



# THE CHIMES

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## JESUS IS ALIVE

After the week that we call "Holy," the lives of the disciples were in shambles. The week started out so gloriously - Jesus riding into Jerusalem amid shouts and songs of Hosanna.

But everything began to unwind and unravel when Jesus was taken prisoner, sentenced to death by the Sanhedrin and then by Pontius Pilate, and nailed to the cross that bore the inscription, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

Their lives were in shambles, but their lives were also shameful. Jesus was betrayed, denied and forsaken by His own disciples. What does the future hold in store for them now?

- ★ They had no careers. Their careers were linked to following Jesus, now crucified.
- ★ They had no future. To what could they possibly look forward with their Leader crucified, dead and buried.
- ★ They had no faith. Their faith in Jesus had been shattered to pieces. Faith in a dead Christ is useless.
- ★ Their relationship with one another was held together by Jesus. He was the "glue" who held them together, but He is nowhere to be seen.

But the good news for the disciples and for us is **Jesus is alive**, living and present!

The very first words of the resurrected Christ to His disciples were "Peace be with you."

He comes to us amid the shambles of our life when we have made a mess of things, and when nothing seems to make sense. Calmly, lovingly Jesus speaks words of peace and forgiveness.

When we have made shameful shambles of our lives, Jesus wants us to be at peace, with His peace. He reorders and restructures all things in our life for living the Christian life.

No matter what our future brings, Jesus is alive to be with us day by day in our every need, as we live in the light and joy of His resurrection.

Continuing Resurrection Blessings,

*Pastor*

### God bless you!

Prohibitions against prayer are now common in most public school graduations. But some students at a high school in Washington, Illinois, came up with a way around the ban.

Ryan Brown, a graduate scheduled to speak, paused to bow in silent prayer as he approached the podium. Moments later, with all eyes on him, Brown faked a sneeze. In response, a handful of his friends shouted, "God bless you!"

### The price of freedom

In the song "What Did He Die For?" Twila Paris reminds us why we observe Memorial Day — and why we worship Jesus as our Savior. The first verse tells of a 21-year-old soldier fighting for America's freedom during World War II. The second verse recalls another young man, many centuries prior, sent by his Father to win eternal freedom from sin for the entire world.

The chorus offers this challenge:

"What did he die for when he died for you and me,  
Made the sacrifice so that we could all be free?  
I believe we will answer each to heaven  
For the way we spend a priceless liberty.  
Look inside and ask the question, What did he  
die for?"

Memorial Day challenges us to live so as to honor the sacrifices made by members of the military. We value our freedom because of the heavy price people have paid for it. Likewise, every day we're challenged to live so as to honor Jesus' supreme sacrifice. He calls us to spend our "priceless liberty" using our blessings to bless others.

### A child's perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean."

To the question "What does your mom do in her spare time?" one youngster said, "Mothers don't do spare time."

When the children were asked "Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?" one child replied, "God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me."

### Bible Quiz

In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession, he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health, when a skin disease causes sores all over his body.

From the list below, choose the one thing Job did *not* do in response to his great misfortune:

- A. tore his clothes and shaved his head
- B. cursed God and died
- C. sat among ashes
- D. worshiped the Lord



Answer: B (See Job 1-2.)

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### Waiting on God

On May 5, Americans observe the National Day of Prayer. Waiting on God is an important component of prayer. It's hard to understand why God delays when we cry out for help. Why does he allow us to suffer, when he could just say the word and make it all better? Why must we wait?

Consider a child whose parents always give her whatever she asks, as soon as she asks for it. That child has little opportunity to learn patience or gratitude. Because she doesn't know what it's like to not have, she cannot appreciate the true value of something.

God may have some of these things in mind when our prayers go unanswered for a time. As the psalmist exhorts, "Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!" (Psalm 27:14, NRSV).

## MAY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS



May	1	Megan Kachmarik
May	3	Allen Arkuszewski
		Doris E. French
		Jeffrey Allen George, Jr.
May	5	Douglas Folkers
May	8	Gloria Malina
May	10	George E. Hanus
May	10	Roger A. Stoller
May	11	Calvin Cerny Casalino
May	13	Anthony Pilolla
		Laura Schmitt
May	14	Lydia Schmidt
May	20	Negatwa Stoller
May	24	Christina Zelienka
May	26	Bruce Kachmarik
May	31	Joanne Peck

## MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

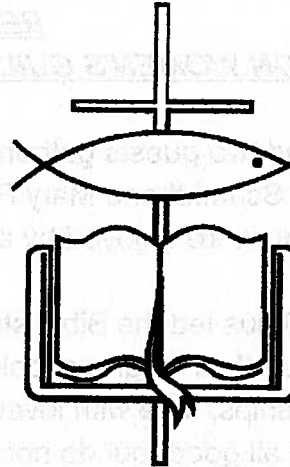


### Marriage Enrichment Workshop

May	10	Jean and Jerry Larson
May	27	Lonnie and Marlee Johns
May	28	Norman and Sharlene Prien

### GREETERS

M.01	Gregory & Barbara Dymitrowicz
M. 08	Richard & Carla Petersen
M. 15	Dennis & Irene Katz
M. 22	James & Amy Wood
M. 29	John & Mary Mark
J. 05	Mary Fickenscher & Virginia Mulik
J. 12	Jean Larson & Gloria Malina
J. 19	John & Eleanor Kachmarik
J. 26	Allen Arkuszewski & Robert Lange



## NEWS from ZION

**Maundy Thursday:** Our sincere appreciation is expressed to the Rev. Arthur Constien, who delivered the Maundy Thursday sermon and also assisted in the distribution of Holy Communion. His services to Zion are always much appreciated...

**Church Cleaning:** The members of Faithful Hearts and Hands hosted a church cleaning, April 9<sup>th</sup>, with the following participating: Robert Abson, Dennis Katz, Corrine Kowalyszen, Jean Larson, Sharlene Prien, Sharron Schademann, Nona Schipull, and Julie Stoller. Cleaning the altar area prior to Saturday were Lillian Czarkowski and Anne Peck.

### ACOLYTES

M. 01	Paige Peterson & Amanda Peterson
M. 08	Cindy Wolford & Jeffrey George
M. 15	Taylor & Logan Gizel
M. 22	Emilie Stoller & Victoria Velez
M. 29	Paige & Amanda Peterson
J. 05	Alexis Johns & Austin Johns
J. 12	Daniel Dymitrowicz & Jeffrey George
J. 19	Taylor & Logan Gizel
J. 26	Cindy Wolford

### Project Hope

The Fellowship Committee of Project Hope hosted the Pasta Dinner at Zoar Saturday, April 09<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 100 were in attendance. Following dinner was a hymn sing with background information provided about the hymn author.

**REPORT ON**  
**ZION WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING APRIL 12, 2011**

Ten members and two guests gathered for a luncheon provided by Lucille Crummett, Lydia Schmidt and Mary Fickenscher. Good food, good friends and good conversation were enjoyed by all. Come join us!

At 1 PM Pastor Bajus led the Bible study from the LWML Quarterly, titled "Living 'The Chocolate Life'". The group looked at the things we savor, which we relish: chocolate, friendships, time with loved ones, pastimes and accomplishments. These things are all good, but do not last. Only Jesus Christ's sweet, saving grace, forgiveness and mercy last forever. Since God has lavished these upon us, we can, with the power of the Holy Spirit, share His love with everyone we meet.

In the absence of the treasurer, Marlee reported that \$279 in mites were sent to the District, \$50 to LCMS World Relief, and \$50 to Lutheran Church Family Services. A thank you note was received from LBT missionaries, the Millers. Marlee said that there is no hostess signed up for the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. Bess Cerny said she and Keith would bring dessert, Mary Mark said she would bring a salad, and Marlee said she would order a pizza.

Marlee announced that the next Mites Collection is on June 5. The April 13 Potluck dinner was discussed. Carpeting will be laid in the Conference Room and the Choir Room on Thursday, April 14. Faithful Hearts & Hands is serving breakfast on Easter morning, and the Guild members are asked to each bring six decorated eggs for the tables. The Annual Rummage Sale will be held on August 6, 2011. On August 21 the LBT Millers will be at Zion; Marlee is looking for suggestions on what to serve after church that day.

Edie circulated the sign-up sheet for the May 21 Western Zone Rally at Dr. Martin Luther Church. If anyone reading this would like to come along, please speak to any Guild member. We carpool our transportation. Edie said there would be an ingathering of Gifts from the Heart at the National LWML Convention in Peoria, and she had already purchased 20 Arch Books for children for this. After discussion, the Guild decided to donate \$100 so that Edie could fill out 20 children's kits with socks, crayons, scissors, Christian coloring book, story book (Arch book) and toothbrush in each.

*Edith Constien*, Secretary

## LCMS World Mission/Eurasia

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To support the Fiala Family through financial gifts, you may visit [www.lcms.org?8507](http://www.lcms.org?8507), and click on the "Give Now" button, or call 1-800-433-3954 and ask for Debbie Feenstra in St. Louis.

Checks may be sent to: **Mission Senders, 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO, 63122.**

You may also send your gift to **Mission Central, Attn: Gary Thies, 40718 Highway E 16, Mapleton, IA, 51034** or visit [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us).

Please write "David Fiala" on the memo line.

***Thank you to all of you who are committed to supporting God's mission through prayers and gifts.***

### LCMS

[www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org)

[www.lcms.org/ablaze](http://www.lcms.org/ablaze)

### Fiala Prayer Card

<http://www.lcms.org/ca/mission/prayercards/index.asp>

## Prayer Requests

Pray for healing for Sarah Cusson (GEO missionary in Hungary) after having suffered as a result of a skiing accident. There is a surgery and long process of rehabilitation ahead of her so we pray for the Lord to send the right people to help Sarah in this experience.

Pray for the Fiala children who were sick for the past three weeks as a re-

sult of several viruses going around. We give thanks for restoration of health and smiles!

Pray for Darya, our friend and a student of catechism, who will be confirmed this Easter. May the Lord give her much joy from knowing her Savior, Jesus!

Pray for ongoing recruitment for the many positions in Eurasia. We thank the Lord for calling

His laborers as many of the them are needed!

We thank the Lord for women's ministry Radka is able to be a part of in Žilina, Slovakia. Women have so many callings, and it's a privilege to point out the life-changing message of the cross as a part of their calling.

We thank the Lord for the care packages and notes of encouragement from you!





## Puzzle BROOCH

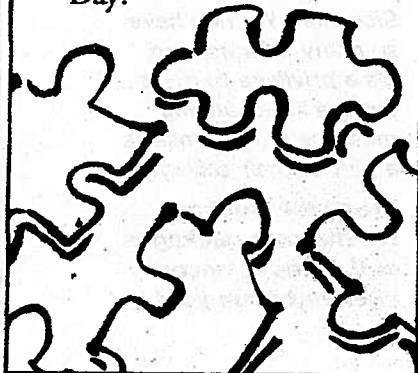
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

### What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

### What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



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## Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

walk speak fathers sleep keep always  
 guide awake son forsake teaching  
 around heart neck mothers fasten watch

"My ,  your  command  
 and do not  your  .

Bind them  on your ;  
 them  your .

When you , they will  you;  
 when you , they will  over you;  
 when you , they will  to you."

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: "My son, keep your father's command and do not forsake your mother's teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you."

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## **Birthday Song for Paul Hudak**

**On His Ninetieth Birthday**

**Tune: Deck the Halls**

by Pastor Frederik V. Jensen April 17, 2011



Here's to Paul, ye lads and lasses,  
A brand new song we now will sing,  
Fast away each old year passes,  
Lift your voices up, let the rafters ring!  
On this day we honor, praise him  
Ninety years of living and he's still spry!  
Thanks to God we offer for him  
On this very day, Paul is our guy!



Life, we say, goes passing swiftly,  
But we have a wondrous treasury!  
Life's a storehouse of sweet trophies,  
Filling all our minds and memories!  
History tells a wondrous story  
Of happy days and joys we can ne'er forget,  
So we thank the God who made us,  
For this "guy" of ours for whom we've met!

We confess to all who hear us,  
With each and every one you sure do rate,  
Now we pray God's blessings on you,  
Yes, dear, Paul, on this most joyful date!  
Happy, happy, happy birthday.  
May our Lord above make your whole life sing!  
We just say we all do love you,  
Yes indeed, today, you are our king!



**Let's thrive:  Thrivent Financial for Lutherans**

### **Members vote on \$1 million charitable distribution**

A total of 130,681 Thrivent Financial members cast votes in the winter Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> Voting Event. Voting ended Feb. 28.

Members recommended where Thrivent Financial distributes \$1 million of its charitable outreach funds among seven national Lutheran and non-Lutheran charitable organizations.

Based on the percentage of votes cast, the organizations received the following charitable funds:

- Bethesda Lutheran Communities: \$136,317
- Feeding America: \$206,335
- Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service: \$50,979
- Lutheran Services in America: \$129,927
- Orphan Grain Train: \$153,182
- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: \$279,941
- Wheat Ridge Ministries: \$43,319

All members 16 and older are eligible to participate in Voting Events.

Learn more about Voting Events and the Thrivent Choice<sup>SM</sup> program at [Thrivent.com/thriventchoice](http://Thrivent.com/thriventchoice).

# Bearing Fruit for Jesus

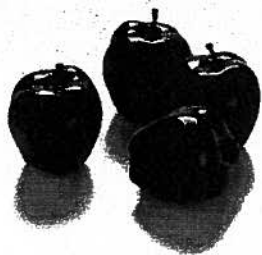


Jesus said, *"I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit-fruit that will last"* (John 15:16).

Today is *Apple Day!* Let these apples be a reminder to bear fruit of faith by what you think, say, and do.

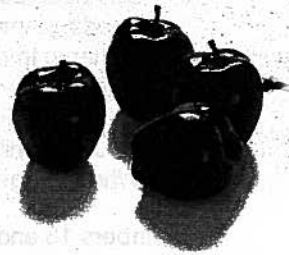
Ask Jesus to show you an opportunity to bear fruit in His name by...

- † helping a family member, friend, or neighbor.
- † witnessing about Jesus.
- † sharing words of encouragement and kindness with others.
- † inviting someone to come to church with you.
- † giving a special gift to the church or someone in need.
- † giving someone a ride to church.
- † committing more time to read and study God's Word.
- † committing more time to prayer.
- † involving yourself in church activities.



*"This is to My Father's glory,  
that you bear much fruit,  
showing yourself to be  
My disciples"*

(John 15:8).







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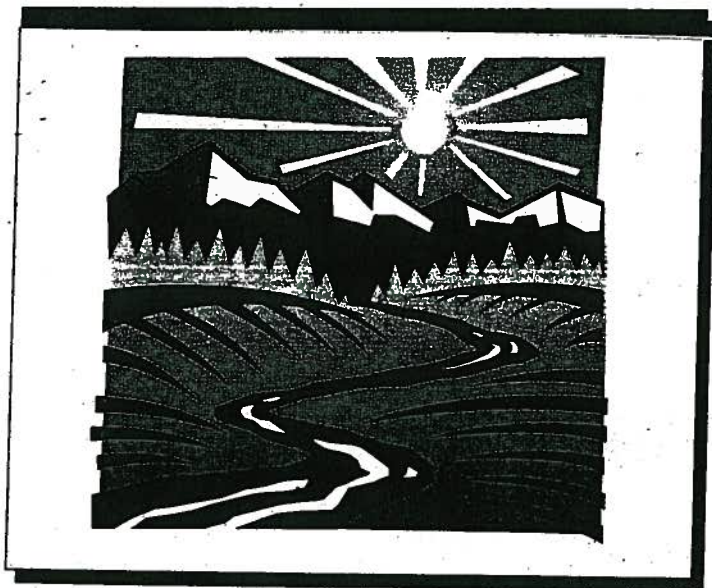
# mother's DAY

MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

## Sunday Schedule

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

## BLESSINGS TO:



## Amaryllis

Early one spring, I planted a couple of dozen amaryllis bulbs. With great anticipation, I watched for blooms. But weeks turned into months before the first sign of life appeared. By the end of summer, the bed of pink flowers I'd envisioned was nothing more than a scattering of green leaves.

So I pulled them all up to make room for other plants. I wasn't about to waste another growing season.

Imagine my surprise the following spring, when a single delicate amaryllis blossom appeared. My delight quickly turned to dismay — for I realized I'd given up too soon. Had I the least bit of patience or a little faith, I might have had a glorious garden.

Then I wondered: Are there other things or people I give up on too soon? What might a little patience and faith do for a difficult relationship or troublesome circumstances?

—Kari Myers (adapted from *Homiletics*)