



The Messenger

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More than a Kernel

Elements of the faith work their way into everyday usage. Around Christmas time we hear “Peace on earth.” That is actually a generic, truncated version of the true Christmas message. Over Bethlehem the angels sang, “**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests (Luke 2:13).**” Peace on earth and God’s favor come to us not automatically, but through the Christ child.

In secular culture we hear “Money is the root of all evil.” That too is but a kernel of the truth. The Bible passage actually says, “**The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil**” (I Tim 6:10). This kind of thing was brought to my attention several days ago. It was Monday, my day off. (Kind of a Lutheran Pope tradition. My grandfather Reinhart took Mondays off as a pastor. My dad Nathan does the same. I like the idea, and I do the same.)

It was Monday and I was spending part of the easy, breezy morning reading on our back swing. I finally got to the end of *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens (very hard reading at first, but then you get used to the style), and something struck me. There was a religious element to the novel that I had never known existed. SPOILER WARNING: If you plan on reading *A Tale of Two Cities* soon or sometime in your lifetime, and you don’t want the main plot given away, kindly shield your eyes from the next paragraph. But then again, if you have a memory like mine, by the time you get around to reading the book, you’ll have forgotten the next paragraph anyway. Alas!

You are still with us. Okay. This is what I discovered about *A Tale of Two Cities*. I had thought it was just a comparison between peaceful London and tumultuous Paris during the French Revolution. You know, “It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.” Little did I know, the climax of the book involved a powerful Christ-like substitutionary sacrifice. It is the day before the protagonist is sentenced to die, as his wife and father-in-law mourn for him in a nearby house. But then a down-trodden figure appears in the protagonist’s cell. He gives the man his street clothes, and puts on his prison clothes. He is taking the man’s place! The next day he goes to the guillotine, allowing the protagonist to flee in safety with his wife and father-in-law to London. And a line is repeated several times near the end of the book. **“He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”**

That is Jesus’ great promise to Martha before he raised Lazarus from the dead, in John 11. But Dickens makes no mention of Jesus or his words that come just before that quote, **“I am the resurrection and the life.”** You see this in literature, authors using a Bible verse or idea almost as cornstarch – a thickening agent to add substance and weight to their writing.

I consider Scripture’s impact on culture and the arts, and I think several things. I hope creative geniuses like Dickens haven’t just used the Bible for effect, but that they actually believe the message. There is little evidence that Dickens was a Christian, but we can hold out some hope that he was like Joseph of Arimathea who buried Christ in his tomb, one of those rare Christians in secret. Also, we can be proud that Scripture is so profound and beautiful that artists the world over have incorporated it into their works time and again. Above all, we can rejoice that the Bible is world-class literature, but so, so much more. It is God’s Word, the living book from the living Spirit of God that tells us our needy past and our blissful future, and the peace that is ours now in the sin and death conquering Christ Jesus.

Pastor Pope

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

The next voter's meeting will be held on October 23rd at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Please mark you calendars.

There are numerous positions to be filled by elections at this meeting. Watch for agendas to be posted in the Narthex the weekend of October 13/14.

We will again be holding informational meetings after the services on October 20th and 21st.

Also be on the watch for and plan to attend one of the Capital Campaign meetings.

The only way to keep informed on a first-hand basis as to what is happening in ***your*** congregation is to attend these meetings.

See you there.

John Smith, Congregational President

An Update from East Fork,

Dear Friends of East Fork

The school year is well underway and we are only a few weeks away from Fall Break. God has blessed East Fork with a K-8 enrollment of 94 students. Seventy-two of those children belong to one of our Lutheran Churches.

One exciting addition to the curriculum has been our participation in "Walk-a-Thon." This is a student health and exercise program. Each class walks or jogs for ten minutes everyday. Some students have already logged almost ten miles!

We continue to be in need of your prayers and financial support. If you would like more information about what's happening at East Fork, you can contact us at 928-338-4455. Our address is East Fork Lutheran School - Box 489 - Whiteriver, AZ 85941. We also have a 'School Wish List' put together if you are interested in purchasing specific items for a certain classroom. Just give us a call or e-mail us back for more information.

Thanks again for your support of Christian Education here on the White Mountain Apache Reservation. God's blessings to you from the Staff and Students

News from the WELS

Latest financial report shows increase

Overall receipts for WELS operating budget in July 2007 showed a marked increase over the previous July, but the synod's chief financial officer is urging caution in projecting the increase beyond the current month.

Receipts for July 2007 of \$5.5 million were \$3.9 million greater than July 2006, but the increase reflects receipt of the first annual installment from an anonymous WELS member who is donating \$2.55 million a year for the next five years to the synod's operating budget. Changes in foreign exchange rates have added another \$225,000 to the value of the installment.

July 2007 Congregation Mission Offerings (CMO) were up \$550,000 over the previous July. As recently as June, receipts were 1.9 percent less than 2006. The upturn in July appears to reflect the efforts of the Conference of Presidents to increase CMO prior to the synod convention, held July 30-Aug. 3.

From January through July, CMO receipts were up 3.6 percent over the prior year--a 3 percent increase was forecast. "I give thanks to God for the support his people provided in July, but strongly caution those using July results to project support for the other 11 months of the fiscal year," says Todd Poppe, WELS' chief financial officer. "Even in my short service to the synod I have seen positive results quickly turn around."

Martin Luther College enrollment figures

Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minn., has released its official enrollment figures for the 2007-08 school year. A total of 720 on-campus students are enrolled--531 are studying for the educational ministry and 173 for the pastoral ministry. Sixteen are unclassified.

Peter Kruschel, administrator for WELS Board for Ministerial Education, says the 720 figure is "at the high end of what we had hoped for."

While 11 fewer students are enrolled this year than were enrolled at the beginning of last year, there are 10 more enrolled than were enrolled at the end of last year. It's the first time there's been a gain from the end of one school year to the beginning of the next since the 2002-03 school year.

Still, MLC's beginning enrollment is the lowest since a peak of 1,063 five years ago. Phil Leyrer, MLC's vice president for enrollment management, says the main factor is the rapid rise in tuition over

those years. Kruschel says other factors include that not as many students are coming through WELS' grade school and high school system and that not all candidates for the teaching ministry have received calls.

Official enrollment figures from all four synod schools will be published in the Four Schools Report, due out by the end of September.

WELS military personnel serving in the Middle East

Pastor Paul Ziemer, national civilian chaplain to the military and Armed Forces liaison, is preparing for another trip to the Middle East. Congregations and families are encouraged to submit names of WELS military personnel to the Military Services Committee so Ziemer can serve the men and women stationed there.

For more information, contact Rev. Paul Ziemer at 910-717-0085 or welsmilitary@msn.com.

New mission counselor accepts interim call

On Aug. 18, Pastor Mark Birkholz accepted a call as interim mission counselor for the Board for Home Missions. Birkholz will serve in this position for one year as the Board for Home Missions reviews how the mission counselors program is organized and used by mission congregations within WELS.

Message from the United Way

The 2007-2008 United Way campaigns begin this month in most communities. Most communities have a "Donor Option" program in which you may designate a qualified 501©3 agency to receive your United Way donation. Last year Wisconsin Lutheran Child & Family Service received gifts from over 45 different United Way agencies giving programs throughout the United States as a qualified 501©3 non-profit agency. If you have questions about your participation in such a program, check local United Way guidelines, ask your Human Resource Director at work, call WLCFS toll free 1-88685-9522, ext. 225, or e-mail info@wlcfs.org.

Announcements

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship committee is asking your help to support troops. A collection box will be in the back of church the weekends of October 13 and 20 and 27. We will mail the packages on October 29. Here is a small list of the most requested items:

- Sweet n' salty granola bars (most request brand)
- Individual packet of salted nuts
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims
- Powdered drink mix to pour into bottled water (like Crystal Light, On the Go, there are other brands.)
- New or used movie DVDs
- Paper & envelopes – no stamps
- Personal hygiene products – in plastic tubes or bottles
- Cash – pay for shipping or we will purchase products

A more detailed list is next to the collection box. If you have any questions please contact a Fellowship Committee member.

SEPTEMBER SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE



All Grades

Do you want to be a Dr., Firefighter, or a Scarecrow? Well, you have less than a month to think of a costume for **Fall Fest. The Sunday school would like to invite everyone to participate in games, cookie decorating, pumpkin decorating, apple bobbing, Carmel apple decorating, snacks and a costume parade! We will have the fest on **October 24th** (no school the next day) at **6:30-8:30pm**. All you need to do is show up in your favorite costume and be ready for fun! (Please make sure costumes are appropriate)

Any questions please call Jessica Jungbluth @ 775-3912.

**The Sunday school sang I am Jesus Little Lamb in church Sunday September 23.

***The children were given small envelopes for mission offerings. They can either turn these in at Sunday School or in the collection plate when Mom & Dad throw in their offering ☺. This is being used to help keep money from getting lost/dropped on the way.

Pre K- Kindergarten

Teachers: Donna Nagel and Lisa Kiesow alternate weeks.

The lessons for the class have been on Jacob and his family. The lessons consist of activity sheets which they color and stickers that they match with pictures on their lesson sheets. They are asked questions in regards to the lesson after it has been read to them. They are all very responsive to the questions they are asked. Before Sunday school starts, there is a short devotion and song sung with all the Sunday School Classes. They have been practicing the song they will be singing on this Sunday.

1st and 2nd grade

Teachers: Jessica Jungbluth & Carol Glaeser alternate weeks.

How could Jacob have two wives? My dad only has one! Can I have two wives when I get older? Leah had ten babies! Those were just a few of the comments after reading our Bible story of Jacob's Family. The four youngsters in our class keep us busy with questions and comments about our stories, church and life in general. So we are looking forward to a year filled with lots of interesting conversations.

Our class consists of: Lindsay Glaeser, Caden Jungbluth, Ben and Josh Kiesow

3rd and 4th Grade

Teachers: Anna Knutson & Amy Hochkammer alternate weeks.

In the month of September we read about Jacob and his family tree, and his brother Esau. Coming up in October we will be reviewing bible stories of how Joseph forgives, The Birth of Moses, Moses and the burning bush, and Moses and the Plagues.

The class consists of Hanna Bratz, Heidi Bratz, Alex Free, Isaiah Isaacson, Ally Jungbluth, Amanda Knutson, Heidi Knutson, Lauren Petersen, and Jasmine Smith.

Memory work assignments were 1st – 5th commandments & “I am Jesus Little Lamb”. We are happy to have so many happy, smiley faces in class Sunday morning!

5th and 6th grade

Teacher: Jennifer Pope

This year's Sunday school is quite similar to last year in that I have 6 students – one of whom is a boy, Tyler Petersen, and five girls – Desirae Kiesow, Lynsay Smith, Kalie Knutson, Rachel Nagel, and Nicole Glaser. With the new Sunday school year just underway, we are starting to learn more about Jacob and his family, especially his brother Esau. An important date to remember is Nov. 4th – that's when our class will greet for church. Please mark that on your calendars. With new and exciting activities, I hope to make this year's Sunday school experience a fun and adventurous one for the entire class! In Christ's Service, Jennifer Pope

7th and 8th Grade

Teacher: Daniel Knutson

The class consists of five children, Tony Boardman, Breanna Glaeser, Brett Glaeser, Joe Nagel, and Trisha Petersen. We have been working on singing, and studying about Jacob and Joseph in the first weeks of class. All of the students participate well in class and the time seems to be spent all too soon after we get started.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to Jessica Jungbluth for purchasing the decorative crosses as gifts to commemorate the recent service of Mark Knutson as Sunday School Superintendent, Anna Knutson as church secretary, and Len Arnold as church treasurer. Once more we thank that group for their hard work, and all the others in our church who use their energies and talents to Jesus' glory.

MLHS News

MLHS Lancer Adult Education Fall Course

There will be again Fall Education Courses given at MLHS for anyone that is interested. There are classes such as: Make a sign Using CNC, Stamp a Stack of Cards(Holiday), Woolen Christmas Ornaments and classes for your Digital Camera. Check it out. It will be worth your while. Forms are in the Narthex. To register or if you have questions call Pam Reichardt @732-3656.

Repeat Performance

Dear MLHS Federation members and supporters of our Manitowoc Lutheran High School.

As of Friday, September 14, 2007, at 11:30 a.m., Repeat Performance took ownership of the building we have been leasing for the past three years. This is a very exciting and joyous event in the brief history of our store. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers that have given so graciously of their time and talents, and to all who have donated merchandise that is sold from the store. Three years ago we all had different visions as to how we thought this venture would work out. I don't know if anyone saw us purchasing the building in just under three years of operation and still being able to give over \$70,000.00 to MLHS. None of this would have happened except for the Grace of God. As we look forward to the future of Repeat Performance, may we first give thanks to God for all His blessings upon our first three years and pray that He would be with us and continue to bless our efforts for many years to come. Please continue to pray for our Manitowoc Lutheran High School, the staff, the students, the Board of Control, and the entire MLHS family.

God's blessings to all of you,

On behalf of Repeat Performance,

Jerry Haupt

MLHS Fall Clean-up Day, Saturday, October 20th, beginning at 8:00 AM. Inside & outside projects have been lined up, so come rain or shine for an hour or all day! All ages, men & ladies, please lend a hand as the more volunteers present, the more work we can complete. God has blessed MLHS with a beautiful building and campus, and we want to take good care of it to His glory. Please call Jim Reis (682-0215 x. 158) or Jerry Haupt (682-5954) with questions.

MLHS UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE COME AND SEE THE YOUNG PEOPLE FROM YOUR CONGREGATION USING THEIR TALENTS!

Week of 10/1 – 10/7

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| Mon 10/1 | JV Football vs. Roncalli (H) |
| Tue 10/2 | Volleyball vs. St. Mary Central (H), PARENTS' NIGHT
MLHS Board of Control Mtg |
| Thur 10/4 | Cross Country @ Campbellsport |

Frosh Football vs. Chilton (H)
Volleyball vs. Brillion (A)
Fri 10/5 Varsity Football vs. St. Mary Central (A)
Sat 10/6 Volleyball - Frosh @ Oostburg
Varsity @ W. DePere

Week of 10/8 – 10/14

Mon 10/8 JV Football vs. Reedsville (H)
Tue 10/9 Volleyball vs. Hilbert (H)
Thur 10/11 Cross Country @ Mishicot (Conf. Meet)
Frosh Football vs. Hilbert (A)
Volleyball vs. Roncalli (A)
Fri 10/12 Varsity Football vs. Roncalli (H)
Sat 10/13 Volleyball @ Chilton (Conf. Tourney)
Sun 10/14 MLHS Sunday @ St. Peter, Sturgeon Bay; 7:30 & 10:00am

Week of 10/15 – 10/21

Mon 10/15 MLHS 4th, 6th & 8th Grade Open House; 6:00pm
Tue 10/16 Volleyball Regionals Begin
Thur 10/18 Varsity Football vs. Reedsville (H)
Sun 10/21 MLHS Sunday @ St. John St. James, Reedsville; 8:00 & 10:00am

Scott Reinhard, Development Director

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Church Attendance for September



Saturday/Sunday = Total

September 2004

Week 1: 31/81=112

Week 2: 52/96=148

Week 3: 38/116=154

Week 4: 25/100=135

Week 5: 24/105 = 129

September 2006

Week 1: 29/88=117

Week 2: 45/85=135

Week 3: 27/86=113

Week 4: 36/47=183

September 2005

Week 1: 34/69=103

Week 2: 37/117=154

Week 3: 22/125=147

Week 4: 35/117=152

September 2007

Week 1: 39/83=122

Week 2: 42/101=143

Week 3: 31/88=119

Week 4: 24/154=178

Week 5: 21/120=141

"God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."



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

10/1 Lindsay Glaeser	10/11 Helen Isaacson
***10/1 Gertrude Haupt	10/13 August Teesch
10/2 Joseph Nagel	10/18 Jennifer Ott
10/5 Samantha Ott	10/19 Jennifer Knutson
10/6 Lisa Otto	10/23 Tara Mellstrom
10/7 Michael Enders	10/23 Aubrey Schleis
10/7 Faith Knutson	10/27 Kristin Fischer
***10/8 Raymond Kasten	10/31 Megan Bushman
10/8 Mark Otto	10/31 David Isaacson
10/8 Keith Petersen	10/31 Juel Knutson
10/9 Gary Vetter	
10/10 Keith Olm	

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

10/1 Gertrude Haupt – 90 Years Young!
10/8 Raymond Kasten – 89 Years Young!



Happy Anniversary To...

10/3 Earl & Lois Glaeser – 48 Years!
10/8 Michael & Sarah Hackmann – 2 Year!
10/10 Brian & Carol Glaeser – 15 Years!
10/10 Ed & Myrt Vetter - 8 Years!
10/11 Greg & Lori Schleis – 11 Years!
10/13 Walter & Gloria Kiesow – 56 Years!
10/14 Jim & Grace Ott – 40 Years!
10/16 David & Tara Mellstrom – 8 Years!
10/22 Fred & Janice Wehausen – 47 Years
10/23 Marty & Lisa Kiesow – 14 Years!

10/25 Fred & Darlene Schnell – 38 Years!

10/27 Leon & Linda Wallander – 23 Years!

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
October 6 th	Al Bonfigt, Marty Kiesow
October 7 th	John Smith, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke, David Schultz
October 13 th	Harold Bratz (Server), David Schultz (Server), Steve Pleuss
October 14 th	James Glaeser (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Elwood Free Wayne Otto
October 20 th	Keith Petersen, Mark Kiesow
October 21 st	Dan Knutson, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten, Len Arnold
October 27 th	John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann
October 28 th	Gary Vetter (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), James Ott, Damian Bushman

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

Communion Liturgy: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for you, 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.

Altar Guild Schedule

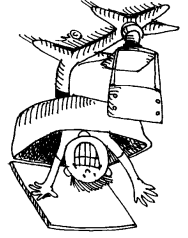
Group 2: Elizabeth Otto, Lois Glaeser, Sharon Arnold, Mary Liermann

Our Greeters For October



October 7th Earl & Lois Glaeser
October 14th Walter & Gloria Kiesow

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Parables”

1. In the parable of the sower , how many different types of ground were there?
 - a. 3
 - b. 4
 - c. 5
 - d. 6
 2. A certain king was taking account of his servants, and one was brought which owed him ten thousand talents. What was the king going to do about it?
 - a. Forgive his debt
 - b. Re-finance the debt
 - c. Throw him in prison
 - d. Sell him and his wife into slavery
 3. What distinguished the wise virgins from the foolish?
 - a. They read their Bible more
 - b. They had more oil for their lamps
 - c. They had food for the journey
 - d. They didn't sleep
 4. What did the bridegroom say to the foolish virgins?
 - a. You should have been better people
 - b. Where were you?
 - c. I don't know you
 - d. You should have read the Bible more
 5. He that received two talents returned how many to his Lord?
 - a. 10
 - b. 6
 - c. 4
 - d. 2
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The Rich Man and Lazarus



Complete the paragraph by filling in the blanks with the correct words from the word bank at the bottom of the story.

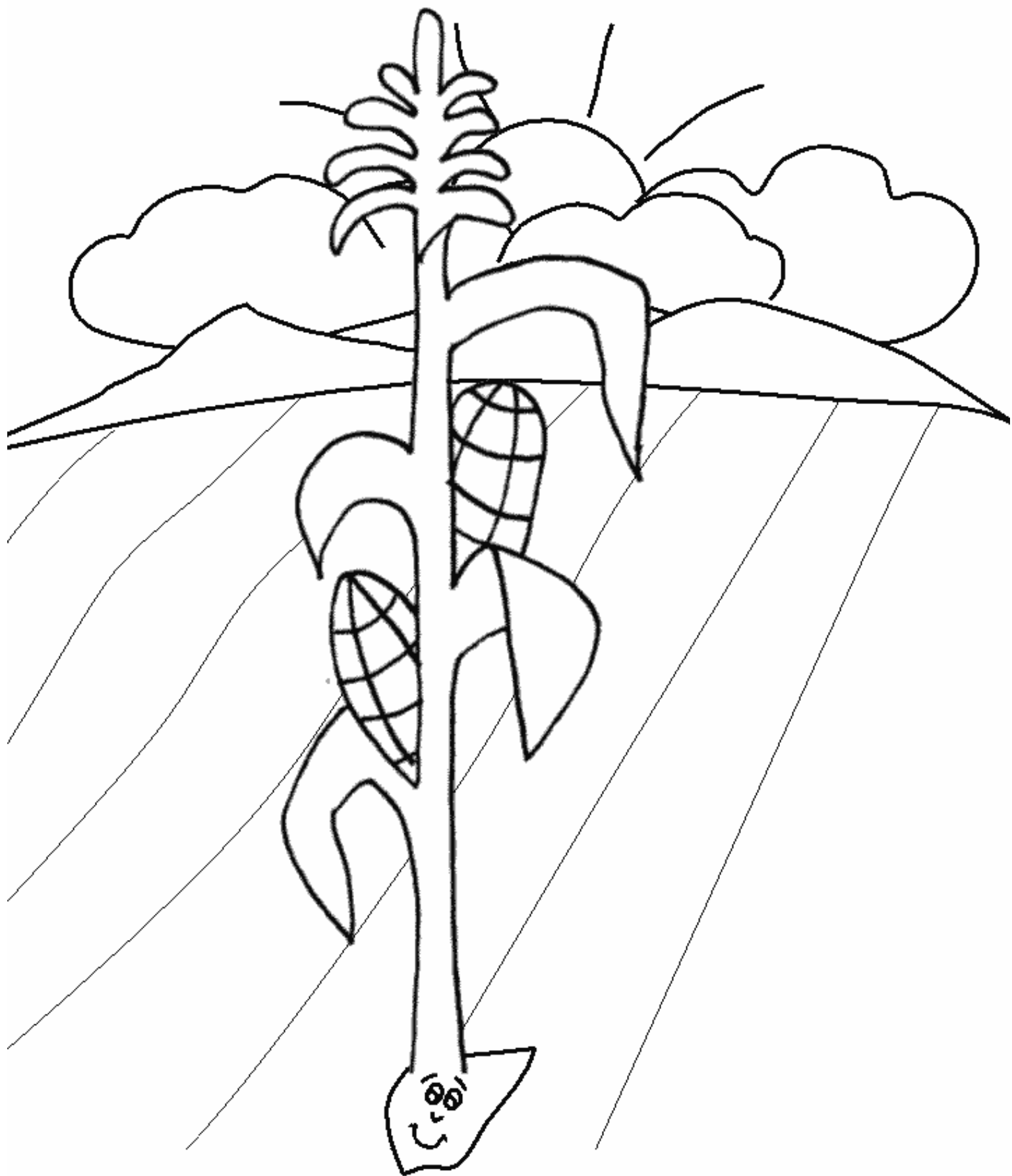
"There was a _____ man who was dressed in _____ and fine _____ and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a _____ named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to _____ what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

"The time came when the beggar _____ and the _____ carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In _____, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in _____ and cool my _____, because I am in agony in this fire.'

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your _____ things, while Lazarus received _____ things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony.'

Luke 16:19-25 (NIV)

angels	died	hell	rich
bad	eat	linen	tongue
beggar	good	purple	water



But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

Matthew 13:23