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..... AND THE WINNER IS TEACHER - MOM!

There is a legend which tells of a king who decided to set aside a special day in the kingdom to honor his greatest subject and bestow on this person special recognition and honor.

When the day finally arrived there was a large gathering in the courtyard of the king. Four finalists were chosen and were presented to the king as the greatest subject in the kingdom.

The first person presented was a wealthy philanthropist. The king had been told that this man was highly deserving of this honor because of all his humanitarian efforts. He was very generous in his contributions to the poor.

The second one presented to the king was a talented physician. The presenter reported to the king that this man was also a worthy candidate because of the faithful and dedicated service he had given to the sick and dying in the community.

The third person was a highly respected and impartial judge. It was said of him that he was a most competent member of the court and that he utilized great wisdom in his judgments.

The fourth person to be presented was an elderly woman. She appeared to be very humble and her dress was very simple and plain, - not ostentatious at all. Everyone was surprised at this choice. How could she possibly be the recipient of the kingdom's most notable citizen. She seemed so out of place. But, there was something special about her. There was the look of love in her face, understanding in her eyes, and a calm, quiet confidence in her demeanor.

The king was puzzled by all this. He inquired more about her and was told, "You see the philanthropist, the doctor, the judge. Well, she was their teacher."

This woman had little status in the kingdom, no wealth, no fortune, but she had dedicated her life to being a great teacher, - and her love for students was evident and her technique in teaching was most influential.

Sadly, the king did not select her as the greatest subject in the kingdom. Be that as it may, that teacher is the winner in our eyes. There are many wonderful teachers both in the public and parochial school systems. For them we thank the Lord.

During this month in which we observe Mother's Day, let it be known that some of the greatest teachers in the world are our Moms, especially when they love their children and "bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."
Ephesians 6:4

Thank the Lord for mothers who bring their children to Jesus, - pray with them, read Bible stories to them, teach them simple songs and hymns to sing, and provide a wonderful Christian example to follow.

"Sons are a heritage from the LORD, children a reward from Him." (Psalm 127:3)

Christians recognize that God grants parents children as priceless possessions, who belong to the Lord. The Lord gives them to us to provide physically, socially, educationally, spiritually, etc. Above all parents are to provide an example in all things for their children in what they say, do, act and think.

During this month thank the Lord for your Christian mother, who was so instrumental in influencing you in so many ways, especially in teaching children to walk with Jesus, to develop a Christian spirit, to live Christian principles, to develop and use the God-given talents and abilities in service of others.

Blessings to All, but especially Christian Mothers,



IN HONOR OF
Mother

MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



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| May | 1 | Megan Kachmarik |
| May | 3 | Allen Arkuszewski
Doris E. French
Jeffrey Allen George, Jr. |
| May | 5 | Douglas Folkers |
| May | 8 | Gloria Malina |
| May | 10 | George E. Hanus |
| May | 10 | Roger A. Stoller |
| May | 11 | Calvin Cerny Casalino |
| May | 13 | Anthony Pilolla
Laura Schmitt |
| May | 14 | Lydia Schmidt |
| May | 20 | Negatwa Stoller |
| May | 24 | Christina Zelienska |
| May | 26 | Bruce Kachmarik |
| May | 31 | Joanne Peck |

MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

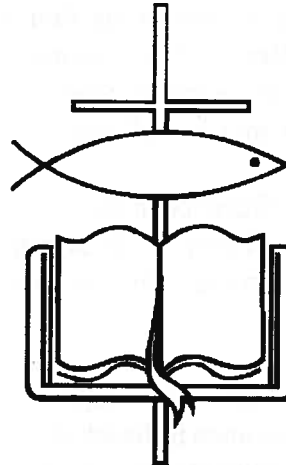


Marriage Enrichment Workshop

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| May | 10 | Jean and Jerry Larson |
| May | 27 | Lonnie and Marlee Johns
David & Tamara Jauch |
| May | 28 | Norman and Sharlene Prien |

GREETERS

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| M.03 | Robert & Martha Durica |
| M. 10 | Sharron Schademann & Joseph Kvorcka |
| M. 17 | Richard & Carla Peterson |
| M. 24 | Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz |
| M. 31 | James & Amy Wood |
| J. 07 | Mary Fickenscher & Virginia Mulik |
| J. 14 | Jean Larson & Ruth Simko |



NEWS
from
ZION

Funeral: Bruce Howard Williams was called to his eternal glory. Saturday, March 28th, 2009, at the age of 59 years and 11 months. a Christian burial was granted from Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, with a committal service following at Irving Park Cemetery.

Pastor Michael Guymon conducted the Service and the Committal. Pastor Luther Bajus served as the lector at the service.

Funeral: Joseph John Salat was call to his eternal rest in the early morning hours of Monday, April 20th, 2009, at the age of 97 years and 9 months. He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn on January 18th, 2006.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, April 27, 2009, at Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, with the Committal Service following at St. Luke Cemetery, Chicago.

Officiating at the service were the Rev. Arthur Constien and Pastor Luther Bajus.

May the Lord's comfort, peace and hope reign in the hearts of the Williams and Salat families, the Spirit giving assurance of a joyous reunion in heaven in the presence of Jesus.

Dr Robert Kolb was the guest leader for the LWML Zone Rally, and the preacher for another 100th Anniversary commemoration service. He was also the Bible Class leader.

100TH ANNIVERSARY
Zion, Norridge, IL

Continuing in our series of celebrating Zion's 100th Anniversary, the Rev. Arthur Constien was our Word Proclaimer, Sunday, March 29. Pastor Constien is a member of Zion.

The service theme was "Forever In the Hands of God the Son." Psalm 31:14 served as the main text of his sermon, "My times are in Your hands."

Pastor Constien also reminded the congregation of the Lord's assurance in Isaiah 43: "Fear not: for I have redeemed you, I have called you by your name; you are Mine."



Pastors Arthur Constien and Luther Bajus

He pointed out the importance and significance of "hand-holding". He referred to an incident on his first date with his wife, Edith. She took his hand as they walked into a dark theater. He misinterpreted her hand holding, and only years later did he learn that was her way of slowing him down, because of his long and fast pace. She just wanted to keep up with him.

Following the most inspiring worship, light entertainment followed in the Fellowship Hall, with a local magician, Jim Krzek, dazzling his viewers with his tricks and magic. A beautiful luncheon concluded the Anniversary festivities for the day.



Jim Krzek entertains a table with his magic.

ACOLYTES

May Acolytes

- M. 03 Daniel Dymitrowicz & Adriana Pilolla
- M. 10 Paige Peterson & Cindy Wolford
- M. 17 Jeffrey George & Tyler Johns
- M. 24 Anthony Pilolla & Logan Gizel
- M. 31 Megan Harris & Taylor Gizel

June Acolytes

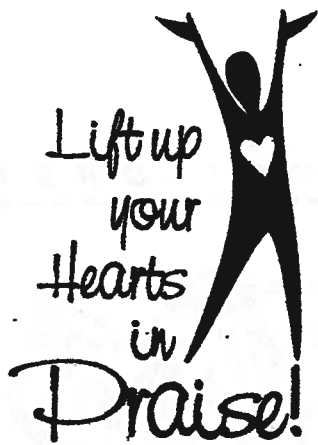
- J. 07 Daniel Dymitrowicz & Austin Johns
- J. 14 Alexis Johns & Paige Peterson

Super Sunday

Our Super Anniversary Sunday will be November 8th, 2009. At the 3 p.m. service, the Rev. Dr. William Diekelman, 1st Vice President of the LCMS, will be our guest preacher.

Following the service, a banquet will be enjoyed at a local establishment, at which the Rev. Dr. Carl Krueger, President of the SELC District, will be the featured banquet speaker.

Please reserve November 8th on your calendar now.



ZION WOMEN'S GUILD

REPORT ON ZION WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING OF APRIL 14, 2009

Ten members and two guests enjoyed a delicious luncheon prepared by Lucy Crummett, Lydia Schmidt and Mary Fickenscher. The members then were led in devotions by Edith Constien. The topic was "The Behind-the-Scenes Women: Dorcas and Rahab, found in the LWML Quarterly. We began with the singing of "Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee". We saw that Dorcas and Rahab were two very different people, but both loved and served the Lord in the way they were able. We all can serve our Lord with good deeds, whatever our talents, to show our thankfulness for the forgiveness we all have received through faith in our Savior Jesus.

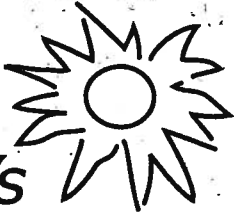
Plans were made for the **May 2 Western Zone Rally to be held at Zion**. Nona Schipull was our guest to discuss and coordinate the efforts of Faithful Hearts & Hands and the Guild. The two groups will be registering guests, providing a continental breakfast, ushering at the church service, and providing a luncheon. **At the Rally there will be a monetary in-gathering for the Lutheran Haven, and checks should be made out to the Western Zone LWML.**

Plans were made for the luncheon after the **May 3rd Anniversary Sunday service.**

Future activities coming up are the **April 25 Church cleaning at 9:30 AM,**
the **August 15 Rummage Sale,** and the **December 6 Christmas Party.**

Edith Constien, Secretary

Play "God's Creation" Game



The goal of the game is to find things all around you that God has created. You can play alone, with friends or in teams.

You will need:

- ✿ Friends or family members
- ✿ God's creations

How to play:

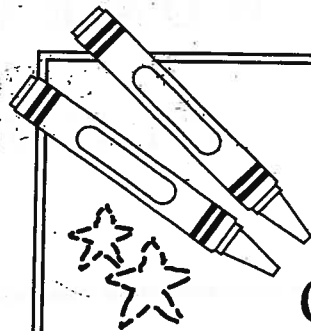
✿ Go outdoors – to a park, in your back yard or on a hike.

✿ The first person says the name of something he sees or thinks of that begins with the letter A, such as an ant or an apple. The next person says something he sees beginning with the letter B. Continue in order through the entire alphabet.

A variation:

Each player says the name of each thing that has been found so far, and then adds a new one to the list.





Just for KIDS

God's Creation

In the spring we see God's creation coming alive again!
Fill in the blanks below with the names of things that God created. Use the Scripture references to help if needed.

<u>G</u> _ _ _ _ _	where vegetables grow <i>(Deuteronomy 11:10)</i>
<u>O</u> _ _ _	a tree to rest under <i>(1 Kings 13:14)</i>
<u>D</u> _ _ _ _	when Mary went to the tomb <i>(Matthew 28:1)</i>
<u>'S</u> _ _ _ _ _	lights in the night sky <i>(Genesis 1:16)</i>
<u>C</u> _ _ _ _ _	provided clothing for John the Baptist <i>(Matthew 3:4)</i>
<u>R</u> _ _ _ _ _	flowing water <i>(Matthew 3:6)</i>
<u>E</u> _ _ _ _ _	name of a garden <i>(Genesis 2:8)</i>
<u>A</u> _ _ _ _ _	the first man <i>(Genesis 2:20b)</i>
<u>T</u> _ _ _ _ _	sound made by lightning <i>(Exodus 19:16)</i>
<u>I</u> _ _ _ _ _	hopping, flying, crawling creatures <i>(Leviticus 11:20)</i>
<u>O</u> _ _ _	a "wise" bird <i>(Psalm 102:6)</i>
<u>N</u> _ _ _ _ _	begins at sunset <i>(Genesis 28:11)</i>

Answers: garden; oak; dawn; stars; camel; river; Eden; Adam; thunder; insects; owl; night.