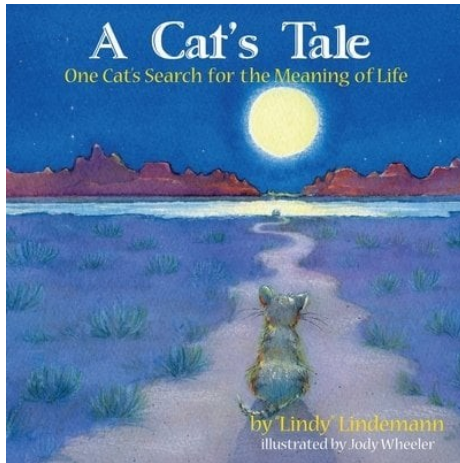


Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!



I heard many good responses from our outdoor worship service a couple of weeks ago. Thank you to Lindy for allowing me to read her book. I saw a quote from C.S. Lewis the other day. "A children's story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children's story in the slightest." When I saw the quote, I immediately thought of Lindy's book. For kids it was just a story about a cat, but the deeper meaning was the purpose of life for not just cats, birds, and fish, but also humans. The thankfulness and gratitude Tom Cat (later Sage Tom) showed throughout the book was inspiring. It reminded me of Ginny McQuaig, especially as we remembered her life well lived that day. And the purpose of life shared to animals and humans alike was to love and to be loved. Isn't that the Jesus story too? We love because He loved us first.

If you are still wanting a copy of the book, please let me know. Or it can be ordered on Amazon. A Cat's Tale: One Cat's Search for the Meaning of Life, by Theresa "Lindy" Lindemann.



I saw this post on a Pastor's wife's Facebook page. Not all may agree with it but I still wanted to share it as food for thought...

Don't raise me to "be like Jesus" if you're going to get offended when I love my neighbor.

Don't read me the Sermon on the Mount and then express disgust when I advocate for those in need.

Don't demand I hold Christian values and then prioritize profits over people.

Don't tell me stories about flipping tables and then ask me to "respect" corrupt politicians.

Don't teach me about the Good Samaritan and then ask whether someone deserves help.

Don't tell me to care like Jesus and call it a handout when I do.

Don't teach me that every person is made in God's image and then expect me to look away when they're dehumanized.

Don't tell me to welcome the stranger and then expect me to fear everyone who wasn't born here.

Don't tell me that the love of money is the root of all evil and then measure someone's worth by how much they have.

Don't teach me that faith without works is dead and then get angry when my compassion becomes action.

Don't tell me Jesus welcomed the outcast and then get offended when I make room for people you exclude.

God's peace and blessings always,

-PrAshley

