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DIAL 911

It was a beautiful day in Chicago that Tuesday morning in September, when reports began to come over the air that an airliner had crashed into one of the Twin Towers in New York City. Shortly thereafter it was reported that another plane ploughed into the second tower.

It was evident almost immediately we were under attack. Fear and uncertainty prevailed as reports came in. Other planes might be part of the attack. So it happened. One crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and another plane was driven into a field in Pennsylvania.

Maybe you felt as if everything were out of control. Maybe you had the feeling of helplessness. Maybe you wondered, "What in the world is going on, and what should I do?"

In a *Peanuts* comic strip, Lucy is hovering, looking down over a little bug. She says to Linus, "Look at this tiny little bug. It's appalling how little it knows. . . He's not like us. . . He doesn't know anything about voting or disease or earthquakes or love or Monday mornings!!" Linus then asks, "Who is better off?"

As Christians, we know who is better off. Though sinners, God's precious Son, Jesus, left the glories of heaven, taking on our flesh and our sin to be the world's Savior and Redeemer. He satisfied the wrath and justice of the Father, who then raised His Son from death to life, that we might live now and eternally.

We do have to admit, at times, it is so little we know. But our gracious God knows. He is in tears over the madness of men and the wickedness of the world, and the selfishness of sinners. But He comes to meet us in our greatest need and provide for us in all our lesser needs. We have the God who loves us in Christ even in unknown and unknown situations in life.

As the unknown surrounds us, as it did on 9-11, our God reminds us, (Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.")

Rejoice in the Lord's Loving Care,

Only today

There are two days in every week about which we shouldn't worry.

One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its aches and pains. Yesterday has passed forever beyond our control.

The other day is tomorrow, with its possible adversities and blunders. Until its sun rises, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

That leaves only one day — today. Anyone can fight the battle of just one day. It is only when we add the burden of those two eternities — yesterday and tomorrow — that contentment will escape us.

Cardboard testimonies

Churches across America are starting a new trend in sharing faith stories. Christians are using cardboard signs to concisely but powerfully share how God has changed their lives.

In 2008, Hillside Christian Church in Amarillo, Texas, posted a video titled "Cardboard Testimonies" on YouTube. Since then, it's been viewed more than 2 million times.

In the video, people from all walks of life take turns announcing silently, via their signs, how God has transformed sin, brokenness and doubt into forgiveness, healing and faith. First, they hold up the side of their sign that tells what their life had been like. Then they turn it over to reveal how God has made a difference.

Cardboard testimonies are a mighty reminder that God restores lives. As Paul says in 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV), "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

Our Christian hope

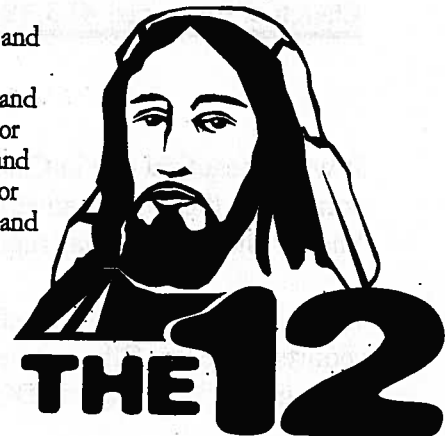
"Christian hope involves more than a sunny, cheerful attitude. It is more than a general kind of optimism. It is more than hope in hope, or faith in faith. Christian hope is tied to the goal of history and the purpose of each person's existence. It is the unshakeable confidence of the sovereignty of God and God's eventual triumph over all the forces that stand against truth, righteousness, faithfulness, love and mercy. And in the great contest between good and evil, Christian hope declares God as winner. ... Christ is the hope not only in the world to come; he is the hope of the world right now!"

—Oswald Bronson

Bible Quiz

The 12 men in Jesus' inner circle of followers had a variety of backgrounds, but most of their occupations are unknown. Which combination of jobs listed below correctly matches two of Jesus' disciples?

- A. Fisherman and Doctor
- B. Fisherman and Tax Collector
- C. Carpenter and Tax Collector
- D. Fisherman and Farmer



Answer: B (See Matthew 4:18 and 10:3.)

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Labor Day thoughts

On this Labor Day weekend, it's hard not to think about how unemployment has affected many people in our communities and churches. Congregations with unemployed members have a calling to help however they can.

Some churches provide job fairs; some have regular meetings to help unemployed people cope. Some churches provide food and other necessities. Those who can should hire an unemployed brother or sister in Christ at a fair wage. The entire congregation should pray regularly for unemployed people.

Christians who've lost their jobs should know they still have work to do. The church always needs volunteers, and unemployed people can serve the Lord and help the church's mission.

Charles Wesley made every Christian's "work" clear in his hymn "A Charge to Keep I Have":

A charge to keep I have, a God to glorify,
A never-dying soul to save and fit it for the sky,
To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill;
O may it all my powers engage to do my Master's will!

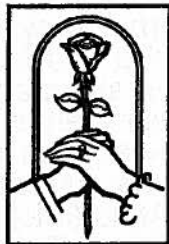
SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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S.	11	Dennis Katz Christine Wolford
S.	14	Amy L. Wood
S.	17	Victoria Elizabeth Velez
S.	18	Ronni Emrich
S.	19	Kristina Lynn Christensen
S.	27	Isaac Kenneth Harris
S.	28	Lonnie F. Johns

SEPTEMBER

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

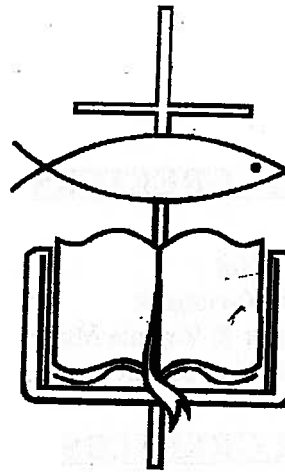


S. 04	Bruce & Jean Kachmarik Mark & Kathleen Wernet
S. 11	Robert & Martha Durica
S. 16	Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz
S. 23	Patrick & Nancy Brutto
S. 29	Perry & Denise Casalino

Please

If your name is ever omitted from the Birthday or Anniversary listing, please contact the Pastor, so that our records might be brought up-to-date.

Thank you!



NEWS

FROM

ZION

Sympathy: On Sunday, August 22nd, we learned of the passing of Susan W. Zelenka, on August 18th in Toledo, Ohio. The Funeral and Committal services were held Wednesday, August 25th, also in Toledo, Ohio. We are grateful to the Lord for His many blessings upon Susan and the many blessings upon Zion through Susan.

Christian sympathy is extended to all family members and friends. By faith in our Lord Jesus Christ we can look forward to a joyous reunion in the presence of Jesus with Susan, and with all those who have died in the Lord.

(Obituary report on the next page.)

Funeral: Pastor conducted funeral services for Emilie Hitzke, mother of David Hitzke, who was called to her eternal rest on August 2nd and laid to rest on Thursday, August 6th. Committal followed at Concordia Cemetery.

John 11:25-26: Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Wedding: Virgil Kirklin and Suzanne Bohus were united in Holy Matrimony at Zion, Saturday, August 7th. May the Lord's blessings be with Suzanne and Virgil as the Lord walks with them and they walk with the Lord throughout their wedded life.

Class: The Adult Bible Class will begin September 19th at 10:45 a.m. Topic to be considered is Prayer.

SEPTEMBER GREETERS

- S. 05 John & Mary Mark
- S. 12 John & Eleanor Kachmarik
- S. 19 Mary Fickenscher & Virginia Mulik
- S. 26 Allen Arkuszewski & Robert Lange

OCTOBER GREETERS

- O. 03 LWML Sunday
- O. 10 Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz
- O. 17 Sharron Schademann & Joseph Kvorka
- O. 24 Gloria Malina & Jean Larson
- O. 31 Robert & Martha Durica

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTES

- S. 05 Amanda & Paige Peterson
- S. 12 Austin & Alexis Johns
- S. 19 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
- S. 26 Tyler Johns & Daniel Dymitrowicz

OCTOBER ACOLYTES

- O. 03 Austin Johns & Alexis Johns
- O. 10 Cindy Wolford & Jeffrey George
- O. 17 Logan & Taylor Gizel
- O. 24 Amanda & Paige Peterson
- O. 31 Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SUNDAY



Sunday September 12th

CHURCH PICNIC

ZEILENKA, SUSAN W.

Susan W. Zelenka, passed away on August 18, 2010 in Toledo, OH. She was



born on October 5, 1915 in Yonkers, NY to John and Anna (Babyar) Warnock.

Susan held various secretarial positions in NYC during World War II.

She married Dr. Joseph J. Zelenka in 1948 and moved to Chicago where they raised their daughter, Sharon. In Chicago she worked at the National Association of Retail Grocers and the American Dietetic Association. Susan retired at the age of 79 years. Her lively walk, friendly smile and delicious cooking will be remembered by family and friends. Surviving are her daughter, Sharon (Scott) Thornton of Toledo, OH; grandchildren, Katherine (Jeff) Greeno of Toledo and Robert (Sandi) Lipovsky of Eagle River, Ak; great-grandchildren, Hannah Collins; Kayla and Abigail Lipovsky; sisters-in-law, Christina Zelenka and Ann Warnock; godchildren, Dorothy Bertha; Michael Sabanosh; James (Kay) Zelenka; Jack (Mona) Zelenka and Marion Harding. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Preceding her in death were her husband of 49 years, Joseph Zelenka; parents, parents-in-law; sisters, Anna (Michael) Sabanosh and Betty (Paul) Tallo; brothers, Michael Warnock; John (Jean) Warnock; George Warnock and Paul Warnock; sisters and brothers-in-law, Olga (Rev. John) Kovacik; Anna (Rev. Andrew) Mazak and John Zelenka. The family will receive guests Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m., at **Newcomer Funeral Home**, 4150 W. Laskey Rd., 419-473-0300. Funeral Services will begin Wednesday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Entombment will follow at Toledo Memorial Park. Memorial Contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice c/o Newcomer Funeral Home, 4150 W. Laskey Rd., Toledo, OH 43623 or to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8600 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. To leave a special message for Susan's Family, please visit www.NewcomerToledo.com.

Sign Guestbook at chicagotribune.com/obituaries

SYNODICAL CONVENTION REPORT

Mr. Ron Hoehnke was the Lay-delegate from our Western Circuit. He is a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Cudahy, WI. This report appeared in the newsletter of St. John's.

A Lay Delegate's Week In Houston

What an honor to have been chosen as the Lay Delegate representing the Western Circuit of the SELC District at the National Convention of the Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod. It was a week filled with devotions and high emotions.

Our first full day in Houston, Saturday, July 10 started with a meeting to familiarize all voters with the voting machines and procedures that would be used during the week.

The opening Service was held that afternoon. If you ever get a chance to hear close to 700 Pastors at one service, along with as many or more lay persons, an adult and a children's choir, all singing to the glory of God, do go, you will enjoy. President Kieschnick's sermon was very inspirational and got the convention off to a good start.

That evening the delegates dinner was held. All the delegates and spouses (my wife, Barbara, joined me at the Convention) sat down to a meal in one of the halls in the hotels. *Again to be with so many fellow Lutherans is quite an experience.*

It was a very full week. We started promptly at 8AM each day, took a break for lunch, and then continued on until 6PM. Each morning started with a devotional service. Mid-morning we had a Bible study. After lunch we had a devotional service and (of course) we always closed with a devotional service.

The theme for the Convention was "One People-Forgiven". It was highlighted all week long with Sermons and with short presentations, mostly by the District Presidents.

Sunday and Monday were mostly spent working on proposals from floor committees. These proposals included some restructuring of the Synod's inner workings. Also included in these first days were the President's report and the usual welcoming by locals.

On Tuesday the elections started. **Rev. Matthew Harrison was elected as President, replacing Rev. Gerald Kieschnick.** Dr Kieschnick had been President for three terms. This was followed by the elections for the five Vice Presidents positions.

The rest of the convention was a mixture of elections, working on the proposals from floor committees, special reports, and presentations by different people.

It was not a good year to be an incumbent, many incumbents were not re-elected.

The week was busy, and at times got heated. (Yes, Lutherans do not always agree.)

The next couple of years should be interesting. There will be a new President and three new Vice-presidents. Many other elected positions will also have new people. With the structural changes enacted by the Convention, this term will be a real challenge for the new leadership.

Please continue to pray for the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and its leaders!
God bless!

Ron Hoehnke



STEWARDSHIP SELC DISTRICT

(Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Churches)

Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

SELC STEWARDS

Stewards Embraced by the Love of Christ
Stewards Empowered by the Light of Christ
Stewards Enjoying God's Life in Christ



CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the Church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

BIBLICAL GIVING

Proportionate - Percentage of Income (1 Cor. 16:2)

Regular - Weekly Offering (1 Cor. 16:2)

First-fruit - Funding God First (Prov. 3:9-10)

Cheerful - "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)



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Smart cookies

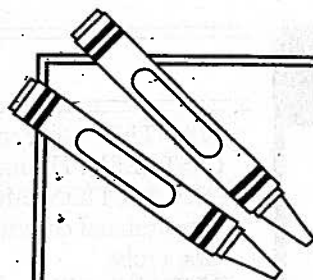
September is an exciting time, as you begin growing in wisdom with a new year of school and Sunday school. Be a "smart cookie" by making this special container for your kitchen. Change the pictures as your year goes by. Or fill the container with cookies to give as a gift.

What you need:

- 2 identical disposable plastic containers (rectangular and clear)
- 1 lid
- 4 photos or drawings
- Scissors
- Sticky bow or ribbon (optional)
- Cookies

What you do:

1. Cut four different pictures or drawings to fit the sides of your container. Allow the edges to slightly overlap around the four sides of one container.
2. Gently set one container inside the other. Then slide the pictures or drawings down between the two containers to cover the four sides. Press the inner container down to secure the pictures in place between the sides.
3. Fill the container with cookies, and put the lid on top of the inner container.
4. You can put a sticky bow or ribbon on the lid to make the container look like a present.



Just for

KIDS

GOD'S INSTRUCTION

The Bible is a guide for how we should live. In Sunday school and at home, we learn how God loves and saves us. Solve this puzzle to find Proverbs 4:13 (NIV), which tells about the importance of God's Word.

First, write the word that means the opposite of the one given. Then write the correct letters on the number-coded lines below.

young death cold come
1 2 3 2 6 7 8 4 1 5 9 1
sweet can't no later
10 1 11 12 13 14 15 16 8 10 15 1 17

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4 1 2 3 1 15 5 1

6 15 10 5 12 11 13 5 6 1 15' 3 1

15 1 5 2 8 5 6 5 9 1

9 11 14 12 3 6 5 17 8 2 2' 7 1 12

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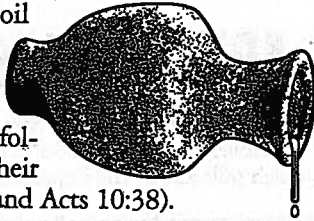


Answers: old, life, hot, go, sour, can, yes, now
"Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life."
(Proverbs 4:13, NIV)

+ Christian Symbols +

Oil

In the Old Testament, oil symbolized consecration to God. The temple altar and king's heads were anointed with oil to set them apart as holy. In the New Testament, oil often represented the Holy Spirit. Jesus and his followers were anointed for their ministries (see Luke 4:18 and Acts 10:38).



[Image above: OIL_7020, OIL_7020C]

In earthen vessels

The dear Lord's best interpreters
Are humble human souls;
The gospel of a life like His
Is more than books or scrolls.

From scheme and creed the light goes out,
The saintly fact survives;
The blessed Master none can doubt,
Revealed in holy lives.

— John Greenleaf Whittier, from "The Friend's Burial"

Perspective

Just as
One person's junk is another person's treasure;
So, one person's work is
another person's pleasure.

—Peggy Ferrell

The beloved community

One Minnesota pastor often called the congregation he served "the beloved community." This is a good description for all followers of Christ. We should strive to make the church a community where love flows easily and joyfully between members.

Church father Tertullian (A.D. 160-220) reported that the Romans said of the first Christians, "See how they love one another!" Any faithful, dedicated group of believers can and should be a beloved community.

Wanted

WANTED: Choir members — whereabouts unknown
LAST SEEN: Hiding out in the congregation
DESCRIPTION: Male and female, young and old, musical and cheerful, may be armed and desperate for a robe
REWARD: "Give and you shall receive."
SURRENDER TO: Your friendly choir director

The beginnings of Sunday school

Englishman Robert Raikes, born in 1735, was a Christian layman who was pained to see unschooled children working six days a week in factories or mines. On Sundays, children roamed the streets, often getting into trouble. Most didn't know how to read or write and knew nothing about Christ or the church.

As Raikes labored to reform England's prison system, he noticed that many children were imprisoned, stirring him to action on their behalf. He arranged for halls and homes to be used for educational purposes on Sundays, the one day children didn't have to work. He found volunteers to teach reading, writing and math, as well as the Bible and Christian beliefs.

The first Sunday school class was held in July 1780. Amazingly, by 1788 some 250,000 children were attending such schools. This occurred despite some people's opposition to the education of lower-class children.

Countless boys and girls have attended Sunday school classes since then, thanks to Raikes, who brought Christ's light and love to children around the world.

An offertory prayer

Loving Creator, you have generously and graciously given us blessing after blessing, gift after gift, kindness after kindness. Your steadfast love and amazing grace abound in our lives. You are awesome, and we are humbled and deeply grateful.

Now we give our tokens of love and appreciation to you. First, we offer our grateful hearts, minds and souls. Receive our praise and thanksgiving. We also offer the gifts of our labor, our monetary offerings, and our pledge of talent, time and service.

Help us be dedicated servants for you in our daily lives so we may be more worthy of the life you have given us. In Jesus' name. Amen.



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12 9:30 AM Worship Sunday School 10:35 PICNIC Noon	13	14 Guild 12 N Lunch Topic Business	15	16	17	18																																																																																											
19 9:30 AM Communion Worship SS 10:35am Bible Class 10:45 am	20	21 7:00 PM Council Mt	22	23	24	25																																																																																											
26 9:30 AM Worship Youth & Adult Classes 10:45 School 10:35	27	28	29	30 Study God's Word 																																																																																													

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*"The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?"*

PSALM 27:1, NRSV

BLESSINGS TO:

Sunday Schedule

Worship - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School - 10:35 a.m.
Bible Class - 10:45 a.m.

RALLY DAY

FREE FOOD

September 12, 2010

FREE BINGO

FREE GAMES

Special Worship Service - 9:30 A.M.

Sunday School after Worship

FREE Picnic after Sunday School

EVERYONE INVITED - COME - BRING YOUR FRIENDS

FREE BINGO

