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Interim Pastor
Denis Eucalyptus

Morning
worship
10:00 AM

Sunday
School
and Adult
Bible
Study
9:00 AM

Prayer
with Pam
Monday's
5:00 PM

Prayer
with
Pastor
Denis
Saturday's
10:00 AM

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A Pastoral Note

Last week I went to the DeYoung Museum to see it's annual exhibition of floral art. Over 100 different floral arrangers were assigned to an equal number of pieces of art in the museum, and they each were to create an arrangement which somehow reflected their assigned art piece. So, as you walked through the many galleries, you could study how these floral arrangers (artists in their own right) interpreted the paintings and sculptures in front of them.

These examples of creative interpretation reminded me of Christianity. I thought about how the New Testament Gospel and Epistles were interpretations of the life and teachings of Jesus. Then I thought about how different churches were creative interpretations of the Gospels and Epistles (which were themselves interpretations of the life and teachings of Jesus). Then I thought of you—individual Christians. You are each artist, creating a life that reflects what the church teaches!

So here is the question: could an informed person look at your life and see how it reflects and interprets the teachings of this church, and how this church reflects and interprets the teachings of the New Testament, and how the New Testament reflects and

interprets the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth?

If so, then I believe we have built a case for Pentecost (the season which starts May 23), for if our lives creatively reflect Jesus, it can only be through the influence of the Holy Spirit—our experience of God, close and personal and empowering—even as Jesus experienced God.

Pastor Denis



The Church celebrates the Festival of Pentecost as the fulfillment and conclusion of the Easter season. The name Pentecost, meaning “the fiftieth day,” originally referred to the Jewish Festival of Weeks, the time of thanksgiving for first fruits and the ingathering of the harvest (cf. Ex. 34:22). The Christian Church retained the name to mark the completion of the 50-day period after—and the first ingathering of believers into the Church.
from The Lutheran Witness

Social Ministry

As chairman of the Social Ministry, I wish to thank all those who contributed to the Easter Food Baskets for the needy, specifically, Johanna Van Hattem, Carl & Mary Beth, Jane Unger, Gunhild Brown, Kris Andre, Sharon Lewis, Lillie & Marv, Eva, Bob & Laisne', Mike & Pam Roederer, Thelma Dangel, and Jared Bjerga. Forgive me if I missed anyone. Because of you we fed 10 families and did not spend a dime of Galilee's money. Thank you one and all.

The families that I spoke with were very moved and appreciative. One family that I spoke with the mother was in a very bad automobile accident and could not get out of bed, another family had four kids and lost the fifth one in December. The last one I spoke with was a victim of spousal abuse and continued to receive death threats to her, her mother and kids. So just know that what we have done has brightened a day of a family in need. May God bless each and every one of you

Now, it's not over, I have another project that will occur once a month and that is to feed a family month. It could be anything from a full spaghetti dinner to a nice stew. Again the family names will come from Lake County Healthy Start and Riviera Elementary School. By doing this we feed those in our area and potentially have a new body to fill the pew on Sunday. I will keep you advised as to when this project will start. Thank you everyone you guys are great!

Submitted by Vale Hanzel

Don't forget to save your box tops for education from all General Mills products and labels for education from all the products from the Campbell's family. Schools can spend these points to purchase items from a catalog. Some of the items available are microscopes, calculators, various learning toys for kindergarten kids, and some musical instruments just to list a few. There are a whole lot of learning tools our children so desperately need and the schools can't afford in these hard financial times.

Items for the homeless are also needed. A pair of new socks, small bottles of shampoo,

conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, etc. Also something to munch on, hard candy like peppemints is good. These are things we take for granted, but to a homeless person it will mean a lot.

Special Thanks

A special thanks to all of you who made the Easter breakfast possible. Pam, Carrie, Laisne, Kim, Thelma, Eva and Kris. If I forgot anyone I apologize. Without the help setting up, decorating, cooking, serving and cleanup that you all volunteered your time and talent for it would not have been possible.

Another thanks goes out to everyone who bakes and buys the baked goods at our monthly bake sale. We all love the homemade baked goods. So far this year the bake sales have brought in \$181.

Easter Sunday



Our children enjoying some games on Easter Sunday after breakfast and before their egg hunt, which had to be inside due to the rain.

Rummage Sale

The women of Galilee will be holding their annual rummage sale Friday May 7th from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM and May 8th from 9:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Community Center.

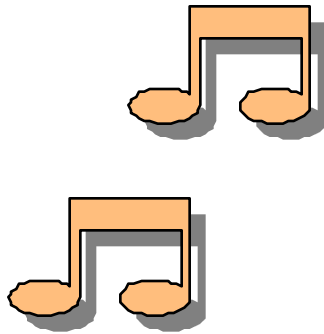


If you have items to donate or would like to help please contact Jane Unger at 279-1979 or June Gloege at 279-1366.

Sons of Norway

Vikings of Lake Lodge will hold it's annual yard sale Saturday May 22nd from 8:00 AM-3:00 PM in the Community Center.

Worship and Music



Galilee's Worship and Music Ministry is responsible for planning services, coordinating music, and finding new ways to worship God and enhance our congregation's spirituality. We are currently looking for 2-3 people to serve on this important committee. We meet once a month after the Sunday service. If, after prayerful consideration, you are interested in participating, call Bob or Laisné Hamilton at 279-8512 (you'll probably have to leave a message, but we'll get back to you).

Submitted by Bob Hamilton

For Lutherans, worship is an ever-changing and -growing experience. Connected with and central to everything we do, worship unites us in celebration, engages us in thoughtful dialogue and helps us grow in faith. It grounds us in our Christian and Lutheran roots, while demonstrating practical relevance for today's world.

"Music is a servant of the Gospel and a principal means of worshiping God in Lutheran churches. Congregational song gathers the whole people to proclaim God's mercy, to worship God, and to pray, in response to the readings of the day and in preparation for the Lord's Supper."

Prayer Time

Don't forget prayer time with Pam Monday at 5:00 PM and with Pastor Denis Saturday at 10:00 AM. For where two or three are gathered together unto my name, there am I in the midst of them. Matthew 18:20

Stewardship

Recognize to whom you owe the fact that you exist, that you breathe, that you understand, that you are wise, and, above all, that you know God and hope for the kingdom of heaven. You have been made a son of God, co-heir with Christ. Where did you get all this, and from whom?.... What benefactor has enabled you to look out upon the beauty of the sky, the sun in its course, the circle of the moon, the countless number of stars, with the harmony and order that are theirs, like the music of a harp? Who has blessed you with rain, with the art of husbandry, with different kinds of food, with the arts, with houses, with laws, with states, with a life of humanity and culture, with friendship and the easy familiarity of kinship? ... Is it not God who asks you now in your turn to show yourself generous ... Because we have received from him so many wonderful gifts, will we not be ashamed to refuse him this one thing only, our generosity?

Gregory Nazianzen

A Note From Your Webmaster

Can you believe that summer has arrived? Well guess what it has. There are many upcoming events, especially our outdoor services, beginning soon.

I have kept pretty busy creating new or updating different web sites. I am presently completing a web site for Lillie's Brother, a Methodist Minister. Each day he has been providing me with information for the web site. I have found the information about the two churches he serves very interesting. The churches go back to before the nineteen hundreds.

www.bridgesquareumc.org

There is so much information on the web. Check the web site often, who knows you, may find something you have been looking for. God be with you.

Dare to Be 100



Our six new members

A few months ago I felt the need of a more active life. I missed family and old friends. I was unable to drive due to low vision from macular degeneration--now, what do I do? I could start a group to meet people, but it must have a goal, but what?

In talking by phone to my daughter Sandra, I explained my dilemma and she told me of a book she had seen entitled "Dare to be 100" by Walter Bortz, MD. That's it! I immediately said, and now the "group" is a reality.

Dare To Be 100--

The 'D' is for diet.... 'A' is for attitude.. 'R' is for retirement, renewal, recreation, and rest.. 'E' is for exercise... D, A, R, & E are for the biological components for aiming at 100, but the A is the most important, within attitude lets all the planning and decision making that facilitates the biological steps.

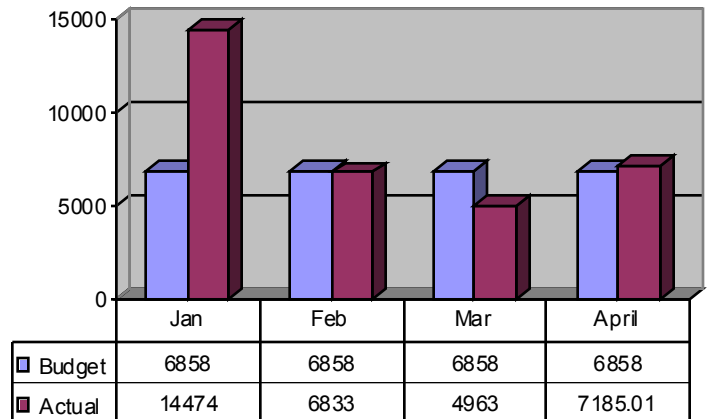
The group began with six people and has now grown to twelve people including a couple of men. The meetings include some health items and some exercise that can be done easily. There is no charge to anyone.

It is possible to reach 100 by chance, but not likely--I'm well on my way at 98 in a few months--and feel I'm having a happy life... looking toward 105!

Our meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at Galilee Lutheran Church Community Center..1:00 PM. Anyone interested in this group is welcome to visit at any time, man or woman and no matter what your age is now.

For further information you may call:
Gunhill Brown at 277-9095

Giving 2010



\$6858 is needed each month to meet the yearly budget. We were way above that amount in Jan. due to a couple of generous donations from our members. We were able to catch up on our mortgage and repay some of the money that had to be borrowed from the Snite fund in 2008.

Galilee Choir



Galilee Choir

Choir meets each Sunday at 9:00 AM. Bring your voice. We'll find a place for it.

Beautiful music is the art of the prophets that can calm the agitations of the soul; it is one of the most magnificent and delightful presents God has given us.

[Martin Luther](#)

Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world.

[Martin Luther](#)



Work Party



Put on your gloves and overalls and meet at the church on May 15 from 9:00 AM until noon for a special party. This month's work party will be followed by a **potluck** picnic from 12:00 until 3:00 PM. Come and join the gang and help keep our church and grounds the beautiful place it is and then enjoy the fellowship of all your friends at Galilee.



Pastor Denis cleaning up the road

POTLUCK

People of faith, a communal meal
 On paper plates with plastic forks
 Too much spaghetti is never enough
 Loosen up, all ye saints of God!
 Under one roof, upon one table
 Common people sharing a common creed
 Kiwi jello tastes better than it sounds



May Birthdays

- 5– Barbara McCauley
- 10– Laisne Hamilton
- 16– Helena Soiland
- 18– Thelma Dangel



May Anniversaries

No anniversaries

Special Thanks!!

On Sunday, April 25th, the congregation made a \$200.00 donation for Stephanie Fairlee and family. Stephanie's family had just suffered a complete loss to their home and all personal belongings caused by fire.

Jane Unger presented Stephanie with the donation and reports that she was in tears with this generous gift. She said the money would be used to buy sleeping bags for her four children. She will also have the children make a thank you note for the Galilee congregation. Thank you and bless you all.

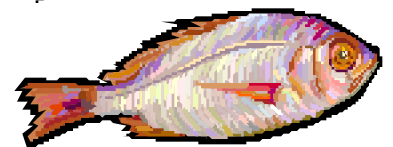
Joke for the month

No meat on Friday

When Ole quit farming, he discovered that he was the only Lutheran in his new little town of Catholics. That was okay, but the neighbors had a problem with his barbequing beef every Friday. Since they couldn't eat meat on Friday, the tempting aroma was getting the best of them. Hoping they could do something to stop this, the neighbors got together and went over to talk to Ole. "Ole," they said, "since you are the only Lutheran in this whole town and there's not a Lutheran church for many miles, we think you should join our church and become a Catholic." Ole thought about it for a minute and decided they were probably right. Ole talked to the priest, and they arranged it.

The big day came and the priest had Ole kneel. He put his hand on Ole's head and said, "Ole, you were born a Lutheran, you were raised a Lutheran, and now," he said as he sprinkled some incense over Ole's head, "now you are a Catholic!"

Ole was happy and the neighbors were happy. But the following Friday evening at supertime, there was again the aroma of grilled beef coming from Ole's yard. The neighbors went to talk to him about this and as they approached the fence, they heard Ole saying to the steak: "You were born a beef, you were raised a beef", and as he sprinkled salt over the meat he said, "and NOW you are a FISH!"



If you have an article or something you would like in the newsletter please let me know.

lhanson38@att.net

I need the information by May 15 in order to have time to put everything together.

Galilee Worker Bees for May

May 2

Ushers: Vale & Chris Hanzel
Lector: Kris Andre
Counters: Mike Roederer
Communion Assistant: Kris Andre
Cleaners: Vale & Chris Hanzel



May 9

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
Lector: Carl Ingvaldstad
Counters: Eva Johnson & Janis Andre
Communion assistant: Carl Ingvaldstad
Cleaners: Mike & Pam Roederers

May 16

Ushers: Steve & Kim Brice
Lector: Craig Waters
Counters: Sharon Schmidt & Kris Andre
Communion assistant: Craig Waters
Cleaners: Kris & Janis Andre



May 23

Ushers: Corky & Sharon Schmidt
Lector: Laisne Hamilton
Counters: Joan Worster & Eva Johnson
Communion assistant: Laisne Hamilton
Cleaners: Carl & Mary Beth Ingvaldstad

May 30

Ushers: Marvin & Lillie Hanson
Lector: Joan Worster
Counters: Laisne Hamilton &
Communion assistant: Mike Roederer
Cleaners: Craig Waters



Thanks to all our worker bees!!

Follow up on April's RECIPE OF THE MONTH And the Pillsbury Bakeoff From my sister

It was a wonderful experience. I would have liked to win but just to go and compete was a real honor. I got a trip to Orlando 2 nights at the Hilton, a microwave, all expenses while I was there and \$125 to cover any incidental expense. I just got home today. Thanks for your good wishes. Love Sharon

Passion Play

The Passion Play celebrates 30 years. It will be held May 15th and 16th at West Lake Road off the Nice-Lucerne Cutoff. It is recommended that you bring folding chairs or something to sit on. This is a free event, however they do accept donations.

Fifth Grade Assignment

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:

God is like:

BAYER ASPIRIN He works miracles..

A FORD He's got a better idea..

COKE He's the real thing.

HALLMARK CARDS He cares enough to send His very best.

TIDE He gets the stains out others leave behind.

GENERAL ELECTRIC He brings good things to life.

WAL-MART He has everything.

ALKA-SELTZER Try Him, you'll like Him

SCOTCH TAPE You can't see Him, but you know He's there.

DELTA He's ready when you are.

ALLSTATE You're in good hands with Him.

VO-5 Hair Spray ; He holds through all kinds of weather

DIAL SOAP Aren't you glad you have Him?

Don't you wish everybody did?

The U.S. POST OFFICE Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from His appointed destination.

CHEVROLET The heart beat of America

MAXWELL HOUSE. Good to the very last drop

BOUNTY He is the quicker picker upper. . Can handle the tough jobs. . . And He won't fall apart on you.

Interesting what children can come up with!!

Another e-mail I received and thought it was worth sharing.

GOD LIVES UNDER THE BED

I envy Kevin. My brother, Kevin, thinks God lives under his bed. At least that's what I heard him say one night.

He was praying out loud in his dark bedroom, and I stopped to listen, 'Are you there, God?' he said. 'Where are you? Oh, I see. Under the bed...'

I giggled softly and tiptoed off to my own room. Kevin's unique perspectives are often a source of amusement. But that night something else lingered long after the humor. I realized for the first time the very different world Kevin lives in.

He was born 30 years ago, mentally disabled as a result of difficulties during labor. Apart from his size (he's 6-foot-2), there are few ways in which he is an adult.

He reasons and communicates with the capabilities of a 7-year-old, and he always will. He will probably always believe that God lives under his bed, that Santa Claus is the one who fills the space under our tree every Christmas and that airplanes stay up in the sky because angels carry them.

I remember wondering if Kevin realizes he is different. Is he ever dissatisfied with his monotonous life?

Up before dawn each day, off to work at a workshop for the disabled, home to walk our cocker spaniel, return to eat his favorite macaroni-and-cheese for dinner, and later to bed.

The only variation in the entire scheme is laundry, when he hovers excitedly over the washing machine like a mother with her new born child.

He does not seem dissatisfied.

He lopes out to the bus every morning at 7:05, eager for a day of simple work.

He wrings his hands excitedly while the water boils on the stove before dinner, and he stays up late twice a week to gather our dirty laundry for his next day's laundry chores.

And Saturdays - oh, the bliss of Saturdays! That's the day my Dad takes Kevin to the airport to have a soft drink, watch the planes land, and speculate loudly on the destination of each passenger inside. 'That one's goin' to Chi-car-go!' Kevin shouts as he claps his hands.

His anticipation is so great he can hardly sleep on Friday nights.

And so goes his world of daily rituals and weekend field trips. He doesn't know what it means to be discontent. His life is simple.

He will never know the entanglements of wealth of power, and he does not care what brand of clothing he wears or what kind of food he eats. His needs have always been met, and he never worries that one day they may not be.

His hands are diligent. Kevin is never so happy as when he is working. When he unloads the dishwasher or vacuums the carpet, his heart is completely in it. He does not shrink from a job when it is begun, and he does not leave a job until it is finished. But when his tasks are done, Kevin knows how to relax. He is not obsessed with his work or the work of others. His heart is pure.

He still believes everyone tells the truth, promises must be kept, and when you are wrong, you apologize instead of argue.

Free from pride and unconcerned with appearances, Kevin is not afraid to cry when he is hurt, angry or sorry. He is always transparent, always sincere. And he trusts God.

Not confined by intellectual reasoning, when he comes to Christ, he comes as a child. Kevin seems to know God - to really be friends with Him in a way that is difficult for an 'educated' person to grasp. God seems like his closest companion.

In my moments of doubt and frustrations with my Christianity, I envy the security Kevin has in his simple faith.

It is then that I am most willing to admit that he has some divine knowledge that rises above my mortal questions.

It is then I realize that perhaps he is not the one with the handicap. I am. My obligations, my fear, my pride, my circumstances - they all become disabilities when I do not trust them to God's care.

Who knows if Kevin comprehends things I can never learn? After all, he has spent his whole life in that kind of innocence, praying after dark and soaking up the goodness and love of God.

And one day, when the mysteries of heaven are opened, and we are all amazed at how close God really is to our hearts, I'll realize that God heard the simple prayers of a boy who believed that God lived under his bed.

Kevin won't be surprised at all!

