



SHARING GOD'S LOVE

WEEK THREE

“At Our Savior’s Way Lutheran Church, we make disciples by sharing God’s love.”

One day, the Pharisees asked Jesus, “What were the greatest commandments?” They wanted Jesus to tell them what God really required us to do in life. Jesus replied, “Love God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself” (Matt. 22:34-40). If you really want to know if you are on the right track with your life plan, think about how you are living and whether you are loving others as God has loved you. Getting ahead in God’s mind is a lot different than the way we often think of success.

Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple, died a billionaire. And before he died, he wrote down these thoughts about life. He said, “I reached the pinnacle of success in the business world. In other’s eyes, my life was the epitome of success. However, aside from work, I have little joy. In the end, wealth is only a fact of life that I have been accustomed to. At this moment, I am on my sick bed, and recalling my life. I realize that all of the recognition and wealth in which I took so much pride, have become meaningless in the face of impending death.” “Whatever stage in life we are at currently, in time we all face that day when the curtain comes down.” “Treasure love for your family, love for your spouse and love for friends. Treat yourself well, and cherish others.” - Michael Michalko -Pulse/LinkedIn

There is an expression, “You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving.” Because God is love, He gave His One and Only Son to die for us. God loved us not because we deserved it but because that is who He is. And when we know the love of God, and His forgiveness and mercy, His loves changes us and our perspective on living. We want to share and give to others because that is who God made us to be. As God’s people, at Our Savior’s Way, we make disciples by sharing God’s love, not because we have to, but because that is who God made us to be.

1 John 4:10-12: “*This is love; not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*”