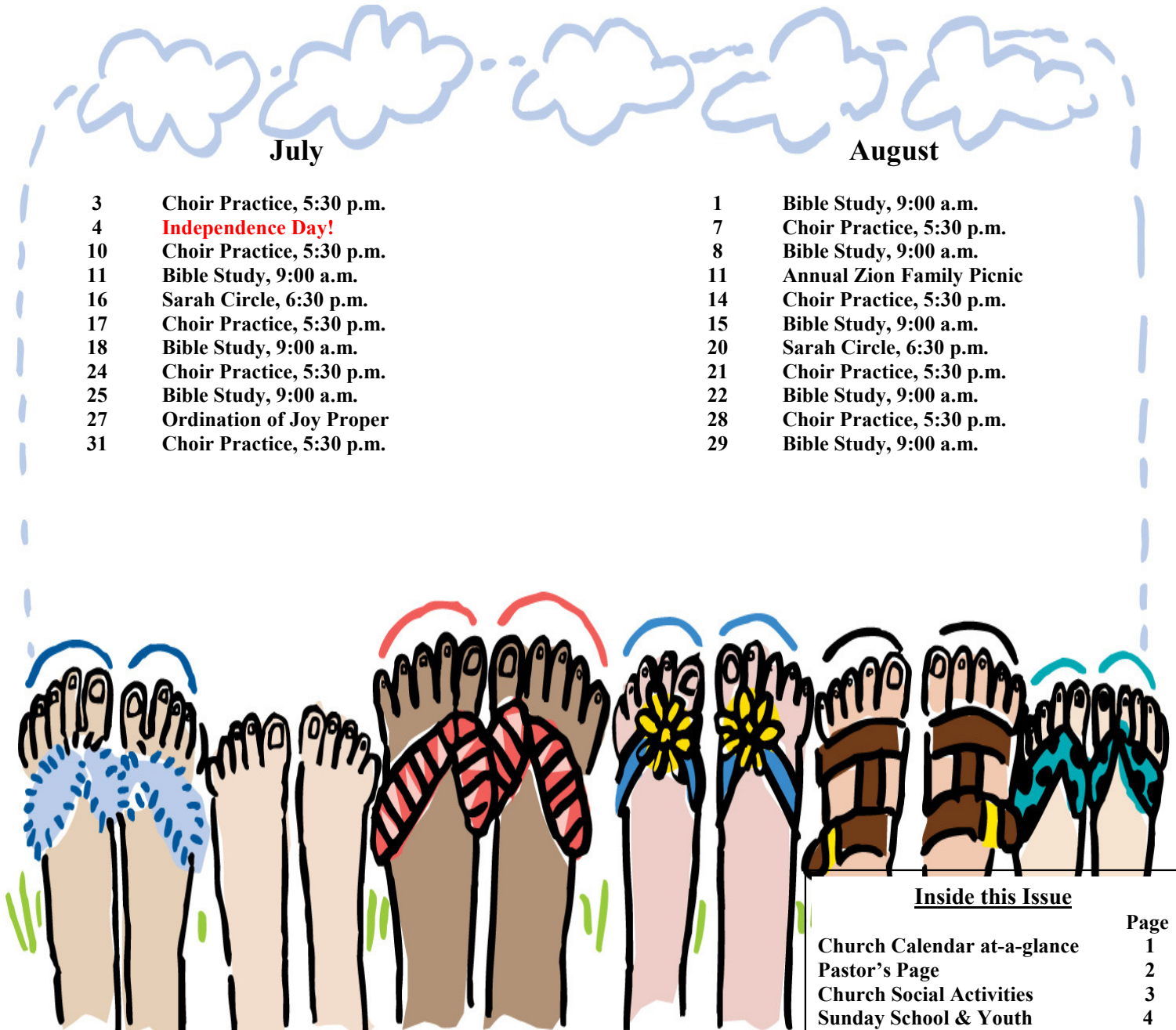


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The FOCUS

July and August 2013

Reaching out and sharing God's Love with all
 ...through worship, service, teaching, and caring.



- July**
- 3 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 4 **Independence Day!**
 - 10 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 11 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 16 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m.
 - 17 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 18 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 24 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 25 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 27 Ordination of Joy Proper
 - 31 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.

- August**
- 1 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 7 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 8 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 11 Annual Zion Family Picnic
 - 14 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 15 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.
 - 20 Sarah Circle, 6:30 p.m.
 - 21 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
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 - 28 Choir Practice, 5:30 p.m.
 - 29 Bible Study, 9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study: 8:15 a.m.
 Worship Service: 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

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 Rod Voss
 Jonathan Bowman, Sr.

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“Laughter is the beginning of prayer.” —Reinhold Niebuhr

“A thunderstorm is God’s way of saying you spend too much time in front of the computer.”

—Author unknown

Reprinted from *The Joyful Noiseletter*

"Hey, buddy, got any change?"

Don't we hear that question often these days? People show up at most of the large stores, begging for money for every conceivable reason--the most creative one I've seen was a sign that asked for "Money for beer!" with an explanation that, "Well, at least I'm honest!" Requests for money are the reason for most of the calls coming into the church these days--for rent, medical, food, etc.

Since most folks contacting the church office are asking for money, it occurs to me that we have an identity problem. Jesus commissioned His followers to "Heal, preach, teach, drive out demons and to baptize all nations in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Luke 9:1--2, Matthew 28:20, Acts 1:8) Serving others and sharing our goods and services are commands that He gave as well, but nonbelieving and even ungodly leaders can provide goods and services, while the command to "Do as I have done and 'even greater deeds'" (John 14:12) focuses on providing for spiritual needs in ways that are unique to the followers of Jesus.

The material needs all around us are so very real, and while Jesus did predict that "The world will make you suffer," He also said to "Be of good cheer for I have overcome the world!" While Christians are not guaranteed an easy path at all, we do have the power of God to help us and to overcome so many problems! When I get the never-ending requests for money, I often think of Acts 3:6. Peter is approached by a crippled beggar asking for money, and his reply is, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I have I give you! In the name of Jesus Christ, rise up and walk!" The beggar (having been crippled since birth!) got up, began walking and leaping and praising God!

In II Corinthians 4:7 we're taught that we have a "Treasure in earthen vessels" (that would of course be the presence of the living God, the crucified and risen Jesus in us!). While Jesus does indeed wish us to serve others in the ways that they need us, the Church's role that is different from other helping agencies is to share "About My life, death and resurrection to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). If folks don't get saved, we're not helping them in the best possible way, for at the end of our lives there only the two options: smoking and non-smoking. We're charged with the great privilege of helping folks to be saved from their sins and eternal suffering as well as all the other blessings of knowing and receiving Jesus and all He has to offer in this life.

Would you join me in praying that Jesus becomes known according to His Word, His wishes?

A **HAPPY SUMMER** to you and may we be light to our world in this lovely southern Oregon season!

God loves you and so do I!

Pastor Cyril

MEMBERSHIP is a special way of saying, "I'll be here; I'm committed to participating in the mission of Zion to share Jesus and His saving grace with my/our world; **Count me in!**" If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact Pastor Cyril. The opportunity will be given to celebrate **membership** monthly.

LEGACY-- a way to ensure that your faith will live on when you go to your heavenly reward is to remember Zion Lutheran in your will. Thank you for helping your church to continue its ministry when you're gone to your heavenly reward! Please remember Zion in your will.

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July Activities

Pledge of Allegiance
"I pledge allegiance to the **flag**
of the **United States of America**,
and to the republic for which it stands,
one nation under God,
indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all."

"God does not deduct from a man's allotted span of
life the hours spent fishing."
—*Babylonian proverb*

Banner on a van with a company logo and phone number:
"SitMeansSit.com Dog Training."
Sorry we don't train husbands, wives, or kids.
—*via Joe Basehart*
Aurora, CO

Jokes Pastors can tell....
A Pastor was participating in a local golf tournament.
The tournament director approached him, pointed to
some threatening storm clouds, and said, "Pastor, I
trust you'll see to it that the weather won't turn bad
on us."
"Sorry," the Pastor replied. "I wish I could help, but
I'm in sales, not management."
—*Gleanings*



Zion is pleased to announce
a **JOYous** event!
Our very own Joy Proper is to be ordained to the
ministry of Pastor for the Evangelical Lutheran
Church of America. The ceremony is to be here at
Zion Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday,
July 27th, 2013. Joy has been called to serve the
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of Eugene,
Oregon.

Please join us in celebrating Joy's ordination.
All are invited and welcome.
A reception will follow the service.



August Activities

Annual Zion Family Picnic!
Sunday, August 11, 2013
1:30 p.m., 'til dark
at the **Lewis Street Park**
(corner of Lewis Ave. and 8th St.)

Please bring your own table service and drinks, as well as
meat (and briquettes if you wish to barbeque), along with a
picnic dish to share.

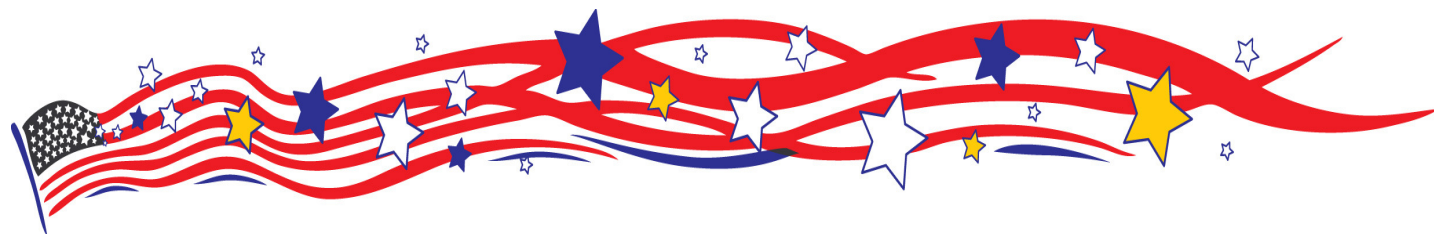
You will want to bring a lawn chair or something to sit on,
also. Don't forget the sunscreen and maybe a change of
clothes for the kids, as there is a sprinkle park, large play-
ground, basketball court, and other areas to walk around
and explore.

Please bring yard games and table games to add to the fun.
The park has a small gazebo and not many shade
trees, so we will be needing a few sun canopies—
please let Debi or Sandy know if you have one
that we can borrow for the picnic.

Directions to the park will be available
by calling Debi or Sandy or Zion's
office.



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Sunday School and Youth

As of the date of this printing, there are no scheduled events for the Sunday School children and youth of Zion.

Please watch the weekly Church bulletin for announcements and upcoming events that may be scheduled.



July 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
July 7	Ellen Cullmer	Bud Cullmer	Rebecca Bowman	J.J. Bowman
July 14	Linda Mustain	Jerry Thomas	Sandy Knutson	Steven Rader
July 21	Jim Ashby	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
July 28	Wayne Bennett	J.J. Bowman	Myrtle Petruck	Hailey Schwenn



The Haircut

A young boy had just gotten his driving permit. He asked his father, who was a minister, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to his study and said to him, "I'll make a deal with you. You bring your grades up, study your Bible a little and get your hair cut and we'll talk about it." After about a month the boy came back and again asked his father if they could discuss use of the car. They again went to the father's study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You have brought your grades up, you've studied your Bible diligently, but you didn't get your hair cut!"

The young man waited a moment and replied, "You know Dad, I've been thinking about that. Samson had long hair, Moses had long hair, Noah had long hair, and even Jesus had long hair...."

To which his father replied, "Yes, and they walked everywhere they went!"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"I'm gonna say my prayers, Daddy. Is there anything you want?"

from JoyfulNoiseletter.com
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August 2013

	<u>Assistant</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>
August 4	Rod Voss	Jerry Thomas	Sandy Knutson	Rebecca Bowman
August 11	Nancy Swan	Paul Hansen	Kathy Hansen	Zack Williams
August 18	Diane Lewis	Jerry Lewis	Myrtle Petruck	Steven Rader
August 25	Linda Mustain	Jerry Thomas	Sandy Knutson	Hailey Schwenn

Musical Instruments

There were a number of instruments with which the people of the Bible made "a joyful noise unto the Lord." Can you identify the following instruments?

1. Paul didn't want to sound like a noisy _____ or a clanging _____.
2. "We _____ to you, and you did not dance."
3. When you give alms, sound no _____ before you.
4. "If the _____ gives an indistinct sound, who will get ready for battle?"
5. "Praise Him with _____ and dance."
6. Jericho's walls fell to the sound of _____ and shouting.
7. Whenever an "evil spirit" was upon Saul, David played the _____.
8. "When you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, _____."



Please call Karen at 541-664-4433 if you are unable to assist at the scheduled time. Thank You!

Bulletin Assistants:

July and August

Bob & Barbara Simmons



Offering Counters:

July and August

Debi and Sandy

NEWS Notes

What is God calling *you* to share by way of ministry?

Please pray about our continuing ministries here at Zion. Are there any changes or new things that we want to do as individuals or as a congregation?



Newsletter DEADLINE

August 12th

Zion has a new mailing address!

Please note that, as of July 1st, Zion will no longer be receiving mail or correspondence at the Medford Post Office. All mail, correspondence, and such should now be sent to the physical Zion Lutheran Church address, which is:

Zion Lutheran Church
516 W. 4th St.

Pastor continues to do home visitations — and home blessings. If you desire one or the other or both, please notify Pastor or Penny.

Martin Luther's corner

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen.

Martin Luther

Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.

John F. Kennedy



INDEPENDENCE Day

To all Members and Friends of Zion:

The Church Council decided, at its June, 2010 meeting, to keep everyone informed of our financial situation.

The shortfall in our revenues to expenses every month is being covered from the generous gift from Nancy Cherrier. The Council decided to make note of this, as some may not have been present at the annual meeting when this was explained.

We wish to thank everyone for their support of our work here at Zion Lutheran!

The Church Council.

Zion Church Council 2013

Pastor Cyril Hunkler

President: John Winkler

Vice President: Bud Cullmer

Treasurer: Karen Thomas

Secretary: Shannon Magda

Bob Simmons, Jonathan Bowman, Linda Mustain,
Mike Mustain, Rod Voss

Hymns for All Professions

Dentist's Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

Weatherman's Hymn: There Shall Be Showers of Blessings

Contractor's Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

Tailor's Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

Golfer's Hymn: There's a Green Hill Far Away

Politician's Hymn: Standing on the Promises

Optometrist's Hymn: Open My Eyes That I Might See

IRS Agent's Hymn: I Surrender All

Gossip's Hymn: Pass It On

Electrician's Hymn: Send The Light

Shopper's Hymn: Sweet By and By

Realtor's Hymn: I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop

Massage Therapist's Hymn: He Touched Me

Doctor's Hymn: The Great Physician

- A reminder that Pastor's sermons are recorded on CD weekly and will be sent to any who request a copy, just for the asking.

Prayer requests: If you would like to be included in our speedy email alerts regarding prayer needs, please let Penny know.

Email: office@lutheranswired.org

Mention that you'd like to be included on the list. That's all you need to do.



Can you help?

The Food Pantry is in need of the following: egg cartons—1 doz. Size, plastic grocery bags and paper grocery bags. Right now we no longer need plastic medicine bottles.



A newly married couple went on their honeymoon, and when they got back, the bride immediately called her mother. "Our honeymoon was wonderful, so romantic," she said, but then she began to cry.

"But, Mom," she continued, "as soon as we returned, Larry started using the most terrible language – four-letter words I've never heard before. You've got to come and take me home! Please, Mom!"

"Calm down, Cynthia," her mother said. "You must stay with your husband and work this out. What were those awful four-letter words?"

Sobbing, the bride replied, "Oh Mom, he used words like, 'dust,' 'wash,' 'iron,' 'cook,' and 'save.'"

"I'll pick you up in a half-hour," her mother said.

—via George Goldtrap
Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL



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As of this newsletter publication there are no dates taken for either July or August Coffee Hours or altar flowers. Please let Penny know if you can fill in any of these dates. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Thank you.



A purported reading from Genesis:

"And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all the corners of the earth.

Then He made the earth round, and He laughed and laughed and laughed."

—Author unknown

Mary Circle July and August 2013

Meets the 2nd Monday of each month, September through May, at 10:00 a.m., in the Church Library for Bible Study and fellowship.

Mary Circle
will not meet during the months of
June, July, and August

If you have any questions,
contact Nancy Swan at 541-770-1689
or Diane Lewis at 541-772-1710.

Sarah Circle July and August 2013

Meets the third Tuesday of each month
at 6:30 p.m.,
for dinner and Christian fellowship.

July 16, 2013
Habanero's Mexican Restaurant
147 N. Front St., Medford
541-779-9770

August 20, 2013
West Hills Country Store
"Spaghetti Tuesday"
Corner of Ross Lane and Hanley Rd.

All ladies are invited to join us!
If you have any questions,
contact Karen Thomas at 541-664-4433.

BELOW IS A LIST OF WAYS TO WIN
AN ARGUMENT WITH A WOMAN!



July:

- 03 Karen Fredenberg
- 09 Jonathan Bowman
- 16 Dreston Thiel
- 18 Sandy Knutson
- 19 Ethan Richards
- 23 Kathy Hansen
- 26 Dorcas Phelan
- 30 Karen Thomas
- Mike Mustain

August:

- 10 Lynn Davidson, John Pyle
- 11 Cyril Hunkler
- 13 Julie Luchterhand
- 14 Angela Young
- 19 Devan Reid
- 26 Renae Curtis
- 30 Norma Bennett

Anniversaries to Celebrate



July:

August:

- 26 John and Edie Pyle

Sick/Surgery/Other:

Ariel	Dan McCormack
Ron Bender	Lisa Mustain
Brandyn Bowman	Doug Pierce
Kathy Carboni	Joy Proper
Bob Cordova	Jeannine Reddell
Diane Cordova	Shantil Reid
David Cullmer	Trinity Reid
Lynn Davidson	Marilyn Sandau
Steve Dutton	Clayton Schneider
Karen Fredenberg	Max Shott
Steve Fredenberg	Virginia Stanfield
Pastor Cyril Hunkler	Neal Stanfield
Marie Hutchison	Bud Van Vrimm
Dale Janzen	Lisa Williams
Jenna Jenkins	John Winkler
Jenny Lewis	Florence Yasuda
Patrick Lewis	



Shut Ins:

- Ed Andren
- Vonnie Fichtner
- Myrtle Hoover



Note About the Prayer Lists:

We will be reviewing names monthly on the prayer lists. Names will be removed unless we are informed that they still need to be on the list.

Thanks for your help in keeping our prayer lists up to date.



- Alex Bustard
- Andrea Castagnato
- Carl Franklin
- Chaplain Mark Gilderhus
- Chad Hoover
- Travis Hoover
- Justin Schneider

Newborn

Kashton James Pree
born May 6, 2013

Parents:
Jordi and D. J.

Grandparents:
Lisa and Shawn Williams

Great-Grandparents:
Kathy and Paul Hansen



John Eldon Bustard
Father of Arlene Hunkler
Born September 21, 1929 in Grosse Pointe, Michigan
Died May 16, 2013 in Edmonds, Washington

Mary Esther Petersen
Former long-time member of Zion
June 17, 1926—May 22, 2013

Joy Myers
Long-time member of Zion
Died June 27, 2013 in Medford, Oregon

Zion's Broader Community



What is True Prayer? Pray on Purpose!

This week's message is based on what Martin Luther wrote in his Large Catechism concerning the Lord's Prayer. It is good to take a moment to reflect on our Lord's wisdom when it comes to praying. This is true no matter where you are or whatever you are doing.

When reading Luther we notice that Jesus is always there and so is the Father. This is true whether we are reading Luther's commentaries, letters, apologetics or catechisms. Luther holds up the Lord's Prayer as a model prayer containing the range of our needs. We commend this whole section of the Large Catechism to you, especially if you haven't read it recently, and we take this opportunity to highlight one thing: *Real prayer is really praying for what we really need.*

Luther notes that God wishes to draw us to Himself so we can humble ourselves before Him, lament our misery and pray for grace and help. God does not regard prayer on account of the person who is praying, but rather on account of His own Word. Therefore God hears all of our prayers the same as if St. Paul himself is praying. What matters is that we trust God's Word that commands us to pray for what we truly need and also that we trust He is listening. When we trust God for our needs, we then begin to humbly share what our families and the rest of the world truly need.

Luther gives an example: He asks us what we would think if the Emperor told a beggar he would give him whatever he asked for and the beggar answered by merely asking for a bowl of broth. Not only would we think the beggar to be a fool, but we would come to the conclusion that he was actually showing disrespect to his lord. Luther goes on to say the following about how we should pray: "Where there is true prayer there must be earnestness, we must feel our need, the distress that impels and drives us to cry out. Then prayer will come spontaneously, as it should, and we will not need to be taught how to prepare for it or how to generate devotion."

Luther reminds us that just as Jesus came to forgive real sin, so we should also offer real prayer. Give your laments to God - all of them - and give Him all your praise. We do both of these at the Institute of Lutheran Theology. Our need has often been great, but so has been our Lord's supply. In our prayers we thank God for people like you who not only listen to God's Word, but who also share your blessings with us and with others.

Spiritual Reflections

The following writing is an excerpt from a booklet entitled 40 Days with Jesus by Sarah Young. Presented in the 'voice' of Jesus, she offers this as a tool to help deepen your relationship with God.

I AM CALLING YOU to a life of constant communion with Me. Basic training includes learning to live above your circumstances, even while interacting on that cluttered plane of life. You yearn for a simplified lifestyle, so that your communication with Me can be uninterrupted. But I challenge you to relinquish the fantasy of an uncluttered world. Accept each day just as it comes, and find Me in the midst of it all.

Talk with Me about every aspect of your day, including your feelings. Remember that your ultimate goal is not to control or fix everything around you; it is to keep communing with Me. A successful day is one in which you have stayed in touch with Me, even if many things remain undone at the end of the day. Do not let your to-do list (written or mental) become an idol directing your life. Instead, ask My Spirit to guide you moment by moment. He will keep you close to Me.

Pray continually.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:6

Answers to Bible quiz on page 4.

1. gong, cymbal, 1 Corinthians 12:1
2. piped, Matthew 11:17
3. trumpet, Matthew 6:2
4. bugle, 1 Corinthians 14:8
5. timbrel, Psalm 150:4
6. trumpets, Joshua 6:20
7. lyre, 1 Samuel 16:23
8. bagpipe, Daniel 3:5



TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly)

TOPS continues to welcome new members and is **great** support for losing weight. Anyone interested is invited to visit and check out the group.

We meet Saturdays at Zion, 7:00 — 8:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

Sarah Felder, Leader: 541-326-5360