

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

- Look for new events from the church calendar
- What's happening around the world?



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The Butterfly Effect

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Why God?

By Ken Kernen

Because we are human with human frailties it can be difficult at times for us to accept events that we face in this world. Even the disciples were not immune to asking why certain things happened during their time and they had Jesus there to help guide them. But it is the basis of what we call "Faith" to accept things that we do not understand as His divine intervention.

The grieving process can be tormenting and test our love of God to the eternal degree. In our limited minds eye, we ask God why? Why did you take that job away from me? Why did you have me go through this relationship only to have it end? Why did you take that person's life away that I cared so much about? Sometimes I wonder if we understand that it is not He that must answer to us but we that will answer to Him. I do not understand everything but I do understand that this life was provided to us by God. It is His plan and His alone. To have faith in Him means we do not question His infinite knowledge when things happen but try to use that which he gave us to help in any way we can. But grief is a powerful emotion and can overwhelm us.

Recently, my dear sister Terri passed suddenly. As one of five

siblings, she always was the founder of a wonderful smile and kind word to everyone. Her faith was strong and she lived in His light for all the years I knew her. My family was and still is stunned to hear of losing her but because of our faith we will get through it. Maybe not today or tomorrow but it will come and like I told my mother, the tears we cry in pain today will become the tears of joy someday when we remember her. This is the part we as Christians need to hold onto.



We have those memories and if God had not put that person in our lives, we would not be able to hold onto that. How all knowing is God that He gave us a way to let the hurt escape through grieving but provided a way to hold onto the good through our memories. I am forever grateful that He gave this to me so I can continue to talk to my sister every day. Additionally, we have

the promise of seeing each other again through His grace. But even for those of us who hold these truths dear to our hearts there are instances when we still wonder or ask out loud "why".

There are no easy or patented answers to the question "why" when things happen. For example, this crept into my mind with the recent elementary school shooting in Connecticut. These innocent angels had been in their classrooms, having no idea that evil was just outside the door. Being a parent myself I cannot even begin to imagine the pain any of them must have felt after they had just dropped their child off at school. What horror it must have been to be waiting in that firehouse for word if their son or daughter was alright. And then receiving the worst words any parent can hear. While I can only assume many parents, relatives and friends asked God "why" on this day there was a something that I noticed as I watched this saga unfold. The House of God became the central focus for the community.

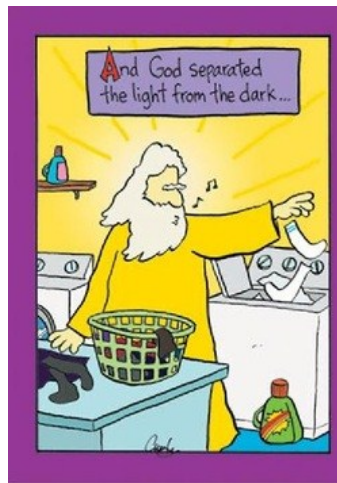
Here the families gathered. Not to ask why but to listen to His word and promises of eternal life. I will not assume that I can
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begin to understand the range of emotions these people felt but it was clear that His Word was among them. It was also clear that through the grieving process they would hold onto the things they needed to hold onto and dispel with those things not Christian based.

God has given us so many blessings and how to deal with our own grief is one of them. None of us do this the same way. For example, I have chosen to take walks in a park near my home with my bible and read several verses as a way to remember my sister because she loved parks and God. I'm sure others of us find different ways to deal with our grief, whether it be a kind word spoken by a friend or relative or some action we take in remembrance. It is better for us to focus on the healing portion than it is to continue to ask "why God".

Bible Funnies



This Month's Bible Verse

“Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God (Yahweh), the Creator of the ends of the earth, faints not, neither is weary; His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint; and to him who has no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall; but those who wait for Yahweh shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint” (Isaiah 40:28-31).



Servers Schedules

Some of the dates and volunteer slots for the servers have not been filled in. This is due to the unavailability of schedules sent to the church office by leadership and/or not having an appointed leader for that area of ministry. Please try to get your schedules into the church office in a timely manner! Thank you!



Children Messages

January 2013

Date	Saturday Server's Name	Sunday 8 AM Server's Name	Sunday 10:45 AM Server's Name
5—6	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
12—13	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
19—20	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
26—27	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled

February 2013

Date	Saturday Server's Name	Sunday 8 AM Server's Name	Sunday 10:45 AM Server's Name
2—3	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
9—10	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
16—17	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled
23—24	n/a	Pastor Travis	None Scheduled

January 2013

Date	Counter
5—6	None Scheduled
12—13	None Scheduled
19—20	None Scheduled
26—27	None Scheduled

Offering Counter Schedule



February 2013

Date	Counter
2—3	None Scheduled
9—10	None Scheduled
16—17	None Scheduled
23—24	None Scheduled
	None Scheduled

Assistant Schedules



January 2013 Lay Readers

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Assistant Schedules

January 2013 Altar Guild

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January 2013 Greeters

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5—6	Duchin	Mark & Wendy Anderson	Beauchamp
12—13	Humont	Chen	Hamberger
19—20	Kaun	Ken Kernen	Grace
26—27	Schroeder/Gerdes	Tom & Bonnie Smith	Marshall

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23—24	Schroeder/Gerdes	Tom & Bonnie Smith	Hamberger

OUTREACH

Button Sales

The Board of Outreach is happy to announce that 150 Christmas buttons were sold during the holiday season.

Repairers of the Breach

The board would also like to thank all those who donated to the "Repairers of the Breach"

Approximately 25 wrapped gifts were collected along with 3 large gift baskets

Upcoming event

There will be a meeting in January with the Blood Center to consider doing a Blood Drive sometime in the near future

Funds for the Children of Faraja

Risen Savior now has a dedicated fund to help the less fortunate in Kenya. The orphans at Faraja are in need of many every day items and school supplies. Supported in part by the Evangelical Church of Kenya these children face disease, poverty and death in many cases.

A small team has been formed to look into raising funds for these kids. Called "Caring Christians for Kenya" the group hopes to raise donations to support the kids and help them have a brighter future along with providing the Word to them. The group even has a logo to help identify who they are. If you are interested in helping to support these children please contact Ken Kernen at 414-421-7377 or ks3boys1@yahoo.com

We Can Help Them



Caring Christians 4
Kenya

Kenya Facts

Around Town

To Everyone an Answer

Sunday, Feb 10, 2013 5:00p to 6:30p

[Peace Lutheran Church & Academy](#) Sussex, WI

To Everyone an Answer is a four-part lecture series answering contemporary topics of the Christian faith. Topics for the lectures: "Christians and the Government," "Darwinism's Attack on Christian Theology," "Spiritual Affliction and Demonic Attacks," "Cyberspace and Christianity—the Blessings and the Curses." A chili and soup supper is also served.

Upcoming Events

If you have a special event you would like to see in the newsletter contact Ken Kernen at ks3boys1@yahoo.com

LCMS PAGE

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Steward Builders

Who Would Have Thought?

In an election year like the one just past, it's pretty hard for a politician seeking an office to keep a secret. His or Her adversaries may often go back far into their past to find some family indiscretion that can be built into an argument that that candidate is unfit for office. Sometimes those "facts" bring about the downfall of that person's candidacy, and their career in politics is ended. Their desire to be a leader in government is quashed. A leader must have an impeccable pedigree, right?

Well, let's think about Jesus' ancestry. Maybe you've been in a Bible study that focused on a hero of faith—one like Abraham or his son Issac or his grandson Jacob.

Maybe it's been David, that "Man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). You've been reading along in your Bible and find out that there are some chinks in their armor. Did it disappoint you to find out that

Abraham lied because he was scared and that his followed in his footsteps committing the same sin because of the same lack of faith? And Jacob! All that cheating and deceit that displayed a similar lack of trust that God had their lives under His control! And David! He was an adulterer and a murderer! How could God call him a "Man after His own heart?"

imperfect men and women to be Jesus' ancestors? But, you see, it's not about us, it's about Jesus. He is the One Who is perfect. He is the One Who is fit to rule over us. He has called all of us, sinful though we are, to be His servants. After all, isn't that what Abraham, Issac, Jacob, David and all the other heroes of faith were? God's servants?

We won't find a perfect political candidate. We won't find a perfect Anybody. What we will find is a faithful, perfect Savior Who lived in the perfect life in our place, Who calls us to serve Him in many different venues, Who forgives our sins and restores us to service.



Wow! We think. Those guys were terrible! We might even say they're worse than we are. Who would have thought that God would choose these

GIFT

OF GRACE

Special prayers and stories

Prayers for Children

Here are five prayers easy enough for children to memorize. They are about things most parents would like their children to learn to pray about.

A Child's Prayer to Start the Day

Be with me dear Lord I pray
As I start another day;
And also, Father, please help me
To be as good as I can be.

A Child's Prayer to Say at Meals

Dear Lord,
Every single bite we chew
Is given as a gift from you,
So thank you for our table spread
With vegetables and meat and bread.

A Child's Family prayer

Thank you for my family
And that we love and share;
Keep us all together, Lord,
And safe within your care.

A Child's Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, God, for sun and trees;
Thank you for the summer breeze;
Thank you for all plants that grow;
And thanks for rain and winter snow.
Thank you for all things you give,
And thank you, God, because we live.

A Child's Prayer for Bedtime

When I go to sleep tonight
Tucked up in my covers tight,
Protect me God the whole night
through
And bless and keep my family too.

Short Story

Open the Rose

A young, new preacher was walking with an older, more seasoned preacher in the garden one day and feeling a bit insecure about what God had for him to do, he was inquiring of the older preacher. The older preacher walked up to a rosebush and handed the young preacher a rosebud and told him to open it without tearing off any petals.

The young preacher looked in disbelief at the older preacher and was trying to figure out what a rosebud could possibly have to do with his wanting to know the WILL OF GOD for his life and for his ministry. Because of his high respect for the older preacher, he proceeded to TRY to unfold the rose, while keeping every petal intact...It wasn't long before he realized how it was impossible to do so.

Noticing the younger preacher's inability to unfold the rosebud while keeping it intact, the older preacher began to tell the following poem...



It is only a tiny rosebud,
A flower of GOD's design;
But I cannot unfold the petals
With these clumsy hands of mine.
The secret of unfolding flowers
Is not known to such as I.
GOD opens this flower so sweetly,
When in my hands they fade and die.

If I cannot unfold a rosebud,
This flower of GOD's design,
Then how can I think I have wisdom
To unfold this life of mine?
So I'll trust in Him for His leading
Each moment of every day.
I will look to Him for His guidance
Each step of the pilgrim way.
The pathway that lies before me,
Only my heavenly Father knows.
I'll trust Him to unfold the moments,
Just as He unfolds the rose.

<http://www.inspirationalarchive.com/1665/open-the-rose/>

January 2013



January 6

"In Christ, a New Day is Dawning, for You!"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

The reality for all who trust in Christ: because of Him, a new day has dawned for you.

(Isaiah 60:1, 3-6)

January 13

"Jesus, the Pilot of Your Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

When life seems so beyond our skill or control, we need Jesus, the Pilot who alone can rescue us and bring us safely home.

(Luke 3:15-22)

January 20

"The Lord Who Brings Celebration to Life"

Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Gregory Seltz

Jesus turns the bitter water of our despair and defeat into the wine of eternal life.

(John 2:1-11)

January 27

"Getting the Right Gift"

Speaker Emeritus of The Lutheran Hour: Rev. Ken Klaus

With His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus gave us sinners the most precious, personal gift we could ever receive, and we...well, we were too busy playing with the box.

(Mark 1:35-39)



Moving?

Let us know either where you are going or where you are from by filling out this form and dropping it in the church mail box.

Name _____

Current Address _____

Current City _____

Current State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

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