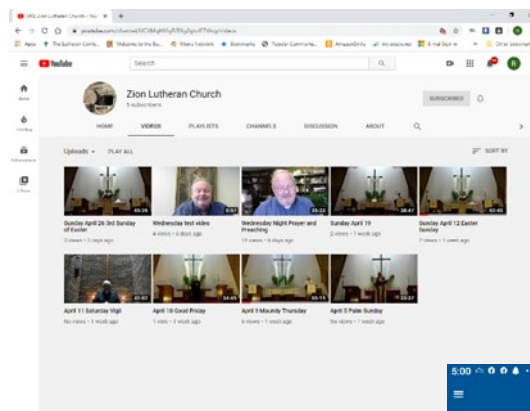
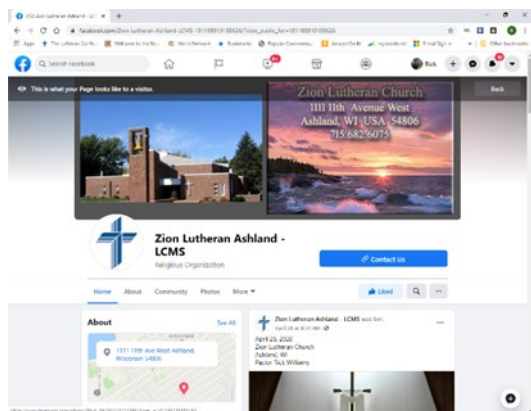




The Mountain Top

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI MAY 2020

Well, we will know very shortly if the April showers have brought on the May flowers. I know there are a few in front of the church that are looking very nice, thank you Diane. I am hoping all of you have been at least getting out in your yards for some of the fresh spring air. The weatherman is saying is should get into the mid to upper 60's in the next several days, I am truly looking forward to that. I pray you are all handling the stay at home order well. It certainly has left us with a lot of uncertainties, hasn't it? I know that it has also brought about lots of changes, as I read the other day, who would have ever imagined going to the bank and asking for money with a mask on? I know it has certainly caused some changes in how we worship. I am hoping that you are able to catch our services one way or another and are keeping up with your portals of prayer. We are back in the Sunday and Wednesday worship mode with a few changes. Sunday is our normal worship and every other Sunday I have been offering communion to those who have watched the service (on a drive up basis). Wednesday night we use the service of Evening Prayer from the hymnal and then I have been doing a digging deeper segment on the sermon message from the preceding Sunday. I have been trying to fine tune our worship services and how they are being delivered. We now have 4 options for watching our services and two of those can be done live. One live streaming method is the churches FaceBook page which can be found at **Zion Lutheran Ashland – LCMS** and it looks like this:



YouTube: To watch after the service you may watch it on the church's YouTube Channel, The YouTube address is **found by searching for Zion Lutheran Church Ashland WI in the YouTube search bar** and it looks like the picture above.

You can also watch live now on the Zion Lutheran Church App for both iPhone and Android, simple go to the Apple App store or Google Play store and look for the **Zion Lutheran Church Ashland**, You will see a picture of the LCMS cross logo, download and away you go and it will come up looking like this: →



From here you can simply click on the video's button and watch the service live or you can watch past services as well.

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And finally you are able to watch all of the services on the **church's website: zionashland.org** Once you are on the page scroll down to the bottom and click the **follow our services online..** button. On occasion you may get a message from the webpage and the app asking you to login to FaceBook, that is not a requirement and you can simple close that message or just click on the video you would like to watch. I would like to thank all of you for your support during these challenging times. With all of the unknowns it can be difficult to keep focused on the things that are truly important. This coming Sunday we speak of Jesus as being the Good Shepherd, and He reminds us that we are His sheep and we know His voice, we must always listen for His voice and not be distracted by all of the other voices that sometimes try to drown Him out. We can do it, I look forward to the day when we can all gather together again in our beautiful sanctuary and worship together. We are working on what that might look like. At first as I am sure we will still need to maintain some kind of social distancing for a while, and as hard as it is to say, some of you may need to temporarily give up your seat and maybe even, dare I say, sit in the front. But what a wonderful day it will be when we, together again can lift up our voices in worship, praise, and song to the Lord, I can hear it now. Again, thank you for your support, thank you for continuing to be great stewards in support of Zion, thank you for joining in the drive up communion, and thank you for watching and staying in touch with each other and with our Lord. If any of you have any question about anything, please let me know. One thing I almost forgot to mention is confirmation. Originally it was scheduled for May and now that has been postponed and as of yet not rescheduled. I still need to meet a few more times with our 8th graders and we will probably be looking at confirmation in the fall. I think that is enough for now. Be well, stay safe and healthy, you are all in my prayers continually and I look forward to the day when we can all be together again, both here at Zion and forever in Heaven.

John 10:14-15a *I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;*

My friends, the Lord bless you and keep, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

Amen

Pastor Rick

The world has flipped upside down

Old folks are sneaking out of the house and their kids are yelling at them to stay indoors!

A thought to share with an unbelieving friend

"Jim, you have every right not to believe in God, heaven, or hell, but consider this: your rejection does not change the reality of it. The Bible says that sooner or later you will believe it. Example: If your doctor told you that you have cancer and he knows the therapy for it, you would have every right not to believe him, but that would not change the reality of it. Sooner or later you will believe it. In both cases the wise thing to do would be to believe it now before it is too late."

Offerings:

Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday \$7016

April 18th, 26th \$5844



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Until further notice:

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am stream-live
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm stream-live with
a more in-depth coverage from Sunday's service.
Drive-up communion following Sunday's service on
May 10, 24, 31 - days may change. You can call the
office for updates. We will send out email notices

.....or So You Think

A Department of Water Resources Representative stopped at a Texas ranch and talked with the old rancher. He told the rancher, "I need to inspect your ranch for your water allocation." The old rancher said, "Okay, but don't go in that field over there."

"Mister, I have the authority of the Federal Government with me. See this card? This card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I WISH on any agricultural land. No questions asked or answered. Have I made myself clear? Do you understand?"

The old rancher nods politely and goes about his chores. Later, the old rancher hears loud screams and sees the Water Rep running for his life and close behind is the rancher's huge Brahman bull. The bull is gaining with every step. The Rep is clearly terrified, so the old rancher immediately throws down his tools, runs to the fence and yells at the top of his lungs... 'YOUR CARD, SHOW HIM YOUR CARD!!!'



Grandma Sally's first great-grandchild was born and after a few weeks, when the parents needed a break, she was given the job of watching her. "Let me see the little cutie," begs her friend Gerty. "Not yet", Sally responds. When she again refuses five minutes later Gerty has had enough "what are you waiting for?" she fumed. "I'm waiting for her to cry." "Why is that?" questioned Gerty. "Well, because I forgot where I put her!"





PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for Ellen Hudgeson, Angie Guski, Curtis James, Duane Lynch, Michael Thompson, Penny Larson, Paul Tolliver, David Ruthberg, Mary St. Germain and *those on our Extended Prayer List and in our hearts.*

PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

*Walt Schutte Arlene Zimmerman Violet Basina
Madge Houle Donna Graves Nancy Zehe*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

*David Wright
Emily Melecha Tucker Melecha
Jprdan Thimm Andrew Pruss*



*Lord,
Hear Our
Prayer*

Peering into a tide pool is like looking through a window into another world.

-James L. David "Seasonal Guide to the Natural World"

Saturday: June 5, 2004

Dear Friends,

God threw a beach party in Seattle today by rolling back the tide to a nineteen-year low. Everyone was invited and people of all ages came: the cozy newborn in the sling of her Dad to the fragile Grandparent parked in his wheelchair. Many of us walked along the expanded beach and inspected the briny-beauty of creation: the starfish in the tidal pools, eels, anemones, mussels, snails, urchins, seaweed, crabs, shrimp...marine-jewels showcased for our delight. Picnic lunches were spread, cameras clicked, bright plastic pails rocked on children's arms, kids pitched balls, neon kites soared overhead, pigeons dive-bombed fat crabs, dogs romped and barked ...the music of life. The wonder of the new landscape fueled the energy of the party. What a creative God we have!

After an hour or so... we sensed the shift of forces. Adventurous souls far out on the sand bar started to head back. The step of "pool waders" quickened. Beachcombers retreated toward the high ground. This earthly view would soon be erased for the tide was coming in. Yes, even creation echoes the rhythm of a Heavenly Father who allows our inner landscape to roll back-and-forth to whet our appetite for grace and transform our journey of faith. To remind us that we are part of a scheme (often invisible) more beautiful than human understanding established by a God who delights in surprising His people.

So dear friends...surely God is throwing parties where you are. His calendar is not marked by the alignment of earthly structures but rather it springs from the covenant of an eternal God (Ps. 121) who does not slumber or sleep for he... "will keep our going out and coming in." May the tempo of our hearts be set by the rhythm of abundant grace that our lives are transformed to seek the ever-expanding landscape of God's love. Everyone is invited.



God is in Control Closing Devotion

“Be still, and know that I am God” (Ps.46:10a). Anyone who has children in their lives has probably uttered “Be still!” on more than one occasion for any number of reasons. You may even know “antsy” adults you would like to tell to “Be still!”

In Psalm 46, God is telling His children to, “Be still. Enough already, stop spinning your wheels.” He admonishes us. God wants us to realize that He is the One in control. No amount of worrying, fretting, or concern on our part can change anything. In fact, God views those reactions as distrust.

God is telling us, “Be still. Turn it over to Me. I know your concerns; they are My concerns, too. What you care about, I care about. Trust Me. Believe in Me. Be still. I can handle it.” God instructs us to bring whatever is troubling us to Him in prayer, and then His Spirit helps us to be still as we await His answer.

Jesus says, “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me” (John 14:1).

Look at verse 1 of the hymn

“Be Still, My Soul:

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

A married couple were arguing who is making the coffee, the wife said that in the Bible it says that men should make the coffee and the husband asked her where it said that. The wife opened the Bible and said: “Right here in HEBREWS!”

Not all puzzles have answers. If you’re one of the bright ones, send us your answers.



LWML



Prayer: Heavenly Father, help us always to put our trust in You. Send Your Holy Spirit to calm our souls. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

And the Winner is:
Chris Bolz— April 27
The closest guess for the disappearance of this year’s snow-bank. The snow disappeared sometime between the 26th and 27th.

Quarantine Exercise: Can you find the names of sixteen (16) books of the Bible hidden in the paragraph below?



I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible (merely by a fluke). It kept people looking so hard for the facts and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the name of the books were not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of them, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now.

There really are sixteen names of books hidden in this story!

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____
- 15 _____
- 16 _____

These ten sayings are commonly quoted as though they're from the Bible. Which ones are actually true, and which are nothing like the truth?

Answer each with one of the following: A. Half Truth B. Whole Truth C. Nothing Like the Truth

Answers and explanations on another page.

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No. 2 "TO THINE OWN SELF BE TRUE." A B C

No. 3 "A LEOPARD CAN'T CHANGE HIS SPOTS." A B C

No. 4 "GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES." A B C

No. 5 "ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD." A B C

No. 6 "God will never give you more than you can handle." A B C

No. 7 "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." A B C

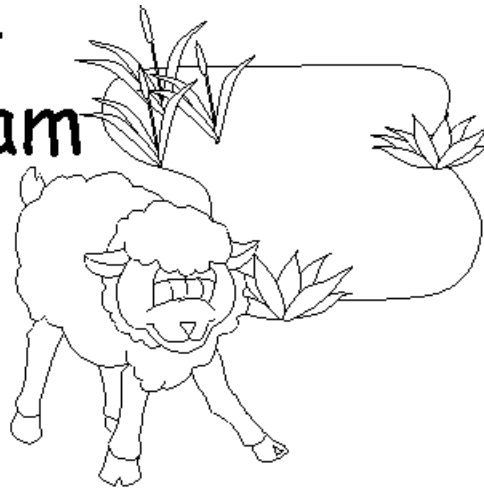
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No. 9 "Spare the rod, spoil the child" A B C

No. 10 "A fool and his money are soon parted." A B C

Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Psalm 23 Anagram



You might see
this in the sky
By a waterfall its
lower
Some say that it
was first seen
After a flood by
Noah

What do they
call pastors in
Germany ?

What is harder to
catch the faster
you run?

Where is the
first tennis
match mentioned
in the Bible?

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first tennis
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in the Bible?

Why couldn't
Jonah trust the
ocean?

What kind of
lights did Noah
use on the ark?

abenqtu _____

efloorsvw _____

ainnot _____

degnooss _____

deehhprs _____

ehosu _____

almps _____

degiu _____

eeforrv _____

ceoprtt _____

"Sugar why don't you sit down by the table and we'll start supper." Said Dorothy to her Husband of 50 years. "Sure thing," said her husband settling himself down. "Now darling, would you like the soup first or the salad?" Questioned Dorothy. "Umm I guess I'll take the soup." He responded. After a whole meal of one endearing term after another, their guest Bob couldn't contain his curiosity any longer. Bob snuck into the kitchen and asked, "Dorothy do you always talk to your husband like that?" "Bob, I'll be honest with you," Dorothy replied. "It's been five years now, I just can't remember his name, and I am just too embarrassed to ask him!"

Life without God is like
an unsharpened pencil,
It has no point.



"I am the good shepherd." *John 10:11*

Twelve Disciples Word Search

Z T F V K G S E Q N E N H H P
 T M I R A C L E S R F E E C F
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 D E F L O Z N Z D S Z I M H O
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BOAT
 CHOSEN
 CROWD
 DISCIPLE
 FISHERMEN
 FOLLOW
 FRIENDS
 GALILEE
 HEAL
 JAMES
 LEARN
 LEFT
 LIFE
 LOVE
 MIRACLES
 NETS
 PREACH
 SIMON
 TEACHI
 TWELVI

What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?
 An archaeologist finds a coin dated 48 B.C. How did he know it was a fake?
 Where is the first tennis match mentioned in the Bible?



"Wireless communication is nothing new.
 I've been praying for 75 years!"



I think that you have some serious
 faith issues

I am one of 5, chosen by 1 of 8
 I am mighty small, but by me
 the Mighty fall
 Drawn up from the depths, I
 am aimed at the heights
 I was found where I had sunk
 and I sank where I was flung
 I'm in the Bible - what am I?

For example, F → → ↓ = Q

Puzzle #1

1. S ← ← ↑ = ____
2. G ↓ ↓ ← = ____
3. L → ↑ ↑ ↑ = ____
4. O ↑ ↑ → = ____
5. F → → ↑ = ____
6. J → → → = ____
7. V ↓ ↓ ← = ____
8. Z ↑ → ↑ → = ____
9. P ← ← ↑ = ____
10. Q ↓ ← ← = ____
11. M ↓ ↓ → = ____

I	G	E	C	X	D
K	H	P	W	V	Y
H	X	R	Y	M	T
F	L	Z	E	K	C
D	T	Q	H	O	E
N	J	W	S	U	B

Jesus said, "I am 1 2 3

4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 ..."

Do you know where this verse is located?

Answers to Riddles

BC is before Christ. Christ was not yet born when the coin would have been made and the date would be impossible.

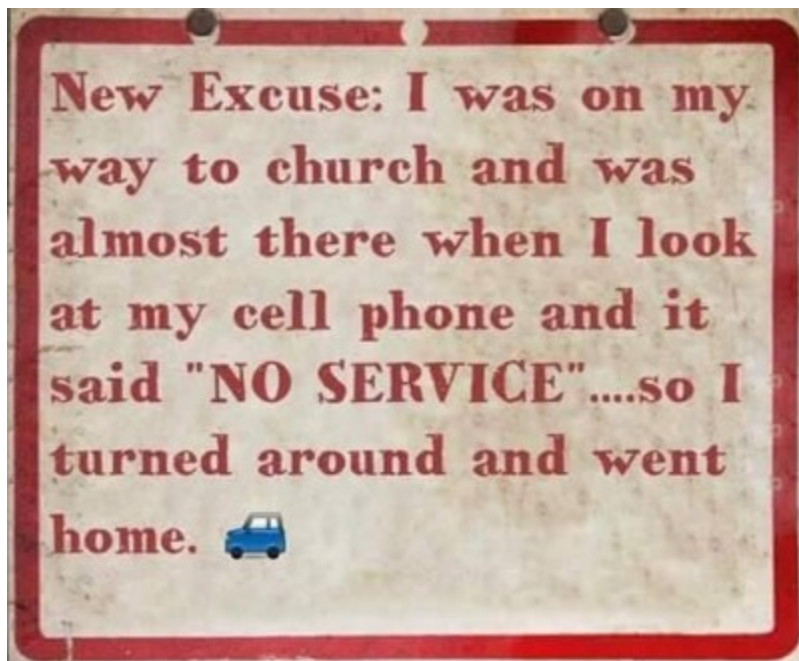
When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. A rainbow.

Because he knew there was something fishy about it.

When God gave Moses two tablets.

German Shepherds. One of the stones in David's sling

Your breath! Flood Lights



Ten Things I know about you

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun loving person & everyone does it too.
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.

Answers to “Sayings Commonly Quoted”

No. 1 “MONEY IS THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL.”

This one is actually a half-truth. The Bible says this: “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs” (1 Timothy 6:10). There’s nothing wrong with money, or material possessions, unless we let them control us. Loving wealth more than we love God or our neighbors is a quick road to trouble. To keep money in its proper context, we should remember that everything we have is a gift from God, and we can thank Him by using our resources to serve others. It’s surprising how many quotes from Shakespeare are attributed to the Bible. This one’s from Hamlet, Act I, Scene III, and it’s definitely nothing like the truth. Our culture is very keen on “following your heart.” But the Bible tells us, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). Our natural inclinations are not godly, our hearts are liars, and human beings are experts at rationalizing our own behavior and desires (or as Jane Austen put it, “How swiftly come the reasons for approving what we like!”). The good news is that when we put our trust in Christ, we receive the Holy Spirit, the “still, small voice” that gives much better advice than our own hearts. Jesus says in John 16:13, “When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.”

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No. 3 “A LEOPARD CAN’T CHANGE HIS SPOTS.”

This is a whole truth! The verse is Jeremiah 13:23, “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Then also you can do good who are accustomed to do evil.” This verse is a warning that the choices we make really matter. Habits are hard to break—especially bad habits. And when it comes to our “natural self,” as we talked about in the previous answer, we’re powerless to change ourselves. Only God has the power to change us, and He is ready and waiting to erase our painful past: “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come” (2 Corinthians 5:17, and see also Romans 8:1–2). Incidentally, there’s no reason to think this verse is suggesting there’s anything wrong with an Ethiopian’s dark skin, any more than there’s anything wrong with a leopard having spots.

No. 4 “GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.”

This one’s pretty popular because it appeals to our desire to be in charge of our own lives. But it’s nothing like the truth!

Romans 5:6, 8 tells us: “For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” In other words, God sent Jesus Christ to us because we were helpless to change our spiritual condition without Him. Psalm 68:5 rejoices, “Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.” In ancient times, no one was less able to help themselves than widows and fatherless children, yet God helped them. Jesus points out in Matthew 5:45 that God “makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust,” regardless of what they do. Read Luke 12:13–34 for more thoughts on self-reliance, and see Genesis 3 for what happened the first time humans decided to take charge of their own destiny. That’s not to say Christians should sit on their hands. It just means our business is to “seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you” (Luke 12:31).

No. 6 “God will never give you more than you can handle.”

This one’s only half true. God will never give us more than we can handle—as long as we are depending on Him instead of our own resources. This saying probably began as a paraphrase of 1 Corinthians 10:13: “No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.”

As you can see, it’s a great example of the way that quoting only half of a verse usually leaves you with only half of a truth!

No. 7 “Cleanliness is next to godliness.

”It sounds good on the surface, but you won’t find this one in the Bible. Actually, the fact that it sounds good on the surface is the problem. God isn’t very concerned with our surfaces, is He? He certainly doesn’t disapprove of good hygiene—but He’s well aware that good hygiene is a luxury that not everyone can afford. Imagine saying this to someone who has to haul every drop of water home in a jerry can from a spring 5 miles away!

God is a lot more concerned with the cleanliness of our hearts: “Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work” (2 Timothy 2:21). That’s a kind of cleanliness we can afford.

No. 8 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.”

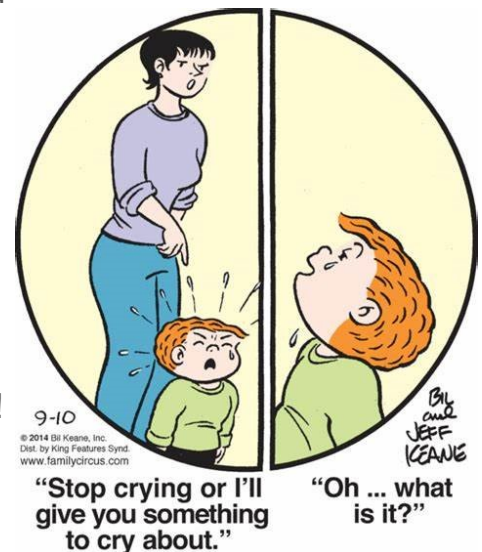
This is Matthew 18:20. But it’s not an excuse for staying home from church, as many people seem to take it.

Matthew 18:20 comes at the end of a passage on church discipline. The lesson here is that church discipline is not a one-person job, and if those entrusted with it earnestly seek God’s will over how to handle a particular situation, they can count on God’s presence even in the tough decisions. In these days when far too many churches are being accused (often rightly) of failing to confront abuse in their midst, a correct understanding of this verse is a valuable reminder. God’s opinion matters far more than man’s—we need to be unflinching in our church discipline instead of trying to pretend we’re perfect!

No. 9 “Spare the rod, spoil the child”

Half truth This one is probably a paraphrase of Proverbs 13:24, “Whoever spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.”

What makes this a half-truth is that “the rod” is certainly not the only way to discipline a child, and all discipline in the Bible is in the context of godly instruction. The point of the verse is not to say that children should be spanked whenever they misbehave! It is that godly correction is essential to raising a well-adjusted, spiritually strong adult.



No.10 “A fool and his money are soon parted.”

This one may be experientially true, to the delight of advertising executives, but you won’t find it in the Bible.

One big clue—in the Bible, being labeled a “fool” seldom has anything to do with intellectual capacity, knowledge or worldly wisdom. Instead, “The fool says in his heart, ‘There is no God.’ They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good” (Psalm 14:1). That’s a type of foolishness that crosses all boundaries of intellect and education.



CAMP LUTHER

This time has been hard on a lot of us. Many families, small businesses, and organizations are struggling because their regular source of income has greatly diminished or is gone completely. Camp Luther is no different.

We are incredibly grateful for donors who continue to give to this ministry. However, the income we receive from retreats, programs, and cottage use has stopped because no one can come to camp right now. Would you show your support of camp and help us during this time? For the first time EVER we are making our BRAND NEW Canteen merchandise available for purchase online! When you buy, you are showing you support Camp Luther and helping us make it through this critical time.

Most of these items are usually not available to purchase at camp until May. Be the first to buy new camp gear, spruce up your closet, and know you are helping this ministry continue for generations to come.

1. All orders will be taken on a first-come, first-serve basis. Certain sizes and colors may not be available at the time your order is sent in. Camp Luther Staff will contact you with alternative sizes and colors available if the size and color you requested is unavailable.

2. Please email your orders to bales@campluther.com or call the Camp Luther Office at 715-546-3647. You can mail a check to Camp Luther at 1889 Koubenec Road, Three Lakes, WI 54562, or call the Camp Luther Office with your credit card information.

3. With each order please include the item description, color, size, and quantity you would like, along with your shipping address.

4. All single t-shirt, souvenir, and youth clothing item orders have a shipping and handling cost of \$10. All sweatshirt orders have a shipping and handling cost of \$15. Shipping and handling for larger orders will be determined once the order is packaged.

5. U.S. Addresses only.

6. Camp Luther reserves the right to cancel this program at any time.

You can check out the canteen on Facebook: Camp Luther
(continued on the next page)

How are we approaching the decision to have camp this summer?

WHAT WE WANT YOU TO KNOW: Our top priority guiding our decision-making regarding whether to run programs this summer is the health and safety of our campers, staff, and community.

We believe that camp is more necessary than ever in these times. Our staff are working tirelessly to respond to this changing situation and doing everything possible to hold open the possibility of running camp programs this summer. But for us to feel confident in welcoming people to camp and running programs this summer, there are several different “checkpoints” that must be cleared. Below, you can find those checkpoints explained in more detail, as well as action steps that are currently happening in that area.

Checkpoint #1: Group Gathering Regulations Currently, Wisconsin is under a “Safer at Home” order that extends until May 26, 2020. Even once this order is lifted, there will likely be restrictions on group gathering sizes for an undetermined amount of time. For camp programs to happen this summer, we must be able to safely comply with any existing state regulations limiting the size and type of group gatherings.

What we’re currently doing:

- Closely monitoring all government regulations.
- Staying up-to-date on the predicted trajectory of future restrictions.

Checkpoint #2: Operating Regulations Even once Wisconsin’s “Safer at Home” order is lifted, there will be state and local guidelines regulating our normal summer operating procedures. For camp programs to happen this summer, we must be able to safely comply with any required practices without significantly compromising our ability to “do camp”.

What we’re currently doing:

- Staying up to date on the current best practices being recommended for similar organizations.
- Staying in communication with our local health department regarding potential operation this summer and what restrictions might be involved.
- The American Camp Association (ACA) and Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA) are advocating for camps on a national level, working to develop COVID-19 guidance for overnight camps for this summer and to develop educational and operational resources for camps.

Checkpoint #3: Camper/Staff Care and Infection Control We’re so thankful that COVID-19 appears to pose relatively little risk to the <20 age group that comprises the majority of our on-site population in the summer. At the same time, we recognize that many of our campers and staff come from households with at-risk individuals and also recognize the necessity to be able to quickly and efficiently contain any suspected on-site cases of Covid-19 in order to be able to operate. Camp programs will only happen this summer if we are confident in our policies and procedures related to both the prevention of on-site infections as well as quarantine procedures in the event of a suspected case.

What we’re currently doing:

- Staying up to date on current best practices and recommendations in this area.
- Developing updated screening procedures for summer campers, staff, and other guests.
- Developing updated policies and procedures related to infectious disease prevention at camp.
- Developing updated policies and procedures for cleaning and disinfecting high touch areas of camp.
- Consulting with experts to put together an infection control plan.

Checkpoint #4: Camp Logistics This is a rapidly changing situation and there is still much uncertainty surrounding what the next weeks and months will look like. This presents some significant logistical challenges in planning and preparing for camp this summer. For camp programs to happen this summer, we must be able to anticipate future needs, stockpile necessary supplies, have the support of our summer staff team, and be ready to “go” within a relatively short time frame.

What we’re currently doing:

- Surveying our summer staff to collect information about their ability and willingness to serve even in a shortened or otherwise impacted summer season.
- Developing contingency plans in several different critical planning areas related to this summer.
- Working with our suppliers to ensure our ability to adequately stock necessary items such as hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
MAY 2020					1	2
3 9am Live stream service	4	5	6 6:30pm Live stream service	7	8	9
10 * 9am Live stream service Drive-up Communion*	11	12	13 6:30pm Live stream service	14	15	16
17 9am Live stream service	18	19	20 6:30pm Live stream service	21	22	23
24* 9am Live stream service Drive-up Communion*	25	26	27 ** 6:30pm Live stream service	28	29	30
31 ** 9am Live stream Service	*Drive-up communion will follow the service. **In church services may be held if there is a change with state ordered stay-home order.					



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Please do not leave gently used children's toys in the nursery and church.



Scoop on the Stoop

Fund for Front Entrance repairs

As of April 1, 2020 the Financial Secretary, upon request from the Chairman Of the Board of Trustees reported that donations to the fund for the repair of the front entrance stoop totaled \$2,987.00. The total project was contracted at \$7,080.00 with a stipulation of the possibility of some added costs should the cost of concrete increase in 2020.

We paid an earnest fee of \$708.00 in the fall of 2019 to be put on the spring schedule for 2020. At this point this is where the project funding stands.

Projected cost: \$7,080.00

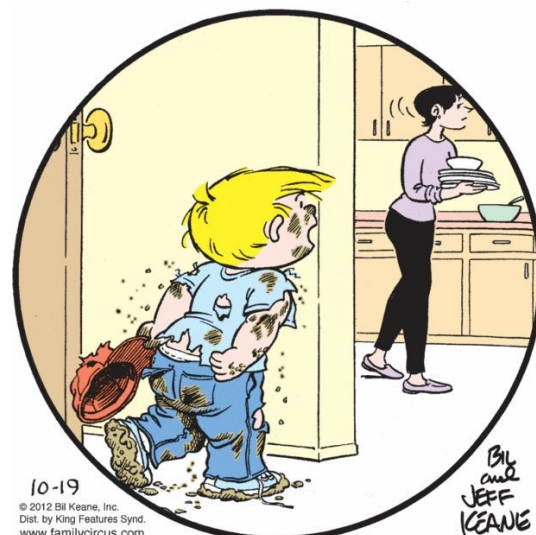
Down Payment - \$ 708.00

Donations to Date - \$2,987.00

Unfunded Balance **\$3,394.00**

The project is scheduled for spring but we do not have a set date as of yet.

Nick Jarvela
Chairman
Board of Trustees



"Mommy, are you in a good mood today?"