

Holy Play
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John 1, vs 1 through 5

“ In the beginning there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. All things were made by him, and nothing was made without him. In him there was life, and that life was the light of all people.”

Let me take a moment to introduce myself. My name is Don Lybrand. I made SCLM number five in the spring on 1992, and sat at the table of Saint Luke. I am married to Linda with two sons and daughters in law, and two grand children. I attend Saint Paul Lutheran Gilbert SC. I am new to Secretariat and have taken the responsibility of communication within our community.

I want to thank Gus for this edition of Holy Play. He graciously agreed to do this to help me in transition, and because he is sharing what has been laid upon his heart I feel no need to edit. Let me also thank him for his kind words. I am a simple man and believe in letting go and letting God. I am excited about the direction our movement is taking and I am looking forward to future Holy Play's.

In closing shall we all let our words reflect their origin, and be a source of light for all people.

Peace be with you.

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The Road Traveled

I love my wife! She is the best thing that has ever happened to me in this world. She is my spiritual director, confident, and friend. And yes, she is my navigator too. When I married Linda this March 14th almost fifteen years ago, I moved from Charleston to Hendersonville, NC, a place where as a child I rode in the back seat of a car thru the mountains and was so car-sick that I promised myself I'd never move or even travel thru these mountains ever again. So, my dilemma was solved when Linda suggested I drive and she navigate. Driving worked. No more car sickness for me.

Some of our most enjoyable experiences have been when we pulled out of the driveway with me driving of course, and asking Linda a simple question, "Left or right?" We have been exploring since the beginning of our marriage and the adventures have been unbelievably great! I've learned one thing thou. Gas the vehicle first. There was one instance we were down in a valley somewhere maybe ten miles from nowhere when the low gas light came on the dash. Yep, gas the car before the trip begins.

Last year the community came together with a positive compass course correction. We gassed the community vehicle by praying first for direction. We listened to our Navigator and followed the simple yet essential instructions for the correct direction. It worked!

Truthfully, no matter what road we travel, He is constantly with us. How many times do you know of a person, possibly yourself, who when lost let pride, ego, and stubbornness dictate decisions instead of listening to our Navigator? I have! What I have learned is really simple. When I stop trying to control, instead seek the Navigators guidance, listen to His instructions, then it is not long I am back on the correct road with blessings just ahead.

Speaking of navigating, have you ever seen the bumper sticker that reads, "God is my copilot!" I saw another bumper sticker recently that reads, "If God is your copilot, change seats!!" Interesting!

Today, I have relinquished the reins of "Holy Play" to a godly man I trust; a man who likes to keep it simple; a man who is from 'the old school' thinks and works with today's fast pace technology. Don Lybrand is your new Communication Chair from the Secretariat Committee and will be your editor of Holy Play.

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The road traveled from this point forward can be void of major bumps and potholes only if we all pray first, listen to our Navigator and follow His instructions. Some of you have bruises from your historic ride with the community, and are still on the side of the road watching. I encourage you to flush that history and then pray about joining an exciting and blessed time of God's growth with the SC Lutheran Via de Cristo. You'll be glad you did...I promise! Blessings and Peace...Gus Martschink