



The Messenger

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Food For Thought

In Italy they call it “gelato”. To Germans it is “eis”. And though the street merchants of each country would argue for their distinctive national treats, I will break it to you now. They’re both ice cream. With a fancy foreign name yes, but ice cream nonetheless. My family found this out on our trip to Europe last month. Our mouths all agreed, though, that gelato stood out from the pack a bit with its firmer texture. Besides that, gelato was really hit or miss. With all the flavors in Italian, you had to look down at the open tubs to guess what each was. Yeah, some were easy, like “cappuccino” or “chocolat”, but we hadn’t crossed an ocean to order chocolate ice cream, that is, except for my dad, who has not given us substantial evidence that he knows another flavor exists. I, on the other hand, was the Evel Knievel of gelato ordering. No flavor sounded too strange or looked too wild for me to order it. Most of the time my gambles paid off, but I remember best the time it didn’t. In Florence, Jennifer and I came up to a stand. I pointed the friendly vender to “traufen”, the gelato flavor that beckoned me with its tantalizing brown swirl, which I figured was chocolate fudge. But my teeth were set on edge as I bit into a sea of – raisins. Yes, raisins! Now I love raisins; they’re great in bran, but not so great in something like ice cream. And then the prices. Yikes! Three scoops of gelato added up to about \$3.50 euro dollars, which is almost \$5 American dollars.

Days later, and a little road weary in our rented car, we reached the Austrian border with Germany, and found an oasis of familiarity, at McDonald’s. We stopped for lunch. Just like here they had McFlurries, but then again, not just like here. Being the dessert adventurer of the family once more, I picked out the one flavor with the excitingly unfamiliar name. Now the Austrians could have saved me some palatal trauma if their fancy name had sounded more like “muesli” because that’s what it was – ice cream with cereal in it. Yes, cereal! Again, I’m a fan of cereal, but not when the bland chunks are sabotaging a creamy, fatty McFlurry. The episode only added to my theory. Europeans just can’t seem to let their desserts be desserts. They invite unsavory characters from meal world to come along and ruin the party.

Now don't get me wrong, the culinary part of our trip wasn't a disaster. We had the best gnocchi and wienerschnitzel we've ever had. It was only the desserts that didn't match up. One final misadventure was at a restaurant we visited in Munich. We ordered apple strudel, thinking that if it's so good at home, how good will it be here in its birthplace. But the square slice that the waitress slid before us didn't even have frosting on it! More evidence that the European sweet tooth just isn't as sweet as ours. But if you think about it, maybe this makes sense for a continent beaten down by the Middle Ages, plagues, and wars to develop a somber quality to its taste buds. But one aspect of their lifestyle was actually more saddening to me than amusing.

Even more so than America, Europe seems to have fallen away from the Christian faith. After we had a devotion in our hotel room, how sad it was to visit vast but empty churches on Sunday morning – full of tourists, yes – but nearly empty of worshippers, even as a service was going on. But, O the architecture! especially in Germany. The grand scale and beauty of so many of the churches was breathtaking. You could really see the source of the worshipful zeal that would lead, a few generations later, to the building of our present church in Liberty. Certainly, with all my foreign dessert disasters, it was in the German church art that I found home. It was so neat to see their sanctuaries dressed up in stained glass window scenes like ours – Jesus and Mary Magdalene, Jesus praying in the garden, or the heavenly city of Zion perched on a hill. Even as many of the German people today have forsaken their Lord, you hope that the stained glass windows and altars will bring them back. Because the gospel is there on those walls. One altar particularly, in Bamberg Germany, had a sculpture of Jesus dead in the grave down below, and then a towering sculpture of the risen Jesus up above, his arms raised, shining in glory with angels surrounding. What powerful testimony to our hope!

Yes, so much of our trip overseas was stirring to the senses and memorable. I'd love to go back, but if the question is, Gelato, eis, or ice cream? Two scoops of moose tracks at Pine River Dairy would be my choice any day

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Message From The President

SYNOPSIS OF VOTERS MEETING

The Annual Voters meeting of Trinity was held July 24th. This is a brief summary of that meeting.

- The voters ratified the release from membership of Kim, Justin, and Kayla Mancheski. This was action taken by the Spiritual Affairs Board because the Mancheski's did not respond to the board's and Pastor's efforts concerning their spiritual welfare.
- Carissa Kathryn Krey, were also released from membership by their request.
- The voters approved the covering of the Trinity Family Center entrance ceiling with aluminum soffet material because paint will not adhere to the galvanized steel and the covering of the new electrical conduit by the balcony steps with decorative wood trim. The total cost of these projects is about \$700.00
- The voters approved the Board for Education's recommendation to proceed with a Preschool at Trinity. This recommendation let the board know that the congregation is in favor of such a program. Now the real work begins. This will be a joint effort with St. John's, Newtonburg.
- No one stepped forward to accept the position of Treasurer. The council then asked to be able to outsource this position as stated in the revised Bylaws. The voters approved.
- The voters approved the Capital Campaign with the suggest split being 25% for MLHS and 75% for Trinity's expansion project. Mark Knutson agreed to chair our Capital Campaign.
- Elections were held for the new Board for Evangelism. The members are Keith Petersen, chairman, Chris Mangin, Mike Enders, and Larry Teesch, members.
- The voters approved the council recommendation that Pastor's salary be increased to synod's code for three-year experience base plus the next level. The council feels that Trinity is blessed with the Pastor the Lord has sent and needs to reflect this in his salary.

BUILDING EXPANSION PROJECT

After service meetings were held the weekend of July 21-22 about the expansion project that Trinity is planning. The committee did a fine job in presenting the new plans. If you were not able to attend, there are pictures and floor plans available in the Narthex. We do not have solid costs yet but I think we all know this will be a costly project. Trinity is in need of addressing the issues laid out in this plan. The need to make our church accessible for those with disabilities and elderly that have trouble with steps, a roof that needs costly updating on the Narthex, more restrooms, replacing a troubled septic system, and more space for fellowship and fellowship events.

This is also an outreach project. The congregations that have just built new or done some aggressive remodeling will attest that young unchurched families are drawn to their facility. The people look for churches that move forward. It is the responsibility of the members of Trinity to get the unchurched in to hear God's Word. From there the Holy Spirit will work in their hearts.

This will be a large undertaking for Trinity. The expansion committee is looking at possibly making this a phased project. The voters have approved the Capital Campaign with this project as the recipient of those monies. The congregation has to be willing to commit to steady and continued financial support of this project after the initial giving. This is an opportunity for those who cannot do the door-to-door outreach work. Your financial support of this project is your outreach effort. I remember the title of a Bible class many years ago, "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time." I believe that was in reference to reading the entire Bible but that can also apply to this project. Let us all pray that the Lord give the members of Trinity today the same resolve to move forward as he gave the members of the past when they came together and built not only one but two complete church buildings.

John Smith, Congregational President

Announcements from the Fellowship Committee

Continental Breakfast

On August 19 take time before church and enjoy a Continental Breakfast with family and friends. The breakfast will be served at approximately 8:45. There will be coffee, juice, donuts and fresh fruit.

This is a time for church members to visit with one another. There will be planned activities for the children. Hope to see you there.

MLHS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Beginner Band Information Night will be held in the MLHS commons on Wednesday, August 15th at 6:30 P.M. If you have not yet registered for Grade School Band, it is not too late! Please join us at this meeting and learn more. Musician's Repair and Supply from Green Bay will be there with plenty of instruments for the students to try. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Schmill at 684-2807 X176.

MLHS has an opening for a Library Assistant, Wednesdays & Fridays from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This is a paid position. Previous library experience not needed. For more information, call Wayne Foelske at 682-0215, ext. 130.

UPCOMING EVENTS (please mark your calendars now):

- Aug 6 Football Practice Begins
- Aug 13 Registration Day; 9:00am – 3:00pm and 5 – 7pm
- Aug 18 Federation Delegate Meeting; 9:00am
- Aug 22 Freshmen Orientation Day & Parent Breakfast; 7:30am
- Aug 23 Classes Begin
- Aug 24 Varsity Football vs. Brillion (A); 7:00pm

“WELS Angels”

The next **“WELS Church Circle Bicycle Tour”** will be on **Sunday Aug 12th**, circling Zion in Louis Corners and Trinity in Kiel. We will meet in the Louis Corners parking lot at 3:00 pm. The next ride will be on **Sunday Sept 9th**. It will be a repeat of the Grace – Rockwood Church tour since the ride in July had limited participants due to the heat. Questions? Contact Norm or Pam Reichardt at 732-3656 or reichardt@isol.net

New Ladies Group

Please welcome a new ladies group to the Trinity church family; the Trinity Ladies Circle (TLC). On July 24th several ladies met and continued the work of starting this new group. New officers were elected: President- Diane Smith, Vice President – Cindy Williamson, Secretary – Jennifer Pope, Treasurer – Donna Nagel. A name was chosen and their constitution was reviewed. We will meet every 4th Tuesday of the month at 6 pm. The meetings will last for about an hour. There are still many plans to make. Please consider being a part of this new group. It will be fun.

Board of Evangelism

This newly established and elected board met for the first time this past Wednesday. The group had an energetic discussion of how we can get our church's name out to the community, and pass the gospel on to our neighbors. They will look into various means of advertising, and will also study Platt books to decide on the range of our area mission field. Keep this group in your prayers, that they may actively lead our congregation to obey Jesus' words, **"Go and make disciples of all nations"** Matt. 28.

New Secretary

First of all, a big thank you to Anna Knutson for her faithful work as church secretary for the last two and a half years. Her creativity and dedication has been a great blessing to our church. The Lord has given us a further outpouring of his goodness, in that Mary Liermann has agreed to take over her duties, now that Anna is stepping down. Mary is learning the position right now. Her regular hours as church secretary will be announced soon.

On a side note, we need to give a belated thank you to Gary Vetter for procuring from the new desk and table for our church office, which were throwaways from his work. The wrap-around desk is the secretary's and the table is being used for Church Council and other meetings. If you haven't seen either yet, the furniture is classy, a very nice set to have gotten for free!

A Job Well Done

This year's Vacation Bible School was another success. The kids seemed to have a blast with the Western theme, and the adult helpers didn't seem to get too worn out! A hearty thank you to Jessica Jungbluth for purchasing the supplies and organizing the games. Thanks also goes to Pastor Pope for the devotions, Jen Pope for leading the singing, Jen Knutson for playing her "fiddle", and Mark Knutson, Cindy and Becky Williamson, Dan and Anna Knutson, Donna Nagel, Nancy Matznick, Helen Isaacson and others for helping.



August 5th Elwood & Denise Free
August 12th Helen Isaacson
August 19th David & Dianne Schultz
August 26th Eunice Barnes

Date: _____ **Ushers on Schedule:** _____

August 4th Dan Knutson, Mark Kiesow

August 5th James Glaeser, Jim Krim, Jim Liermann,
Larry Hochkammer

August 11th Al Bonfigt (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server),
Peter Liermann

August 12th Gary Vetter (Server), Warren Lutze (Server),
James Ott, Elwood Free

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- August 2007



North American Outreach Emphasis Draws to a Close

UNDER THE BANNER "PROCLAIM PEACE THROUGH JESUS," WELS HAS BEEN EMPHASIZING NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. IN EACH OF THE THEMES—EVERY CHURCH A MISSION, EVERY SOUL A TREASURE, EVERY MEMBER A MISSIONARY, AND EVERY LIFE FOR CHRIST—"THE WORD EVERY IS REALLY IMPORTANT," SAYS FORMER WELS PRESIDENT KARL GURGEL. "IT REMINDS US OF THE INDIVIDUAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE ALL HAVE TO BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST."

THE GOAL OF NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH WAS TO EQUIP AND INVOLVE EVERY WELS CHURCH—AND EVERY MEMBER—IN OUTREACH. "MISSION WORK IS DONE NOT JUST BY HOME MISSIONS OR WORLD MISSIONS OR THE SYNOD. IT'S DONE BY EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US INDIVIDUALLY AND IN OUR CONGREGATIONS," SAYS BRUCE BECKER, ADMINISTRATOR OF WELS PARISH SERVICES AND NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH COORDINATOR. "NORTH AMERICA IS A GROWING MISSION FIELD BECAUSE THE WORLD IS COMING TO US. AND THAT MISSION FIELD BEGINS RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO WHERE WE LIVE."

TO EQUIP AND PREPARE CONGREGATIONS FOR OUTREACH IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES, WORSHIP AND OUTREACH RESOURCES WERE PROVIDED FOR EACH PHASE. MATERIALS INCLUDED BIBLE STUDIES, VIDEOS, DEVOTIONS, AND WITNESSING TOOLS. "THE RESOURCES AND MATERIALS FROM EACH OF THE FOUR YEARS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR ANY CONGREGATION THAT WANTS TO UTILIZE THEM IN THE FUTURE," SAYS BECKER.

ALTHOUGH CONGREGATIONAL PARTICIPATION IN THIS INITIATIVE SEEMED TO WANE IN THE PAST TWO YEARS, BECKER ENCOURAGES CHURCHES AND INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE REACHING OUT. "EVEN THOUGH THE FOUR-YEAR EMPHASIS OF NORTH AMERICAN OUTREACH IS OVER, IT STILL REMAINS A TOP PRIORITY IN OUR SYNOD TO PROCLAIM THE LIVING JESUS TO A DYING WORLD."

PASTORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO UTILIZE RESOURCES AND INCORPORATE MATERIALS FROM ALL FOUR PHASES INTO THEIR WORSHIP PLANS. TO ACCESS THESE RESOURCES ONLINE, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/NAO.

WELS' International Youth Rally a Success

More than 1,500 teens and 500 leaders attended the WELS International Youth Rally, held July 4-7 in Dallas, Texas, under the theme "Laugh out loud." During the course of the rally, teens were given opportunities for large-scale worship, education, fellowship, and recreation. Approximately 200 teens also participated in service projects.

"This rally witnessed hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of teens and leaders having fun, learning, speaking their minds, singing, worshipping, serving others, and growing in their faith," says Dr. Joel Nelson, administrator for the Commission on Youth Discipleship. "I and many others inside and outside of our rally population have been truly amazed, impressed, and humbled by the spirit, attitude, and faith shown."

For more rally highlights, visit www.welsyouthrally.net.

WELS Connection Featuring New Leadership Resources

WELS Connection, the monthly video of news and stories in WELS, now features a new section aimed at congregational leaders. Congregational Leadership Resources includes short informational

segments appropriate for a council or board meeting—or any gathering of leaders. This tool was designed to help decision-makers learn more about the resources WELS provides to individual congregations. The first segment highlights WELS Investment Funds, Inc. To subscribe to *WELS Connection* contact Joyce Tucek at 800-827-2237 or joyce.tucek@sab.wels.net.

Upcoming School of Outreach Seminars

SCHOOL OF OUTREACH SEMINARS WILL BE HELD IN VARIOUS WELS DISTRICTS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. AT THESE WEEKEND SEMINARS, EXPERIENCED PASTORS WORK WITH CONGREGATIONAL LEADERS TO HELP THEM STRATEGICALLY PLAN FOR OUTREACH IN THEIR AREA. THIS IS DONE BY FORMULATING LONG-RANGE AND SHORT-RANGE GOALS FOR EVANGELISM AND STRENGTHENING EVANGELISM PROGRAMS AS A WHOLE.

PASTORS AND OTHER CONGREGATION LEADERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. TO REGISTER FOR A SEMINAR, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/EVANGELISM AND CLICK ON REGISTER ONLINE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT WELS' EVANGELISM OFFICE AT 414-256-3287.

Women Gather in the Word at WELS Leadership Conference

THE FIRST WELS WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE WAS HELD AT WISCONSIN LUTHERAN SEMINARY IN MEQUON, WIS. THE CONFERENCE, TITLED "A LEADER . . . WHO? ME?" INTRODUCED A NEW BIBLE STUDY DEVELOPED BY WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE, "HEIRS TOGETHER OF GOD'S GRACIOUS GIFT OF LIFE."

ALTHOUGH DISCUSSIONS TOUCHED ON UNIQUE CALLINGS, IRREPLACEABLE GIFTS, LEADERSHIP, AND OUR LIVES AS GOD'S AGENTS, "ALL OF THESE WOMEN CAME FOR THE SAKE OF STUDYING GOD'S ROLE FOR WOMEN," SAYS SARAH OWENS, CONVENTION PRESENTER AND DEACONESS FOR WISCONSIN LUTHERAN INSTITUTIONAL MINISTRIES IN MILWAUKEE. "THEY GOT TOGETHER WITH THE WORD AND SAID, 'GOD SHOW US HOW YOU WANT US TO SERVE YOU IN THIS CHURCH BODY. SHOW US HOW WE CAN BE YOUR SERVANTS.' "

THIS CONFERENCE WAS JUST ONE OF THE WAYS WELS WOMEN'S MINISTRY COMMITTEE (PART OF WELS ADULT DISCIPLESHIP) IS ENCOURAGING MEN AND WOMEN TO WORK TOGETHER BY USING THEIR GOD-GIVEN GIFTS TO GLORIFY THE LORD JESUS AND BUILD HIS KINGDOM. FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.WELS.NET/JUMP/WOMEN.

Correspondence Program Includes Worship, Online Bible Study

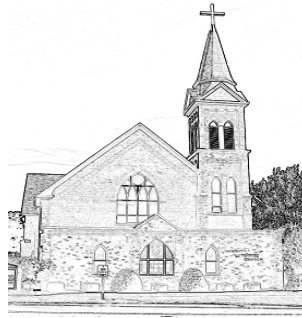
From Colombia and Venezuela to Spain and France, families from all over the world can now participate in weekly online Bible studies with a WELS pastor in the United States. These studies are part of the Bible correspondence programs under WELS Multi-Language Publications.

Online Bible studies began when people in other parts of the world wanted more than just printed Bible study materials. Now, with the help of WELS' technology department, these families can have face-to-face Bible studies over the Internet.

It was soon discovered there was an interest in online worship as well. On Easter Sunday 2007, a WELS pastor conducted an online service in Spanish. Since then, sixteen Spanish-speaking pastors have volunteered their time to preach for regular online services with families in several countries.

To view Spanish worship services online, visit www.iglesiavirtual.wels.net. For more information on resources available through Multi-Language Publications, contact Pastor Paul Hartman at paulhartman@mlpwels.com; 915-857-5852.

Church Attendance for June



Saturday/Sunday = Total

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July 2004

Week 1: 36 / 116 = 152

Week 2: 33 / 109 = 142

Week 3: 32 / 89 = 121

Week 4: 36 / 113 = 149

Week 5: 57 / 86 = 143

July 2005

Week 1: 34 / 76 = 110

Week 2: 40 / 104 = 144

Week 3: 32 / 103 = 135

Week 4: 33 / 102 = 135

Week 5: 39 / 128 = 167

July 2006

Week 1: 0 / 87 = 87

Week 2: 29 / 93 = 122

Week 3: 29 / 113 = 142

Week 4: 47 / 81 = 128

Week 5: 41 / 100 = 141

July 2007

Week 1: 45/69=114

Week 2: 41/111=152

Week 3: 58/105 =163

Week 4: 60/92=152

Week 5: 57/104=161



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

8/3 Jacob Krim	8/19 Kayla Kasten
8/3 Darlene Schnell	***8/22 Reuben Gass
8/5 Charles Lovell, Jr.	8/22 Desirae Kiesow
8/7 Al Bonfigt	8/27 Doris Wehausen
8/7 Walter Kiesow	8/29 Lucille Jaeger
8/7 Dianne Schultz	8/29 Aaron Wallander
8/8 Dean Luebke	8/30 Cindy Williamson
8/9 Marlena Free	8/30 Hannah Bratz
8/9 Lauren Petersen	8/30 Heidi Bratz
8/10 Amanda Knutson	8/31 Lisa Kiesow
8/10 Uriah Matznick	8/31 Tyler Teesch
***8/10 Harold Schnell	8/31 Robert Vetting
8/13 Andrew Kiesow	
8/14 Makenna Krim	
8/15 Amy Hochkammer	
8/15 Kalie Knutson	

*****Our Members 80 Years Young or over...**

8/10 Harold Schnell -85 Years Young!!

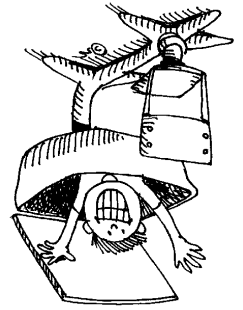


Happy Anniversary To...

8/2 Dennis & Shanna Bratz –2 Years!
8/4 Michael & Marilyn Kaufmann – 34 years!
8/6 David & Dianne Schultz – 41 years!
8/9 Mark & Darlene Kiesow – 27 years!
8/18 Kermit & Mabel Liermann – 53 years!
8/24 Harold & Lucille Jaeger – 61 years!
8/31 Jeff & Sherri Kasten – 17 years!

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

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Mountains”

1. According to Psalms, how do mountains skip?
 - a. Like goats
 - b. Like children
 - c. Like rams
 - d. Like antelopes

2. Where did the ark come to rest?
 - a. Hills of Judea
 - b. Mount Gilboa
 - c. Forests of Lebanon
 - d. Mountains of Ararat

3. Moses saw the promised land from this mountain.
 - a. Ebal
 - b. Hermon
 - c. Tabo
 - d. Nebo

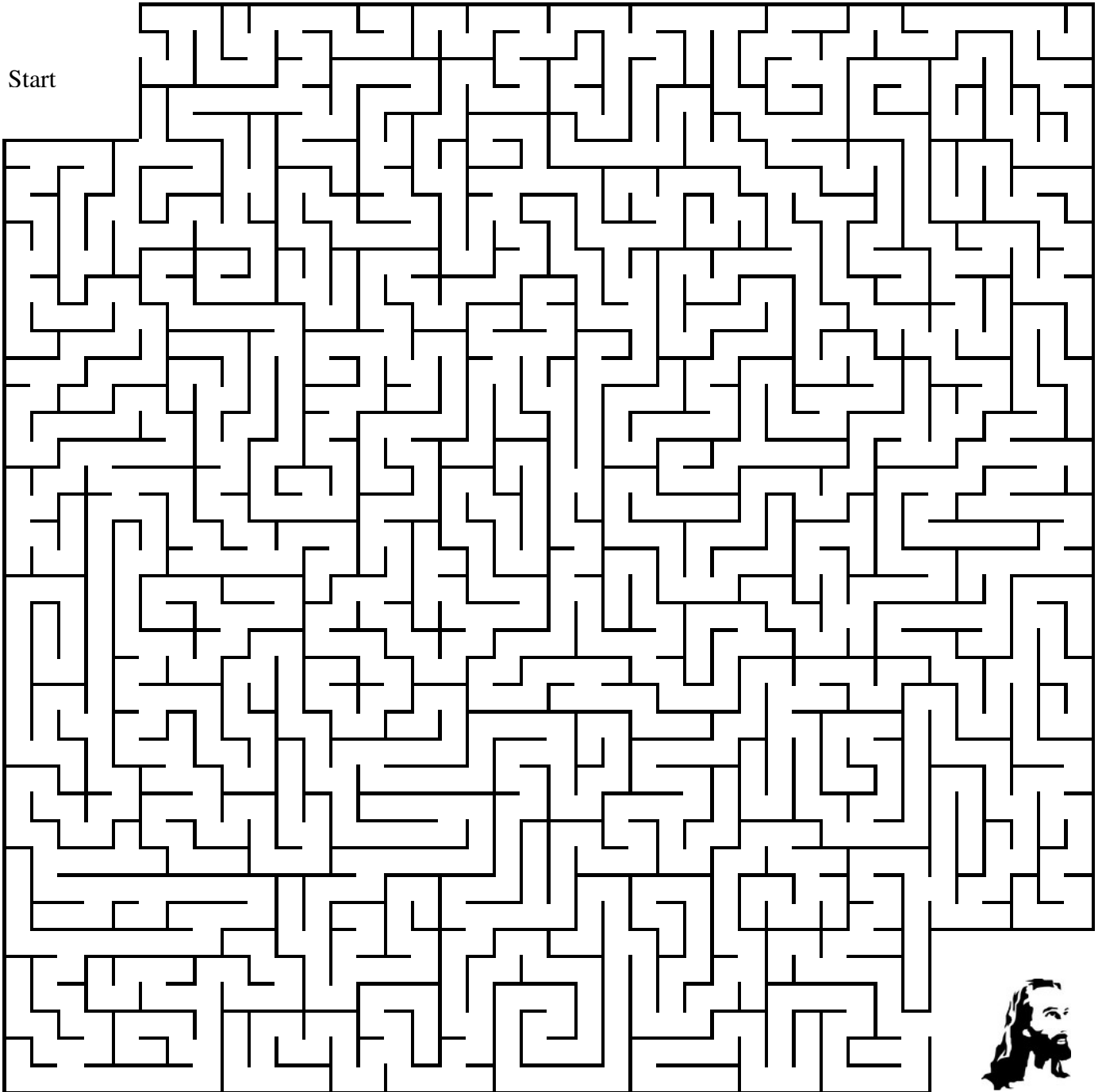
4. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord Surrounds;
 - a. His enemies
 - b. His people
 - c. The land
 - e. The earth

5. Who dwelt in Mount Seir?
 - a. Esau
 - b. Jacob
 - c. Lot
 - d. Ishmael

Answers: 1.) c [Psalms 114:4] 2.) d [Genesis 8:4] 3.) d [Deuteronomy 34:1-7] 4.) b [Psalms 125:2] 5.) a [Genesis 36:8]

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path!

Start





But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."
John 6:20