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Random and various...

Once again the deadline for the newsletter is upon me and I am trying to cobble something together, so for the sake of turning it in, allow me to offer some random quotes and thoughts for your consideration.

An encounter with a living person...

Here is a recent quote from the archbishop of Cologne, Rainer Maria Cardinal Woelki, translated and published in the journal *First Things*. While speaking about Roman Catholics specifically, I find his words a good reminder for all Christians.

He was commenting on the wide spread misunderstandings that people outside the Church have of Catholics and the Christian faith in general, and says it's time to "Wake up!"

"It [the pervasive lack of basic knowledge of the Christian faith] makes clear that we are doing something wrong. We are talking too much about the Church in terms defined by the world, and not enough about Christ. Too often, we look at ourselves, and not often enough do we look to Him. From the beginning, Christianity was an alternative culture; it stood in the middle of this world, and entered a particular moment of history. It was neither a school of thought nor a philosophy, but from the start an encounter with a living person, a faith in flesh and blood, one that can be concretely experienced. This faith never made common cause with the world. Our faith has always pointed to a different, transcendent world."

To read the entire article, go here:
<https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2019/04/looking-at-christ>

You've got to be kidding me...

I came across this one-liner and laughed out loud: "I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me." It reminded me of the old joke: "I couldn't figure out why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me."

Israel anyone?

I recently was approached by some members of the congregation who said they would like to tour Israel with their pastor. Does that sound like something you would like to do? I have gone before and enjoyed the trip. It is fascinating to see and experience the Holy Land, to walk where Jesus was and visit the places where Jesus conducted so much of His ministry and see this Promised Land God gave to His Chosen People. I found that it really deepens one's understanding of the Bible and helps to give you a renewed appreciation for the context of the events talked about in Scripture.

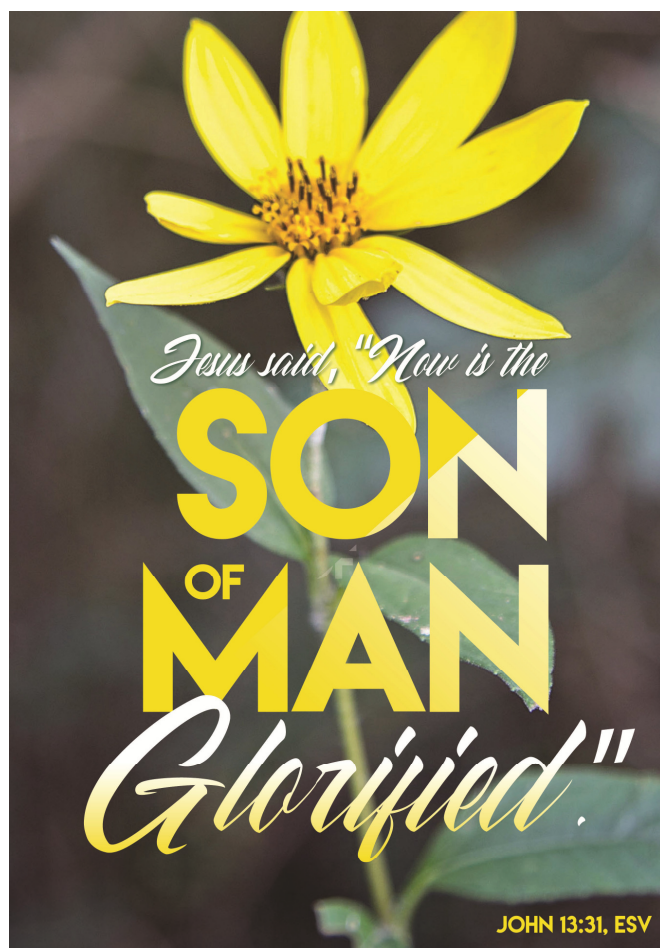
It is not dangerous. Security and safety are often raised as concerns and reasons for not going, but let me assure you the Israelis—including Jews, Christians, and Muslims, value their tourists and want to make sure our American dollars keep getting spent there. It may sound like Israel is filled with violence and terrorism, but that is because those sorts of stories are the only kinds we hear in the news. For the same reason, Europeans think that kids are always getting shot in our schools and they are unsafe to attend. Bad things can happen anywhere, and Israel is no exception, but the same is true for our own country. Don't let security be a preventative if you would like to see the land of the Bible.

If you might be interested in going, please let me know. If enough people express interest, we can start planning and picking dates and looking at costs.

And finally...

Following Holy Week and Easter, I am always mindful of how many people help out to make it a great celebration. A great deal of hard work is done by many, so: Thank You. Now, and always, thanks to the many folks who volunteer and pitch in and help out in ways big and small. It matters and is appreciated.

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prepare for worship in may

Sunday, May 5: Third Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 9:1-22; Rev. 5:8-14; John 21:1-14
Hymn of the Day: "With High Delight Let Us Unite," 483

Sunday, May 12: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 20:17-35; Rev. 7:9-17; John 10:22-30
Hymn of the Day: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is," 709

Sunday, May 19: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 11:1-18; Rev. 21:1-7; John 16:12-22
Hymn of the Day: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing," 633

Sunday, May 26: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Texts: Acts 16:9-15; Rev. 21:9-14; 21:27; John 16:23-33
Hymn of the Day: "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice," 556

LWML 38th Biennial Convention Information



Date: June 20–23, 2019

Location: Mobile, Alabama

Theme: "In Praise to the LORD!"

Scripture Verse: *Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations (1 Chronicles 16:23–24a).*

President: Patti Ross

Convention Goal Statement: Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations.

Convention Objectives -- Each convention attendee will:

- Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word.
- Tell of His salvation for all.
- Declare His glory among the nations.
- Go forth in His joy!

Register online at:

https://lutheranwomensmissionaryleague.forms.tack.com/forms/2019_lwml_convention

Lord of Life Small Groups

EMPTY NESTERS' CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Mike and Sandra Paradise at (972) 424-2951 or itsparadise.inplano@verizon.net
- † Will meet on Sat. May 18th at 6:30 PM

EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com
- † Usually meet one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

FRUITS OF THE VINE CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Scott Peters at 972-898-3351 cell or speters@planolutheran.com
- † Usually meets one Sun. a month at 5:30 PM

GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Chris Oltmann at (972) 727-6330 or Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Usually meet the 2nd Sat. of each month at 6:30 PM for Bible study

MIXED BLESSINGS

- † For info contact Fred and Ruth Bernhardt at (972) 398-0771
- † Will meet the Sat. May 18th at 6:30 PM

TWENTY SOMETHINGS

- † For couples and singles in their twenties
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com
- † The group is currently in transition, but has usually met on Sundays after late service



CONGRATULATIONS!!

Nick Belcher, one of our scholarship recipients attending seminary this fall, and his wife, Lauren, welcomed their first child, Elijah Ambrose Belcher, on May 2, 2019.



- 2 Ambrose Shaltanis
- 3 Gene & Pat Montalbo (24)
- 6 Fred Bernhardt
- 6 Gideon Selvaraj & Annie Joseph (27)
- 8 Mike & Cheryl Scaglione (26)
- 10 Laurie George
- 12 Pat Greer
- 12 Dave Senter
- 14 Elisabeth Bennett
- 15 Alyson Wood
- 16 Abby George
- 16 Sebastian Heffner
- 16 David Messinger
- 17 Paula Bunger
- 17 Max Tyler
- 18 Cari Reinert
- 19 Jason Sowers
- 20 Charis Bennett
- 20 Aaron Raj
- 22 Elise Crabtree
- 22 Nicholas Moudy
- 22 Jon & Tammi Chumbley (26)
- 23 Greg & Audrey Kostrzewa (32)
- 25 Ashley Moudy
- 25 Tom & Georgianna Womack (55)
- 26 Greg & Beverly Moudy (23)
- 27 Trent Barnes
- 27 Audrey Kostrzewa
- 28 June Edelman
- 28 Dave & Gail Senter (42)
- 29 Cindy Carter
- 29 Paul & Susan Grabow (37)
- 31 Charlie Abbott
- 31 Duffy Carter
- 31 Vicki Frinsko



Serving in Worship in May

	May 5		May 12		May 19		May 26	
	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM	8:00 AM	10:45 AM
Elder	Mark Ziegelbein		Greg Moudy		Mike Kunschke		Dave Peters	
Common Cup	S Peters	Hite			Read	Moudy	Read	Kunschke
Altar	Nelda Schrank and Charis Bennett							
Acolyte	Athan	Ashley	Kaitlyn	Ashley	Josh	Sebastian	Kaitlyn	Luke
Greeter	Martin	Rippey	Schrank	Bennett/Tyler	Hampton	Manning	Vess	Abbott/Moore
Sound	N Moudy	Hite	J Hacker	Shaltanis	Wilkerson	Reinert	G Hacker	Wolf
Usher	Hacker Shaltanis	Loewecke Ziegelbein Ozlowski	Paradise Read Frinsko	Cruz Moudy Carter	Prescott D Ozlowski Messinger	Berger Parish Oltmann	Scarth Hacker Schrank	Buckmeier Short Strecker

FINANCIAL REPORT

January - March, 2019

		ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
RECEIPTS:	Regular Offerings	\$140,718	\$140,740	(\$22)
	Other	\$0	\$0	\$0
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$140,718	\$140,740	(\$22)
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$133,964	\$136,209	(\$2,245)
	RECEIPTS OVER EXPENSES	\$6,754	\$4,531	\$2,223

OTHER INFORMATION

1. General Operating Fund Balance	\$128,584
2. Dedicated Funds Balance	\$152,727
3. Building Note Balance	\$259,408