



# The Messenger

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## Spiritual Exercise

With Confirmation, our hearts are drawn to the importance of Christian education. Our children need to be armed against our conniving enemy, Satan, and all the traps he sets for them. But don't think that once *you are* too old for Sunday School and Christian day school that you can only enjoy this opportunity in church. Whatever your age, may I impart some practical wisdom to you, which I've received from teachers in my past. These are choice nuggets for you to, God-willing, apply to your life on a regular basis.

For one thing, prayer. The Lord tells us to do it. He attaches great blessings to it. **“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you”**, Jesus said in Matthew 7:7. **“The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”**, James 5:16b states. And remember that the LORD considers *all of us* to be righteous, due to the cleansing we've received by faith in Jesus' cross. But even with the awesome promises we have from God concerning prayer, why don't we pray more? Certainly, our sluggish sinful nature is to blame – more reason for us to examine ourselves, confess our sins, and turn to Jesus for his sure forgiveness. But that's not all we can enjoy! The precious advice I received from a seminary professor one day, was that we can wield a sharp razor blade when it comes to our daily prayer lives. Not a literal razor blade, mind you. Rather, we can *pro-actively* cut out portions of our day, and set them aside for prayer. You know how it goes. If we don't plan it out beforehand, the busyness of the day just seems to squeeze out our prayer time, and snatch it away from us. And before we know it, the day is over. The opportunity is lost. To avoid that, it can be as simple as saying. *“Okay, after lunch, I'm going to go by myself and spend twenty minutes praying for my family members, for my friends, for our synod, for concerns and requests for myself, before I go back to work.”* We can pray premeditatively or spontaneously, wherever we'd like, for as long as we'd like. But don't forget the awesome value of premeditative prayers. You can lay your thanks before the Lord's feet, and flood him with blessed requests that he is thrilled to receive and answer. But note that this is not a meritorious act – that what you pray will earn you something before God. No. Jesus has earned us heaven already, all by himself. And that means that God is *now* our Father, and we have a direct line to speak to him and know that he answers us every time. That doesn't mean he will always give us what we *think* we need. In his perfect wisdom, our Father will always give us what he knows we need. But even still, never forget his precious guarantee that he promises to be influenced by our prayers. And surely, sometimes he will give us exactly what we were hoping for in our prayers. For he's already given us far more than we could ever dream of or expect – eternal paradise with his heavenly self, before we were even alive to ask for it!

Watch next month for, “Prayer is Never Alone”, our second article in this several part series.

*Pastor Gregory Pope*



## **Message From The President**

### **VOTER' S MEETING OVERVIEW**

The following items were ratified or adopted by the voter's at the April meeting:

- David & Cynthia Williamson, & daughter Rebecca, were received into membership by Transfer from Bethany, Manitowoc.
- Kevin Isaacson was received into membership by profession of faith along with his children, Isaiah, Caitlyn, & Brooklyn.
- Harold & Violet Gulikson were received into membership by profession of faith.
- Pastor reported that an arm of Synod is proposing closing the preparatory school, Michigan Lutheran Seminary, due to budget constraints. May the Lord guide us through this tough time and bless our called-worker training system.
- He also suggested that the church picnic be June 3 instead of June 10 so as not to conflict with Valders High School graduation. Motion was made, second, and passed to make this so. Church picnic will be June 3.
- The recommendation to add the "Auto Pedal" to the organ was adopted. This will allow piano experienced players to play the organ and increase our choices of worship service accompaniment.
- The voters discussed the second phase of MLHS' Capitol Campaign. Trinity had leaned towards participating in the first phase but did not follow through due to internal issues. A motion was made and passed recommending that the council pursue the second phase with a recommendation to be brought to voters at the next meeting. This may help Trinity raise funds for our building expansion.
- The new constitution and bylaws revisions were reviewed and adopted by unanimous vote. Watch for the new copies to be posted in the Narthex in the coming weeks. All voting member will need to resign the updated version and a signature sheet will be attached. The Constitution Review Committee was released from its duties with thanks.

*John Smith*, Congregational President

# **Announcements**

## **Dedication Service**

A dedication service for the church lighting, redecoration, and organ work will be Sunday, May 20. We will have Rev. Charles Bonow as guest music leader on the organ. More details about the dedication are a few pages down in this *Messenger*. Our organ is pretty well finished with its renovation, with the exception of some minor tuning. We will be sending a letter of thanks to Bethany for their donation of some electrical components from their old organ.

## **Mark your calendars!**

The church picnic is Sunday, June 3. Join fellow Trinity members for fun, fellowship and food. Dinner will be served from 11am to 12:30pm. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverages, hamburgers, brat patties, hot dogs and ice cream will be provided. Games are tentatively scheduled for 1pm. Youngsters don't miss the bounce house.

## **Take the bus to the Brewer Game.**

This trip is scheduled for Sunday, July 15. The Milwaukee Brewers take on the Colorado Rockies. The cost is only \$38.00 per person, which includes a ticket, transportation on a coach bus, lunch from Subway, beverages and snacks. The sign up sheet is located in the back of church. Sign up soon! Please make checks payable to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church.

## **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary**

Assignment Day Service – Members of the seminary's senior class will receive calls into public ministry on Thursday morning, May 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. The service will be held in the campus auditorium.

Commencement Concert – On Thursday evening, May 24<sup>th</sup>, the Seminary Chorus will take an opportunity in its year end concert to remember the Lutheran hymn writer Paul Gerhardt. The program, entitled "Paul Gerhardt: Poet of the Cross," will include 12 of Gerhardt's hymns, many arranged for congregational participation. The concert is held in the campus auditorium and begins at 7:30 p.m.

Seminary Graduation – Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary will graduate the class of 2007 in a service beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. The service will be held in the campus auditorium.

## **MLHS Announcements- Visit our website at [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com)!**

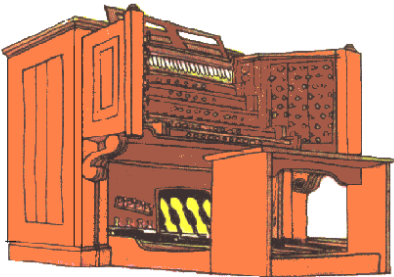
**Call News.** Mr. Dave Uhlhorn to return his call to Illinois Lutheran H.S., and will continue his ministry at MLHS. Mr. Steve Hahnke has chosen to accept his call to MLHS to teach religion, German and coach wrestling.

**Spring is a CRAAZY** time for spring sports. As weather on the lakeshore can change at the drop of a hat, keep abreast of the most recent baseball, softball and track schedule changes at the MLHS website, [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com).

**WhEeLS on the Lakeshore.** Interested in biking (not the Harley but the Schwinn type)? Join us for leisurely Sunday afternoon bike rides, on the first Sunday of each month. Starting May 6<sup>th</sup>, our first ride will be the Mariner Trail. We will meet at 3:00 pm at the YMCA parking lot. Contact Norm or Pam Reichardt at 920-732-3656 or [reichardt@lsol.net](mailto:reichardt@lsol.net) with questions or more information. Happy pedaling!

# Church Dedication

Come and join us as we celebrate our painting, organ, and lighting projects being completed!



Organist Charles Bonow, will present his festival worship service concert, “Our Life In Christ” on Sunday **May 20<sup>th</sup>** for our church dedication. The service concert will consist of a spoken message entwined with organ solos and congregational singing of well-loved hymns of faith. A free will offering will be taken after the service. Note (from Pastor Pope) – *Pastor Bonow conducts these organ tours throughout the country. His ministry and his family are supported through the offerings gathered at these worship services. May that thought move us to*

*express our generous thanks to him for his faithful use of his God-given talents.*

Note – there will be no worship Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup>.



**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Jim & Grace Ott  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Fred & Janice Wehausen  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sunday School  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Dan & Anna Knutson Family

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ushers on Schedule:** \_\_\_\_\_ **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007** \_\_\_\_\_

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Harold Bratz (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>** Gary Vetter (Server), David Schultz (Server), Elwood Free, Jeff Kasten,  
Alex Kasten  
**May 12<sup>th</sup>** John Smith, Marty Kiesow  
**May 13<sup>th</sup>** Len Arnold , Brian Glaeser, James Ott, Wayne Otto  
**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Al Bonfigt, August Teesch  
**May 20<sup>th</sup>** Dan Knutson, Keith Petersen, Jeff Knutson, Jim Krim  
**May 26<sup>th</sup>** James Glaeser (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Derrick Krey  
**May 27<sup>th</sup>** Gary Vetter (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), A. J. Kenneke,  
Eli Kenneke  
**June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Harold Bratz, Marty Kiesow  
**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** John Smith, Larry Hochkammer, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Len Arnold (Server), David Schultz (Server), Steve Pleuss

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Dan Knutson (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Elwood Free, Jim Liermann

If you are unable to make your scheduled service, Please call Brian Glaeser @ 775-3941.

Thanks, *Brian*

**Communion Liturgy:**

Take, Eat; This is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Take, Drink; This is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for you for the remission of your sins.

May this strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto life everlasting.

Depart in peace; your sins are forgiven. Amen.

**WELS NEWS Release- April 26,2007**



**Synodical Council meets to address budget issues**

**The Synodical Council (SC)—the synod’s governing body made up of both called workers and laymen—meets in Milwaukee Friday April 27 and Saturday April 28 to finalize plans for the 2007-09 budget.**

**Key points for consideration will be both the continuing gap between expenses and support—and the recent generous gift from an anonymous donor for synod ministry.**

**Since the SC last met in February, the support forecast for Congregation Mission Offerings—the monies individual congregations send in to support synod work—and support from foundations and individuals have declined. The decreases forced WELS President Karl Gurgel to propose \$2.3 million in budget cuts across all areas of ministry for fiscal year 2007-08.**

**The anonymous gift of about \$2.5 million per year for the next five years could help offset those decreases—the SC must decide exactly how to appropriate the gift money.**

**“We’re truly grateful for the way the Lord inspires hearts to support heavenly gospel proclamation with the earthly gift recently announced,” said Pres. Gurgel. “May he continue to move our hearts to respond generously to the monetary challenges we still face.”**

**The SC requests the prayers of all WELS members as it reviews its February recommendation to close Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) in Saginaw, Mich. at the end of the 2007-08 school year. MLS is one of two prep schools WELS operates as part of its worker-training system. Even with the recent gift money, \$2.6 million in budget reductions synod wide would be required in fiscal year 2008-09 if the synod convention this summer does not vote to close**

MLS.

The SC will also be discussing how best to assist MLS staff and students who would be displaced if the campus were to close—and a plan to give priority to any WELS parties interested in purchasing the MLS property.

## Church Attendance for April



Saturday/Sunday = Total

<u>April 2004</u>	<u>April 2005</u>	<u>April 2006</u>	<u>April 2007</u>
<b>Week 1:</b> 96 <b>Week 2:</b> 202 (Easter fell on this weekend) <b>Week 3:</b> 132 <b>Week 4:</b> 120  <b>Monthly Total:</b> 550	<b>Week 1:</b> 144 <b>Week 2:</b> 176 <b>Week 3:</b> 148 <b>Week 4:</b> 168  <b>Monthly Total:</b> 636	<b>Week 1:</b> 138 <b>Week 2:</b> 160 <b>Week 3:</b> 249 (Easter fell on this weekend) <b>Week 4:</b> 238 (St. John's 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade sang) <b>Week 5:</b> 118 <b>Monthly Total:</b> 903	<b>Week 1:</b> 234 (Easter fell on this weekend) <b>Week 2:</b> 159 <b>Week 3:</b> 147 <b>Week 4:</b> 153  <b>Monthly Total:</b> 888
<u>Lenten Season 2004</u>	<u>Lenten Season 2005</u>	<u>Lenten Season 2006</u>	<u>Lenten Season 2007</u>
<b>Week 1=</b> 77 <b>Week 2=</b> 58	<b>Week 1=</b> 98 <b>Week 2=</b> 73	<b>Week 1=</b> 74 <b>Week 2=</b> 53	<b>Week 1=</b> 82 <b>Week 2=</b> 81

<b>Week 3= 44</b> <b>Week 4= 54</b> <b>Week 5= 60</b> <b>Week 6= 44</b> <b>Maundy Thursday= 84</b> <b>Good Friday= 49</b> <b>(Easter 1= 0)</b> <b>(Easter 2= 202)</b> <b><i>Easter Total= 202</i></b>	<b>Week 3= 60</b> <b>Week 4= 82</b> <b>Week 5= 72</b> <b>Week 6= 61</b> <b>Maundy Thursday= 87</b> <b>Good Friday= 75</b> <b>(Easter 1= 54)</b> <b>(Easter 2= 182)</b> <b><i>Easter Total= 236</i></b>	<b>Week 3= 54</b> <b>Week 4= 60</b> <b>Week 5= 56</b> <b>Week 6= 62</b> <b>Maundy Thursday= 69</b> <b>Good Friday= 88</b> <b>(Easter 1= 62)</b> <b>(Easter 2= 187)</b> <b><i>Easter Total= 249</i></b> <small>*All Lenten Services at School</small> <small>*<i>Easter was back in Church.</i></small>	<b>Week 3= 60</b> <b>Week 4= 62</b> <b>Week 5= 49</b> <b>Week 6= 76</b> <b>Maundy Thursday= 98</b> <b>Good Friday= 97</b> <b>(Easter 1= 53)</b> <b>(Easter 2= 181)</b> <b><i>Easter Total= 234</i></b>
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“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

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\*\*\*Monthly operating expenses needed \$15,402.33. Our March offerings total for these items were \$17566.65



## *A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

5/2 Jessica Jungbluth  
5/2 Mabel Liermann  
5/3 Rachel Nagel  
5/4 Dan Prater  
5/6 Jim Liermann  
5/11 Lori Schleis  
5/12 Larry Fischer  
5/15 Ivy Johnson  
5/18 Mona Hansen  
5/19 Elwood Free  
5/20 Ellah Arnold

5/20 Marion Moldenhauer –  
85 Years Young!  
5/21 Michael Kaufmann  
5/24 Al Gulseth  
5/24 Jessica Johnson  
5/26 Tim Petersen  
5/26 Elaine Prater  
5/27 Tabitha Matznick  
5/27 Sheri Schreiber  
5/31 Jennifer Pope

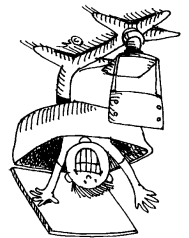


## Happy Anniversary To...

5/1 Todd & Tammy Glaeser – 14 Years!  
5/13 Shelby & Ivy Johnson – 24 Years!  
5/19 Douglas & Lori Richter – 17 Years!  
5/20 Larry & Karen Teesch – 35 Years!  
5/27 Warren & Pam Lutze – 29 Years!  
5/28 Gary & Denise Preston – 24 Years!

**\*If you have a May birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or your anniversary is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!**

## Kids Corner



### Bible Quiz – “Mothers”

1. Ishmael's mother was from this country?
  - a. Moab
  - b. Eglon
  - c. Syria
  - d. Egypt
2. She was Jacobs mother?
  - a. Rebekah
  - b. Rachel
  - c. Sarah
  - d. Leah
3. The 12 Sons of Israel were born to this many mothers?
  - a. 1

- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

4. Who was the mother of Ephraim and Manasseh?

- a. Asenath
- b. Rachel
- c. Leah
- d. Bilha

5. Who was John the Baptist Mother?

- a. Lois
- b. Elizabeth
- c. Dinah
- d. Mary

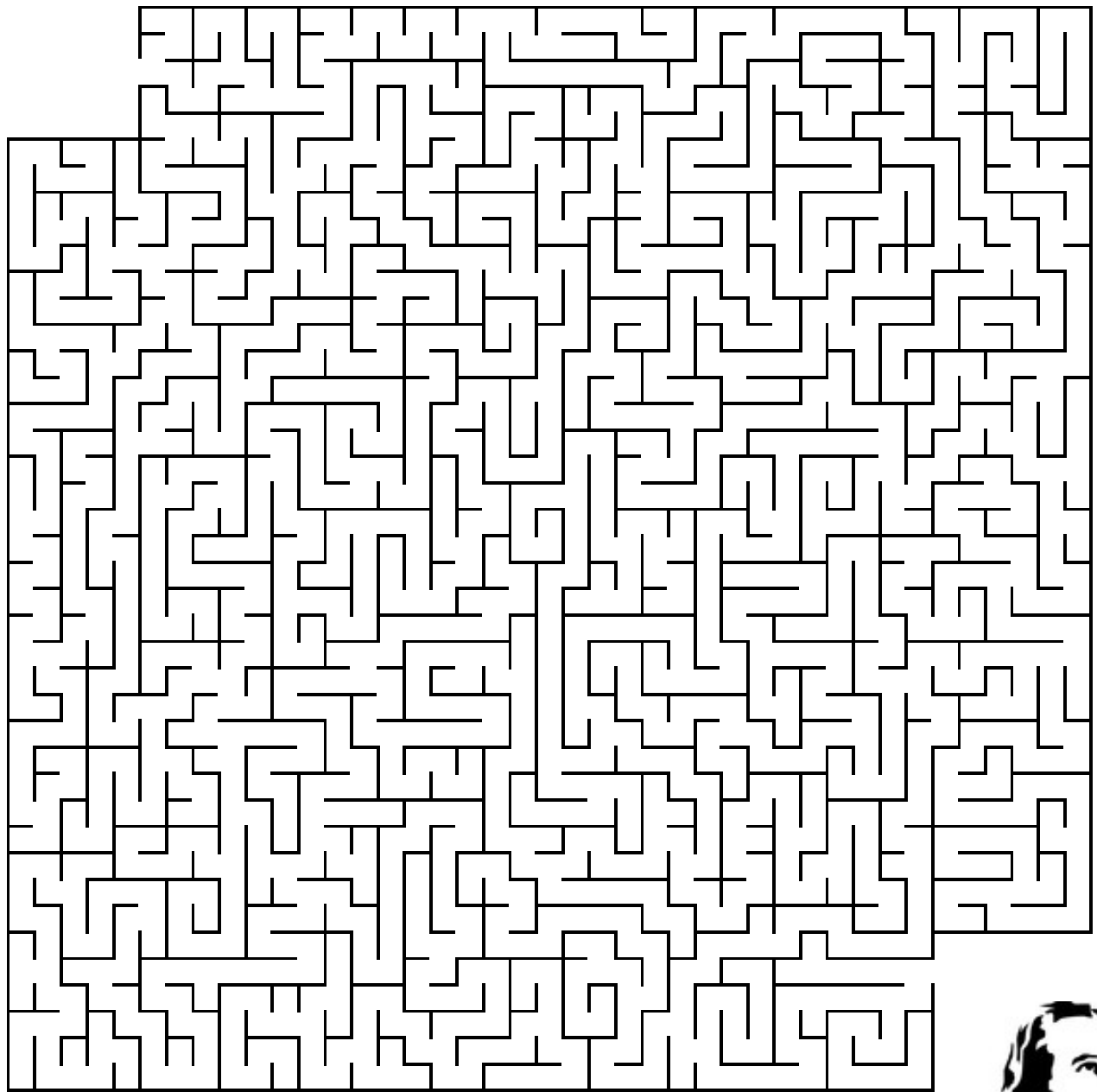
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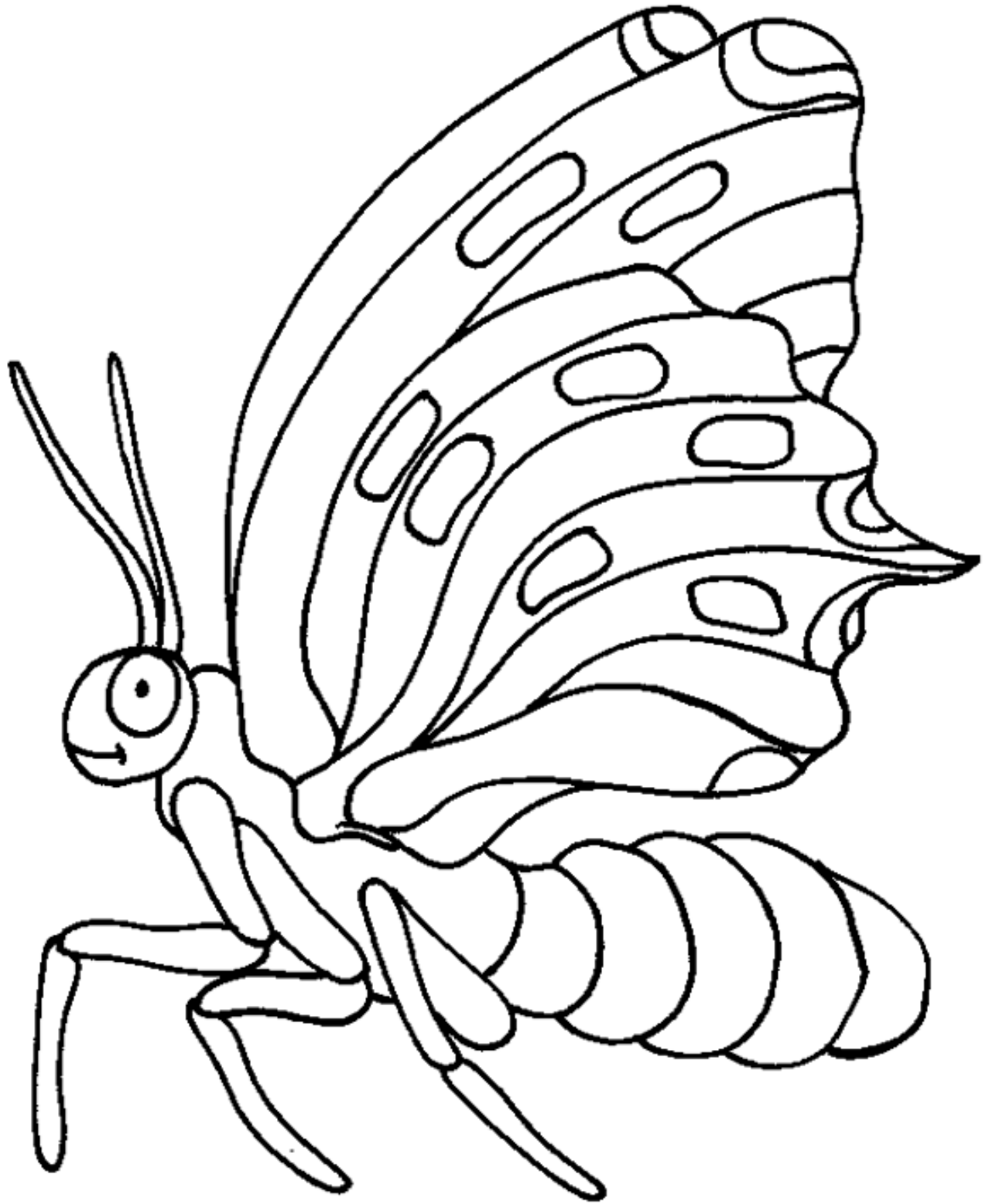
**Answers:** 1.) d [Gen 16:1-2] 2.) a [Gen25:26] 3.) d [Gen 29:31-30:22] 4.) a[Gen 41:45,48:1] 5.) d[Luk 1:57-60]

# Ascension



Follow Jesus as he ascends into heaven!!





Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! 2 Corinthians 5:17