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Prayers That Are Pleasing to God

The Word of the Lord: I Timothy 2:1-6: *I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone--for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.*

In I Timothy 2:1-6, the Apostle Paul gives Timothy instruction to make prayers for others in public worship services. This is a duty, however, which every Christian is to fulfill also privately.

After urging to pray for others, the apostle gives the basis for such prayer in these words: *This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all men--the testimony given in its proper time.* True, acceptable prayer always involves a trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as one's Savior from sin. If one is to offer acceptable prayers to God, one must have access to God through Christ, the Savior. Since Christ is the Mediator between God and men, and since faith in Him, as the Savior is necessary to pray acceptably, it follows that only Christians can offer prayer which God approves.

Whoever does not believe in Christ as his Savior has closed the door for himself to the loving heart of God and does not stand in the relationship of a child to his heavenly Father. Only Christians know of God's mercy

and love, for they know the Lord Jesus who is the very personification of the love of God. Christians know that through faith in Christ the door to God is wide open to receive them and their requests. Therefore, the Christians' prayer for others, and for himself, too, is approved of by God.

It is true that God will answer the Christian's prayers in His own way and at His own time. God does something, and the people, who pray, receive something. God is the benefactor, and Christians are the beneficiaries.

Right here we so often become confused and are apt to believe that our prayers are not acceptable. If we leave more to God's wisdom and judgment and calmly continue in our faith, we will have more reason to know that our prayers are approved of by God, for the proof will be before our eyes. Our prayers will be answered according to our heavenly Father's will.

Acceptable prayer always means prayer for good things, this always includes people's highest good, the salvation of their souls. The Apostle states the high objective of the prayer

of the Christian in these words: *"God our Savior, who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."* Accordingly, the chief burden of our petition, both for ourselves and for others, is that we pray for the kingdom of God to come into the hearts and lives of people. The life of God's people on earth is but for one great purpose, and the Christian's prayers for himself

and for others should ever keep that one great purpose in mind. And that great purpose is this, that people might be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. The greatest service we can render to ourselves and to others is to pray that God's kingdom may come into the hearts of the people of the world. In I Timothy 2:1-6, the apostle specifically exhorts us to pray for a government that fosters peace to the end that Christians in their peaceable life may be able to more effectively give witness to Jesus that will save people. We are saved by faith alone because of what Jesus Christ has done for us by saving us from our sins.

More than any of us realize, we have at hand a weapon to beat down evil, and we have a force to promote good. This weapon and force is acceptable prayer at the throne of God. Let us use this power to the glory of God, for the welfare of those whom we pray, and to our own great joy. Amen.

Pastor Nirva

OUR CHURCH RECORDS

Church Attendance

Wednesday, April 28	22
Sunday, May 2	166 & 319
Wednesday, May 5	32
Sunday, May 9	146 & 280
Wednesday, May 12	36
Sunday, May 16	165 & 209
Wednesday, May 19	27
Sunday, May 23	209 & 163

Communion Attendance

Sunday, May 2	111
Wednesday, May 5	20
Sunday, May 9	152
Sunday, May 16	132
Sunday, May 23	96

Baptism

Carson Robert Remer infant son of Daniel and Jamie (Koonsman) Remer on May 23, 2010 by Pastor Schoenfeld.

Juniors Confirmed

Cord Allen, Mitchell Baumann, Danielle Buttenhoff, Gabby Gruenhagen, Riley Gruenhagen, Tyler Hall, Mark Hamilton, Shayla Hatcher, Noelle Johnson, Courtney Keskey, Sam Kittock, Bethany Kozitka, Nathan Marschel, Maddie Merges, Megan Stueven, Garrett Zander and Peter Zander were confirmed on Sunday, May 2, 2010 by Pastor Nirva.

Funerals

Arwood (Woody) Yager on May 15, 2010. He had died on May 11, 2010 at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 22 days.

Dennis Oestreich on May 19, 2010. He had died on May 14, 2010 at the age of 69 years 10 months and 12 days.



SCRIPTURE QUIZ

(answers at right)

1. In which book do we find the story of the birth of Isaac?
2. Where did Jacob have his dream of a ladder or stairway?
3. What does the Greek word "Ecclesiastes" mean?
4. What is the name of the cave where Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were buried?
5. Why did the chief priests consider killing Lazarus as well as Jesus?
6. What does Jesus tell us not to announce with trumpets?

Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The ladies who attended our "postponed" prayer service in church on May 3 were rewarded with a wonderful program entitled: "Well Dressed Feet" written by our own, Marnie Glessing. I don't think any of us who were

present will ever look at our shoes again in the same way. The altar area was flanked by all different kinds of shoes and these shoes represented different times in our walk of faith. We enjoyed many Bible readings and hymns. Thanks to Luke Dahl, our organist, and to the gals who led the service. And thanks to the committee for the beautiful lunch. Many hands were serving the Lord with gladness for this night's program.

Our June meeting will feature a guest speaker - always a great experience. Hope to see you there.

Serve the Lord with gladness.

Happy Birthday to the following St. James Seniors in June: Tom Krohn (3), Ethel Mahlstedt (8), June Shepperd, Myrtle Luhman (13), John Lind (14), Elaine Roepke (16), Margaret Weber (18), Mable Schibonski (22), Delores Glessing (23), Eudora Klugow (26), Bess Strohschein (28), Burton Horsch (30)

Humor – father and daughter are viewing a clear, blue sky except for a vapor trail from an airplane.

"Look, Dad—that plane's making a sidewalk for God."

Answers: 1. Genesis (Genesis 21:1-8) 2. Bethel (Genesis 28:10-12) 3. The preacher 4. Machpelah (Genesis 23:19; 49:29-31) 5. People were believing in Jesus because he raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 12:9-11) 6. Our good deeds (or alms-giving) Matthew 5:2.

More Than We Ask

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen Ephesians 3:20-21

It seems that often times in our lives we place limits on God. We know that God is almighty, yet so often we ask of Him things that only seem realistic to our own human minds. We ask God to do things that seem possible for us or for others to accomplish. We limit God in our thinking and in our prayers. In the verse printed above the Apostle Paul writing to the Ephesians acknowledges that God is able to do much more than we ask or could even imagine.

Throughout the Bible we see examples of God doing more than people ask. When Solomon asked the Lord to give him wisdom the Lord responded by not only making Solomon the wisest man, but God also gave to Solomon something he did not ask for. God gave to Solomon great wealth. Both in regard to his wisdom and his wealth Solomon was blessed in even greater ways than he asked or imagined.

The night when Jesus was arrested we further see how the Lord God has blessed us in ways greater than we could imagine. The minds of many people were focused merely upon some sort of earthly kingdom. This focus and mindset could be seen when Peter took his sword out and was ready to fight in order to defend his Lord. But Jesus told Peter to put his sword away for he had something much greater in mind. Jesus was going to die for our sins. Jesus was going to rise from the dead and grant to us who believe in Him life everlasting. God desired to give to His people more than just some earthly kingdom. He desired to give to us a heavenly kingdom. He desired to overcome sin and death for us so that we will live for all eternity. God desires for you to enjoy this greater blessing as well.

In our prayers we often go to the Lord and ask for a variety of things. Many of the things that we ask God for are things of this world - money, health, success,

and help with various struggles. It is good that we go to the Lord with our concerns and our prayers. God is concerned with both the small things and the big things in our lives. However, our Lord can do even more than we ask or imagine.

When things do not work out the way we

hoped they would, perhaps the Lord has a greater blessing in mind than we did. When we pray “thy will be done” we can do so with confidence knowing that God is able to do more than we ask or imagine. He is able to grant to us forgiveness. He is able to raise us from the dead. He is able to give to us an eternal kingdom in heaven. Certainly God is able to do other great things for us as well. When you ask the Lord God for things in prayer, do so in faith knowing that He is able to do even more than you imagine. When you worry and fret over the things of this world remember that God is able to do even more than you ask. It is my prayer that the Lord would continue to work great things in your life, in our church, and in our world for He can accomplish things that we have not even imagined.

Pastor Schoenfeld

**Thy will
be done**

God gives us the privilege of serving as His messengers to make the Gospel known to people all over the earth.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

Benevolence Fund News

Our Christian Benevolence Program thanks everyone for being a blessing to others in our community! Twelve requests were received in the month of April from eight families. (8 adults and 16 children):

- one mortgage payment
- one water bill (shut-off)
- one telephone (past due)
- two car payments (stop repo)
- four gas
- nine transportation (for work, interviews and hospital) food cards

One request for transportation was denied because no driver was found. If you could help with driving, please let us know.

We thank God that 3 people whom we have helped have now found jobs and are becoming self-sufficient. Our prayer is that everyone continues to support this program, therefore easing some of the burdens in our midst.

Phone Tree

The phone tree service through **School Reach** has been available to St. James Church and School this past year to deliver instant recorded phone messages to all our church members and the parents of our school children. School parents were notified of late school starts, and school activities. Brief messages from our pastors were sent to all congregation members throughout the year. The LWML used the service to inform the members of activities, funerals and meeting changes. All church boards are set up on the system to use the service whenever they need.

This service was a one year gift to St. James. The one year contract will expire on August 1, 2010. Because St. James is barely meeting budget needs, the phone tree service will not be included in the operating budget for the next year.

Have you thought this service has benefitted the ministry of St. James? Please let the church office know your comments. The cost for one year is \$1400.00, or \$117.00 per month. Gifts and contributions over and above regular giving will need to be made if the phone tree service is to continue at St. James, Please let the church office know by July 1, 2010 if you are willing to help keep this service available.

Clothing Collection

in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 12 from 9 to 11:00 AM and
Sunday, June 13 before and after morning
worship services.

Volunteers will be needed to **help sort**
beginning at **9:00 AM on Monday, June 14.**

All the clothing collected is sent around the world in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ! PLEASE make sure everything is clean and all buttons and zippers are working and complete. Any new clothes should have the tags and packaging removed. Only new underwear can be accepted.

Lutheran Night

at the **Twins** on August 18 has been sold
out. We will try again next year.

Funeral Committees

A new list of Funeral Committees is available and may be found on the narthex table or office entry shelves. Committee #5 is the next committee scheduled to serve

Thank you to everyone who serves when asked. It means so much to the family.

Action! Auction!

Last year, we had 151 items donated for the auction with over \$3,200 raised for our Benevolence Fund. We hope to surpass that amount this year.

What action can you donate?

If you can't think of an action, we will also accept gift baskets, gift certificates, homemade items and yummy desserts!

Look for more information in the July/August newsletter or call Laura Heuer at 320-543-2589

Stewardship

“June—what a crazy month!” June used to be the most popular month for weddings so much so that “June brides” became a part of our vocabulary. Now there may be months when more weddings take place, but June is still a hectic, busy month. Not only are there weddings, but there are also graduations, vacations, plans for vacations and other summer activities. So much happens that it can get overwhelming and take the joy out of such a special month.

The same thing can be true of our lives as God’s stewards. When we starting thinking about stewardship as the managing of all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes, we can also get overwhelmed. Stewardship is not just about time, talents and treasure [the well-known three T’s] but also about our stewardship of sharing the good news of Jesus, the building and maintaining of relationships, the care of our bodies, the care of God’s creation, and so much more. The challenge of being a good steward of all that God has entrusted to us can be so big that we might be tempted to simply give up! But, to do so would rob us of some of life’s greatest joys!

Stewardship is not meant to be an overwhelming thing but rather the best way to live in this world. People seek purpose and meaning in their lives. They want to make a difference! They want their lives to be bigger than themselves. Being God’s redeemed stewards is one of the best ways for bringing that real meaning and purpose to our lives. It helps us to identify who and whose we are. We are God’s redeemed stewards who have been chosen and equipped to manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes. Can anything be better than that??? Not for people who appreciate the great sacrifice that Jesus made to set us free from our sinful and selfish condition and help us to be the children of God in thoughts, words and actions.

St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote these words to Titus and us: *“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘no’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.”*

How wonderful it is that by God’s grace we are called, gathered and enlightened to live in a way that gives due glory to God and blessings to our fellow stewards! As God’s children we are in this together so we can encourage others and, in return, be encouraged by others!

“God’s redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life’s resources for God’s purposes!” What a blessed life that is!

Sharing God’s Love

Children are like kites. You spend a lifetime trying to get them off the ground. You run with them until you are both breathless – they crash – you add a longer tail – they hit the rooftop – you



pluck them out of the spout – you patch and comfort, adjust and teach. You watch them lifted by the wind and assure them that someday they will fly! Finally they are airborne, but they need more string and you keep letting it out and with each twist of the ball of string there is a sadness that goes with the joy, because the kite becomes more distant and somehow – you know that it won’t be long before that beautiful creature will snap the life line that bound you together and soar as it was meant to soar – free and alone.

When children are raised in a Christian home it is easier to see them go because they have learned to soar with the Lord.

Blessings from the Evangelism Committee

Ladies Devotional Coffee Hour

Saturday, June 19, 10 AM at

The Grounds

Hwy 12 Cokato

We will share about *Our Heavenly Father*

Call Janice and RSVP

543-3148

Vacation Bible School

will go on a

High Seas Expedition

this year June 13 - 17 in the school

each night from 6 to 8:30 PM

Classes will be held for ages 4 to those who have just completed 4th grade.

School News

Depend on the Lord in all you do, and your plans will succeed. Proverbs 16:3

We are now at the end of another school year and I have had the honor of putting the finishing touches on a group of fine, young Christians. The verse above was their class verse, and it shows that they know where to put their faith and trust. They have had the honor of having a great group of teachers and volunteers who have guided them along the way not only with class work but also with their faith walk.

May was filled with many activities outside of the classroom. Field trips were top of the list. The first grade spent the day at the Oliver Kelly Farm. This is always a highlight for their grade and they had great weather. The third grade class took their field trip to Fort Snelling and to the State Capitol. What a great

way to see our state's history past and present. The seventh and eighth grade classes went to the Science Museum to examine the Dead Sea Scroll Exhibit. It was truly amazing to see this exhibit and all of its history. It was very moving.

May 2nd was a very important day for the 8th graders as it was Confirmation Sunday with the following Sunday receiving their first communion.

National Day of Prayer was May 6th. I always love this service. It is an opportunity to show our students the power of prayer. It is also an opportunity for us to pray for what concerns us and bring it to our Heavenly Father.

Field Day and the Mayer Lutheran Track Meet were rained out on May 7th and rescheduled. Kindergarten-4th grade had their Field Day on

Monday, May 10 on the St. James playground. The kids enjoyed the day despite the cold. The 5th -8th grade Mayer Track Meet was unfortunately cancelled for a second time and could not be rescheduled.

Our school plant sale held 3 Sundays in May has had great success. Thank you to all who donated plants and baby trees. Thank you to the teachers and parent volunteers who helped out between and after services with this project. A big thank you needs to go out to Carin Chaney who headed up this project. Her green thumb and love of gardening along with her partner in gardening, Linda Drusch made this a great success.

May 27th was 8th grade graduation. The service was at 7:00 PM with a reception following in the school. We have three students who will be attending Mayer LHS next year. They are Mitchell Baumann, Parker Gentz and Noelle Johnson. We pray for their continued growth both in knowledge and spirit. We also pray for Cord Allen, Danielle Battenhoff, Gabby Gruenhagen, Shayla Hatcher, Sam Kittock, Bethany Kozitka, Nathan Marschel, Maddie Merges, Devon Smith, Megan Stueven, Garrett Zander and Peter Zander, who will be attending HLWW.

The last day of school was May 28th. The closing chapel was at 8:30 AM with school being dismissed at 10:00 AM.

The Faculty and Staff would like to wish everyone a restful and safe summer break. We are already looking forward to seeing you next fall.

On Thursday, May 6, the school held a National Day of Prayer Service. Listed are three of the prayers.

For our World: Heavenly Creator, You have created this world and all that is in it. The breath-taking mountains and oceans and the beautiful creatures. You have put us here as caretakers of your world and sadly we have not done a very good job. We have polluted your air and waters with oil spills, gases and garbage. Lord help us to change our way of thinking and living. Help us do a better job of taking care of the place you have given us.

Kids Against Hunger

For our Nation: Dear Jesus, we pray for our nation. Our nation was founded on Christian morals and values. Please help that these Christian ideals still be the basis and voice of our leaders and our people.

Continue to protect us and keep our country safe from evils within and evils outside our great nation. We thank you so much for all of the blessings you have bestowed on our country and people. Help us not to be selfish but gladly and graciously share with others.

We also thank you for our freedoms especially the freedom of religion....to be able to praise and worship you without fear. Help us not to abuse or misuse these freedoms in any way but use all of your gifts to glorify you. In your name we pray. Amen.

For our state: Lord, I know that you always hear me when I pray...today my prayers are for our state....

M - is for the men and women who serve in our state government and armed forces - Lord, I thank you!

I - is for the immigrants who settled the land, the pioneers, the farmers, the lumberjacks, who built the cities, the railroads, industry - Lord, I thank you!

N - is for the natural resources you have blessed us with such as water, wetlands, animals, fish, forests, iron ore, granite - Lord, I thank you!

N - is for the National monuments and parks such as Pipestone, Isle Royale, Lake Superior, Boundary Waters Canoe Area, the Mesabi Iron Range, Chippewa National Forest - Lord I thank you!

E - is for engineering - you have blessed our state with strong companies like 3M, General Mills, Pillsbury, Best Buy, Cargill - Lord, I thank you!

S - is for sports - from little leagues to schools to college to professional. Our state is blessed with teams, coaches, athletes and facilities - Lord, I thank you!

O - is for the Ojibwa and the Dakota who valued the land and richly add to our history and culture - Lord I thank you!

T - is for teachers - you have blessed our state with a strong foundation in education and opportunities for higher education - Lord, I thank you!

A - is for the abundant blessings you have given to Minnesota...I pray we are good stewards of your gifts!

Father, I thank you that you have heard me!

The volunteer organization, Kids Against Hunger, is kicking off Good Neighbor Days with a meal packaging event.

This event will be held at St. James School on Wednesday, June 23 from 3 to 7:00 PM. Volunteers will be filling bags with nutritious ingredients consisting of fortified soy, rice, vitamins and minerals. The ingredients and amounts of each product that each bag contains were designed by food scientists. Each bag contains six servings and constitutes a healthy meal. The meal bags have been sent to the Katrina hurricane area, Haiti, and to other places of need and in crisis around the world. The local food shelves will also be receiving a portion of the meals packaged.

Our local committee has set a goal of filling enough bags for 30,000 meals and to raise \$6,000 which breaks down to only \$0.15 per meal. This amount will cover the cost of the ingredients needed for our packaging event and **ALL** the money raised will go towards the purchase of the necessary food products. The people who bring the truck containing the packaging equipment and ingredients all volunteer their time and they even set it all up for us.

Come Wednesday, June 23 to fill bags from 3:00 – 7:00 P.M. at the St. James School. We need 100 volunteers from ages 5 to 105 for two shifts – 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM then 5:00 to 7:00. Even an hour of your time will be greatly appreciated. It is a lot of fun and extremely rewarding for everyone.

This event is endorsed by the Good Neighbor Day Committee and the Howard Lake Business Association and is being sponsored by the following local churches:

- ✠ Blessed Hope
- ✠ St. James'
- ✠ St. Mary's
- ✠ First Presbyterian
- ✠ St. John's

Our church would like to raise \$1,500 to \$2,000 to cover expenses for the meals' ingredients as well as supply volunteers to package and box up the meals. A set up and clean up crew will also be needed. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex for times you can work, 3-5:00 or 5-7:00 PM in the gym.

We urge you to come and help and/or consider donating for the cost of the food.

- \$25 buys 166 meals
- \$100 buys 666 meals
- \$500 buys 3333 meals
- \$750 buys 5000 meals and it is all tax deductible.

Look for a Kids Against Hunger fund raising event and/or donations box coming soon.

From Our Parish Nurse

This month I will share information received from LUTHERAN VOICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH which meets under the auspices of the Lutheran Counseling Center, Burnsville, Minnesota. They are aiming to help churches create a better understanding about mental illnesses. Estimates are that **one in four families** are affected by mental illnesses, yet because of the stigma attached to mental illnesses, people often suffer in silence, and some neglect to get treatment. Accurate information about any illness leads to better understanding and appropriate treatment.

The following is a list of Myths and Facts for Mental Health:

MYTH: Mental illnesses don't affect me.

FACT: Mental illnesses are surprisingly common, and they do not discriminate. Approximately 57.7 million Americans experience a mental health disorder in a given year.

MYTH: Mental illnesses are the result of a character weakness.

FACT: Serious mental illnesses are diseases of the brain that cause disturbances in a person's thinking, feeling, moods, and ability to relate to others.

MYTH: Once people develop mental illnesses they will never recover.

FACT: Mental illnesses are treatable and most people recover. The treatment includes medication and psychological/social rehabilitation programs. People with mental illnesses lead active, productive lives.

MYTH: Depression is a normal part of aging.

FACT: It is not normal for older adults to be depressed. Depression in the elderly is often undiagnosed. It is important for seniors and their family members to recognize the problem and seek professional help. It is just as important for anyone with depression to seek adequate medical help.

MYTH: Children are too young to get depressed

FACT: The US Center for Mental Health Services estimates that more than 2 million children in the U.S. suffer from depression and 1/2 of them go untreated.

MYTH: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder happens only after you fight in a war.

FACT: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder can occur after any traumatic event such as rape or other violent attack, natural disaster or learning of an unexpected death of a loved one.

MYTH: Talking about suicide may give someone the idea.

FACT: You don't give a suicidal person morbid ideas by talking about suicide. The opposite is true—bringing up the subject of suicide and discussing it openly is one of the most helpful things you can do.

Further resources can be found at this website: <http://www.lutherancounseling.org/resources>.

For more information regarding The Lutheran Counseling Center call this number: 651-603-6279.

Soup Recipe

Asparagus has been plentiful, probably due to the very cool weather earlier in May. I have enjoyed the following Soup recipe:

Creamy Asparagus Soup

1 TBSP. Butter
1 small onion, chopped fine
2 celery stalks, chopped fine
1 cup chopped asparagus, can keep the tips for the garnish if desired
2 cups lower-sodium chicken broth, divided
1 cup half-and-half
1½ tsp. Cornstarch
1 TBSP. Water
1/4 tsp. Salt
dash of black pepper

Melt butter in a saucepan over low heat. Add onion celery and asparagus. Cook 5 minutes or until softened. Add 1 cup chicken broth; cover and simmer until the asparagus is tender, about 10 minutes.

Place vegetables and broth in a food processor or blender, working in batches, if necessary. Process until smooth. Return to saucepan. Add remaining broth and Half-and Half. Cook over low heat.

Your Parish Nurse,

Darlene Lind

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

Hear Reverend Ken Klaus on The Lutheran Hour each Sunday at 12:30 PM on KDUZ-1260 Hutchinson or at 7:30 AM on

KRWC-1360 Buffalo. The Lutheran Hour may also be heard at 6:05 AM Sunday mornings on WCCO-830. The Lutheran Hour is our church's witness in the public market place. We can sponsor broadcasts on KDUZ in memory of loved ones or in honor of special occasions.

June 6-What Did He Say?-Jesus will bring resurrection life to us, just as He did for the young man of Nain, the daughter of Jairus, and Lazarus. The only difference is time. (Luke 7:13-15)

June 13-Talk Is Cheap-Jesus doesn't just say the right words; He also did the right things. Talk is cheap, but Jesus paid the full price to redeem us. (Luke 7:39)

June 20-A Man's Declaration-When men take a real look at the real Jesus, they'll see Someone quite different from the caricature of popular opinion. (Luke 8:38-39)

June 27-The First Responder- Jesus' words, "Follow Me!" pose a challenge to those who are content and complacent. But to those who are lost and have no chance of finding their way, the words "Follow Me!" offer hope and rescue. Our guest speaker is the Rev. Dr. Mark Larson, Director of U.S. Ministries for Lutheran Hour Ministries. (Luke 9:51-62)

Sunday School

Sunday School has been very busy learning about Jesus and how he died and rose for us. The Ascension and Pentecost stories were also fun to learn more about Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Our songs and activities all teach us more about God and how we are His children.

It has been a wonderful year and we are looking forward to summer Sunday School and all the different activities and Bible Stories. Come join us each and every Sunday of the summer.

Attendance awards have been given to the following students these past few months.

15 week awards - Wyatt Glessing, Taylor Drusch, Robert Heuer, Brooke Gabbert, Mark Narum, Jr., Carson Woolhouse, Blake Peterson, Marissa Graham, Alexandr Kotila, Anna Baumann, Leah Bobrowske, Morgan Keskey, Joe Schendel, Brody Hatcher, Shelby Gabbert, Jenna Koosman, Chris Zander, and Madyson Woolhouse.

25 week awards - Landon Hatcher, Alex Zimmerman, Albert Hoffman, Drew Burau, Katy Bickmann, Brooklyn Decker, Brooke Gabbert, Jack Schendel, Casey Diers, Erica Langemo, Greta Goede, Ethan Langemo, Kobey Woolhouse, Erin Luchsinger, TJ Kittock, Brody Hatcher, Joe Schendel, Austin Decker, Tilly Goede, Kaitlyn Marschel, Ethan Hatcher, Max Kittock, Hannah Marschel, and Amber Zander.

40 week award (book) - Nicholas Stueven, Gracie Gabbert, Ana Cardinal, Joey Bickmann, Madysen Stillwell, Mason Narum, Bethany Burau, Carson Stillwell, Amy Kruetter, Zachary Koosman, Kalyn Hatcher, Elise Luchsinger, Joanna Schoenfeld, and Cole Stillwell.

41st Annual Rummage Sale

Mayer Lutheran High School

June 11, 12, 14 – Work/Donation Days

June 15-17 – Public Sale Days

See the paper version of the newsletter for information

Tree Poems by the Sixth Grade

A Tree on Calvary

by Loren

I was reading God's Word
You'll never know what I heard
Jesus washed away my sin
The battle with the devil He would win
He died upon a tree
On a hill called Calvary
A tree on which all sin would flee
He died for everyone, you and me
Some may fight and disagree
But just because of that tree
Christ made my life worry-free.

Trees in Fall

by Max

When fall arrives
The trees' leaves turn colors.
They are brilliant shades of
red, orange, and yellow
The wind blows the leaves off
the branches and onto the ground.
As they slowly float to the ground,
they dance in the wind.
The leaves are like a carpet of many colors.
When kids play in them they CRUNCH.
As the fall season comes to an end,
the trees stand bare and empty,
waiting for the cold of winter to pass by,
so the warmth of spring can move in.

The Mountain Tree

By Marina

Rooted to a mountain side
A tree stands for all to see
Flowers bloom around its trunk
and among its leaves the birds do sit
and sing their beautiful songs
Bees and wasps make their hives
Among the leaves and branches
Rodents run around its stem
And make their dens around its roots.
A herd of mountain goats rest
In the shade its leaves provide.