



The Messenger

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Dreams Need Not Be a Nightmare

A few nights ago, I dreamt that I was playing college football, but my helmet and my cleats were no where to be seen, and I wasn't able to get into the game.

I find the whole subject of sleep and dreaming to be fascinating. How can my mind come up with such strange storylines? Why often can't I remember my dreams?

An especially intriguing aspect of dreams is what we learned in high school science class as, "sublime dreams". I think the term used today is "lucid dreaming". What is a lucid dream? Well, it's the kind of dream where you realize that you're dreaming in the middle of it, and then you start to consciously control the outcome of the dream. There is some scientific basis to this; it is seen as a true phenomenon. I'm pretty sure I had this kind of dream one time. Only once. It was about twelve years ago. It was a dream where I was at my boyhood home in Racine, but then I noticed the house was sitting on the wrong street, and it had extra rooms that it didn't have in real life. I realized this couldn't be reality. I must be dreaming! So I started to control the dream and had a little adventure, since I knew I'd wake up and it would all be over.

Do you believe I really had this kind of dream? Or that there is such a thing? To be honest, I'm not even sure anymore if there is such a thing. Perhaps in this case, science has been misled. For maybe lucid dreams are not a case of your conscious mind realizing you're in a dream, and then controlling it. Maybe in a lucid dream, you are *dreaming* about realizing that you're in the middle of a dream. Do you get what I'm saying? For example, maybe in my dream years back I only dreamt that I discovered I was dreaming in the middle of it, and I didn't actually take it over after all. My conscious realization was part of the plot of the dream.

It's kind of disappointing to me that I don't have as vivid dreams at night as I used to when I was a kid. I don't remember my dreams nearly as much as I used to. But every now and then, I'll have some pretty interesting, unique dreams.

Yeah, a person can go overboard trying to understand their dreams at night, trying to delve into the meaning of them and all that, but I urge you – don't go overboard! The devil is always trying to distract us into idle pursuits, trying to distract us from our hope in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, our Savior from sin.

It's true that in the Old Testament, God used dreams sometimes to give prophecies and to send important messages. For instance, God gave Joseph the interpretation of Pharaoh's dream. But nowadays, the Lord doesn't choose to work that way. He doesn't speak to us in dreams. He speaks to us by his saving Word.

So rather than getting caught up in the meaning of our dreams at night, why don't we just say, "Lord, thank you for giving us this interesting part of earthly life." Dreams are just another neat way that God humbles us. We have to admit that his awesome ways go beyond our present understanding. Won't it be a question to ask God, finally, when we get to heaven. "Father, what is the nighttime dreamland all about?"

Pastor Gregory Pope



Message From The President

2009 ANNUAL MEETING SYNOPSIS

The 2009 Annual Voter's Meeting of Trinity was held July 28th in the church. The following items were discussed and acted on:

- Kristen Fischer was granted a transfer to Trinity, Waukesha
- Elaine Sieker was received into membership by transfer from St. John's, Newtonburg
- Trinity finished the fiscal year with giving \$3,500.00 less than what is needed to operate our congregation. This is just what goes in the general slot in the envelopes against what it cost to just operate the church. Heating costs were the main reason for the overrun. It cost \$4,300.00 more to heat the buildings than was budgeted for and estimated by Motor Propane for our contract. The Trinity Family Center uses more than that a year for the little use the congregation gets from that building.
- The Trinity Family Care Fund stands at \$704.00. There has been one payment of \$500.00 for support to a Trinity family.
- The Unified Budget for fiscal year 2009/10 was presented. The proposed operating budget was \$198,351.00. Adding the interest and principal payments for our building project the budget totals at \$246,221.00 2008/09 actual operating expenses were \$182,783.00 and there were no mortgage payments that needed to be made. The budget was passed.
- The 2009 Annual Report was presented. Extra effort was made to make the report as accurate as possible, but I know of at least 3 mistakes.
- The Congregational President concluded the meeting with some informational comments.

The comments consisted of a reflection on the last four years budgets and giving. Trinity had been experiencing an increase in general giving and other designated giving over three of the past four years. The fiscal year 2008/09 saw a decrease in giving. The economy can be blamed for that. The last fiscal year saw the first deficit in at least four years. Trinity members did not give as much as it costs to operate the congregation. This is not a scolding or lecture. These are the facts. I believe it is the President's job along with the church council to inform the congregation of these sobering facts. It is not the pastor's job to preach money from the pulpit, unless the text calls for it. I also believe many congregations have financial issues because the church council does not inform the members of shortfalls until it becomes a huge problem. We are no longer a congregation with substantial bank accounts; we are now a congregation with a large mortgage. It will take the efforts of all of us along with blessings from the Lord to keep our congregation in good financial condition.

John Smith, Trinity Congregational President

News from the WELS

Counting our blessings at convention time

From the office of President Mark Schroeder

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is preparing for its church wide assembly (similar to our synod convention) in August. Compare the business to be considered by the ELCA assembly with the matters that WELS will address. You will see immediately the stark differences in doctrine and priorities between these two church bodies that share the name Lutheran—but little else.

The assembly will be asked to consider a recommendation that the ELCA should advocate for a change in U.S. immigration policies and should call for a suspension of immigration raids until the reforms are in place. The assembly will adopt resolutions dealing with the Israel-Palestine issue and calling for implementation of an effort called, "Peace Not Walls: Stand for Justice in the Holy Land." A "Report and Recommendation on Ministry Policies" will ask the assembly to consider a process to change ministry policies to make it possible for Lutherans who are in "publicly accountable, lifelong, monogamous, same-gendered relationships" to serve as ELCA associates in ministry, deaconesses, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers. It will discuss the renewal of the ELCA's commitment to confront racism and to review factors that limit people of color from "the fullness of leadership in this church." Other topics on the agenda include environmental issues and disaster relief.

As I look at the list, I see topics dealing with social issues, political conflicts, and cultural developments. But I see little on the agenda that reflects the work of a church that calls itself Lutheran.

Contrast those agenda topics with what your representatives will be doing in Saginaw, Mich., next week. Certainly we will address practical matters such as finance and budgets. But all of those discussions will revolve around how we can best use God's resources to carry out our mission of preserving and proclaiming God's truth. We will hear reports of the gospel ministry that has been carried out during the past two years and approve the plans that have been made, under God, to continue that work. We will be talking about the need for well-trained pastors and teachers and the importance of recruitment. We will be talking about ways to improve the spiritual life and health of our congregations and the importance of Christian education for all ages. We will be striving to maintain an aggressive program of missions and outreach in the face of financial challenges. We will do all of this, focusing not on temporal but on spiritual and eternal issues.

Our synod is not perfect. But it is a synod that God has blessed richly. By his grace it remains a synod that is committed to the truth of God's Word in all we believe and do. I encourage all members of our synod to remember our upcoming convention in their prayers. Thank God for those blessings. Ask him to guide us and to keep us focused on the work he has given us to do. And pray for a renewed sense of joy and commitment as we carry out our mission.

Serving in Christ,
Mark Schroeder

Synod convention begins on July 27

Final plans are in place for WELS' 60th Biennial Convention, which will be held at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) in Saginaw, Mich., from July 27-31, under the theme "Christ's Love, Our Calling."

Rev. John H. Boggs, dean of students at MLS and the school's convention coordinator, says: "We are excited to welcome the almost 400 delegates from around the world who will be spending a week in the place we call 'home.' Despite the challenges before our school

and synod, it is indeed a blessing to be able to come together in worship, work, and fellowship with one another."

Delegates have many important decisions that they will wrestle with during the five-day convention, including adopting a balanced synod budget for 2009-11. About \$8 million needs to be cut from the current budget due in large part to decreased giving from foundations, individuals, and congregations in the midst of the current financial climate. Delegates will also weigh in on the recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Commission, established by the 2007 synod convention to address current challenges and to offer suggestions for improving the way that WELS carries out its mission.

WELS members can watch the convention live online at www.wels.net/convention. Each night a special convention issue of "Together" will be sent to all subscribers, which will summarize the convention's actions that day. This special issue of "Together" will include a video wrap-up of the day's events, along with articles and photos. A complete summary of the week, along with explanations of how the delegates' decisions will affect WELS' ministry, will be presented in "Together" the week following convention, in time to be included in worship folders for Aug. 9.

"Our goal is to provide comprehensive, accurate information in a timely manner," says Joel Hochmuth, WELS director of communications. "We realize how vitally important the decisions made at convention are to members across the synod."

Delegates headed home- (update from the convention)

The 60th biennial convention ended Friday with a final encouragement to delegates from WEL President Mark Schroeder. "Our work here at this convention may be done, but it is just beginning. Please go back to the people you know and just give them a little taste of what you've experienced here. Just a little taste of what God has done for us in these days together. Do everything you can to help them focus on the same cross, the same love, and on the same mission that he has given us to do."

About 370 voting delegates spent five days in fellowship, committee work, and formulating and voting on resolutions that will shape ministry for the next biennium. "The delegates seemed to be serious in thinking about the decisions that had to be made . . . and yet there was an overriding sense of joy in the mission that we have together in spite of the challenges," says Schroeder.

Some of the decisions made included:

*Passing a balanced budget for 2009-11.

*Changing the first vice president position to part-time.

*Electing Rev. James Huebner as first vice president, Rev. Joel Voss as second vice president, and Rev. Robert Pasbrig as secretary.

*Restructuring the Board for Parish Services and placing it under the Conference of Presidents and encouraging continuing education for WELS called workers.

Delegates passed the \$30 million budget—a budget cut from \$38 million or 20 percent—after more than two hours of debate. The budget approved by the convention differs from two budget options brought to the convention by the Synodical Council (SC). The SC's options—and the convention-approved budget—all reflected \$8 million in needed cuts across all areas of ministry. The SC was giving the convention the option of deciding whether \$1 million of the cuts should come from missions or ministerial education. In the proposal approved by the convention, that \$1 million comes from technology, financial services, communications, Parish Services, mission counselors, and travel.

Schroeder finds blessings even though cuts needed to be made. "We have confidence that God is going to get us through this," he says. "Whatever he has in store he is going to use it to bless his church."

This was Schroeder's first convention as WELS president. "The synod convention doesn't sound very exciting. It sounds just like a lot of reports and votes and motions and paper shuffling, but I would really wish that everyone in the synod could have been a part of this convention," he says.

"It refocused our attention on both the reason for our joy and on the mission that we are privileged to carry out."

That joy and mission is reflected in the new synod theme, "Christ's Love, Our Calling," a theme that was introduced at the convention. Schroeder hopes this theme is used widely throughout congregations.

"Everything we do is focused on Christ's love and his cross and then trying to instill a sense of what our calling is—we have this calling to be God's people; we have this calling to be faithful to his Word; we have the calling to share the message," says Schroeder.

Year of Jubilee ends with convention

The Year of Jubilee offering, authorized by the 2007 synod convention to eliminate or reduce the synod's \$22.4 million dollar debt, concludes at next week's synod convention in Saginaw, Mich.

To date, more than \$3.9 million has been gathered from 722 congregations and more than 2,700 individuals. In all, 56 percent of congregations synod wide have participated.

The Year of Jubilee offering combined with regularly scheduled debt payments have reduced the debt to about \$14.6 million as of the end of June. Under the budget proposal before delegates, the offerings will allow deferral of debt payment and accrual of interest for one year—and allow the debt to be re-amortized over ten years, reducing annual debt payments from \$2.7 million to \$1.6 million.

"May all of us go to God's throne and thank him for using the message of Jubilee—'Now is the day of the Lord's favor'—to compel these congregations and donors to assist with reducing WELS indebtedness," says Rev. Dave Liggett, director of the Ministry of Christian Giving.

While the formal Year of Jubilee offering is coming to an end, donors can continue to designate gifts toward debt elimination. To learn more, go to www.wels.net/jump/mcg.

Mexican church in convention welcomes two new congregations

The Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mexico, one of WELS' sister synods, welcomed two new congregations into membership at its 18th annual convention, held July 16-19 at *Cristo Resucitado* (Resurrected Christ), Mexico City.

The congregations—*El Buen Pastor* (Good Shepherd), Altar, Sonora, and *Cordero de Dios* (Lamb of God), Sásabe, Sonora—both began through Mission to the Children, a WELS-affiliated humanitarian aid group that has been delivering food and basic essentials to villages in Sonora for 20 years and currently is served by a WELS missionary.

"It is great to see the congregations develop," says Missionary Michael Hartman. "This helps to give some permanence to the working going on in Sonora by Mission to the Children. Whenever foreigners come in as missionaries, it is really just a temporary effect that they will have on a community unless they get national leadership involved."

To get that national leadership, the national church body called two home missionaries to the state of Sonora to work with the new congregations as well as other preaching stations. These men—Alejandro Sánchez and Carlos Rosales—will spend the next few years working with the WELS missionary in Sonora.

The 20 delegates passed the church's annual budget and grew in the Word through a variety of presentations.

"It was a very positive convention," says Hartman. "I was particularly pleased to see the Mexican church taking on more and more of the fiscal responsibility for their pastors."

In January, three missionaries and seven national pastors will be serving 670 baptized members in 10 congregations and 20 missions and preaching stations.

Rally teens make a difference

The 2009 WELS International Youth Rally brought together more than 1,000 WELS teens from across the United States and seven foreign countries. The rally, which was held July 8-11 at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa, included time for worship, education, fellowship, recreation, and service projects.

The community service projects completed by the teens included painting playground equipment, weeding flowerbeds in parks, and spending time with nursing home residents. KCCI, a television station in Des Moines, Iowa, featured a news story about the 500 teens who trimmed lilac bushes at the Ewing Park Lilac Arboretum.

Rev. Richard Warnecke, a coordinator of these service projects for rally attendees, says, "It is good to see Christians serving their Lord in love outside of the church and church grounds. Service projects teach Christianity as a lifestyle. Christianity is serving God and each other. It is a way of life. The hope is that when the teens return home that they will look for opportunities in their own communities to express their love for God in service."

Dr. Joel Nelson, administrator of WELS Commission on Youth Discipleship, which coordinates WELS' biennial international youth rally, says, "The youth rally is an opportunity to communicate to WELS youth from all over the world that their faith life can be taken to the next level by the power of the Spirit."

The Bible-Book of Song of Songs

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

GENERAL FACTS ABOUT THE BOOK OF SONG OF SONGS A LOVE POEM

The Song of Songs, or as it is sometimes called, The Song of Solomon, is a poem whose theme is the love between man and woman. Many of the pictures in the poetry are pictures from the countryside; we often call this kind of poetry "pastoral poetry" because of its references to things of the pasture. ("**I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.**" "**My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag.**") The lovers in the poem are filled with passion and delight in their love for one another. The whole book seems to be made up of the words of the woman lover, the male lover, and their friends. The NIV translation has indicated the three different speakers in the poem by putting in the margin the names "Beloved," "Lover," and "Friends." The reader of the Song of Songs is soon struck by the open expression of the physical attraction between the beloved and her lover. Some find parts of the poem almost embarrassing for that reason. But we must remember that it is God himself who created the attraction between the sexes. It is his plan that a man and his wife enjoy this attraction for one another as they live as "one flesh." God made the attraction between husband and wife to be something "very good." It is only man in his sinful lust that often turns God's very good thing into something dirty.

ALLEGORICAL OR LITERAL

Both Jews and Christians have interpreted the Song of Songs to be an allegory that pictures the love of God for his people. (An allegory is a story that tells real or imagined things for the purpose of teaching higher things.) According to this idea, Christ would be the lover in the poem, and the Church would be his beloved bride. This may be a valid interpretation, but it must be said that there is nothing in the book itself to indicate that it is an allegory. Of course it may be said that when we read about the love of the man and woman in the poem, we may well be reminded of that love that is above all human love - the love of Christ for his redeemed.

AUTHORSHIP

The title at the book's beginning says: "Solomon's Song of Songs." This title may show that Solomon wrote the book, or it may show that the book is about Solomon and his love for his bride,

called the Shulammitte. Whatever we may say about the authorship and interpretation of the Song of Songs, we will always remember that the Holy Spirit is the divine author and that he included this book in his Holy Scriptures "to teach us" ([Rom. 15:4](#)). In this book he teaches us in beautiful poetry about God's gift of human love at the same time that he reminds us of his greater love for us.

Announcements

VBS

This years Vacation Bible School was held Aug.4th & 5th from 5:30-7:30 in the Valders Park. This years theme was F.R.O.G.; (Fully Rely On God). It was for Pre K- to 8th grade. It's amazing how much fun and Bible learning was packed into two days. The kids seemed to have a lot of enjoyment hearing the devotion, singing songs, doing activities like decorating a hat and making a pillow, and of course, snack time! A big thanks to all the teachers who helped, and the parents who brought their children. A special thanks to Jessica Jungbluth for her hard work and creativity in making learning about Jesus fun for all.

Outreach Service in Valders

Sunday, August 23rd, we are planning to have another worship service in the Valders Memorial Park. This service will be geared toward outreach to the un-churched and to our friends and neighbors in the area. Refreshments (donuts, juice, etc.) will be served afterwards. The Board of Evangelism plans to advertise for this service in the Valders Journal the next several weeks. Note: August 22nd, there will still be regular Sat. night worship at church.

Communion Change

Because of the Outreach Worship service being August 23rd, we will not be having holy Communion that weekend. We will have Communion August 29th and 30th.

H.O.T.

What is H.O.T.? No it's not the weather! It's simply **Help Others Today**. Members, do you need a ride getting to an appointment? Do you need some help with an odd job in or around your home? If you do, call Pastor (758-3800) and ask if he can find someone to help you.

Recently it was brought to the Church Council's attention that there might be people in our congregation that could use some help getting to an appointment, shopping for groceries, or maybe needing some help with a small project outside or inside the home.

If you would like to volunteer to be on the **H.O.T** list just give Pastor your name and phone number. There are no meetings, or dues. If you need a driver for an appointment or physical help, call Pastor and he will find someone for you from the **H.O.T** list. If you have any questions about this program please talk to Pastor.

Church Picnic

The Church picnic was held July 12th at the Village of Valders Park. The Fellowship Committee provided the meat and drinks and members brought a dish to pass. The Sunday school provided games for the young children. It was very well attended and a few surprise people were in attendance: Pastor Thomas Hartwig (former pastor) and his wife and Steve Lemke (former Principal) and his wife Shirley. Thanks again to all those who made it an enjoyable day. Thanks to the Lord for the good weather!

Sunday School

The first day of Sunday school will be September 13th. We are thankful to Dan Knutson for agreeing to take the post of superintendent. May the Lord bless his and the teachers' work for our little lambs. Teachers this year are Mrs. Nagel and Mrs. Kiesow for Pre K-Kindergarten; Mrs. Melstrom grades 1-3; Mrs. Pope grades 4-6 and Mr. Knutson grades 7& 8.

If anyone has not enrolled their child or children and would like to do so please contact Daniel Knutson at 775-3803.

Youth Group

The Youth Group held its first Adopt-a- Highway clean up in July. It was satisfying, hard work. They brought back more recyclables than regular garbage, two giant bags full! Note to our young people: there will be another Youth Group Adopt-a-Highway clean up Thurs., August 13, from 4:30-6:30, meeting at Mr. Matznick's home.

College Bound Students

Parents of college students, please give us the new address of your child(ren) for when they are off at school. That will help us send them the Messenger, other materials, and get them on the WELS mailing list. Please put the address in the secretary's mailbox, or call the church office at 758-7500. Thank you!

Trinity Ladies Circle

Trinity Ladies' Circle met on Tuesday, July 28, at 6:00 p.m. Pastor Pope led our discussion on celebrity deaths, which took many unexpected turns. As always, the discussion was both thought-provoking and enlightening. With a new member joining the group, we had a total of fourteen in The Annual Rally of the Lutheran Ladies League will be held at Bethany Ev. Lutheran Church on Wednesday, September 30, 2009. Co-hosts of the event are Bethany and Grace Lutheran Church. The theme of the rally will be "Year of Jubilee." More information on the times, agenda, cost, and registration will be coming in August.

After our meeting, some of the ladies went to the Annual Voters' Meeting, so there was no social activity this month.

We will not hold a meeting in August. The topic for our next meeting in Sept. will be "fellowship," so bring your questions or thoughts to share as we learn more about what the Bible teaches us on the subject. After our business meeting, we will pick the next title for our book discussion, so if you have any ideas or titles you think we might be interested in, please bring them to share. As always, all ladies of the congregation are very cordially invited to join us. We'd love to see you there!

Repeat Performance Resale Shop

First Half of 2009...

*Brought in cash register receipts of \$75,846.78 and \$2,824.64 from other income such as Thrivent South Chapter, Appleton Goodwill, donations jar, etc.

*Produced a profit of \$52,443.67

*Gave \$24,617.13 to Manitowoc Lutheran High School General Fund

*Gave \$3,014.55 to MLHS Tuition Fund

And Did You Know...

That the FIVE- YEAR total (through June of 2009) to MLHS (General fund) was \$167,927.16?

That the TWO-YEAR total (through June of 2009) to MLHS (Tuition Assistance Fund) was \$9,326.42?

That our loan was taken out on 6/13/08 for \$300,000.00, and in one year and one month, it now stands at approximately \$195,000.00, \$105,000.00 of which went toward the principal?

We have truly been blessed.

Altar Flowers and WCUB Radio Broadcast

Please remember that you can put flowers on the altar for any occasion. Just let the church secretary know. Also remember the WCUB Radio Broadcast is \$85.00 to sponsor a Sunday, just make a check out to church and put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Reminder

We are out of keys for the church. We need a list of everyone that has a key. If you are no longer involved with any committees in church we ask that you hand your key in to the church secretary. Also if you have a key, we ask that you tell the church secretary. We need the listing for insurance purposes. Thank you.

MLHS Events

Jr. Lancer Youth Football Practice begins August 10th for those boys who have signed up. If any boys in our Federation congregations or schools, grades 5-8, would still like to sign up, please contact Scott Reinhard at 242-9204 for information.

MLHS Flag Football Tournament - The 10th Flag Football Tournament will be held at noon, on Saturday, Aug 22nd, immediately following the high school's joint scrimmage exhibition. Proceeds will be directed towards the purchase of an equipment cart to transport equipment. Come early, enjoy the scrimmage, & then take the field for the tournament. Contact Paul Klueker at 682-9111 to register or with questions. The tournament is open to any supporter of MLHS. Entry fee is \$12, and any support by non-players is also welcome.

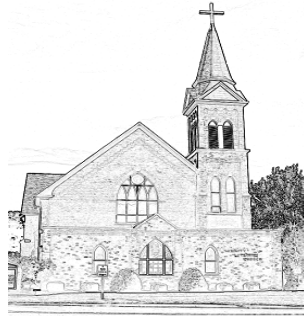
Mon 8/10	Jr. Lancer & High School Football Practice begins
Sat 8/15	MLHS Lead Delegate Mtg. (8:00am) and Federation Mtg. (9:00am)
Mon 9/17	MLHS Registration Day
Sun 8/23	MLHS Freshman & Parents Welcome; 6:00pm
Fri 8/28	Jr. Lancers 8 th Grade Team vs. Reedsville; 4:30pm (H)-Football MLHS Varsity vs. Reedsville; 7:00pm (H)-Football
Mon 8/31	Freshman Breakfast & Orientation

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Church Attendance for July



Combined Total for Saturday/Sunday

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

Monthly: 620

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

Monthly: 742

July 2008

Week 1: 38/78=113
Week 2: 35/98=133
Week 3: 33/110=144
Week 4: 47/70=117

Monthly: 507

July 2009

Week 1: 27/86=113
Week 2: 35/115(Church
Picnic)=150
Week 3: 41/92=143
Week 4: 36/99=135

Monthly: 506

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

John 4:24



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

8/3 Jacob Krim
8/3 Darlene Schnell
8/5 Charles Lovell, Jr.
8/7 Al Bonfigt
8/7 Walter Kiesow
8/7 Dianne Schultz
8/8 Dean Luebke
8/9 Marlena Free
8/9 Lauren Petersen
8/10 Amanda Knutson
8/10 Uriah Matznick

****8/10 Harold Schnell –87 Yrs. young**

8/13 Andrew Kiesow
8/14 Makenna Krim

8/15 Amy Hochkammer
8/15 Kalie Knutson
8/19 Kayla Kasten

****8/22 Reuben Gass-94 yrs. young**

8/22 Desirae Kiesow
8/27 Doris Wehausen

**** 8/29 Lucille Jaeger-81 yrs. young**

8/29 Aaron Wallander
8/30 Hannah Bratz
8/30 Heidi Bratz
8/31 Lisa Kiesow
8/31 Tyler Teesch



Happy Anniversary To...

8/2 Dennis & Shanna Bratz – 4 Years!
8/4 Michael & Marilyn Kaufmann – 36 years!
8/4 Mike & Karen Kiesow – 26 years!
8/6 David & Dianne Schultz – 43 years!
8/9 Mark & Darlene Kiesow – 29 years!
8/18 Kermit & Mabel Liermann – 55 years!
8/31 Jeff & Sherri Kasten – 19 years!

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

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Ushers on Schedule:</u>
August 1 st	David Schultz, Mark Kiesow
August 2 nd	James Ott, Elwood Free, Jeff Kasten, Alex Kasten
August 8 th	James Glaeser (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Peter Liermann
August 9 th	Gary Vetter (Server), Brian Glaeser (Server), Brett Glaeser, Uriah Matznick
August 15 th	Harold Bratz, Marty Kiesow
August 16 th	Keith Petersen, Dan Knutson, Todd Petersen, Joseph Nagel
August 22 nd	Dave Williamson (Server), Warren Lutze (Server), Derrick Krey
August 23 rd	John Smith (Server), Mark Knutson (Server), Len Arnold, Larry Hochkammer
August 29 th	David Schultz, Mike Kiesow
August 30 th	James Ott, Elwood Free, Jeff Tuschel, Dan Knutson

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.

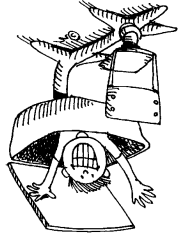
Altar Guild: August – Group 4:

Marie Knutson, Darlene Kiesow, Marilyn Kaufmann, Grace Ott

Our Greeters For August



Because of the church renovation we will not be having greeters until further notice. Thank you for your patience on this matter.



Kids Corner

Bible Quiz – “Workers & Tools”

1. With which of the following do we associate Dorcas?
 - a. Selling purple cloth
 - b. Tent making
 - c. Cooking for others
 - d. Seamstress

2. King David started out his life in this occupation:
 - a. Shepherd
 - b. Warrior
 - c. Musician
 - d. Carpenter

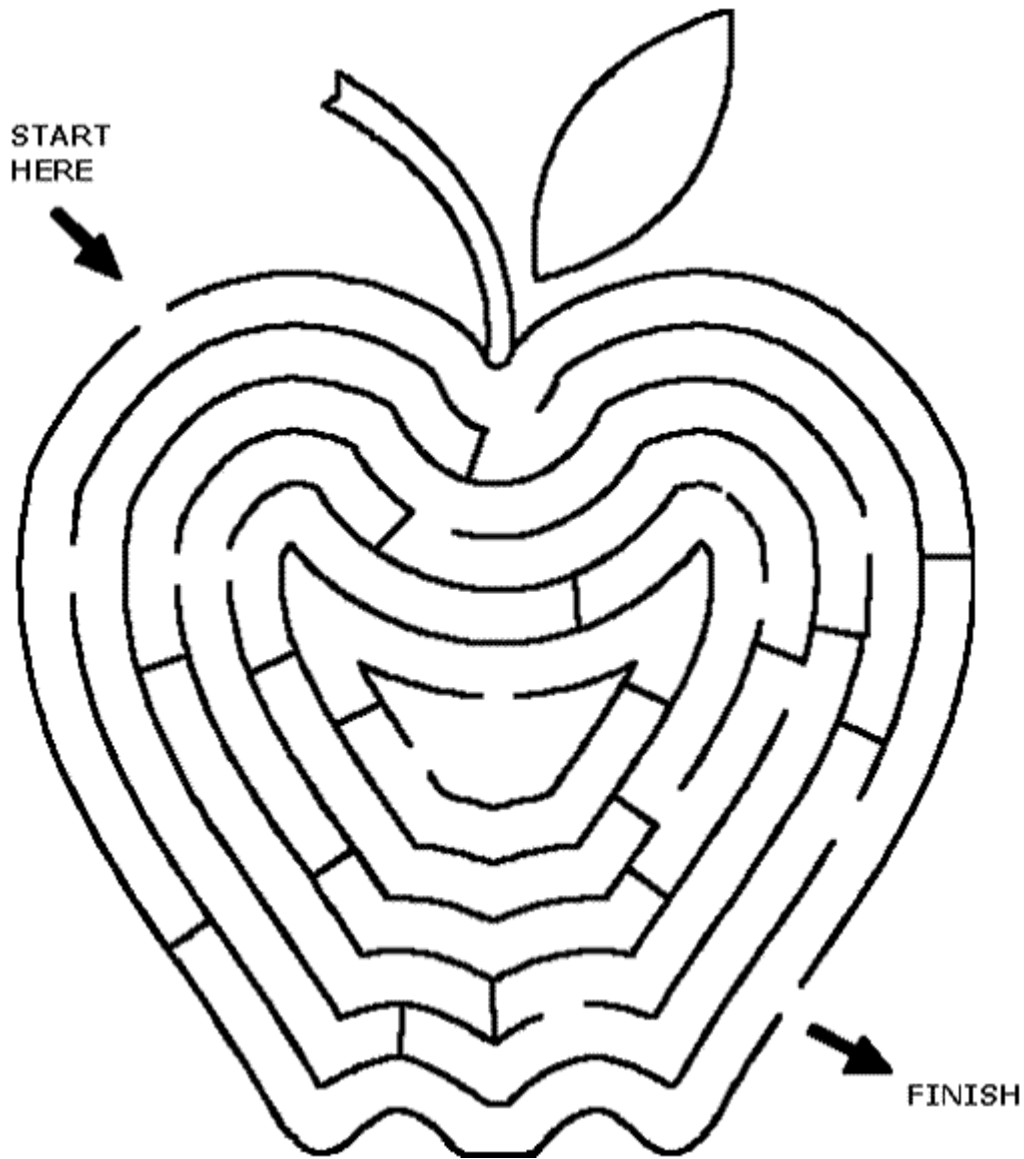
3. What was the occupation of Demetrius?
 - a. Tentmaker
 - b. Soothsayer
 - c. Silversmith
 - d. Fisherman

4. Which was the first occupation mentioned in the Bible?
 - a. Vinedresser
 - b. Shepherd
 - c. Hunter
 - d. Gardener

5. Who did Solomon say were the best at felling timber?
 - a. Sidonians
 - b. Philistines
 - c. Men of Judah
 - d. Assyrians

Answers: 1.) d [Acts 9:39] 2.) a [Samuel 16:11-13] 3.) c [Acts 19:24] 4.) d [Genesis 2:15]
5.) a [1 Kings 5:6]

You can't judge apples (or people) by outward appearance.



"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."
Mark 7:6b (NIV)



"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
Mark 6:31

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