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What is Freedom?

Indulge me on this.

I will admit that I am a fan of what are called “Dystopian” movies. As opposed to *utopian* which connotes evolved perfection, *dystopian* stories describe descent into an undesirable future. I don't really go in for the “zombie apocalypse” type of the genre. I prefer the mind/consciousness conundrums. Examples of this include: *The Matrix*, *Oblivion*, *Elysium*, *Interstellar*, etc. They are what my kids call “brain in a jar” movies. These movies explore themes such as: how do we know that what we know is real and not just a projection of our imagination and how do we distinguish between things as they are and how we perceive them? For we know our perceptions/expectations greatly influence what we see and hear. So how do we know that the things we believe and do are really the outcome of conscious decisions we make rather than subconscious neural processes of which we are mostly unaware? In other words, what of free will?

In the 1980's University of California professor Benjamin Libet carried out a groundbreaking experiment in his neuroscience lab. Libet wired subjects to a machine which measures electrical activity in the brain, an EEG. He then asked subjects to flex their wrist and record the precise moment at which they decided to perform the motion. What he consistently discovered was that the EEG recorded brain activity initiating the movement hundreds of milliseconds before the conscious decision to perform the motion. This raised the question, were the subjects deciding on the motion as an act of will or were their decisions based on processes already begun by the brain? Could it be that what they thought was an act of will was, in reality, more of a *report* of what

their subconscious had already determined to do? This initiated a fierce debate concerning the nature of free will which continues today.

I recently read an article in *Scientific American* (January 2015) outlining a 2013 experiment by neuroscientist John-Dlyan Haynes of the Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience in Berlin. Essentially, subjects were told to decide whether to add or subtract one number from another and record when they decided which operation they would perform. MRI studies of the brain showed neural activity indicative of the decision to add or to subtract up to 4 second before the subjects had indicated a conscious decision to undertake their particular action. [Nahmais, Eddy (2015, January) Why We Have Freewill. *Scientific American*, Volume 312 (1), pp. 77-79.] These and other experiments have thrown into question how confident we can be concerning the freedom of our own will to make decisions based on the conscious discernment of our minds.

Our freedom of thought faces additional challenges. Psychologists have long known that our perception and interpretation of information is heavily filtered and influenced by what we already believe. This is called “*Confirmation Bias*.” *Confirmation Bias* is our tendency to gravitate toward information and attitudes which reinforce things we already know or believe to be true.

Researchers have even found that our physical “disgust” response is triggered by information which competes with what we already believe to be true. Therefore, a contrary political opinion triggers activity in the area of the brain responsible for the feeling of revulsion as to something rancid. Which goes a long way to explain why those religious and political discussions can be so emotionally charged. (See Jonathan Haidt's: *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*.)

Perhaps you can already see why this should be of interest to Christians who place significant importance on what and how one believes, chooses and acts concerning God, Jesus and one's neighbors. Questions of one's will are by no means new. The ancient Greek philosophers debated free will as did the early Christians. Martin Luther contended that his most significant writing was “*The Bondage of the Will*,” which would suggest which side Luther came

down on concerning conscious choice if it were not for his second favorite writing entitled *"The Freedom of a Christian."*

It might not surprise you to learn that I find myself in agreement with Luther concerning the complexity of the human mind in its defiance of a simple up or down vote on the issue of free will. For Luther, the human consciousness is both bound and free. Luther stressed a bondage to sin which meant that human self-interest/self-absorption was so prevalent in our psyche that you could not possibly make a credible claim to act purely on another's behalf or to love selflessly, even toward God. Bondage to self-interest means there is no possibility of a human being performing a truly unselfish act. Therefore, all human actions, conscious or unconscious, are tainted by sin and fundamentally bound.

I find modern notions of our self-referential impulses and biases (*Confirmation Bias*, etc.) to be modern psychological explanations of sub-conscious impulses well understood and articulated by Luther and others before him. We can have no confidence that our thoughts and actions can contain a character not conditioned by unreflective biases which heavily influence our thoughts and feelings. This self-knowledge is important, if for no other reason than to serve as a check on our pride and a motivation to scrutinize our attitudes, motives and beliefs as well as the information to which we gravitate.

But Luther also made a profound argument for what he called the *Freedom of a Christian* and I believe makes an important argument for how we can find cause for confidence that we can make "free will" choices based on conscious, informed decision. In the *Freedom of a Christian* Martin Luther wrote, "A Christian is a perfectly free lord of all, subject to none. A Christian is a perfectly dutiful servant of all, subject to all." The key to understanding ourselves in our relation to God is in such a paradox. True freedom is made possible by God in Jesus Christ to whom all is owed yet all obligations and debts are released. Upon receiving such release a truly free person may consciously bind themselves to something as an act of will; not out of necessity but by choice. "Because I can!"

Philosopher Immanuel Kant, raised in a pietistic Lutheran home, described such an act of free will in his *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*. Kant believed that freedom was not based on one's ability to

do whatever they wanted because "wants" are derived from appetites (physical, mental or emotional) and it is these appetites driving the decisions. Such appetites include: bodily needs, personal inclinations, the avoidance of pain, etc. A truly free decision cannot be based on the satisfaction of these bodily appetites but must rest on a law or principle we make for ourselves. Such a principle is not self-conditioned or self-referential because it is not aimed at satisfying a personal need. Only a decision made, free of external or internal coercion, might be considered a truly free act of will.

This is precisely what we are offered in Jesus Christ. Because before we even ask for forgiveness for our pervasive sin such forgiveness is proffered, and even before we might desire a relationship with God such a relationship is established, and since our acceptance by God is given before it is sought, we can receive these, not so as to be worthy of them, but as an act of conscious will. Because we can! This freedom extends to our relationships with one another as well. When we make the decision to act in the interest of those around us, not based on what we will get out of it but for the sake of others alone, we may have some confidence that our decision is truly free and not principally dictated by our own needs, desires and appetites. Such decisions are not initiated by unseen neural impulses but based on a principle for a law we apply to ourselves. Such is an act of a free and conscious will. This is true freedom and Jesus Christ makes it possible.

So the next time you are watching a dystopian movie and someone turns to you and asks how we know we have an autonomous will and aren't simply "brains in a jar" you might respond, "I love Jesus and others not because I have to but because I can." It is in the nature of this act of will that genuine dystopia might indeed be avoided. Or as we find in the Scriptures, "...such is the Kingdom of God."

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. (Galatians 5:1)

--Pastor Frey

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH PASTOR.....

Beginning September 20th and continuing through December the Adult Study Group will explore spiritual questions and practices with two leading contemporary Christian authors, Diana Butler Bass and Richard Rohr.



Diana Butler Bass, a church historian, has put together a study entitled, "Embracing Spiritual Awakening" which promotes the discussion of what experiential faith looks like and why it is so important for a new generation of Christians.

Richard Rohr is a Franciscan monk who's study, "Embracing Alternative Orthodoxy" discusses Christian spirituality informed by: contemplation, mysticism, compassion and justice in light of the life of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Adult Study Group meets in the church library during Sunday School (9:15-10:15 AM). All are invited to participate.

WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

- September 5 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- September 6 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. – Summer Sunday School
- September 12 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- September 13 8:00 & 10:30A.M. – Worship
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School Rally Day
- September 19 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- September 20 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Holy Communion
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School
- September 26 6:00 P.M. – Holy Communion
- September 27 8:00 & 10:30 A.M. – Worship
9:15 A.M. – Sunday School

FROM THE PARISH RECORDS.....

Baptism: Aug. 9 – **Olivia Marie Sypherd**, daughter of Adam & Nicole (Stoudt) Sypherd

Funeral: Aug. 3 – **Helen Oxenford**

Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Helen Oxenford** given by:

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Contributions to the **Memorial Fund** in memory of **Larry Schell** given by:

Ronald & Barbara Gehret
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Nancy Centrella, Anne Cormier, Betty Clark
Karen Merkel

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Louis & Helen Maiero Jeff & Barbara Ost
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NOTE FROM CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR.....

September is the time to rally the learners together for another year. The Christian Education Committee hopes that you will join their excitement as we begin another school year. Join us on Sunday, September 13 at 9:15 am for the Bible Fun Fest. You will see decorations of white and red. White is the color the Church uses for

festivals celebrating Jesus. Red is the color used to celebrate the faithful people of God. Hear stories, play games, eat snacks, walk the labyrinth, receive coins, shop at the gift shop, and experience the fun of learning and playing. Parents are invited to join the festivities with their children.



We will end the time with a parade to the classrooms. The following week classes will start at 9:15 am in each classroom. Note that this is a change from last year of starting in the church (nave). When you arrive each Sunday go immediately to your classroom. We have classes for children age 2 to grade 10 and adults. The coffee pot is always on in Fellowship Hall and you may find some nibbles to take with you to your class.

Catechetical classes are invited to help with an activity center at the Bible Fun Fest. See Ms. Marlane for the possibilities.

WOMAN'S GROUP

Tuesday, September 22 @ 7 pm

A visit to the Red Tent: A Sanctuary for Women at the T.E.A. Factory, Co., 580 Willow St, Reading

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Cost \$7

Find out more on FACEBOOK

Sign up on the table in the narthex or call the Church Office 610-385-6616

LABYRINTH GROUP.....

Last month the Labyrinth Group welcomed two new participants as they walked together on St. Paul's new labyrinth. We thank Justin Frey for his Eagle Scout work with us. The Group discussed some plans to make the surrounding area more prayerful.

If you have no idea what a labyrinth is check out the information on the table in the narthex or at the Fall Apple Festival.

Next month labyrinth walk is yet to be determined.

WORLD HUNGER MESSAGE.....

If you are like me you are thinking the heat is on. Although the weather people say it is has not been as hot as many past summers, it surely is more than hot enough for me. When in my air conditioning I think of so many people that do not even have fans to try to keep cool.

Unfortunately, many of those same people do not have the food they need each day. The food pantries are distributing more food than ever. Every week we read about people all over the world starving. I get requests every day asking for donations to help feed starving children. It is heart-breaking to see pictures of starving infants. That is why I give to ELCA World Hunger.

We can all help the starving in this country and around the world by contributing, whatever we can, to ELCA World Hunger. Every little bit helps. Contributions large or small add up to the help needed for the many hungry people.

Thank you in advance for any contribution you can make. Donations can be put in weekly envelope marked WH. Your past help is greatly appreciated.

--Mary Graefe



Enroll now for preschool

ST. PAUL'S CHRISTIAN PRE-SCHOOL

REGISTRATIONS for the 2015-16 school year have been coming in. The morning class for 3-year-olds is full. There are still some openings in the afternoon class. Three-year-old children must be three by August 31, 2015. There are openings for

4-year-olds in both the morning and afternoon classes. To register, call Sue Kucharik at 610-327-3853.

OPEN DATES TO SPONSOR THE FLOWERS—Sept. 6 & 13. Cost is \$34. Call the church office if interested.

Community Days - Saturday, September 12 from Noon - Dusk.

The Daniel Boone Optimist Club will be hosting the 43rd annual event one day only (with Sunday, Sept. 13 as a rain date.) This year's new location will be the Redner's/Douglassville Shopping Center, Rts. 422 & 662. Activities and entertainment will include free pony rides, the Exeter Community Band, the Teen Amity Idol Singing Contest, mechanical bull riding, bingo at Ace Hardware, a baby parade and lots of food.

We will be offering flavored iced coffees and hot coffee. The iced coffee will generously be donated by Bause Catered Events. Please plan to stop by our booth as you enjoy this wonderful community event!

CLASSES TO PREPARE FOR CONFIRMATION BEGIN . . .

Sunday, August 30 @ 9:15 am Orientation meeting for Catechetics

This is a meeting for parents and students in grades 7 -10. Catechetical students are encouraged to assist with Rally Day by being a leader in one of the centers or a mentor to a younger student as they go around to the centers.

FLU SEASON BEGINS IN THE FALL. WANT A FLU SHOT?

Rite-Aid will come to St. Paul's with a **Flu Clinic**
Wednesday, September 30, 2015
10 am - 12 noon and 4 pm - 6 pm



Bring your insurance cards with you. Most insurances cover an annual flu shot. If not Rite-Aid will give us a group discount price (tbd)

Sign up on the sheet in the narthex or call the Church office. We need to know how many people to expect and at what time.

Other times may be available. Check with Ms. Marlane if you want another time on this day.

Weekly Prayer Service -- Wednesdays--9:00 AM

We pray for every member of the congregation on Wednesday mornings at 9 am. If you see your name here it is not because we think you have a specific need for prayer, but to let you know you are in our prayers whatever your need may be. On Wednesday mornings we also pray for churches around the world, leaders in the ELCA, our staff and council members, our political leaders, those in the military, special requests, and many more. If you are free a Wednesday morning, stop in and join us. We are always finished before 9:30 AM. Included this month in our prayers will be: JoAnne Merkel, Karen Merkel, Charles Merkle, Linda Merkle, Nancy Meyer, Eddie Meyer, Ericka Meyer, Danielle Mickletz, Andrew Mickletz, Denise Millard, Brian Miller, Rebecca Miller, Cory Miller, Jared Miller, Evan Miller, Gordon Miller, Pearl Miller, Janice Miller, Lisa Miller, Raymond Miller, Beatrice Mohr, Calvin Monroe, and Lorrie Monroe. If you have anyone to add to the prayer list, please fill out a Prayer Request Card found in the pew racks or call the church office. Please pray for those with special concerns: Robert Brown, Felix Carr, Robert Geiger, Judy Grabowicz, Patrick Magner, David Mockler, Gene Stewart, Charlotte Wendel, Chase Wieder, and all others listed below and those we name in our hearts: Delphine Altland, Dr. Nelson Bailey, Geraldine Barbone, Matthew Barron, Lloyd Beaverson, Sandra Berger, Olivia Blair, Bryan B., Geri C., Robin C., Tom Campbell, Michael Carver, John Chambers, Christine & Allen, Shelli Davidheiser, Barbara DePrefontaine, Jack Dilks, Linda Domergue, Marlane Druckenmiller, Matt Edgar, Barbara Esterly, Eileen Estreicher, Cindy Fake, Joanne Ferreri, Joan Fleming, Emily Floreen, MacKenzie Floreen, Thor Floreen, Lauren Freeman, Aaron Gabriel, John Gallagher, Sherry Gardner, Michael Giorgio, Ron Glaser, Robert Graeff, Joanne Guss, Tom Hafer, Jamie Harp, June Henninger, E. Kent High, Sr., Keith Hunter, Jackie Hurchalla, Geraldine Ingram, Richard Iskowitz, Joe Kasprzewski, Sue Keay, Todd Kelly, Kurt Kramer, Dustin Kratz, Liane Lefever, Donald Levengood, Gloria Lutz, Bob Lyon, Lewis M., Ronald McCarraher, Alex Maloney, Jill March, Charles Marquette, Jr., Linda Merkle, June Miller, Laurel Miller, Dan Muldoon, Carol Nocera, Richard Pool, Heather Powers, Carole Rhoades, Jocelyn Rice, Louise Ruth, Steven Saylor, Gabriel Schulze, Audrey Serrian, Patsy Smale, Paula Smith, Dale Szajek, Hank Thode, Linda Troil, Katie Vassil, Grace Vickers, John Washington, Cindy Weiler, Lucas Wheeler, Talin Woolstenholine, Norman Yocom, homebound—Alton Brown, Frank Brown, Grace Frey, Harold Gross, Ed Guss, Jan Haas, Mary Levengood, Marie Linsenbigler, Gordon Miller, Pearl Miller Gerry Reinert, Laura Schmale, Alma Shirey.



Note there are Prayer Request Cards in the pew racks.

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR VOLUNTEERS.....

You must have heard by now that all volunteers working in the presence of children must complete three background checks in the state of PA. We have spent the early part of the year obtaining clearances for our paid staff. Now that the school year is starting we will focus on acquiring checks from our volunteers.

If you are a Sunday Church School teacher or helper, a Church nursery helper, a youth leader or helper, or a Vacation Bible School teacher or helper you are required to have three background checks.

If you have background checks for your employment, bring the original to Ms. Marlane or Susanne. They will make a copy and mark “original seen” with the date and their initials. These copies will be maintained in a file in the Church Office until they are needed.

If you do not already have background checks here are the links:

(1) PA Criminal History Record (PATCH)

epatch.state.pa.us/Home

Form SP4-164A needs to be completed. It is now free for volunteers.

(2) Child Abuse History Record

There is a link on the PA State Police website or

www.dhs.state.pa.us/findaform/childabusehistoryclearanceforms

Form CY113 needs to be completed. Not sure what the current fee is because it is changing daily.

(3) FBI Fingerprint Background Check

www.pa.cogentid.com/index_dpw.htm

If you have lived in Pennsylvania ten or more years you need to simply complete a waiver form. If you have lived outside PA you must submit the complete form. Also not sure what the current fee is for volunteers.



The family of Helen Oxenford would like to thank everyone for the sympathy cards, prayers, and words of comfort following her death. The church was always a big part of her life and we appreciate your donations to the Memorial and Renovations Funds in her name. Thanks also to the kitchen crew for serving and cleaning up following the luncheon.

Men's Group (and any others interested in this) –Saturday, Oct. 17.

The International Laurel & Hardy Appreciation Society presents classic comedy appreciation at the Historic Colonial Theatre, 227 Bridge St., Phoenixville. Doors open at 1:00 P.M. Watch Laurel & Hardy movie shorts in black & white in this classic 1903 theatre from 2—4:00 P.M. Tickets are \$7.00.

Use the sign-up sheet in the narthex before September 30.

This year our Child Development Center will be participating in

Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraising program on Tuesday, Oct. 20, from 9 AM—11 PM. A \$5 shopping pass buys a full day of 25% off discount shopping, refreshments, entertainment and fabulous register to win prizes. To purchase your shopping pass, see Marlane.

Happy Birthday!

9/2	Carol DeLong Bradley Schittler	9/18	Kacey Littman Ashleigh Weidner
9/3	Donna Saylor Darlene Schoenly	9/19	Arlene Wolfgang Grace Buckwalter Tina Hackett
9/4	Carol Gross Jane Kinder	9/20	John Buck Alexandra Chroscinski Marie Linsenbigler Herb Schoenly Charles Weiser Tyler Yerger
9/5	Gerald Rohrbach Katie Sarro Robin Sowers	9/21	Dave Johnson Danielle Walt
9/6	James Kriner	9/22	McKenzie Hunter Matthew Mueller
9/7	Adison Leahy	9/23	Madelyn Gregos Colin Mooney Eileen Swavely
9/8	Brooke Eidell Pat Roland	9/24	Jo Deen Buckwalter Judy Grabowicz Noah Tindall
9/9	Dave Prizer Courtney Rhoads Claude Shaner	9/25	Christian Bolles Keith Forster David McVey
9/10	Jessica Smith Bryce Soto	9/26	Heather Freitag Gerald Kupp
9/11	Mason Betts Elizabeth Burns	9/27	Kevin Buckwalter Gavin Hripto Suzanne Kupp Bob Wendel
9/12	Wendy Hasara Dori Shingle Joel Steever	9/28	Robin Rohrbach Keith Royer John Serrian, Jr.
9/13	David Alexander Sandra Hart Bill Kutz	9/29	Bruce Cope Michele Fisher Daniel Light Zachary Waring
9/14	Nicole MacMullin Kenneth Williams		
9/15	Kendall Freitag Cynthia Yetter		
9/16	Luanne Martin Anna Raneiri		
9/17	Patrick Magner		
9/18	Dena Gephart Earl Hafer Lisa Kirlin Westley Leck		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO—

Kristopher & Jennifer Moyer	9/1	9 yrs.
Richard & Rita Christman	9/5	51 yrs.
Warren & Donna Saylor	9/6	46 yrs.
Laine & Debbie Kasdras	9/7	19 yrs.
John Gallagher & Anne Cormier	9/12	23 yrs.
Michael & Kendra Day	9/12	1 yr.
David & Ruth McVey	9/12	34 yrs.
Ryan & Jen Davidheiser	9/15	8 yrs.
Michael & Lori Hoag	9/15	25 yrs.
Rob & Sandi Levensgood	9/16	20 yrs.
Kevin & Tori Shaffer	9/16	26 yrs.
John & Nati English	9/18	50 yrs.
Brian & Courtney Gougler	9/18	11 yrs.
Rich & Sue Kucharik	9/18	16 yrs.
Gary & Pat Leister	9/18	39 yrs.
David & Melissa Soto	9/18	11 yrs.
Frank, Jr. & Marianne Brown	9/20	35 yrs.
Russ & Betty High	9/20	63 yrs.
Rich & Lisa Bowersox	9/21	19 yrs.
Donald & Diane Levensgood	9/21	47 yrs.
Daryl & Deanna McCleary	9/21	30 yrs.
Howard & Connie Hunter	9/26	56 yrs.
Rick & Cindy Weiler	9/27	46 yrs.
Matthew & Brittany Cloutier	9/29	3 yrs.

Sign up for the **Community Blood Drive** at Daniel Boone Middle School with Miller-Keystone Blood Center on **Monday, September 14th from 3 pm to 7 pm**. Online registration is now available at www.GIVEaPINT.org. Use sponsor code 2050 to locate our donation events. Contact Rhonda Maloney at 610-213-3085 if you prefer not to use online or have difficulty with the website.



You can save a life of someone in your community today!

ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Quilting 2 PM--TOPS	2 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	3 Noon—Amity Fr. Circle 7 PM—Choir 6 PM—T3	4	5 6 PM—Holy Com.
6 8 & 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School 9:30—Finance Com. 7 PM—Nar-Anon	7 <i>Labor Day</i> Office closed.	8 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 6:15—Child Dev.	9 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 6:15—Executive Com. 7 PM--Council	10 7 PM—Choir 7 PM—Prayer Shawl	11	12 Noon—dusk— Community Days 8 AM – Men’s Group 6 PM—Holy Com.
13 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School Rally Day SPLAT after 10:30 7 PM—Nar-Anon	14 10 AM—Labyrinth Gr. 3—7 PM—Blood Dr. & DBMS 7 PM—Pastoral Care	15 Quilting 2 PM--TOPS	16 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study	17 7 PM—Choir 7:30—Crime Watch	18	19 7:30 AM--Property 6 PM—Holy Com.
20 8 & 10:30—Holy Com 9:15—Sunday School Social Min. after 10:30 7 PM—Nar-Anon	21 6 PM—Bible Study	22 Quilting 2 PM—TOPS 7 PM—Women’s Gr.	23 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 7 PM—Worship & Music	24 7 PM—Choir	25	26 6 PM—Holy Com.
27 8 & 10:30—Worship 9:15—Sunday School 7 PM—Nar-Anon	28 6 PM—Bible Study	29 Quilting 2 PM--TOPS	30 9—Prayer Gr. 9:30—Bible Study 10—noon & 4—6—Flu shot clinic	<p>Council persons in charge: Gary Weidner, Susie Kresge</p> <p>Money Counters: Gary Weidner, Dave Renninger, Fred Hoffert—8:00</p>		