

GOOD NEWS

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The safety of the Church of Jesus by Rev. William Plautz

Some years ago I received a forward from Bonnie Schimmel who received it from Jerry Radunzel. It is entitled, "How to stay safe in the world today."

1. Avoid riding in cars; they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay at home; 17% of all fatal accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks; 14% of all fatal accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid travel by air, rail, or water; 16% of all fatal accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in hospitals, so avoid hospitals.

BUT you will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services, and these are generally related to physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is in worship!

While we cannot prevent every and all accidents, there are steps one can take to ensure safety whether driving, walking, etc. There are also steps we can take to ensure spiritual safety. Having received the Holy Spirit in our baptisms, each day is a day for us to choose to follow His leading in our lives. And His work as described by Dr. Martin Luther in his explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed is to "call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian Church on earth." It is in God's house that God's Spirit feeds us through the Word and Sacraments, keeping us in Christ and strong in faith.

We live a world where evil lurks and seeks to destroy believers. As we worship we receive God's good gifts which assure us that in Him we are safe.

Christian Humor *Light-hearted humor with a spiritual lesson*

Seen at a tire shop in Milwaukee:
"Invite us to your next blowout."

Summer is a time for kinds of "blowouts"—high school graduation parties, birthday parties, anniversary celebrations, 4th of July, Heritage Days, camp fires. Now that the weather is improving we look forward to more time outdoors and the many celebrations

that await us.

Will you remember to invite Jesus to your next blowout? In Revelation 3 we read, *Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.* Jesus is ready to join whatever party you are

having. And the gifts He brings! Unconditional love, unlimited forgiveness, 24 hour around the clock presence; you can't beat what Jesus offers.

Enjoy your summer and enjoy it with Jesus.



Don't be Chicken!

While walking through the forest one day, a farmer found a young eagle who had apparently fallen out of his nest. He took it home and put it in his barnyard with his chickens and there it stayed for years. It wasn't long before the little eagle learned to eat and behave like the chickens.

One day a naturalist passed by the farm and saw the eagle confined in the barnyard with the chickens. When he inquired about this strange sight, the farmer told the man his story. "Unfortunately," said the farmer, "the poor little guy just never learned to fly." "Still," the naturalist sighed, "he has the heart of an eagle and can surely be taught. Will you allow me to work with him?" The farmer agreed, but with much disbelief.

The naturalist picked up the eagle and lifted him toward the sky and said, "You belong to the sky and not to the earth. Stretch forth your wings and fly." The eagle, however, was confused. He did not know who he was, and seeing the chickens eating their food, he jumped down to be with them again. The naturalist took the bird to the roof of the house and urged him again, saying, "You are an eagle. Stretch forth your wings and fly." But the eagle was afraid and jumped down once again to be with his chicken friends. Finally the naturalist took the eagle out of the barnyard to a high mountain. There he held the king of the birds high above him and encouraged him again, saying, "You are an eagle. You belong to the sky.

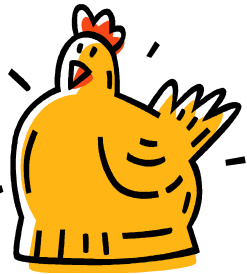
Stretch forth your wings and

fly!" The eagle looked around, back towards the barnyard and then up to the sky. Slowly, he stretched his wings, and with a triumphant cry, he soared away into the heavens. Somewhere along the line, we like this poor young eagle, were put in a lowly barn with the chickens of the world around us. We learned to live and eat from the ground and grew up believing that there was not much more to do than sit and cluck all day.

But the reality is that we are eagles! We were created to fly and even soar! God has great purpose for our lives! If we would only realize who we are in Him!

Let's remember who we are today and stop acting like chickens! We are the head and not the tail! We are Kings and Priests! We have great things to do for the Kingdom!

by George Whitten, Editor of **Worthy Devotions**.



Isaiah 40:31
But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

June Bible Studies

Monday Eve Bible Class

Class meets on Monday's at 2:30pm for the study called "Faith Weavers". Weave Christ into your life, through study of His word.
Leader: Sue Smith

Tuesday Morn Study

Class meets Tuesday's at 6:30am at the Chippewa Family Restaurant. Bring your Bible and your appetite (cost of the meal is on your own). Topic: Romans led by Pastor Plautz.

Thursday Morn Bible Study

Come Thursday's at 9:30am to this fun class. If you're thinking about joining a daytime Bible study, this one is for you! Leader: Roy Borseth

Couples Bible Study

Join them on June 5 at 6:30pm at the home Bill & Lynn Musser, 3521 134th St., Chippewa Falls. Refreshments will be served. Contact Lynn Musser for details 715-726-1148.



Congregational News

NEWS FROM MISSION & MINISTRY

During the past few months the M&M Council, along with Pastor Plautz, have realized that the vision of growth of Faith Lutheran Church necessitates adding an additional staff person. The Council has been in the process of identifying where the most need is and what type of second staff person would best serve that need. We presently have narrowed it down to Family and/or Youth Ministry. We ask for your prayers as we continue to work through this process. We will keep you apprised of our progress and welcome any thoughts or suggestions you may have.

Mission & Ministry members are as follows: Bill Musser, Chairman; Pam Pfankuch, V-Chairman; Bea Newman, Treasurer; Jane Christian, Secretary. Members-at-large: Brenda Musser, Bob Normand, Larry Bohl, Dan Helgeson and Pam Johnson. Please pray for God's guidance in their efforts in serving our congregation.

PIE & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

What better way to celebrate our summer than with fellowship—on Wednesday, June 15 and Sunday, June 19 we plan to do just that! We'll sit back and enjoy homemade pies and ice cream while savoring the fellowship of our friends from Faith Lutheran. Of course, we'll make sure to honor our Dad's for Father's Day too!

To do this, we are asking for donations of pie or fruit desserts. A sign-up for either pies or dessert donations is available in the narthex. We'll supply the ice cream and beverage. Would you like to help serve? Check out the sign-up in the narthex.

Make plans now to worship June 15 or 19th and stay afterwards for our annual pie and ice cream social. Celebrate the goodness of summer!

ROOF UPDATE

The project to replace the parsonage & garage roof is complete. The total cost for the project is \$14,780 of which \$10,680 has been afforded, leaving a balance of \$4100. If you can donate to this cause it would be appreciated.

PICNIC IN THE PARK

Ladies! Come Tuesday, June 21 to a potluck picnic at Irvine Park (1st pavilion at the entrance). We'll enjoy a delicious potluck picnic and spend time together in fellowship God's great outdoors. Bring a dish to pass—beverage will be provided. All women of the congregation are welcome to attend. Hostesses are: Judy Hacker & Tresa Juedes.

2011 GRADUATES!

On Sunday, May 22 our High School Graduates were recognized. They were: Kalene Amondson, Coryssa Butterbrodt, Brittany Chaussee, Cody Garbers, Joe Green, Marah Harings, Justin Jaquish, Kyle Juedes, Samantha Plasch, Lacey Quale, Cole Schindler, Luke Semington. They were presented with a quilt (pillow-blanket) made by our quilters here at church. We congratulate them on their accomplishment and pray God bless them in their journey.



Other Congregational News...

Furnace Replacement Proposal

A team has been asked to look into replacing the existing furnace boiler. Our current furnace had been installed in 1965. The manufacturer is out of business and parts are scarce. In 1995, updates were done, this older furnace is very inefficient compared to today's standards. It is also oversized for our needs considering the improvements to our church.

The team received replacement bids from five contractors. After sifting through the information the team chose the proposal from Hovland Heating which will replace the existing furnace and other necessary elements at a cost of \$47,000.

A special voters meeting (date to be announced) will be held to determine how to proceed with this venture. If you have questions about the furnace proposal, please feel free to call Ed Heidtke, Lloyd Benner, Bob Luloff, Pat Smith or Del Braunberger.

FYI - Fall Clothing Drive

Keep in mind to store up donations of clothing for our fall clothing drive. On August 20 we will open our doors to the public providing clothing to people of all ages. If you recently had a thrift sale and have clothing to donate, it would be appreciated. Questions? Call Pam Johnson at 715.726.2224

Register online for Summer Camp 2011!

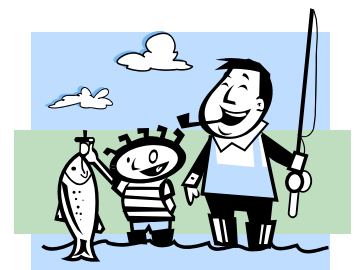
There are still some spots left Camp Luther, Three Lakes, WI this summer. Logon to campluther.com and check out the different camps and register today.

CHECK OUT OUR WEB-PAGE!

The worship assistant schedule, weekly Messenger, monthly Newsletter, and church photo directory schedule are available for viewing at www.faihlutheran.org.

“Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

Colossians 3:20 ESV



Father's Day—June 19

June Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday!

2-Shirley Tibbitts, Samuel Wing
3-Jennifer Dreger, Alison LeDuc,
Alexander Slowiak
5-Jolene Andersen, Linda Walders
6-Erma Seidlitz
7-Elaine Miller
8-Derek Petska
9-Kyle Juedes, Amelia Marshall,
Turi Miller
10-Kelly Schaller
12-Joan Schaller
13-Wally Smith
17-Dana Anderson, Chris Chitten
don, Susan Kern, Kayla Matthes
18-Collin Schindler
19-Joyce Davidson
20-Diane Schroeder
21-Lawrence Johnson, Rev. Wil
liam Plautz

24-Ashley Boley, Corey Drivas, Sandra
Larson, Alex Peterson, Lydia
Schumacher
25-Linda Bohl, Margret Gullickson
26-Larry Bohl, Amanda Hacker
28-Jack Bremness, Kelsey Musser,
Lillian Schaefer
30-Rosemary Plautz



Do not let this Book of the Law
depart from your mouth; meditate on
it day and night, so that you may be
careful to do everything written in it.
Then you will be prosperous and suc-
cessful. Joshua 1:8

Happy Anniversary!

1-Donald & Lois Nesvacil
5-Gene & Donna Moldenhauer
6-Lloyd & Lorraine Benner
6-Gerald & Barb Wucherpennig
7-Robert & Bev Normand
7-John & Arlene Pederson
10-Gerald & Marcia Goettl
10-Wayne & Shirley Gormley
13-Garnet & Pat Mathwig
13-Greg & Bonnie Senn
14-Don & Debra Bowe
16-Richard & Janice Wirth
18-Rev. William & Rosemary Plautz
18-Dan & Alice Helgeson
19-Ryan & Julie Moldenhauer
22-Don & Nancy Garbers
22-Lawrence & Iris Johnson
22-Delbert & Myrna Zimpel
23-Tom & Janell Newcomb
25-Mark & Barb Erickson

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