

July Newsletter 2011



Vacation Bible School

July 25-29

9:00 to 11:30 AM

Ebenezer Lutheran Church – Port Hudson

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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From the Pastor's Desk:

No Regrets

**Jesus replied, "No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."
Luke 9:52**

It's hard to switch to a new pair of shoes. Although they are new and better looking, they don't feel the same. They may be stiff. They may rub your feet in the wrong places. They need to be broken in. So a struggle arises. Do I stay with the "old reliables," or do I make the switch? Part of me wants to remain with what is comfortable. Part of me says I need to make the change.

Switching to something new and different is difficult. There will always be a time of learning and transition. It will feel strange, even uncomfortable. All the while there will be pull to go back to what is familiar and comfortable.

This is the very issue Jesus addressed to his followers. People wanted to have it all. Yes, they wanted to follow Jesus, but they weren't ready to leave their old life behind.

It is a dilemma I face. Jesus has completely changed me. Through his sacrifice on the cross and his triumph over the grave, he has given me a new life. No longer are my thoughts and actions dominated by sin and controlled by Satan. Jesus has made me his and established himself as my

loving Lord and merciful Master. With this change I now serve Jesus in love and thanks.

There is only one complication. While part of me rejoices in my new life, another part of me bristles at the change. Like the switch to a new pair of shoes, this new life creates a struggle. Do I remain in it, or do I return to my old ways? The old ways—gratifying my sinful self—are familiar, comfortable, even natural. The new life in Christ may seem confining, uncomfortable, even unnatural. So what do I do?

Jesus helps me live without fear or regret. He helps me understand what my new life means, now and for eternity. It is his power that gives me the strength to take hold of the new life he has given. It is his love that makes me look forward to the opportunities my new life offers. It is his promise that keeps me faithful and looking forward to a lifetime of blessings now, and an eternity of blessings in heaven.

It is only because of Jesus that I can live with no regrets.

Prayer:

O blessed Jesus, you have given me a new life. Help me clearly see what you offer through your suffering and death. Then, give me the strength to leave the old sinful ways behind, and faithfully follow you with no regrets. Amen.

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Vacation Bible School – Big Jungle Adventure – A Faith Journey with Jesus will soon be here! Kids take a faith journey with Jesus as they learn how He protects and guides them throughout their lives. This year our stories include: Baby Moses is rescued, The Children of Israel Cross the Red Sea, Jesus Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Resurrection from the dead, and John's Vision of Heaven. In addition to the Bible stories, we will be singing great songs, making super crafts, eating fun snacks and enjoying games together. One of the mornings of Vacation Bible School we will be involved in packaging meals for Kids Against Hunger. These meals go to any area of the world where people are in need of a balanced meal. Vacation Bible School begins Monday, July 25 and runs through Friday, July 29, 2011. Closing program will be Friday evening at 7:00 PM with Otis Woodard as our special guest!

Vacation Bible School Mission Projects – This year for Bible school we will be focusing on three missions. We will be helping our friend Otis Woodard with his Lutheran Outreach with school supplies (new or used), meals in a can, hygiene supplies, cereals, and juice box drinks. One day of Bible school, Dorothy Schaser from Kids Against Hunger will be here to help us package meals to people in need of a balanced meal anywhere in the world. Our third

project will be donations collected during the week for victims of the current natural disasters.

Vacation Bible School Needs – One of our craft projects this year will be making T-shirts with the children and helpers for use in our closing program. Each family is asked to bring a pre-washed T-shirt (with no fabric softener) to Bible School. This may be a problem for some families, so we are asking for T-shirt donations or cash donations for us to purchase T-shirts. We need white children's sized shirts from small to large and some adult sizes from small to large. Another craft need is any plain coffee mug (with no writing) or coffee mugs with flowers and no writing. These items can be dropped off to church or passed on to Karen Sprick or Margaret Zastrow.

VBS Snacks – Each day the children enjoy a cookie or fresh fruit snack and a cup of Koolaid or juice. Any donations for snack time would be greatly appreciated. These can be dropped off in the church kitchen or to Pastor or Margaret.

The Bible on Trial

Watch “The Bible on Trial” on July 18th. The Bible, How could it possibly be accurate? How can you know? What about this book has compelled people to give their lives to defend its claims? The validity of the Bible has been questioned for ages and still remains an intriguing subject! The Bible on Trial, a television program from Lutheran Hour Ministries takes a unique look at the subject and presents facts about the most widely printed book in

history. Watch The Bible on Trial on Monday, July 18th at 9:00 PM Eastern time through the National Religious Broadcasters Network (Channel 378 on DirecTV, Channel 126 on Sky Angel, as well as online at www.nrbnetworktv. Visit www.TheBibleTrial.com for more information and broadcast times.

Thrivent Educational Event

Thrivent Financial will present an educational event on “Identity Theft: What You Need to Know” on Sunday, July 31st. There will also be a potluck lunch. More information will be in July bulletins.

Thank You

The 2011 Picnic Committee and Ebenezer Lutheran Church would like to thank the many sponsors of our silent auction. The silent auction brings in a sizeable percentage of the total picnic receipts. **PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES AND THANK THEM AND THE MANY PEOPLE FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SILENT AUCTION:**

Leola Deppermann	Dalphine Deppermann	Steve and Wanda
Jane Redhage	Paula Sprick	Gilbert
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Roettering Appliance	Masterguard- Rosebud, MO	Ebenezer Sunday
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Magic House	Bubba’s Shrimp and	Silver Dollar City

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Sonic	Rothschilds Family Restaurant	Advanced Sight Center
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Judy Hubenthal	Honold Hardware	Scheer Lawn and Landscape
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	Wings-A-Blazin'	
	Sav-a-Lot	
	Susan Hoemann	
		New Haven Veterinary Clinic
		Montague's, Hermann, MO
		Beaufort Custom Meat Processing

Final figures for the picnic will be in the bulletin for the coming week(s). So far it looks like we will have a picnic profit of \$7,000+.

Me, A Pastor? Me A Deaconess?

If you have found yourself asking this question, now is the time to discuss your future! Rev. Andrew Yaeger of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is going to be at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri on Thursday, August 4th, 2011 from 5 – 7 PM. Come and explore the possibilities! Men of all ages are invited, as are their wives, fiancées, and parents. Women interested in the deaconess program are also invited, along with their families. Conferences are individual and informal! Reservations are not required, however, if you are able, please phone Rev. Yaeger at 260-452-2178 or his mobile phone at 260-449-0047 or feel free to e-mail him at yaegerat@ctsfw.edu to make an appointment. Concordia Lutheran Church is located at 505 S. Kirkwood Rd., Kirkwood, Mo.

Concordia Seminary Lay Bible Institute

Concordia Seminary announces the Summer Lay Bible Institute to be held on Saturday, August 20, 2011, in Sieck Hall, Room 202, 9 AM to 4 PM. Dr. Paul Robinson, associate professor of historical theology at Concordia Seminary will present, “Are We Still Fighting the Crusades?”

“Crusade” is still a powerful work, whether applied to current armed conflicts or used as anti-Christian polemic, certain ideas and images of the crusades seem to be alive and well. But what were the crusades really? This course will define Crusade, examine the religious origins of the crusading movement, recount the conquest of the Holy

Land (as well as its subsequent loss), and explore the expansion of the crusading idea beyond the Middle Ages. You may register with credit card by calling the Continuing Education office at 314-505-7486, or by sending a check or completed charge form (please do not email credit card information) along with the registration form found at www.csl.edu. Cost is \$20 per person and includes refreshments and any handouts. Please include your phone number and email address when registering. Walk-ins are accepted, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Deadline is August 10th.

Acolyte Schedule for July

July 3

**Brian Nelson
Alyssa Bopp
Brent Thurmond**

**Bell Ringer
Codie Brunkhorst**

July 10

**Cody Adams
Paul Kassebaum
Brian Nelson**

Corey Adams

July 17

**Brent Thurmond
Alyssa Bopp
Cody Adams**

Andrew Kassebaum

July 24

**Brian Nelson
Paul Kassebaum
Cody Adams**

Jeff Hohlt

July 31

**Brent Thurmond
Alyssa Bopp
Brian Nelson**

Codie Brunkhorst

Usher Schedule for July

**1: Warren Bauche
2: Kevin Gardner
3: Donald Hoemann
4: Tyler Gardner
5: Bill Pohlmann
Alternate: Tom Anderson
Head Usher: Marvin Kassebaum**

**Altar Guild for July
Mildred Althage and
Janice Meyer**

Address

We have received an address for **Florence Groene**, the daughter of Scott and Sally Groene, former members of our congregation who moved away several years ago. Florence is now in the Army and would appreciate hearing from members of our congregation with messages of support! Her address is:

Pvt. Groene, Florence
A-CO, 3-60th Infantry Regiment
1st Platoon (Predators)
BLDG 5482 Jackson Blvd.
Fort Jackson, SC 29207

Thank you for helping Florence in this way!

It's time again for our Quarterly Voter's Meeting. The meeting will be held Monday, July 11th 2011 at 7:30 PM with the Church officers meeting on Thursday, July 7th at 7:00 PM.

VBS Staff 2011

Our staff for Bible School has been finalized. We are again pleased to have some great and talented help this year.

Our staff includes:

Music – Jennifer Roewe

Arts & Crafts – Karen Sprick

Pre-School – Mary Wesche

Kindergarten – Jane Redhage

Grade 1 – Mary Zastrow

Grade 2 – Kathy Scheer

Grades 3 & 4 – Kim Becerra

Grades 5 & 6 Becky Summers

Grades 7 & 8 Pastor Zastrow
Director – Margaret Zastrow
Snacks – Rosemary Frye and Carlyn Unger
Helpers – Esther Hoemann, Pat Kappelmann & Becky Inman. Anyone that would like to help at VBS is welcome, even if you can help one day. Please contact Pastor or Margaret if you can help!

July Birthdays

Lyndon Kassebaum	7-1
Phil Pelster	7-1
Doug Scheer	7-1
Bob Saak	7-2
Cierra Donatti	7-3
Kathleen Blanner	7-3
Tammie Pohlmann	7-4
Tyler Gardner	7-8
Zachary Brunkhorst	7-8
Faron Kasmann	7-8
Susan Allmeroth	7-14
Marvin Pohlmann	7-14
Willard Stranghoener	7-15
Lydia Groce	7-17
Adam Scheer	7-19
Sarah Summers	7-20
Bernard Redhage	7-22
Robert Bunge	7-23
Joyce Mae Hohlt	7-23
Becky Inman	7-24
Donna Pohlmann	7-28
Patty Kellmann	7-29
Eric Hohlt	7-30

July Anniversaries

Mike & Becky Inman 7-10
Faron & Dana Kasmann 7-17
Bernard & Janet Redhage 7-25
Ray & Leona Huxel 7-27
John & Teresa Ragan 7-28
Bob & Penny Schreiner 7-28

We wish you God's Blessings
on your Special Day!

Monthly Treasurer's Summary May 2011

Beginning checking balance	\$85,195.41
Receipts	\$11,420.32
Disbursements	\$80,448.80
Ending checking balance	\$16,166.93
LCEF savings balance	\$68,588.44
Thrivent FPDA balance	\$18,292.69
Pledged to Missouri District for year	\$4,800.00
Paid to Missouri District this year-to-date	\$2,000.00
Monthly receipts needed to meet budget	\$11,798.00
Surplus or (shortfall) in actual receipts	(\$ 377.68)

JULY 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Worship 5:00 PM with Holy Communion
3 3 rd Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM with Holy Communion	4 Independence Day	5 Elders 7:00 PM	6 Basics of Christianity Bible Study 7:00 PM	7 Officers Meeting 7:00 PM	8 Ladies Aid 1:30 PM	9 Worship 5:00 PM
10 4 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	11 Voters Meeting 7:30 PM	12	13 Basics of Christianity Bible Study 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Worship 5:00 PM with Holy Communion
17 5 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM with Holy Communion	18	19	20 Basics of Christianity Bible Study 7:00 PM	21 Evangelism 7:00 PM	22	23 Worship 5:00 PM
24 6 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	25 St. James the Elder, Apostle Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30 AM	26 Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30 AM	27 Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30 AM Basics of Christianity Bible Study 7:00 PM	28 Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30 AM	29 Vacation Bible School 9:00 – 11:30 AM VBS Closing with Otis – 7:00 PM	30 Worship 5:00 PM
31 7 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM						