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REMEMBERING BAPTISM

It's rather creepy to think about it. But in Daejeon, South Korea, a fellow by the name of Jung Joon puts people into wooden coffins and pounds the lid shut. What is unusual is that Joon is not a funeral director. The people in the coffin aren't dead. He leads seminars. He begins his seminars with the words, "Okay, let's get close to death."

He explains it in this way, "It's a way to let go of certain things. Afterward you feel refreshed. You're ready to start your life all over again, this time with a clean slate."

The seminar begins with participants writing their goodbyes to family and friends. It includes the writing of one's own epitaph. They attend their own funeral and then climb into a coffin for an excruciating time of darkness and contemplation.

The image that he wants to convey is that real life is better than death. But, the message could be that the experience creates horrific nightmares without beneficial results.

Our Savior, Jesus, did not play dead. He died and in dying defeated death. He has come from death into a resurrection of life. He has come forth with new life and with new life for us.

We don't have to crawl into a coffin to experience a fake death.. We've already experienced death and resurrection to life in baptism.

That's what the apostle Paul says: (Romans 6:3-5) Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection.

We don't need a coffin. We don't need to crawl into one. All we need is a baptismal font to remind us that there we died with Christ. There we were given new life. We will experience life fully in our resurrection from the dead on the Last Day,.

A blessed Easter, baptized ones, in the Name of the Resurrected One..

Jason



EASTER

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



A. 2	Joan Dein
	David Hitzke
A. 3	Kathryn Hanus Chang
A. 4	Joseph William Strejc
A. 10	Irene Katz
A. 11	Martha Durica
A. 13	Megan Noel Harris
A. 14	David Maurice Peck
A. 15	Paul Hudak
A. 15	Robert C. Lange
A. 17	Ruth Parat
A. 17	Mary Fickenscher
A. 19	Dorothy Filo
A. 23	Adam Kenneth Harris
A. 30	Linda Griesmann

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

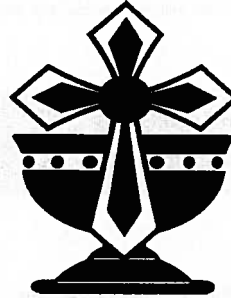
APRIL



A. 3	Andres and Robin Velez
A. 8	Edward & Joan Dein
A. 14	Kristy & Nicholas Casaccio
A. 17	Joseph and Jean Babchak
A. 22	Reinhold and Carol Bietsch
A. 22	Richard and Linda Griesmann
A. 29	Donald and Nancy Geis

APRIL GREETERS

A. 3 & 6	Christine & Cindy Wolford
A. 10 & 13	Ruth Simko & Jean Larson
A. 17	Robert & Martha Durica
A. 21	Ushers Maundy Thursday
A. 22	Ushers Good Friday
A. 24	Ronald & Ruth Parat Easter
May 01	Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz
May 08	Richard & Carla Petersen



NEWS

from

ZION

Baptism: Lily Noel Sapikas, infant daughter pf Matthew James Sapikas and Megan Noel Harris, born 29 December 2010 at Oak Park, IL, was brought to the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on March 27, 2011. Lily Noel was brought to Baptism by Matthew Sapikas and Megan Harris and Heather Nieves and Eric Duffeck.

May the name of **Lily Noel Sapikas** be recorded in the Book of Everlasting Life.

Romans 6:3-4

"All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

Acolytes for April

A. 03 & 06	Alexis & Austin Johns
A. 10 & 13	Jeffery George & Daniel Dymitrowicz
A. 17	Taylor & Logan Gizel
A. 21	Cindy Wolford Maundy Thursday
A. 22	Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
	Good Friday
A. 24	Austin & Alexis Johns

May Acolytes

M. 01	Paige & Amanda Peterson
M. 08	Cindy Wolford & Jeffrey George
M. 15	Taylor Gizel & Logan Gizel
M. 22	Emily Stoller & Victoria Velez
M. 29	Paige & Amanda Peterson
June 5	Austin & Alexis Johns

+ Christian Symbols +

Coins

The Bible often uses coins to symbolize human greed. During Holy Week, 30 silver coins — usually shown with a bag or purse — represent Jesus' betrayal by his disciple Judas (Matthew 26:14-16). Many of Jesus' teachings are about money, including the parable of the lost coin. Coins also symbolize giving as an act of worship, just as the widow offered her last "mite" (Mark 12:41-44).



[Image above: COINS_7995, COINS_7995C]

On the loose

In John Masfield's play *The Trial of Jesus*, Pilate's wife, Procula, asks one of the guards about the crucifixion. He tells her about Christ on the cross and says, "Jesus' body has been buried, but I don't think he is dead."

"Then where is he?" Procula asks.

The soldier replies, "Let loose in the world, lady, where neither Roman nor Jew can stop his truth."

Living in Saturday

Saturday of Holy Week is a strange day for the church. It's sandwiched between Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, and Easter, when he rose.

Certainly, we know the truth and triumph of the resurrection, but until Jesus comes again, we're living in Saturday. The Lamb of God has been sacrificed, and the curtain of sin that separated us from God has been torn down. Yet we're still looking forward to — as Jesus said — the renewal of all things.

Although we may be battered and bruised, stumbling, limping or crawling, we shouldn't wallow in defeat. Instead, we can be confident in the victory Jesus won for us. We can shout with Paul, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

While you look back to Friday and look forward to Sunday, live victoriously in Saturday. Jesus has won and has run the victory lap ... and he's coming around again.

—Gregg McCaslin

A sign of hope

The Mariner's Memorial, a 75-foot brick tower, stands in the harbor of Gothenburg, Sweden, honoring Swedish sailors who never returned. Atop it is the statue of a woman looking longingly toward the sea. She represents families who awaited their loved ones and recall their loss.

Nearby, you can see the tower of a Christian church. Atop it is a large, empty cross. It also tells a story of death. But it says there's more to the story. Jesus rose again and, by God's grace, defeated death.

The title of Johann Schwedler's hymn "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know" reminds us that Jesus' triumph over the grave is amazing, hope-filled news that's worthy of sharing.

Without Jesus ...

Without the risen Savior in our hearts, life is like:

- A chocolate Easter Bunny — empty on the inside;
- An Easter bonnet — easily blown off kilter;
- Last year's Easter outfit — it doesn't quite fit right;
- An Easter lily — it soon withers and dries up;
- A bag of jellybeans — sugary and sweet but lacking substance;
- An unfound Easter basket — full of gifts that spoil and go to waste;
- A colored Easter egg — looks great but cracks under pressure;
- The Easter bunny — always hopping here and there;
- Marshmallow Peeps — becomes hard when opened up;
- Easter parade — a long journey with no destination;
- An unopened Easter card — a message of love unclaimed.

—David Patterson

Lost and found

Jürgen Moltmann had a secular upbringing in Germany. In 1944, he was drafted into Hitler's army and sent into battle. After American soldiers captured Moltmann, a chaplain gave him a small Bible containing the New Testament and the Psalms.

Jesus walked off the pages and into the young man's heart. "I didn't find Christ," Moltmann said. "He found me." The gospel was such life-giving good news that when the war ended, Moltmann became a Christian theologian, teaching in both German and American seminaries.

Moltmann calls Easter "God's protest against death" and "the beginning of laughter for the redeemed."

Report on March 8 WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING

Nine members and two guests gathered at noon for a delightful luncheon of Reuben sandwich casserole, Jell-o salad and cake, supplied by Virginia Mulik and Marlee Johns. Good fellowship was enjoyed by all, and we invite any woman who is free at noon on the second Tuesday of the month to come and join us.

The mites collected on March 6 totaled \$254.50. There is still time to contribute mites for the LWML missions.

Marlee discussed the Ash Wednesday potluck and the Lenten suppers. She said the soups and sandwiches are taken care of, but desserts are always needed for those Wednesdays.

Pastor Bajus announced that the Western Zone Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, May 21 at Dr. Martin Luther Church. Further information will be given later.

Nona Schipull stated that Saturday, April 9 has been designated as "church cleaning day". All men and women are invited to help from 9 AM to Noon, with lunch following.



The meeting adjourned at 1:25 PM, at which time Pastor Bajus led us in the devotion "The God of Details," considering our awesome and wonderful God details in Biblical history, in His plan of salvation and in our daily living. Our Lord knows every detail about us, when we sit down and when we rise up; He even discerns our thoughts. We ask God to watch over and protect us and lead us in His Way everlasting through Jesus Christ, His Son.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Constien, Secretary

FAITHFUL HEARTS AND HANDS MEETING NOTES – MARCH 12, 2011

The meeting began with a Bible Study led by Nona Schipull on the topic “What Would Joseph Say?” from *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, Winter 2009 and *The Lutheran Witness*, March 2011. In the Lectionary section of the Church Calendar for *Lutheran Service Book*, there are three additions to the list of Feasts and Festivals that supplement what was previously listed in *Lutheran Worship* as annual observances. The first of those three new days occurring on the yearly calendar is the Day of St. Joseph, which is observed on March 19. Joseph was obedient and answered the call. We sing our thanks for Joseph, the guardian for the Lord.

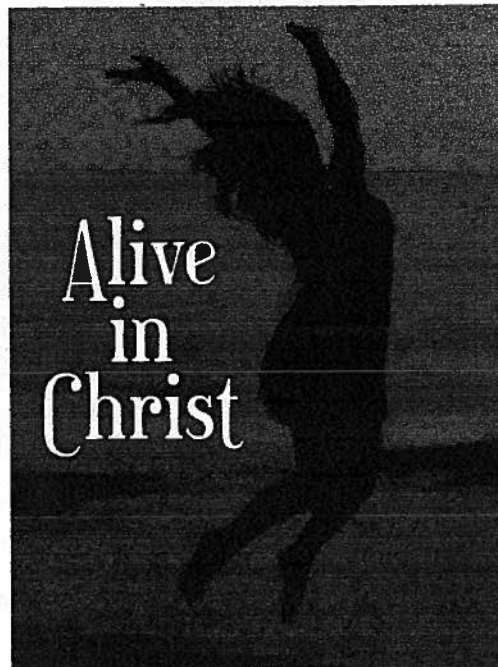
Sharron Schademann presented her Treasurer's Report.

The spring church cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2011, starting at 9 AM. Lunch will be served to the “cleanup crew” – pizza!

After reviewing paint and countertop samples, color choices were selected for the women's bathroom.

The menu was selected and plans were made for the Easter breakfast here at Zion. The free will offering will be donated to Lutheran Church Charities Disaster Fund.

Please remember to mark your calendars for the Spring Church Cleanup on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 9 AM. If you can, bring a bucket, mop, sponges or clean old rags. Our combined efforts – and Murphy's Oil Soap – will make everything shine!



Easter Continental Breakfast

Hosted by Faithful Hearts and Hands

Menu will include:

Potato Casserole

Egg, cheese & ham casserole

Mini pancakes with syrup

Bacon and sausages

Bagels with cream cheese

Hard boiled eggs

Assorted Easter pastries

Juice ~ Coffee ~ Tea ~ Milk



Free Will Offering



HOT CROSS BUNS

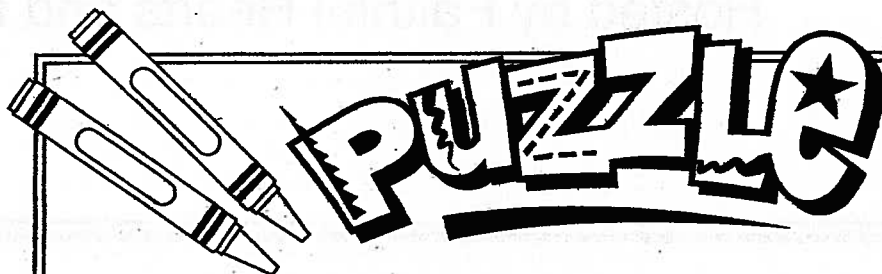
Make this traditional Easter recipe to remember how Christ gave his life for you.

What you need:

- 1 can (12 oz.) evaporated milk
- 1 stick (½ cup) butter, melted
- ½ cup sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1½ Tablespoons yeast
- 1 egg, beaten
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 5 cups flour
- Icing
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. In large bowl, combine the first eight ingredients.
2. Stir in flour, one cup at a time, to form soft dough. Knead on a floured surface until smooth and elastic (about five minutes).
3. Place in a greased bowl, turning once to grease top. Cover and let rise until doubled (about one hour).
4. Knead out air bubbles. Form six two-inch balls.
5. Place two inches apart on a greased cookie sheet. Cover and let rise until doubled (about 30 minutes).
6. Bake at 375 degrees until golden (13 to 15 minutes). Cool on wire racks.
7. Add icing in a cross shape. Enjoy!



FIX YOUR EYES ON JESUS

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection helps us live with gratitude every day.

Use the picture and number code to fill in the blanks for Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV.























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| 2. lose | 6. him |
| 3. pioneer | 7. faith |
| 4. sinners | 8. hand |



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Answer: "...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith
 sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who
 endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary
 and lose heart." Hebrews 12:2-3, NIV

From: Tim & Michelle Miller (tmmiller@LBT.org)
To: ljb909@att.net;
Date: Tue, March 15, 2011 11:21:49 AM
Cc:
Subject: A visit to Zion?

Dear Pastor Bajus,

Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand! I hope this finds you well...and seeing some signs of Spring there!

We have really appreciated the faithful prayer and financial support we have received from Zion. Thank you for all you have done to be an ambassador for our work with LBT here in Southeast Asia.

You may have already received our recent newsletter that talks about our furlough coming up this summer. We would love to visit you and the members of Zion while we are stateside to share an update in person about the work here. We are going to be spending time at the LBT office in Aurora during the third week of August (and also possibly helping Ellyn settle into a college in the Chicago area during that week), and we are wondering if it would work with your schedule to visit Zion on Sunday August 21st. We are happy to share in adult Bible class, Sunday school and/or during the worship. I am not a pastor, though I am happy to share a mission message if that would be appropriate. How would this date work for you?

I am also writing to share a need we have related to our furlough. We are looking for a vehicle to use for about 6 weeks or so that we will be traveling in the mid-west. We will be arriving in Chicago on July 6th and we will be leaving on August 23th. During those weeks we will be spending time primarily in Indiana and then making a trip up to Michigan/Wisconsin to visit a number of supporters there. I know it is somewhat unlikely that people have an extra car...but we are just putting out feelers with our supporters in the mid-west to see if anyone might be able to assist in this way.

We look forward to being in touch! We appreciate your prayers for our continued preparation for furlough. Next week I am traveling out of town to lead a training for several Christian leaders from Myanmar, and we appreciate your prayers for that time as well.

God's peace to you,
Tim Miller

March 18, 2011



Dear Pastor,

Do you know how missionaries receive their linguistic training? Are you familiar with the IPA? Do you know what a back translation is?

Discover the answers at LBT's Annual Dinner on April 29, 2011. Join us at the Hilton Hotel in Lisle, Illinois as we explore *How Do We Get From Here To There, Bible Translation from A to Z and Beyond!* *7 p.m.*

You and your congregation are invited to share an evening of fellowship, fun, and good food. We hope you will use the enclosed poster and bulletin insert to help us advertise this event that will feature videos, displays, and missionary presentations. You might even get a chance to do a bit of translating!

Our mission is to help bring people to faith in Jesus Christ by making the Word of God available to those who do not yet have it in the language of their hearts. Since 1964, LBT missionaries have helped translate 33 New Testaments into languages like Kono, Kalanga, Vai, Uspanteco, Mada, Bandi. These translations mark the first time Scripture has been available in these mother tongue languages.

Over 60 missionaries are currently serving in 80 Bible translation and Scripture engagement programs in 15 countries. This work is made possible through the prayers and financial donations of individuals and congregations, like yours, who believe that no barrier of language or culture should prevent people from coming to know Jesus Christ.

We look forward to seeing you on April 29. If you have questions about LBT's mission or this event, please call 1-630-897-0660 or visit our website at www.LBT.org.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Marshall R. Gillam'.

Dr. Marshall R. Gillam
Executive Director

P.S.: Tim & Michelle Miller
Plan to be present
On April 29.



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BLESSINGS TO:

April 24 - After Easter Worship

Sunday Schedule

Worship	-	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School	-	10:35 a.m.
Bible Class	-	10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday	-	7:00 p.m.
Good Friday	-	7:00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	-	9:30 a.m.



He has
given us a new
birth into a living hope
through the resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV

Resurrection Sunday - April 24th