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A FIERY SERMON

(Submitted by Joan Dien)

A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him.

It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself at home but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet contemplation. As the one lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and dead.

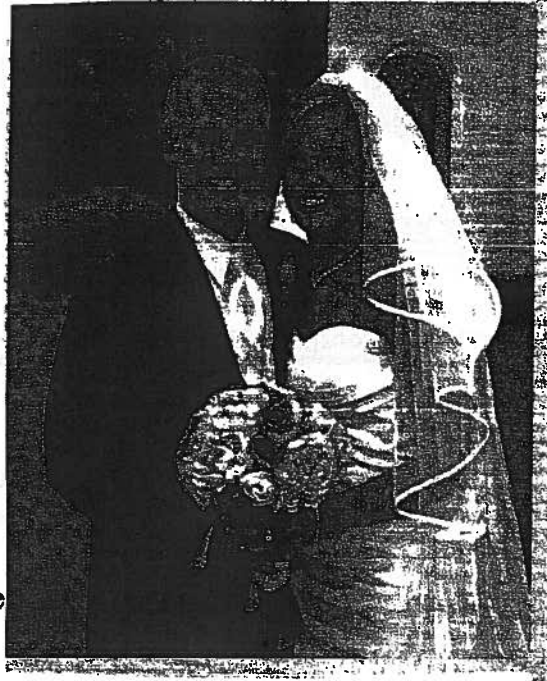
Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The pastor glanced at his watch and realized it was time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow, once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the firey sermon. I will be back in church next Sunday."

Married to Mohammed -- Part II

Rev. Farrukh Khan

I think it is both telling and alarming that so many young people in our Lutheran churches are dating and marrying Muslims. What should Christian parents be doing to prevent this? It clearly must begin with teaching our children. We must teach our children when they are young about other religions. There is most certainly a big difference between Islam and Christianity. One has a Savior. The other does not, One offers the beautiful gift of God's love, forgiveness and eternal life; The other offers only a vague hope that God will accept us one day. Islam is based on obeying laws; Being a Christian is based on God's love and grace that came through Him. Now we must do our job as parents to let our children know that. God's grace is priceless. This gift of Jesus, His death and resurrection to give us life with God forever is worth more than anything.



Having said that, we need to be practical in terms of what will build our children up in the faith to make them strong enough to make the right decisions when it comes to a life partner.

Regular worship, and especially Bible study are crucial. Pastors may teach 100 verses from the pulpit, but an in-depth knowledge of the Scriptures will only come through Bible reading and Bible study. If our children enter high school, and especially college with a weak foundation, they are prime candidates to fall into all sorts of spiritual traps: secular humanism, "the belief that all religions are the same, and the trap of falling in love with someone from another religious background. If we don't prepare them, the arguments that may confuse are predictable; "Islam is the same as Christianity." Or, "We believe in Jesus too." Or "Islam is superior to Christianity." Young people see this synergistic faith where you can earn your way to heaven by what you do, and they somehow find it attractive. They see people wearing white tunics or scarves. They see people openly fasting and praying with beads in hand and they are drawn in. If they've not been taught to personally value the Gospel, they may gravitate towards the law. They don't realize these people are the "whitewashed-tombs" Christ spoke about "clean on the outside, but inside full of rotteness."

There is one practice all of us can adopt that will imprint on our children's minds that marrying a believer is important, and that the Lord has the power to orchestrate that. That one thing, of course, is to pray. Start the practice now of praying for your child's future spouse. Pray for a godly believer for your son or daughter; we know God hears our prayers. Praying for this in your children's presence will also enlighten them: "Oh, so God cares and can work in this area of my life too?"

(Source ?)

JUNE BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



- J. 02 Daniel Kvorka
J. 10 Stephanie Pilolla
J. 11 Emilie Stoller
J. 13 Katherine Strejc
J. 15 Joseph Thomas Christensen
J. 18 Nancy Brutto
J. 19 Dr. Douglas Schipull
J. 20 Jonathon Dymitrowicz
J. 22 Kumulachew Tesfaye Stoller
J. 24 Keetra Muana
J. 26 Linda Carpenter
J. 27 Cindy Christine Wolford
J. 28 Andres Velez

JUNE WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

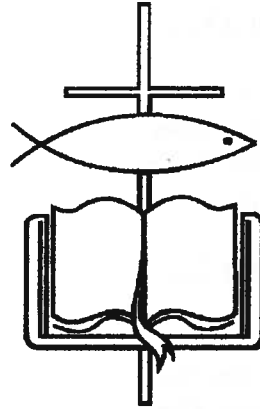


- J. 1 John & Mary Mark
J. 8 Dr Jeffrey and Susan George
J. 9 Dr. Douglas & Nona Schipull

JUNE GREETERS

- J. 06 Robert & Martha Durica
J. 13 Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz
J. 20 Sharron Schademann & Joseph Kvorka
J. 27 David & Anne Peck

- July 04 Patrick & Nancy Brutto
July 11 Barbara Ruhl & Shirley Chesny
July 18 Ronald & Ruth Parat
July 25 Lucille Crummett & Lydia Schmidt



NEWS

from

ZION

LWML: The women of the Guild and Faithful Hearts and Hands were numbered among the hosts for the convention of the LWML of the SELC District, beginning May 14 and concluding May 16. Virginia Mulik and Laura Bergmann served as co-chairs of the gathering.

Friday evening, after dinner at Zion, a Service of Holy Communion was held, beginning with the procession of the banner, the officers and the clergy.

The Rev. Luke Jacob was the Word Proclaimer for the service, using the theme, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

From Zion, the convention moved to the campus of Concordia University, River Forest. Saturday was a full agenda of speakers and concluding the day with a banquet and artist Shari LeMonnier, who explained a number of her paintings as part of Bible study presentations.

Officers elected and installed by the Rev. Kevin Bergmann were:

President: Sharon Roegge
Vice President: Vacant
Secretary: Leah Socrates
Treasurer: Kathy Vollrath
Counselor: The Rev. George Hansell

The Zion Women's Guild and Faithful Hearts and Hands (and some of the men) are to be commended for all they had so faithfully and efficiently. The Lord bless!

JUNE ACOLYTES

- J. 06 Paige & Amanda Peterson
J. 13 Alexis Johns & Austin Johns
J. 20 Tyler Johns & Jeffrey George
J. 27 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez

JULY ACOLYTES

- J. 04 Cindy Wolford
J. 11 Paige and Amanda Peterson
J. 18 Taylor Gizel & Logan Gizel
J. 25 Daniel Dymitrowicz & Adriana Pilolla

AUGUST ACOLYTES

- A. 01 Austin Johns & Alexis Johns
A. 08 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
A. 15 Jeffrey George & Tyler Johns
A. 22 Cindy Wolford
A. 29 Logan & Taylor Gizel

PROJECT HOPE TOPICS

Beginning Wednesday evening, June 02, we will be considering "How We Got the Bible" as we look at some of the resources for the Bible, both past and present.

June 02: The World's Most Important Book
Presenter: Pastor Roger Gallup

June 09 "Can We Be Confident In the Bible?"
Presenter: Pastor Michael Guymon

June 16: "Silencing Old Testament Critics"
Presenter: Pastor Chris Browne

June 23: "Did the Church Make Jesus Divined?"
Presenter: Pastor Luther J Bajus

June 30: "The High Price of an English Bible"
Presenter: Pastor Mark Post

Place: Zion Ev. Lutheran Church

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend,
Desserts & Beverages will be served

Do you need a Christian tune-up?

If so, here are five tune-up specials for you:

1. Adjust your lights so others may see your good works.
2. Set your timing so as to be at the meeting on time.
3. Adjust the brakes on your tongue.
4. Align your direction so that you may stay on the straight and narrow.
5. Anti-freeze your heart and be fervent in spirit. Above all things, love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul and mind.

VBS & CONFIRMATION

The dates for our 2010 Vacation Bible School have not been set. It is usually set for a time at the end of July.

The starting date will either be Sunday or Monday evening, start and run for five consecutive evenings, 6:30-8:30 p.m.



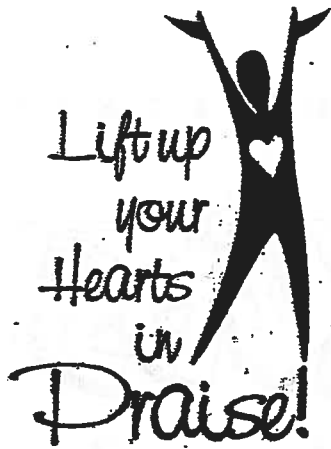
Confirmation Classes will be for two weeks, beginning Monday, August 2nd, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Class members are requested to bring their booklets and materials from our sessions last year.

Thank You Sunday School Staff, teachers and helpers. Your faithful service was much appreciated. Sunday School staff included Robin Velez, Amy Wood, Stephanie Pilolla, Julie Stoller and also the Bible Class teacher, Douglas Schipull.

May the Lord bless the ministry of the Church in which the church is charged to **teach them to observe all that I have commanded you.**

May the Lord bless the efforts of parents with their children who have been charged to **bring their children up in the nurture and discipline of the Lord.**

May the Lord bless one and all.



ZION WOMEN'S GUILD

REPORT ON ZION WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

MAY 11, 2010

At noon ten members enjoyed a luncheon of beef stroganoff, red cabbage and three salads, and dessert, prepared by Bess Cerny and Mary Mark.

At 1:10 PM Pastor Bajus led us in singing Hymn 352 "God So Loved the World", followed by devotions entitled "Sharing Love's Live-giving Words", a study of John 3:16. Martin Luther called this verse "the Bible in miniature". This proclamation of the Gospel has been on the lips of missionaries for centuries and has brought multitudes to Christ. We must not be afraid to tell our faith story to others.

The LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION was discussed. Mary Fickenscher and Eleanor Kachmarik volunteered to be registrars on Friday night. Dinner will consist of baked penne pasta with meatballs, salad and bread. Mary Mark and Eleanor volunteered to bring desserts, and ice cream will be provided. The expenses from this supper for approximately 40 people will be paid by the Guild. Marlee will prepare the food on Thursday, Mary Mark, Lucy Crummett and Ruth Simko will help with serving, and Mary Mark will help Marlee with the clean-up. A group picture of the convention attendees will be taken by Ron Parat on Saturday. There will be a charge of \$5 for those wanting an 8 by 10 copy of the picture. Virginia Mulik reported that 37 people are registered, with 29 staying overnight at Concordia. Ginny at Concordia will assign the rooms. Robert Lange will do airport runs. Virginia and Sharron Schademann filled the folders and bags.

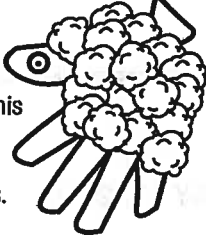
Our next and last meeting for the summer will be on June 8, and Ruth Simko and Edie Constien are the hostesses. **Mites** will be collected on Sunday, June 13; checks should be made out to Zion Women's Guild. Marlee won't be here for the June meeting. The next meeting after June is September 14.

The members voted to send \$100 to Uptown Ministries/Lutheran Church Charities. These funds will be matched dollar for dollar by Lutheran Church Charities.

Edith Constien, Secretary

Lamb Mission Bank

God can do great things with our gifts. This craft reminds us that every little coin counts. When your lamb is full, empty out the coins and give them to a charity or church mission program.



What you need:

- Knit glove (black or white)
- 1-foot-long piece of thin ribbon, any color
- Stapler
- Craft glue or hot glue gun
- Fiberfill or cotton balls
- 2 googly eyes

What you do:

1. Staple one end of the ribbon to the inside of each side of the glove's opening to make a hanger.
2. For the lamb's body, cover the palm and half of the thumb with glue. Stick the fiberfill or cotton balls onto the glue.
3. Glue a googly eye to each side of the mitten's thumb. (The other fingers will be the legs.)
4. Hang the lamb where you'll see it often. Whenever you have extra change, drop it into your lamb bag.



Just for KIDS

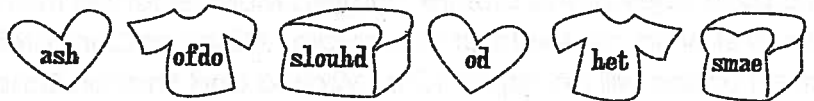
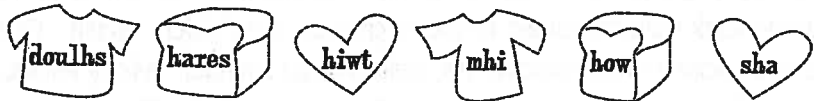
Give to those in need

John the Baptist spoke to a crowd, telling them they should be fruitful. When the crowd asked how they could be fruitful, John the Baptist responded with some specific ideas.

Unscramble John the Baptist's reply from Luke 3:11 (NIV), and write the words in the blanks below.

★ WORD BANK ★

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Answer: "The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same." (Luke 3:11, NIV)



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH



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WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDIES IN JUNE
7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

"HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE"

Zion will host the Project Hope studies every Wednesday evening in June, beginning June 2nd and every Wednesday through June 30th. The members of Zion are encouraged to be present. Time: 7 - 8:30 p.m., including Fellowship Time.

TOPIC & PRESENTER

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**Come and enjoy this time of learning,
discussion and fellowship.**

Come and bring a friend with you.