



The Messenger

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Wiser Than You Even Knew

Probably the most grueling competition I've ever participated in was high school wrestling. Sometimes, through the course of a match it was hard enough to breathe, much less try to come up with moves and strategies.

Lately, I've finally found a competition that rivals the intensity and satisfying/punishing nature of wrestling. You're probably not going to guess what it is. So I'll tell you. Chess. Yeah, it may be perceived as the dull game for "brainiacs" and "nerds", but chess is actually pretty fun. It's very simple to learn, but man! once you start playing, your mental endurance is pushed, sometimes to the breaking point.

I've been playing video "Chessmaster" where you get to battle computer generated opponents. I usually start out the game just fine, but once I approach what they call "the middle game" my thoughts get fuzzy and go numb. My brain starts crying. There's so much to think about! The challenge and stress of chess is that you need to think ahead, anticipating your and opponents moves often three moves into the future, and all the different scenarios that may occur. Often I've hatched a nice plan, feeling quite the clever conspirator as I tap my fingertips together, only to find my pawn move had left my king exposed to his queen. One move, it was checkmate.

Chess in a way has been more than just a recreational pastime. It's given me yet another way to appreciate the greatness of God. We often praise the Lord for his faithfulness to his promises, and fittingly so. But don't forget about the Lord's *wisdom*. Think of how incredibly wise God needs to be to make his promises to us come true, especially Romans 8:28. **"In all things God works for the good of those who love him."** Every day, almost like a grueling wrestling match or chess game (except this is no game, but life itself) Satan is countering God's good moves with evil plans of his own. Still, Romans 8 is coming true.

Every single move of the enemy, our triune God anticipates. With all the devil's furious, destructive, tempting activity against you, not a single of his attacks ever ends up working against you. What an incredible, mind-blowing truth! And, of course, our best reminder of this precious truth has a distinctly Lenten feel.

We remember what happened on the mount called Golgotha. The middle cross seemed to display evil's ultimate triumph. But this scheme of our enemy only succeeded in crushing his own head and releasing millions of prisoners, including you and me who rejoice in a Savior who only stayed in the grave three days to open up life for us forever.

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)

No scheme of evil will defeat God's boundless wisdom. His loving wisdom is governing your life. He sees everything, every sequence of events, every scenario all at once, and he's working it for your good. Even when you don't see his perfect wisdom, it's there. We have a loving Master who is also a Mastermind. Praise his holy name!

Pastor Gregory Pope



Message From The President

BUILDING EXPANSION FUNDING

As we near the proposed start date of our building project it is important that we keep the Capital Campaign commitments coming in. In fact we actually need to accelerate that a bit. The banks are looking for a 50% down payment on the project. We are about \$100,000.00 short of that.

January Capital Campaign contributions fell \$3,600.00 short of what had been pledged. This has taken us from being ahead of pledges to being behind by \$1,100.00. The lending institutions have been interested in funding our project because we are a growing congregation, we consistently meet our general fund needs each month, and our giving to this project has been ahead of pledges. A reversal of this could jeopardize our ability to secure the building loan.

We all are experiencing the down turn of the economy. Some may not be able to keep supporting the project as they pledged. Others may be able to step forward extra to fill in the gap. Please prayerfully consider your giving to this project. Those who have not come forth yet with funds but are considering doing so, now is the time.

Let us all pray that the Lord blesses Trinity for this project.

John Smith, Congregational President

News from the WELS

The financial challenge before us

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

"I will be with you, to the very end of the age." With those words, Jesus gave his sure and unchanging promise that he would be with his people as they carry out the mission he had just given them. Those words, as familiar as they are, need to fill our thoughts and hearts as our nation and the world struggle with growing economic problems, and as we address some of the most difficult financial challenges our synod has faced in many years.

This newsletter was begun 18 months ago as a way to provide information to you that is both current and accurate. As we've tried to share with you both the good news and the bad, the information has changed rapidly and repeatedly. In recent weeks, the latest information of one week became outdated by the next. Plans based on yesterday's information have had to be adjusted to fit today's new realities.

The new reality is, by any measure, very difficult. We are faced with the simple and painful fact that the level of funding available to support our synod's mission and ministry will be significantly less in the next two years than it is today. While support from congregations has been commendable and steady in these difficult times, expected support from other sources has dropped significantly. The blunt reality is that we will need to reduce our synod's budget by approximately \$8 million, from about \$38 million today to approximately \$30 million in the next fiscal year. When the Synodical Council presents a balanced budget to the convention in July, which it is required by the constitution to do, significant reductions will need to be made in all areas of our synod's work.

All areas of ministry have been asked to determine and describe how reductions will be made and the impact they will have. We will begin by sharply reducing the administrative costs across the

synod, including significant staffing reductions. We are working to identify one-time expenditures that can be delayed, reduced, or eliminated. From there, areas of ministry will also need to plan for significant reductions in the size and scope of their ministries. There is no sugar-coating this situation. The reductions will be deep and they will be painful; all areas will be affected. The current situation will require us to evaluate everything we do, determine our programs in keeping with expected funding and the synod's stated priorities, and focus on the essential programs that can be retained. We will need to do less than we are doing now; whatever we continue to do, we will need to do it better and more efficiently.

Our desire to proclaim the gospel to more and more people has led us to adopt ambitious plans across the synod. That is a noble goal, but we have often looked to support those plans on anticipated gifts from foundations, individuals, and other sources. We are now in a situation where some of those large gifts have been suddenly reduced. As commendable as our plans may have been, we simply do not have the financial means to continue at the same level as before.

Determining where those reductions in mission and ministry are to be made will be extremely difficult, since every current program is valuable and important. On the positive side of this, the cuts—while very difficult and painful—will require us to plan our mission and ministry at a level that is sustainable with the ongoing funding available to us. Faithful stewardship of God's resources demands that we plan in this way.

For that reason, the Synodical Council will not simply be wrestling with the short-term reduction in the budget. It will also be looking to the need for providing long-term stability to our finances. The Synodical Council will be considering at least one proposal to achieve this goal. This proposal for long-term stability will not enable us to avoid difficult cuts now, but it will seek to provide a new approach to budgeting and planning that will greatly reduce the likelihood of a similar situation occurring in the future. One main element of the proposal is a commitment to planning our ongoing ministry based primarily on our most stable source of funding (Congregation Mission Offerings) and using large donations from other sources for one-time or limited-time programs. All ideas to provide long-term financial stability will be explored.

Because the funding situation changed so suddenly, the Synodical Council will not be able to adopt a complete budget recommendation at its February meeting. Adoption of a final budget and the reductions it will require will need to wait until April, in order to give areas of ministry the time to adjust their plans and programs. For that reason, the Conference of Presidents has agreed that the *Book of Reports and Memorials*, which contains the budget recommendation and all other business that will be considered at the synod convention in July, will be published somewhat later than normal. The plan is to have the information in the *Book of Reports and Memorials* available electronically in time for district conferences in June. The published book will be in the hands of convention delegates a few weeks later.

In all of these challenges, we remain confident that God is using these circumstances somehow to bless his believers and to benefit his church. We continue to place our trust in him, and we pray that God would use these difficult times to unite us more closely with him and with each other.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder

WELS members, churches safe after severe weather

WELS members in Oklahoma City, Okla., are safe following a series of tornadoes that tore through the region Feb. 10. Rev. Craig Born, pastor at Gethsemane, Oklahoma City, says no members sustained damage to their homes, and that the worship facilities of Gethsemane—and neighboring WELS congregation Holy Cross—were not damaged.

Born says the tornado touched down about two miles northeast of Gethsemane and produced winds of about 120 miles per hour. As far as tornadoes go, he says, this one was weak—but very unusual because it was so early in the year. Oklahoma's tornado season doesn't begin for about two months.

"These things happen and God uses them to bring people closer to him," says Born. "And he certainly works to keep people safe."

WELS congregations in other parts of the country are also recovering from storms that produced record amounts of ice at the end of January. Two of the hardest-hit states were Kentucky and Arkansas.

Rev. Paul Horn, pastor at Faith, Radcliff, Ky., says no members were injured, and their homes—and the storefront Faith worships in—sustained no damage. The community, however, is a mess due to fallen trees and power lines; Horn says thousands in the region are still without power.

"The biggest thing affecting people is loss of wages from not working for a week," he says. "And then the people that lost power lost their groceries. So they had to spend extra money on that, and then on the generators, and now on chainsaws."

To help out, members of Faith have been going around town with chainsaws to help with cleanup—a process that Horn says will take weeks. "We've just been calling people and trying to help out where we can," he says.

Cleanup efforts are also underway in Arkansas. Although power has been restored to most homes there, Rev. David Kapler, pastor at Trinity, Mountain Home, says it's going to take a while to get things back to normal. Shortly after the storm, he contacted WELS Relief for help. WELS Relief sent \$2,500 and a trailer of relief supplies to help members of Trinity and the Mountain Home community.

Trinity is using relief dollars to purchase and distribute generators to those still without power. They are also helping lower-income families in the neighborhood purchase essentials like food and gasoline for their generators.

And congregation members are helping clean up where they can. "We are just eager to help people," says Kapler. "God wants us to be concerned about the physical needs, but especially the spiritual needs of other people. And God has given us this opportunity to show them the love of Christ by helping them out in both ways."

Expanding outreach in Pakistan

In an effort to reach more souls in Pakistan, WELS Multi-Language Publications has printed its first materials in Pashtu, a language spoken by an estimated 13 percent of the country's 160 million people. According to Rev. Harold Essmann, coordinator for literature programs in Pakistan, the new translation will be a good addition to the 50,000 pieces of Christian literature that have already been distributed in this Muslim country where WELS cannot have a resident missionary.

"We are in a seed-sowing ministry in Pakistan, and this is just another way to sow the seed of the gospel in areas where the Pashtu language is being spoken," says Essmann.

The piece is called *The Promise*—a booklet sharing basic biblical truths, which is currently printed in 38 languages worldwide. Essmann says WELS decided to translate the material after receiving a firm request from the Pashtun people. "Another thing that influenced the decision, to a degree, is that Pashtu is also understood by many people in Afghanistan," he says.

Some of the copies have already been sent to Peshawar, which is a tribal area of Pakistan near the Afghanistan border. Essmann says other versions of *The Promise*, such as the translation into Urdu (Pakistan's official language) have already gotten into Afghanistan.

Although it remains to be seen what impact this new printing will have on WELS' ministry in Pakistan, Essmann says, "We know that the printed word is powerful, and the Holy Spirit can move the hearts of people through it."

New BME administrator called

WELS Board for Ministerial Education (BME) called Rev. Paul Prange Feb. 8 to be the new BME administrator after Rev. Thomas Westra declined the call Feb. 6. This is the second time the board has called Prange to be its administrator. He was originally called Oct. 10, 2008, and declined Nov. 11.

Prange has served as tutor, professor, and president at Michigan Lutheran Seminary—one of the synod's two preparatory schools—and superintendent at East Fork Lutheran High School, Whiteriver, Ariz. He also served as pastor at Risen Savior, Austin, Tex., and St. Martin, Roscommon, Mich.

Rev. Donald Sutton, BME chairman, says he looks forward to getting a leader on board soon, especially since all of the executive committee members will be finishing their terms this year. "There are going to be some big-time transitions," says Sutton. "We hope to have a leader as we go through the present challenges and make plans for the future."

The Bible-Book of Esther

This month's part of the Bible focus' is on the Book of Esther.

Esther

The three books of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther close the section of the Old Testament that we have called the History Books. These three books cover the last 100 years of Old Testament Jewish history. They tell of events between the years 539-433 B.C. You will remember that 2 Chronicles ended with the destruction of Jerusalem in 587 B.C and the Exile in Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar. The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah tell about the three-stage return of the Jews from Babylon: 1) in 538 B.C. the main group of Jews returned with Zerubbabel; 2) in 458 B.C. a second group returned with Ezra; 3) and in 445 B.C. a third group returned with Nehemiah. The story of Esther takes place in the land of Persia between the return under Zerubbabel and the return under Ezra. A little history will help us understand better the times and events recorded in these three books. The Jews were exiled in three stages by the Babylonian King Nebuchadnezzar: 605 B.C., 597 B.C. and 587 B.C. when the final destruction of Jerusalem took place. The Jews were settled in colonies in Babylonia and were not mistreated as long as they were quiet subjects to the King of Babylon. Many of them prospered in Babylonia and chose to live there permanently, even after they were granted permission to return to their homeland. The great Babylonian Empire came to an end in 539 B.C. when Cyrus, King of Persia, defeated the Babylonians. As we learn in the opening verses of Ezra, Cyrus gave the Jews permission to return to Judah. The return from exile did not mean that the Jews were completely politically free. They remained a part of the Persian Empire, but were generally treated well. The events of Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther all take place during the Persian Empire, which ruled from 539 B.C. until it was defeated by the Greeks in 331 B.C.

THE BOOK'S NAME

The Book of Esther gets its name from the central character of the book. Esther was a young Jewish girl living in Persia who became the queen of King Xerxes (485-465 B.C.) Esther used her God-given position to save her fellow Jews from a plot to exterminate them. "Esther" is the Persian word for "star." Her Hebrew name is Hadassah, which means "myrtle."

WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

We do not know who wrote the book. Some say the author may have been Mordecai, one of the heroes of the book. The author probably lived in Persia, since he shows great knowledge of Persian life and customs.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE BOOK?

We could say that the book has a three-fold purpose:

Serves to show God's providence in all things. He watches over his people even when they are in a distant land like Persia, far from the land of the promise.

Shows that believers are to make use of the opportunities to serve which God provides. That is clear from [\[Esther 4:14\]](#), "Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?"

Serves to explain the origin of the Jewish Feast of Purim.

SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THE BOOK

Strangely, the name "God" does not appear anywhere in the whole book. That does not mean, however, that it is not an inspired book. God's providence is one of the great themes of the book even though his name is not directly mentioned. Some have suggested that God's name is not present so that the book could be freely circulated among the Jews in Persia. It is thought that a book about the Jewish God might be banned in Persia. Another guess is that if the name of God appeared in the book, the Persians might substitute the names of their heathen gods and in that way corrupt the book. We do not know the real reason for the omission of the name "God."

A GENERAL OUTLINE FOR ESTHER

1. Esther is Made Queen (1-2)
2. Haman Plots to Destroy the Jews (3-5)
3. The Jews are Delivered (6-10)

A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE CONTENTS

King Xerxes (also called Ahasuerus) of Persia gives a great banquet in Susa. His queen, Vashti, refused to appear at the king's request. Xerxes becomes so angry that he deposes Queen Vashti. Then it is decided that there will be a kingdom-wide beauty contest in order to choose a new queen. A young Jewish girl named Esther (Hadassah, in Hebrew) becomes the new queen, but she does not reveal that she is a Jew. About this same time a cousin of Esther named Mordecai saves the king's life by revealing a plot to assassinate him (1-2). Mordecai refuses to kneel down before Haman, one of the nobles who had obtained a high government position. Haman becomes so angry with Mordecai that he decides to have all of the Jews destroyed. Mordecai then persuades Esther to use her position as queen to help save the Jews from destruction (see 4:14). Esther thinks of a plan to prevent the Jew's destruction (3-5). King Xerxes learns that Mordecai never received a reward for once saving his life. He then sends Haman to greatly honor Mordecai, the man that Haman hates with a passion. Esther then pleads before the king for the lives of the Jews. Wicked Haman is hanged on the gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. The king sends out a decree permitting the Jews to defend themselves against anyone who would attack them. The Jews are spared, and the Feast of Purim is celebrated to mark their deliverance. Mordecai is made second in rank to King Xerxes (6-10).



We continue to have lively discussions and a core group of participants for our Sunday morning Bible Study on the book of Proverbs, but we are looking for more members to join us. Please, explore with us all the different gems of wisdom from the Holy Spirit in this book. (Come on, you can do it. 8:15 in the morning is not that early!)

Announcements

MANITOWOC LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL DIRECT CHECKS

Support Checks Written Directly to MLHS

If you would like your check to be counted toward the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church annual commitment, please make it payable to MLHS and place it in the church collection plate to be tracked against our monthly commitment totals. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

Capital Campaign Checks for MLHS

Capital campaign checks for MLHS can be sent directly to MLHS or placed in the church collection plate. The checks will be delivered to the MLHS office.

Lenten Meal Schedule

The Lenten season is fast approaching. With your help we would like to continue providing a Lenten meal on Wednesdays at 6pm prior to the church service.

Trinity Ladies Circle	March 11
Youth Group	March 18
Altar Guild	March 25
Worship Committee	April 1

This is the information we have for serving: Trinity Ladies Circle will be serving Hamburgers in gravy, Youth Group will be serving Chicken Noodle Soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, Altar Group will be serving hot dogs and the Worship Committee is serving Sloppy Joes.

Lenten Rotation

With the Lenten season here there will be a rotation again with several pastors from the area. The theme this year for Lent is, "Father, Forgive Them!" Please come and hear about your Savior during the Lenten season. This is the rotation for Trinity:

March 11: Pastor Haag

March 18: Pastor Schossow from Immanuel

March 25: Pastor Rosenow from First German

April 1: Pastor Headrick from St. John's

Sunday School

We had a GREAT time at Winter Fest on Sunday February 22nd. We started with the Sunday School children beautifying our church service with their voices. The Sunday School teachers and some helpers served chicken from Twin Fountains to 84 people! (Thanks to Jessica Jungbluth for organizing & ordering the food!)

There were lots of delicious desserts! Yum! We had 13 people playing sheepshead. David Jungbluth and Doris Wehausen were the winners, taking home gift certificates to Cenex. Tammie Nagel and Jessica Jungbluth were the winners of Apples to Apples. Joe Nagel, Brian Glaeser, Jen Knutson, Donna Nagel and Nancy Matznick were the winners of the guessing games. Anna Knutson and Sam Ott played games with the children in the family center. There was also lots of snow for the kids to go sledding!!!(Your prayer worked Pastor...but you can stop praying for snow now ;)). We would like to thank everyone that attended and helped in any way!

Fellowship Committee

Brewers Game

Mark your calendar! The fellowship committee is planning a bus trip to a Brewer game on Sunday, June 28. More details will be available shortly.

Trinity Ladies Circle

The Trinity Ladies' Circle met on Tuesday, February 24, with 15 ladies present. We continued our discussion on abuse, led by Pastor Pope. There were a lot of interesting thoughts and questions shared, which were addressed by Pastor Pope. He then directed us to various Bible passages, sharing God's Word on the subject.

"The Choice," by Nicholas Sparks, is the book we picked to read for our newly formed Book Club. Members of the group who would like to participate should have the book read by the time we meet on April 28, at which time a discussion of the book will serve as our social activity.

We discussed the Lenten Supper we will be serving on March 11, as well as our plan to clean the kitchen and basement on March 14, starting at 9:00 a.m. The more people we have to help with these activities, the less work for everyone involved!

After our meeting, we enjoyed fellowship and put our "It's For the Birds" basket together for the silent auction at MLHS Sunday Showcase.

Our next meeting will be held on March 24, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. Our topic for discussion with Pastor Pope will be "Parenting," followed by our regular business meeting and new banner ideas. All ladies of the congregation are cordially invited to attend!

Confirmation

Confirmation Day is fast approaching. The date this year is May 3rd. Examination will be April 26th.

Repeat Performance Request

We at Repeat Performance thank all those who have donated their clean usable items in the past. Without you, there would be no shop! At present we are running low on and could really use the following items:

- Jewelry
- Small working appliances
- Household goods
- Bedding
- Pictures
- Tools
- Gardening Items
- Clean Furniture in good condition
- Toys, games, and puzzles

Everyday Christian Concert

Christian singer, pianist, guitarist, and recording artist Wendy Sue Fluegge from Milwaukee, WI will be performing a free and family-friendly concert for all ages to be held on Sat. April 4th at 6:30 at First German Lutheran Church. The program will feature music from her CD's, audience fun and a kids group from various area schools will be joining her on stage.

MLHS News

MLHS Call News: On 2/28, the Federation delegates called Joel Fenske from St. Marks in Green Bay to fill the James Hahm vacancy as MLHS' Technical Education teacher. Our gracious Lord has lead Kristina Wessel to accept the permanent call issued her on 2/14, and will continue to serve in our Science department. The Admissions Director call continues to be held by Mr. Kevin Buch. Please keep all these servants and their families in your prayers.

Week of 3/2 – 8

Tue 3/3 Boys' Basketball Regionals; #3 MLHS vs. #6 St. Mary Springs (at MLHS)
Thur 3/5 Boys' Basketball Regionals continue
Sun 3/8 MLHS Sunday Showcase Entertainment & Auction Event; 11am – 4pm

Week of 3/9 – 15

Sat 3/14 MLHS Youth Wrestling Invite
Sun 3/15 MLHS Sunday @ Zion, Morrison; 9am

Week of 3/9 – 15

Sat 3/21 Trinity Tiger Wrestling Invite @ MLHS

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Church Attendance for February



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

February 2006

Week 1: 53/108=161

Week 2: 32/70=102

Week 3: 23/87=110

Week 4: 42/113=155

Monthly: 528

February 2007

Week 1: 19/61=80

Week 2: 52/125=177

Week 3: 40/120=160

Wed.: 82

Week 4: 53(No Sunday Service)

Wed.: 81

Monthly: 633

February 2008

Week 1: 35/122=157

Wed.: No Service

Week 2: 58/27=85

Wed.: 69

Week 3: 28 (No Sunday Service)

Week 4: 60/117=177

Wed.: 50

Monthly: 615

February 2009

Week 1: 51/94=145

Week 2: 33/104=137

Week 3: 35/107=142

Week 4: 115(No Saturday Service)

Ash Wednesday: 98

Monthly: 637

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

John 4:24



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

3/1 Orabelle Fisher	3/13 Brayden Hochkammer
3/1 James A. Ott	3/13 Karen Knutson
3/1 Louette Propson-Enders	3/14 Gloria Kiesow
3/1 Karen Teesch	3/16 Ed Vetter
3/1 Tara Teesch	3/20 Peter Liermann
3/1 William Teesch	3/21 Darlene Kiesow
3/4 Mathhew Fischer	3/22 Michael Kiesow
3/4 Kaitlyn Fischer	3/23 Pastor Greg Pope
3/7 Julie Glaeser	3/23 Mikaela Mellstrom
3/7 Caden Jungbluth	3/24 Krista Tuschel
3/7 Haley Ratsch	3/25 Jordan Sieracki
3/8 Brad Liermann	3/25 Jacque Smith
3/8 Miranda Smith	3/27 Alaina Luckow
3/9 Ronald Kasten	3/28 Kristina Smith
3/9 Rebecca Schnell	3/29 Kara Sieracki
3/11 Bernice Vetting-84 yrs. young	3/29 Leonard Arnold
	3/31 Polly Bonfigt



Happy Anniversary To...

3/2 Dan & Anna Knutson – 13 Years!
3/25 Chris & Betty Mangin – 9 Years!
3/25 Connie & Jim Mangin – 37 Years!
3/30 Mona & Karl Hansen – 15 Years!

If you have a March 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!

Date: _____ Ushers on Schedule: _____

Feb. 28th Harold Bratz, Steve Pleuss

March 1st Keith Petersen, Elwood Free, Larry Hochkammer, Jim Krim

Lenten Worship

March 4th Dave Williamson, Mark Kiesow

March 7th James Ott (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Peter Liermann

March 8th David Schultz (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Uriah Matznick, Eli Kenneke, A.J. Kenneke

Lenten Worship

March 11th Gary Vetter, August Teesch

March 14th Harold Bratz, Marty Kiesow

March 15th Keith Petersen, Jeff Knutson, Len Arnold, Brett Glaeser

Lenten Worship

March 18th James Glaeser, Derrick Krey

March 21st Dave Williamson (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Steve Pleuss

March 22nd John Smith (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten

Lenten Worship

March 25th James Ott, Mike Kiesow

March 28th David Schultz, Mark Kiesow

March 29th James Glaeser, Joseph Nagel, Jeff Tuschel, Elwood Free

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 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 –March-Group 3

Cindy Williamson, Eunice Barnes, Janice Wehausen, Diane Smith

Our Greeters For March



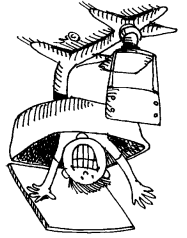
March 1st Len & Sharon Arnold

March 8th Fred & Janice Wehausen

March 15th Denise & Lance Preston

March 22nd Paul & Tammie Nagel family

Kids Corner



Bible Quiz – “Elijah”

1. Where was Elijah the Tishbite from?
 - a. Gad
 - b. Gilead
 - c. Gilboa
 - d. Geshur

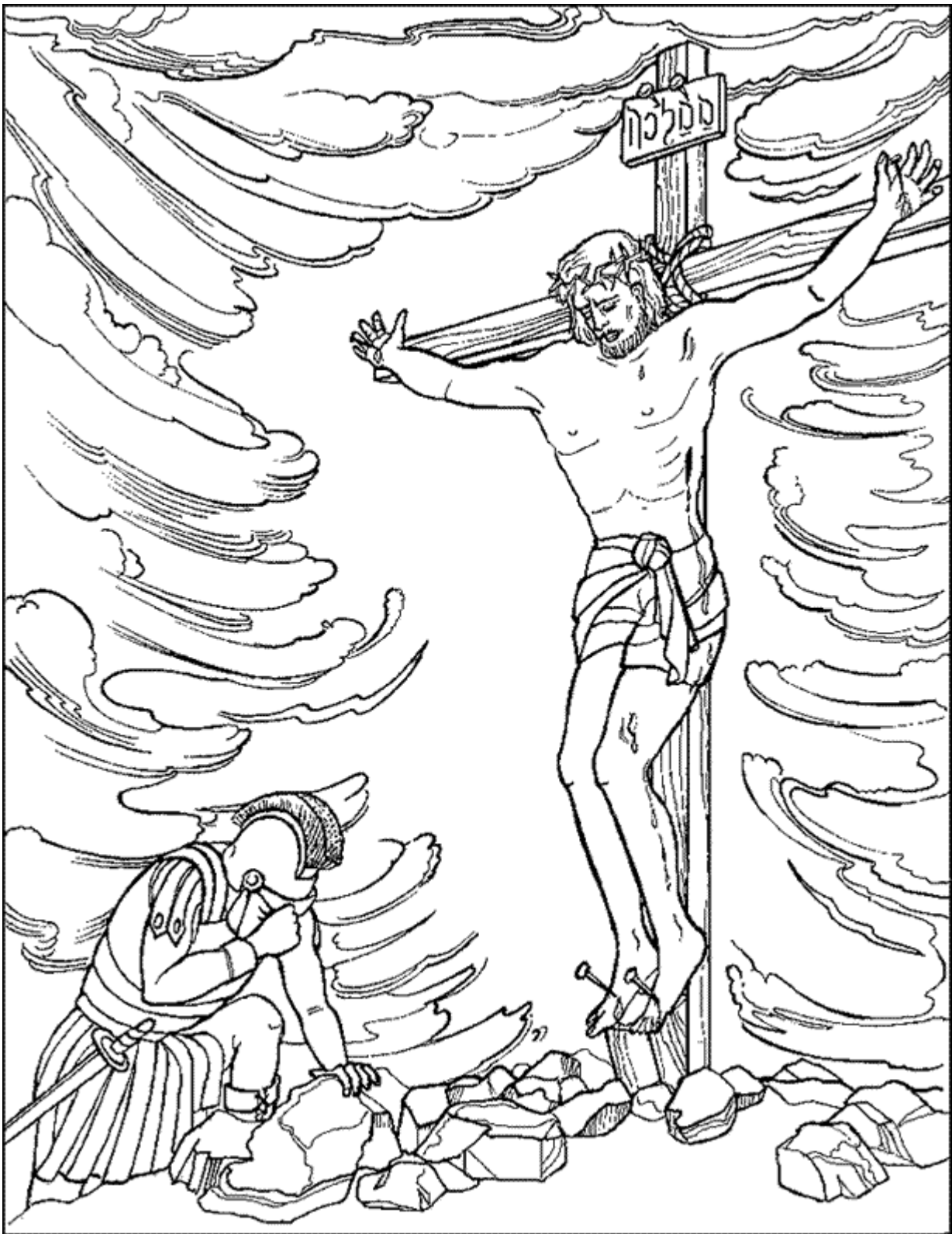
2. What did Elijah do to the Worshippers of Baal?
 - a. Blessed them
 - b. Worshipped with them
 - c. Cursed them
 - d. Mocked them

3. What was Elijah taken up to heaven by?
 - a. A cloud
 - b. A chariot
 - c. A whirlwind
 - d. An eagle

4. What was Elijah?
 - a. A prophet
 - b. A scribe
 - c. A priest
 - d. A king

5. Who else appeared to Jesus, Peter, James and John with Elijah?
 - a. Paul
 - b. Samuel
 - c. David
 - d. Moses

Answers: 1.) **b** [1 Kings 17:1] 2.) **d** [1 Kings 18:27] 3.) **c** [2 Kings 2:11] 4.) **a** [Malachi 4:5]
5.) **d**[Matthew 17:3]

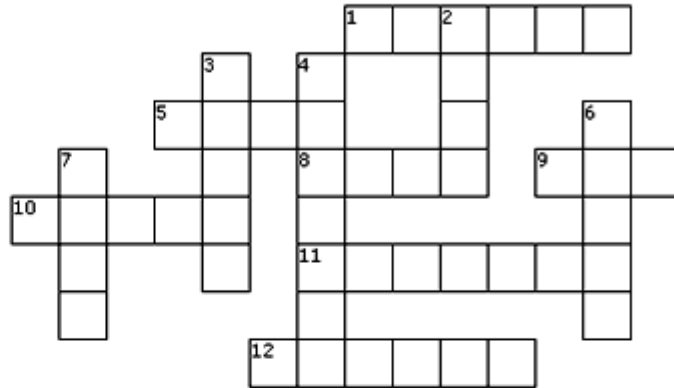


For God So Loved the World
John 3:16

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The greatest gift of all!

John 3:14-17 (NIV)



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1. Hot, dry area of land with few trees or plants (vs.14)
5. To care very deeply for someone (vs.16)
8. The period of time from birth to death (vs.16)
9. A male child (vs.16)
10. A serpent or reptile (vs.14)
11. Lasting forever, without end (vs.15)
12. To die or be destroyed (vs.16)

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2. To rescue from danger or harm (vs.17)
3. Received the ten commandments from God (vs.14)
4. To accept something as true, genuine, or real (vs.15)
6. The earth with its inhabitants and all things upon it (vs.16)
7. Alone in its kind, nothing like it (vs.16)

Moses	believe	world	perish
snake	eternal	only	life
desert	love	Son	save

Bible Memory Verse

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 (NIV)

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