

INQUEST NEEDED INTO JESUS' DEATH ?

IS RESURRECTION THE LESSER MIRACLE?

No one seems to question Jesus died.

Witnesses said so. Soldiers said so. Taking his body down from the cross and putting it in a tomb said so. The nails in his hands and spear in his side said so. The report to Pilate and his subsequent orders said so. His enemies certainly knew so.

The proof is indisputable and undeniable: Jesus was as dead as a door nail. Nobody quarrels over it.

After all, weren't the Roman executioners pros, experienced killers? Nobody suspects they didn't know their job. They knew a dead body when they saw it. And they saw it with Jesus.

You don't hear anyone at sundown on Calvary call out, "Hey, we've got a pulse here." Instead they wrapped the lifeless body of Jesus in a shroud and placed it in a sepulcher.

If Nicodemus or Joseph of Arimathea detected any sign of life, they certainly would have employed their considerable influence and wealth to preserve it.

But no one questioned. Jesus was undeniably dead.

He was not Elvis, Jimmy Hoffa, Ken Lay, or Paul McCartney back in '66, each subject to nutty conspiracy speculation as to whether they were really dead. Jesus was belly up—period.

Why doesn't anyone doubt Jesus died? I should think they would.

We ought to have an inquest—at least look into this claim of his death. Not that I, myself, doubt it.

But I say that a re-look at the death of Jesus is warranted because there is even more proof Jesus rose from the dead than there is he died in the first place. People swallow his dying but strain at his rising. That makes no sense.

If you accept as indisputable Jesus' death, that takes a greater leap of faith than believing in the resurrection of his body.

The resurrection has the greater conclusive evidence. Witnesses said so. Soldiers said so. His absent body from the tomb said so. The nails marks in his hands and the spear evidence in his side said so. Also, his enemies said so. Their scurrying around to seal and guard the tomb were not because they thought Jesus never died but because they knew what they never would openly admit. He rose again. But that's only the beginning.

The proof of the resurrection is not just the empty tomb. Facts are that Jesus repeatedly showed Himself alive over forty days to individuals, clusters of people, and to large



crowds who saw him, spoke with Him, touched him, and ate with Him. It only takes a couple people to confirm a death. But we have hundreds upon hundreds to confirm Jesus alive.

The corroboration of Jesus resurrection is overwhelming. The Bible says "many convincing proofs." (Acts 1:3)

The reports of Jesus resurrection not only came from His followers willing to suffer persecution (another proof) and even death for their witness (further proof), but even Christ's enemies gave confirmation of the resurrection (surplus proof).

If the disciples were lying, Jesus' enemies could have proved it by producing the body or demonstrating inconsistencies in the resurrection accounts. But they didn't. They couldn't. Jesus' resurrection was indisputable.

On the third day after death Christ victoriously arose from the dead and showed Himself alive to His disciples. The narrative overflows from all four Gospels (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20-21).

Listen— don't you agree the dying of Jesus is an even more amazing wonder than His rising? Think

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about it. Not to diminish the miracle of the resurrection, but a man rising is not as marvelous as God dying.

Opponents of the Christian faith have it backward. They little argue the fact of Jesus' death but then doubt the veracity of his resurrection.

That's the wrong way round.

God died at Calvary! God Himself died for your sins. Ponder that! Of course, nobody really doubts the man Jesus died. But the proof is that the eternal God of the universe died. Once you know and believe that, you won't need the mountain of evidence—the ton of bonus proofs Jesus lives.

Likewise, it wasn't just God rising on Easter. God can do anything. No, it was the man Jesus, who eclipsed the tomb and left death a laughing stock and Satan the butt of jokes.

One man—the man who took your place in death—the man who is God, accomplished the unarguable work of redemption.

In His body, the once-crucified Jesus came from the tomb alive on the third day. He rose from death. The women and the disciples found the grave now open and empty (Matthew 28:1-6).

The nightmare of death, the luridness of sin, and fear of judgment are defeated.

Christ is who He said He was—the Son of God. Everything he previously taught was true because He promised He would rise. God the Father accepted His Son's sacrifice for the redemption of the world. (1 Corinthians 15:17; Romans 4:25)

And Christ's resurrection unmistakably proves one more thing. There is a resurrection of the dead also for us who believe in Christ. Jesus said, "Because I live, you will live also" (John 14:19).

So then, when it comes to you, yourself, don't merely accept death like taxes as inevitable and then be unsure you will rise in your body. Realize that your own resurrection in the flesh is as good as done. And if you must entertain doubts—doubt this: Doubt that you will ever die.

Because the fact is—you won't. For Jesus also said: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." (John 11:25, 26).

Believe it, Christian. Your own resurrection is even more certain than your death.

Pastor

Holy Week and Easter Worship




Palm Sunday,
Sunday of the Passion,
April 1
**8:00 and 10:30
Worship Services**

Maundy Thursday,
April 5
**7:00 Divine Service
of Holy Communion**

Good Friday, April 6
**7:00 Tenebrae
Service of Darkness**

Easter Sunday, April 8
**8:00 and 10:30
Festival Services
of the Resurrection**

HEREIN  IS LOVE
1 John 4:10

You're Invited to
Good Friday Service
April 6, 2007

9:00 A.M. **Crosswalk** Zion Lutheran Church
Ivy & Kiesel, Bay City

10:00 A.M. **Bible Breakfast** Zion Lutheran Church

1:00 P.M. **Community Good Friday Service**
Horizons Center 6200 State St., Saginaw

Speaker for the joint service at the Horizons Center is Rev. David Buegler, Fifth Vice-President of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod. If you cannot attend, then tune in on the live broadcast WKNX (1250 AM)

"Prayer and Care"

"We want to show we mean it when we say we care about others. Identifying people and circumstances where Christian care or attention is needed and then respond as Jesus moves each of us is behind the Prayer and Care cards now available for "adoption" from the church hallway bulletin board.

These "service" ideas provide ways in which you can offer yourself in a constructive way for the good of others. Just "adopt" any one of them for yourself. Take a card with you, and return it when you can. A key ingredient of a vital, joyful congregation is the expression of Christ's love in service. These are simple opportunities, but concentrate on ways you feel gifted and led.

We want to foster a culture of caring by welcoming ideas, letting people take initiative, and praising good works as the fruit of Christ. Emphasize that God's people are happiest when in PRAYER and providing CARE for others.

Prayer and Care from the Elders

Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."

The role of mature Christian men serving in a Christian congregation traces to the earliest days of the apostles.

Men of God have long taken many responsibilities, living out the character of Christ.

However, references to "elders" in the New Testament generally mean the pastor holding the office of the public ministry.

What we call today the office of elder parallels what is mentioned in Scripture as the office of deacon.

When the church therefore asks laymen to serve in this office of "Elder" we look for men who fit the qualifications identified for deacons in 1 Timothy 3; "...men worthy of respect and sincere." It is especially true they should be honest and "must keep

hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience."

Even wives of elders, the Bible says, must be women worthy of respect, temperate and trustworthy, even as a man serving as a "deacon" manages his whole household and children well.

We do need such men—not just to sit on a board, but to exemplify mature Christian manhood and exhibit care and prayer for God's people.

All such men are gifts of God—ordinary men, of course—but still a blessing to their families and their church family!

Nonetheless, we do need men for service on the Board of Elders.

The basic object of the Grace Elders is the spiritual welfare of our pastors and church members. These men function to support the office of the holy ministry by encouraging all of you, by word and example to be conscientious in your worship, use of the sacraments, and support of the church.

Although the elders themselves are to lead by a life of repentance and further the same in others—all the rest of us have the duty to welcome, respect, and accept the care they seek to offer you.



Nothing weighs down the heart of these men more than negligence of those who have taken confirmation vows, profess to be Christian, but avoid Holy Communion and lend little or no support to other believers by their presence, stewardship, or willingness to assist.

The task of spiritual encouragement is daunting. Our intension is to have approximately one elder for every 25 families in Grace. But we have long failed to find enough men.

The elders we do have quickly acknowledge they feel themselves unworthy and inadequate. The sheer size of the task often prevents us from even token efforts.

Yet, it is acknowledged that serving as an elder is a servant undertaking.

A major responsibility for the elders is seeing that all worship services are conducted in accord with our Lord's Word and the Lutheran confessions. To that end, the Elders have recently given their approval to the new Lutheran Service Book and commend its use once the means are found to acquire it.

A lengthy number of additional matters come to the Elders such as provision for the music of the church, attention to the catechetical instruction of the youth and potential members, visitation, and more. But most important is that our congregation functions in accord with its doctrinal basis. Above all else, the elders care for what is preached, taught, and practiced among God's people.

Please pray for our Elders and welcome their care—even as they are in prayer for you.



We are really blessed as a church. God lets us hear the good news of his Son who brings the life of God to life. God prepares his table for us to have forgiveness through his Son's body and blood.

Nothing is more important to our church or to your elders than Christ for all of you. Please keep yourself faithful in receiving the ministry of our Lord. We also ask the He uses us as elders to encourage, admonish and help you any way we can."

Grace Board of Elders are Chairman Gene Meyer, Ernie Weiss, Ray Garcia, Craig Harrison, Bob Krystosek, Mart Eichinger, and Mark Wood.

Church Picnic and Vintage Base Ball Match

Mark your calendar now for our church picnic on Sunday August 19, 2007. Once again the day will begin with an outdoor church service and will be followed by the potluck picnic. The **Bay City Independents** Base Ball club will meet the **Amazin' Grace** ball club in a match scheduled for 1:00 pm.

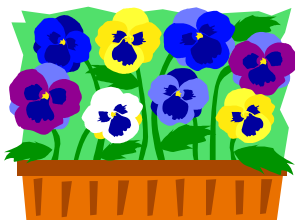
We are adding two new events to the picnic this year. We are calling all bakers to enter their favorite pie in a pie baking contest. If you are interested, you can register with Debbie Garcia. All bakers will need to enter two identical pies. One will be cut into small sample so folks can vote on their favorite. The other pie will be auctioned off in a silent auction.

Our other event will be a moustache contest for the men. Men will need to register by April 1 to be included in the contest. That will give them nearly 5 months to grow an old fashioned handle bar moustache. It will be a nice addition to our Vintage Ball match. When planning your busy summer schedule remember the Church Picnic-Vintage Ball Match on Sunday August 19.



C.P.T.L. Flower Sale

Our C.P.T.L. will have the Annual Flower Sale again this year. Orders will be due on April 20th. The delivery date will be May 9th, just in time for Mother's Day. Some of the plants will be on display after spring break. Order forms are on the Usher's desk.



Help Needed

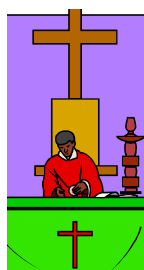
I would like to find a Christian lady or college student who would be willing to come to my home or I would be willing to take my children to your home for each school day beginning in September, 2007, from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Duties in my home would involve getting the children up, seeing they are dressed appropriately, making breakfast, and dropping the two boys, age 7 off at Grace Lutheran School each morning. Willing to pay \$20.00/ day.

For additional information, please call 662-7071.

SCRAPBOOK WEEKEND:

Women's Ministry of St. Paul, Frankenlust, will be holding a Crop Weekend on April 20 & 21. You can come Friday, April 20 from 6-11 p.m. for \$10 (snacks provided); Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for \$25 (light breakfast, lunch and snacks) or both days for \$32. Scrapbook vendors will be available. For questions or registration, contact Ardie Reuther (684-3076) or Heidi Schultz (671-0617).



Stewardship Corner

Stewardship is our response to God out of gratitude and thanksgiving for His grace and love. The basic premise for our stewardship is that God has created and redeemed us, and we are His. Our stewardship is a lifestyle which is lived in total service to the Lord, not just the activities of the church. Our giving helps us to become the people God wants us to become. The purpose of stewardship is to raise people spiritually, and in the process, they give money for the ministry of our churches.

The following points contrast fund-raising with Biblical stewardship

Fund-raising (Traditional Stewardship)

Method
Giving to (budgets, church, needs)
Man's View
Appeal for loyalty to missions
Raise money
Focus on what the church wants
Better church members
Allow Christians to bring excuses
Fair share, quotas, needs
Consider giving a burden
Legalistic, man-imposed devices

Biblical Stewardship

Theology
Giving from what God gives
God's view
God's love in Christ
Raise people
Focus on what God wants
Stronger Christians
Teach Christians how to bear fruit
Firstfruits and proportionate giving
Christian giving is a joy
Let the Holy Spirit guide

When “Baby Fat” Loses the “Cute”

Principal Peter Fredrich

Pudgy cheeks and roly-poly thighs are what we like to see on babies. A little extra fat means they are thriving and growing. Pudgy cheeks are not what we want to see on our school-age children. It may be an indication of not enough activity.

Across the United States, we have an obesity problem. Our nation has recently seen a 54% increase in childhood obesity. Not surprisingly, we have also seen a marked increase in respiratory ailments, hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, sleeping problems, joint problems and depression in our children as well. These children are being set up for an unhealthy adulthood. It’s more than just extra weight, if it is a lifestyle issue.

There are many possible causes for the increased incidence of childhood obesity. More than likely, it is a combination of factors. Family schedules have been the victim of negative influences over the years. Families spend more time in the car and less time outside. Fast food restaurants beckon to us from nearly every corner and our busy schedules make them an attractive option. Our foods tend to be high in fat and calories and the commercials we watch encourage us to buy foods that are less than healthy. The devil and the world work against our health. WE have to take a pro-active stance to change this trend.

As parents, we need to manage our family routine so that we create a healthier lifestyle for our children. Childhood weight issues can be treated and prevented by taking small steps. Commit to one suggestion and follow it for one month. At the end of each month, add a new commitment to those that have now become healthy habits. By the end of only one year, you will be doing 12 things to help you walk a “mile” toward a healthier

lifestyle for you and your family.

Small Steps:

- Eliminate drinks with sugar or corn syrup. Be sure you read labels, as many juice drinks contain large amounts of corn syrup. Replace these drinks with water.
- Eliminate one hour of screen time a day. Screen time includes not only television but also computer and hand-held games. Buy an exercise bike or some other exercise machine and ask your children to earn extra screen time with exercise. Remove televisions from the bedrooms.
- Exercise once a day. Add in easy activities like playing in the park, riding a bike, playing basketball, or playing catch.
- Eat only in the kitchen – not in the bedroom, family room, or in a vehicle.
- Eliminate high-fat snacks and reduce the number of fast food meals.
- Change to a low-sugar cereal. Increase the number of raw fruits and vegetables in the diet.
- Eat meals as a family and include family devotions. A 30-minute meal will encourage slower eating and help children be aware when they are full. Including devotions makes it a family time and not just a meal.
- Stop rewarding or comforting children with food.
- Keep an exercise and food journal and set goals as a family.

Giving our children a better future by helping them learn healthy habits is an important parental responsibility. It is more than just a lifestyle issue – it’s a spiritual issue as well. We practice good stewardship when we take care of the bodies our God has given us. We are also in better shape to do the work He sets before us. Certainly, God loves our children, no matter what they weigh. However, taking care of our bodies is how we thank Him for the way He cares for us. God will bless these efforts because He wants what is best for His children.

As always, we continue to keep our school curriculum current and up-to-date. This year, we will be purchasing new achievement test materials. In an effort to save limited funds, we will purchase the updated tests with Trinity, Monitor and Zion, Beaver. The reusable materials will be shuttled be-

tween the schools and used by many students. Also, the faculty is examining newer language curricula for adoption the next school year.

The Board of Elementary Education is in the process of updating a survey for use by both the congregation and school. They have included a student survey as well. The purpose is to continue with what we are doing well, and modify areas where we see weaknesses. These surveys will go out to all yet this year.

The third quarter marking period ended March 23rd with report cards being distributed to all students on March 30th. The new achievement testing for all of our students will be the first week after spring break, April 9 – 13. Please make efforts to insure that your child does the best. Make sure that your children get plenty of sleep, receive a balanced breakfast and lunch, and receive a lot of encouragement and praise for jobs well done. As soon as results are available, parents will be invited to view their children's testing.

Wild Woodlands Assembly



Bard Owl and Por-



Israel has entered the Promised Land and the twelve tribes have received their allocation of land. The nation of Israel repeatedly wanders from God's will. He sends them Judges to guide and redirect their efforts. When we wander, it is God's desire to forgive, restore, and equip us for lives of service to him. Mathematics is a part of each of our lives. We use it when we figure our incomes, go shopping at the grocery store, or examine our monthly Consumers Energy bill. The seventh grade will look at these topics as well as additional ones for March's math discussions. Under the leadership of Mrs. Klann and Mr. Larsen, grades five through eight have been making Ukrainian Easter Eggs for art. This process involves applying hot wax to an area of the egg and dyeing it several times. Each area of the egg that is covered with wax does not receive the colored dye. All of the students did a really great job and most produced some very unique eggs. World War I has ended and the U.S. enters a period of prosperity. It is called the "Roaring

JUNIOR HIGH HIGHLIGHTS

Twenties." A surge of new ideas and products and a new popular culture changed the values and customs of America. Our students will be discussing ocean motion for earth science this month. They will learn about the composition of ocean water, the interaction between the atmosphere and the oceans, and how waves, currents, and tides are created. The graphing of ordered pairs, relations, and equations are challenging our eighth graders this month. By the end of the month, they will have solved problems by making a table,

determined if a relation is a function, and will have written equations to express a relation.



Working on Ukrainian Eggs and examples of them.



5th & 6th Grade Happenings

The month of March came in like a lion and our month followed with excitement and energy just like a big cat! We began with Lutheran School's Week on March 4th where we celebrated the gift of our Christian education. What a magical time. Sunday, March 4th the whole school sang and the Orff choir performed during the late service with our Art Fair immediately following in the gym. A big thank you goes out to Mr. Larsen and the CPTL for making this event possible. Congratulations to Bethany Weiss for winning the first prize in grades 6-8 for her artwork. The students enjoyed a special breakfast prepared by volunteers on Monday, with Mr. Fredrich at the helm and fresh maple syrup for the pancakes provided by the Harrison family! Then we traveled to the Midland Center for the Arts for a special combined worship service with nine other area Lutheran schools. On Wednesday we wore our school colors spending an hour reading with our pillows and slippers in the afternoon. Thursday brought our "Crazy Dress Day" where all kinds of wild costumes were seen. Take a look

at a few of our best dressed! We concluded the festivities with a video and ice cream sundaes on Friday.

Our school was opened up to newcomers! We held an Open House for families on Tuesday the 13th. Later that week woodland animals of Michigan were our visitors. We saw up close and personal two snakes, an opossum, a turtle, an owl and a porcupine. The demonstration was fascinating and the children learned about the balance of nature in our



Crazy Dress day and holding their Tie book reports.



Making German Pretzels in Frankenmuth

Michigan forests. We also welcomed a new fifth grade student, Bradley Lewis, this month! Bradley's family just relocated to Auburn from the Pinconning area. Welcome Bradley!

We closed out the month of March with a trip to Frankenmuth where we learned about Easter traditions, pretzel rolling, and visited the clock shop to see the inner workings of cuckoo clocks imported from Germany.

God's blessings on **your** Easter celebration and this season of spring!

Miss Rudick's Classroom News

Happy Spring to you! We enjoyed winter in our classroom, but we are definitely ready for spring. It takes so much time to put on winter coats, snow pants, boots, hats, mittens and scarves! Now that it is getting warmer, we can get outside and play much quicker. We can also take extra recess times because it doesn't take as long to get ready to go outside!

We welcomed a new student in March. Renate Lewis joined us in 2nd grade. Her brother, Brad, joined the 5th grade class. Welcome to Renate and Brad!!!

We certainly did have fun Lutheran Schools Week at the beginning of March! There were so many fun and crazy days! Did you see the posters that all of the classes made? Each class made a poster based on a Bible verse. Kindergarten – 2nd grades made a poster based on Isaiah 40:31. It was a lot of work! We were really glad we had all week to make our poster!

You should see what we have been learning in Kindergarten! We have our own reading books now! Mrs. Lance comes in on Mondays and Thursdays to let a 1st or



2nd grade student read to her. Now the kindergarten students also get a chance to go and read with Mrs. Lance. Mrs. Lance is really nice! We really enjoy reading to her!

1st grade has been working especially hard in math. We know our addition facts to 10 very well now, however, our subtraction facts are still a little bit hard. We've

Working on our Lutheran Schools Week Poster

also begun to tell time to the quarter hour and measuring in centimeters as well as inches. Learning cups, pints, quarts and gallons has also been a challenge.

2nd grade has been working on grammar skills. We have been learning past and present tense verbs, different forms of the verb have, plural nouns, possessive nouns and irregular plural nouns. Miss Rudick is also trying to make sure that we are remembering what we learn in spelling. We have to check our work carefully to be certain that we have spelled the words correctly. We do know how to spell many words and need to remember those spellings when we write our sentences and stories.

We are at the end of the 3rd quarter and it shows. We are all learning more and the work is getting more difficult. This also means that we are getting closer to advancing to the next grade level.

From Ms. Schroeder's Class

Lutheran School's Week was a success. The students and staff enjoyed praising God together and getting a little wild and crazy too. The celebration started on Sunday with the students singing and playing their Orff instruments in church. After the service, the art fair was held in the gym. Winners in our room were Casey, Spence, Lucas, and Kaylee. Monday we filled our bellies with pancakes and eggs. Tuesday we went to the Midland Center for the Arts to enjoy a worship service with other Lutheran schools.



Kaylee & Lucas showing their award winning art pieces.

Wednesday we wore slippers and read for an hour. We dressed wacky on Thursday, and some did their hair crazy too. And on Friday, we watched "Homeward Bound" and enjoyed ice cream



Casey at the planetarium

sundaes. We had a blast. Again, we would like to thank our CPTL for the monetary donations and generosity. Thank you also to all Lutheran School's Week volunteers. You've made this special week possible with your kindness and generosity.

St. Patrick's Day fell on a Saturday this year, so on Friday students wore green and ate green snacks. We made shamrocks that show how St. Patrick taught people about the Trinity, and we made leprechauns too. It was a fun afternoon.

Some other things we've done this month include making life sized models of our circulatory system, attended a woodlands assembly, and took a field trip to the planetarium.

Students have been studying the six body systems in health. They are making a model of our body as they learn what's inside us and how we function. So far we've added a heart, veins, and arteries to our model. At the woodlands assembly students learned about turtles, snakes, porcupines, and opossums. At the planetar-



Students working on models of our body systems.

ium we viewed an interactive show on our solar system.

We would like to welcome Renate Lewis to second grade. Renate is a transfer student from Pinconning. Her family recently moved to Auburn. Both she and her brother, Bradley, have joined our family here at Grace. ☺



Come to the Easter Breakfast!!



Join us in the gym Easter morning from 9:00-10:30 the 7th & 8th

Grade Class will again be putting on the Easter Breakfast. Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Coffee Cake, Juice, and Coffee will be served in our buffet style. Donations will be gladly accepted and used towards our class trip which is at the Muskegon water park.



Share and Care Around the Word

Sometimes we find it hard to connect with God and it is even more challenging to connect with other people. Share and Care Around the Word is currently using a "Connections" study guide. This series, by God's grace, will build your relationship with God as well as with others. . . all at the same time as Jesus intended. You'll discover what Christian community is all about. You'll learn that Jesus not only understands your feelings, He relates to them. He relates to you and He has the answers you've been looking for.

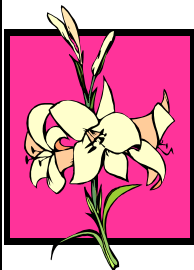
You're invited to join us as we gather to Share and Care Around the Word. This group provides an open, informal forum to study God's word and share the joys, challenges as well as the concerns of everyday life with our fellow family members at Grace. Before Easter the group meets on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., after Easter we will meet on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. If you would like more information, please contact Linda Bebeau or Deb VanTol.

Ladies Lunch Out

Tuesday, April 10, will find the women of our congregation heading to Bay City for lunch out and fellowship. The next stop will take us to the Bay County Historical Museum to view the beautiful quilts on public display for the month of April. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. at the church for carpooling.

Just a short 1 1/2 weeks later on April 21, the Mid-Michigan Zone of the LWML will be having its Spring Rally at Our Savior, Midland. The speaker will be Sandy Hardies, former president of the Michigan District LWML. Registration and breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. and the rally will finish before noon. The registration fee is \$4.00. Please let Rosie Taglauer or Sue Reed know if you are planning to attend so that we can notify the ladies of Our Savior. Let's meet at church by 8:15 a.m. for rides. See you then!

Easter Flowers



Each Easter morning, we always enjoy the anticipation of seeing the wonderful display of the arrival of spring and all the wonders it holds as we enter church Easter morning and see the beautiful display of flowers in our sanctuary. This year again we will be taking orders for flowers for Easter morning. If you wish to participate in the adornment of our Easter services by placing an order for flowers, please fill out an order form and place it along with a check in the box provided on the usher's desk or turn it in to Lynn in the church office by April 1. Your flowers may then be taken home after the 2nd service Easter Sunday for your continued celebration of the Easter season.

Lutheran Special Education Ministries 2nd ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



Lutheran Special Education Ministries invites you to join us and help kick off our **2nd Annual Golf Outing** on **June 25, 2007** at Cracklewood Golf Club in Macomb, MI. Our special guest will be Karen Newman.

The Early Bird rate is \$100, if payment is received by April 30th. After April 30th, the cost increases to \$125. This entitles you to coffee and donuts for breakfast, 18 holes of golf/cart, giveaways, lunch tickets and a buffet dinner. If you are lucky and sink a "Hole in One" at a predetermined hole, you will win a Buick Lacrosse CX. For more information, call us at 313-368-1220 ext. 107 or toll free at 888-488-5736 ext. 107(B.J.Ruzzin) or www.bjrussin@luthsped.org.

The proceeds from this golf outing will go to the **Lutheran Special Education Ministries General Fund** which benefits the ever-increasing number of children in need of our services, in the tri-county areas and nationwide.

Grace Youth News

We just wanted to thank the entire congregation again for their donations, contributions, and prayers for the 2007 Youth Auction. By means of this auction, we raised enough funds for 11 Youth members and 3 chaperones to travel to the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, FL. Our planning is now underway and it is looking like it will be an exciting and growing experience for the Youth members.

The Youth group realizes how much the congregation has given to them through these last few months of constant fundraising. Since they have had such a tremendous outpouring of generosity from the congregation, they will give additional back to the church. Twenty percent of the funds from the auction will be returned as an offering to our Lord. This means that for every \$5 that a member spent at the auction, \$1 will be given back. We pray that these funds will bring growth to this Christian fellowship body.

The annual cheesecake sale is once again scheduled for cheesecakes to arrive on May 13th or Mother's Day. Since we have been blessed with an end to our fundraising for the trip, the profits from the sale will be raised for the Roofing Fund at Grace. Cheesecakes will be sold for \$17.50 and from that; \$6.50 will be given back to Grace. Once again, look for the Youth group to be selling some flavorful cheesecakes from Max & Emily's in Mt. Pleasant through the month of April.

Thank you for all of your prayers and support!

Grace Lutheran Youth Group



Parish Education Notice

There will be no Christian Education Hour on Easter Sunday, April 8th! Our Sunday school, Youth, and Adult Bible Study classes will resume with their current studies on April 15th. We look forward to seeing all of you then. *Also, a note to all of the Pen Pals...* Easter is a GREAT time to say a little prayer for your Pen Pal. While you're at it, how about writing them a little note to tell them about it? This is an easy way to brighten someone's day. Contact Allison Wolf if you need a reminder about your Pen Pals' name or address.

Finally, there are several new things available for little ones at church. Beginning Palm Sunday, there are pamphlets in the pews with information on how to encourage children in their worship. Please take a moment to look through it and share it with your child, grandchild, or a little one sitting near you. This resource can assist you in helping young children worship in the little ways they can. Additional new resources available are *Children's Worship Bulletins*. These sheets are for children age 3-12. They include activities and lessons that correlate to the Bible readings heard in the worship service. Parents can also use these to help reinforce what their children are hearing and learning in the service. Please see an usher or the Elder in charge if you do not receive one of these bulletins for your child.

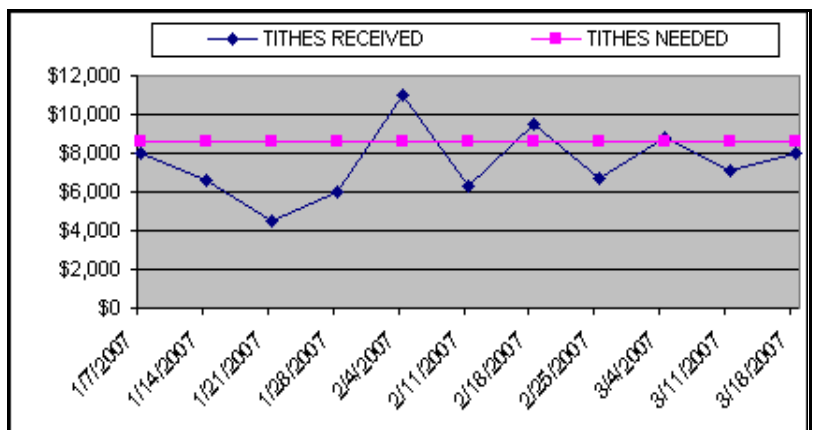
WEEK	TITHES RECEIVED	TITHES NEEDED
7-Jan-2007	\$8,020	\$8,575
14-Jan-2007	\$6,602	\$8,575
21-Jan-2007	\$4,488	\$8,575
28-Jan-2007	\$5,960	\$8,575
4-Feb-2007	\$10,964	\$8,575
11-Feb-2007	\$6,325	\$8,575
18-Feb-2007	\$9,494	\$8,575
25-Feb-2007	\$6,654	\$8,575
4-Mar-2007	\$8,847	\$8,575
11-Mar-2007	\$7,057	\$8,575
18-Mar-2007	\$7,966	\$8,575

Lutheran Hour Needs Your Help! Bringing Christ to the Nation and the Nations to the Church.

Locally we are doing this through our local radio station WNEM 1250 AM and we are supporting this effort through our coffee fund between services.

Now it has been brought to our attention that the Lutheran Hour may be dropped because of a small audience, so if you can please call WNEM 1250 radio station or write a note expressing the need to spread the Gospel of Christ through their station.

Please call or write the radio station at 755-8191 or write to 107 N, Franklin St., Saginaw, MI



Memorials



Soli Deo Gloria

Given in Memory

Bob McNally

By

Ric, Jan, Sean Harbin
 Dan & Jill Schmidt
 Paul & Linda Varner family
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 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Webber
 John Anderson
 Roland & Ellen Reiss
 Bob & Mary Jane Ransier
 John & Diane McNally
 Odele McNally
 Tom & Annette Klump
 Linda Bebeau
 Bob & Brenda Krystosek
 Alice Eisinman
 Ken & Marlene Weber
 Dale & DaleAnn Gripentrog
 Tarry Parker
 Amy Czabala & Dave Dittenber
 Ken & Jan Reisig
 Dale & Sharon Pickelman
 Ray & Deb Garcia
 Sharon Kayden
 Les & Shirley Gray
 Roger & Gerianne Schmidt
 Jim & Rhonda Klann
 Bernadine Budzinski
 Allen & Edie Ousterhout
 Don & Darlene Pfannes
 Gay & Deb Pyle
 Margaret Petrosky Family
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 Bruce & Judy Lance
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 Robert Hieb
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 Alan & Lee Blohm
 Harold & Harriet Leinberger
 Mary Machul
 Lyle & Marlene McNally
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 Jim & Gloria Kunding
 Dow Engineering
 Alan & Jacqueline Ruegsegger
 Don & Karen Rauschenberger
 Louee Lee
 Ed & Susan Marshall
 Bob & June Block
 Farrell Spencer
 Roberta Tebedo
 Frank & Sally Czabala
 Gil & Barb Bartz
 Steve & Deb VanTol
 Jeff & Janice Oswald
 Grace C.P.T.L.
 Rick & Sue Walter
 Bob & Olive Schmidt
 Leroy Taglauer
 John & Ann Heard
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 Gary & Pam Kerestes
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 Elmer & Irene Taglauer
 Delores Cook
 Jack & Diane Rahn
 Roy & Pauline Behmlander
 Gary & Sue Roth
 Phillip & Janie Ouillette
 Andrew Betsch
 Earl & Irene Schmidt
 McNally Nieces & Nephews
 Al Forter
 Bernard Satkowiak
 Matt & Deb Dambro
 Donna Geneseo
 Neighbors of Bob
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 Norma Rapp
 Thomas & Linda Gross
 Eleanor Butterfield Family
 Ruth Roth
 Mike & Michael Jacoby
 Michael & Pat Sankey
 Walter & Anita Hilliard, Jr.
 Craig & Carol Harrison
 Lee & Cheryl Krueger
 Keith Clark
 Kenneth Schwartz
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Richard & Bonnie Frank
 Friends of Carrie & Andy Meckler

Joyce Rhodes

By

Harlan & Rosie Taglauer

Joe Niemiec

By

John & Iris Dominowski

Louis Hetzner

By

Ruth Roth

Ray Burns

By

Gordon & Fay Schroeder

Edward Kent

By

Gordon & Fay Schroeder

Kitty Ralph

by

Elie & Suzanne Moynet

Barbara Baker

By

Donna Geneseo
 Bruce & Judy Lance

John Wegener

By

Shirley Wegener



Notes

Annual Chicken Dinner

Zion Lutheran Church on the corner of Dice & Iva Roads in Hemlock will hold its annual chicken dinner Sunday, April 15 from 11:00 am to 2:00 p.m. Homemade meal of chicken, potatoes, dressing, coleslaw, giblet gravy, corn, rolls, dessert, and beverage. Take outs available. Suggested donation adults \$8, ages 5-12 \$4. Call 642-5909 for more information.

Wild Game Dinner

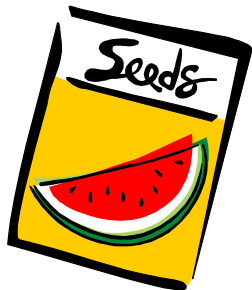
Join us for a wild-game round-up of delicious; out of the ordinary meats at Valley on Saturday, April 28, at 6:30 p.m. Entrees include caribou, alligator, buffalo, venison, elk, wall-eye and wild turkey, along with vegetables and dessert! Tickets are \$25 per person, \$40 per couple and are available in advance from the school office. Tickets also sold at the door the day of the event.

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Rev. David H. Reed, Pastor
Mr. Peter Fredrich, Principal

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April

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

2 Ashley Liberacki, 3 Kye Sugden, 4 Carolyn Lewicki, Irene Seaver, 5 Amber Thurlow, 6 Angela Fredrich, Paul Varner, 7 Michele Mantei, Kenneth Marotzke, 8 Gary Rogers, 9 Suzanne Kelly, 11 Cheri Hopcrof, 12 Douglas Bejcek, Sarah Collins, Ellie Simpson, 13 Marjorie Marner, Todd Schroeder, 15 Janet Reisig, Bonnie Cole, Bonnie Frank, Mark Hetzner, Angelica Keidel, Christopher Roth, Susan Sauer, Evan Storey, Eden Lewicki, 17 Matthew Schnell, 18 Gilbert Bartz, Robert Harper, Kim Herbolsheimer, 19 Pauline Gehringer, 21 Eric Bickham, Ronald Mularz, Lola Zielinski, 22 Cecelia Crane, Penny Mularz, 23 Allison Wolf, 24 Carol Harrison, Kevin Whalen, Kathy Feinauer, 25 Gene Meyer, Debra Pyle, Kenneth Reisig, 26 Kristy Brandt, Rosilyn Taglauer, 27 Robert Arnold, 28 Nathan Morford, Zachary Mularz, Sarah Schwartz, 29 Paul Kayden, Nolan Morford, 30 Jenna Brown, Kelly Cole, Cynthia Fredrich

Anniversaries

1 Michael & Nancy Stark, 4 Matthew & Debra Dambro, Ronald & Pamela Kent, 10 Walter & Margaret Barber, 14 Leslie & Shirley Gray, 16 Thomas & Kelly Robson, 22 Rick & Susan Walter, 23 Terry & Diane McNally, 30 Robert & Olive Schmidt