of states recognizing same-sex marriages has risen from nine to 12, with new marriage bills signed into law in Rhode Island, Delaware and Minnesota. Public polls in recent weeks confirm that more Americans than ever before accept the idea of same-sex marriage.

Sin is no longer viewed as damning or destructive to the soul. Living contrary to God's Word is accepted by the majority.

Just because the government, Supreme Court or the majority declare it is okay to practice an unbiblical lifestyle, it is not right. This is a clear violation and disregard to the truth of Holy Scripture. We as Christians can't join the voices of the majority, but must hold on to the truth as taught in Holy Scripture.

Paul, in his letter to the Church at Corinth, stated: *Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God* (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

We are a unique people. We are sanctified by Jesus' blood shed on the cross of Calvary for us. This

redemptive act makes us different from the world. The world may say it is permissible for you to practice all of these sinful activities, but we must hold on to the Living Word and what it states is true and right. Not everything that is permissible for you is profitable for your eternal soul.

I recently saw a sign that stated: "Minnesota: Where all the WOMEN are strong, the MEN are good-looking, and the MARRIAGES ARE EQUAL." How blatantly wrong is that statement. Many have elevated and are holding on to the word of man instead of the Word of God. Christ have mercy on our nation for the way we disregard and discard His Word.

It is the right time to get down on our knees and pray to God to open the eyes of the blind, soften the hearts of unbelievers to come to His grace and receive forgiveness. Forgiveness received only through Christ, the power to resist sin; and peace and contentment in Him. Then our nation will be healed.

- Rev. Nabil Nour, Redeemer Lutheran, Armour SD

### **ABORTION NUMBERS DOWN**

The **Witness of the Crosses Display** trailer is annually updated to display the most current abortion statistics reported by South Dakota abortionists, which always has a two year lag-time. There were 597 abortions reported in 2011 compared to 737 in 2010. Although we are grateful that the numbers have decreased, we are still saddened by the taking of innocent, human life, and our hearts go out to those who have been affected by an abortion decision.

This display serves as a memorial to the thousands of babies whose lives have been taken as the result of abortion in South Dakota, and as a reminder to the men, women, and families suffering after making an abortion decision that Jesus died to forgive them. Lutherans For Life of South Dakota has two displays to loan, each consisting of an enclosed trailer carrying approximately 700 crosses; the trailer also serves as the sign. To reserve the display for your church or organization call Ron Hoops at 605-395-6655 or email at [rrmmfarm@nrctv.com](mailto:rrmmfarm@nrctv.com)

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- Anytime** ----- Celebration of Life Sunday
- May 12** Mother's Day **through** ----- Diaper Derby (Statewide)
- June 16** (Father's Day)
- September 14** ----- Annual Bike for Life (Register at [www.bikeforlifesd.org](http://www.bikeforlifesd.org))
- November 8-9** ----- Lutherans For Life Conference. "L.I.F.E.--Living in Faith Everyday"  
Urbandale, IA (near Des Moines.)

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