



MARCH 2009



ZION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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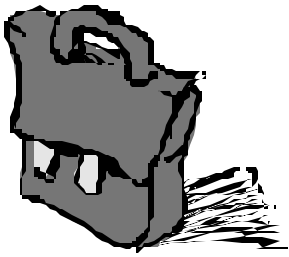
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From The Pastor's Briefcase

Poison Ivy

Question? How is it that on the same hillside at my home in Bethlehem, in our back yard, which faces the sun and gets a nice westerly breeze, there are two different plants growing? One is bad news, poison ivy, the other a sweet flower with wonderful colors and a joy to look at. And both of these plants draw their life from the same sun and rain, the same air and soil.

You know we puzzle the same way over life itself. It was on a hillside outside of Jerusalem we saw the answer to my query played out in the lives of two different men. Both were brought to the depths of their despair by their acts of betrayal, both drew from the same river of life. One, his soul poisoned with hopeless remorse, goes and kills himself. The other filled with the sweet fragrance of repentance goes to the living waters.

For one, his world has caved in; for the other it is a new beginning. For one, the grave; the other a turning point. One reaches the end of his rope and hangs between heaven and earth. The other, too, reached the end of his rope, let go, and found himself on solid ground. Despair brought Judas remorse and death. Despair brought Peter a life of renewed freedom.

So, now we too embark upon a renewed life of self-evaluation within the Lenten season for there are times when our own acts drive us into despair, when it seems all hope is gone and we have reached the end of our own rope. We can learn from the life of these two men. It is by looking at their choices we can receive the sweet fragrance of repentance and the joy of forgiveness.

Thus, one plant grows and it is poison. The other is wonderful and fragrant, not because of the sun and rain, nor the soil, but because what lies within it. And what lies within us will be found in the choices we make this Lenten season. So what we do or refuse to do or by what we say or refuse to say will depend on how much of the living water we drink in. And the living water my friends is **Worship, Hearing the Word, Bible Study** and receiving the **Sacrament**.

Lent, a time to pluck out and kill the poison ivy, and nurture and allow the flower to bloom and live. To me that is sad: plants can't choose; but we can.

Pastor Lazarchak



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
JUDAS ISCARIOT
"Not the Messiah, But God's Son"

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE II
7:30 PM

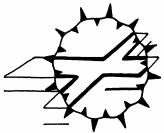
We can be mentally and emotionally challenged by life's enormous disappointments. We struggle to make sense of disparity at work, church, in our homes, and in our relationships. In the midst of all of this we wonder how Jesus fits in. He is God; He is Man; but does He really care about us here at Zion Maywood? In the midst of temptation and sin that is so pervasive in our culture, how can we keep following Jesus? Judas wrestled with the same dilemma. Enraged religious zealots tempted Judas. The pursuit of riches tempted Judas. Eventually, Judas succumbed to temptation—betraying Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. His struggles led him to betray Jesus. We too will struggle with doubts and temptations. Yet, by faith we know that Jesus was crucified so that we may know forgiveness. He is absolutely faithful—shaping and preserving our lives! Come and witness his struggle right before your eyes.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11
PILATE AND WHIP
"God's Son Found Innocent"

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE III
7:30 PM

Outside of the Lord Jesus Himself there are only two other people mentioned in the Apostles' Creed: the virgin Mary and Pontius Pilate. Of course, Pilate's inclusion is not very positive but he did declare the truth— He could find no fault in Jesus. How unlike Jesus we are. The truth is we are far from being faultless. No one is innocent—not one person. That is exactly why we needed God to send His one and only-begotten, faultless Son to be our sacrificial substitute. Behold Christ who is the innocent Lamb of God. Come struggle with Pilate as he orders the whip to be used on an innocent man.



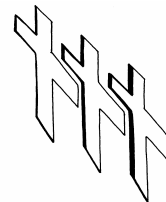
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
SIMON OF CYRENE
"The Cross, Now Carried"

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE IV
7:30 PM

Have you ever been in the right place at the right time? Tonight we meet Simon of Cyrene, a man who, in keeping with God's divine plan, was at the right place at the right time. His perception of the moment was probably very negative. He was abruptly drafted by Roman soldiers to carry the cross of Jesus. Yet, this ordinary man who carried the cross of the Man who carried our sins was greatly impacted. Scripture reveals that even his sons were well-known followers of Jesus. As we encounter Jesus this day, may we boldly confess with Simon, Alexander, Rufus, and countless others, "Truly, this is the Son of God."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25
THE THIEF
"Rejected, Then Believed"

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE V
7:30 PM



Have you ever used someone to get what you want? The thief who hung on a cross next to Jesus tried to use Him. To him, Jesus was a joke. He taunted Him to prove that He was the Son of God by saving Himself and him as well. This was a desperate man, desperate for salvation. One of them, however, realized his lost condition and looked to Jesus with eyes of faith. Today we face the truth that we are desperate as well. We also have used others for selfish gain and we are in need of salvation. We look to Jesus, pleading for forgiveness and eager to proclaim, "Truly, this is the Son of God." Come and hear what the thief feels and believes.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1ST
THE CENTURION
"Truly! This is The Son of God"

MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE VI
7:30 PM



Political and religious leaders throughout Jesus' trial and crucifixion heap upon Him horrific abuse. His innocence is absolute and yet human rage incites murder. In stark contrast to this there is one unlikely witness, the Roman Centurion, who gazes upon the crucified, murdered Jesus and confesses—"Surely, He was the Son of God!" We too, as heirs of Calvary, boldly confess Jesus is the very Son of God.



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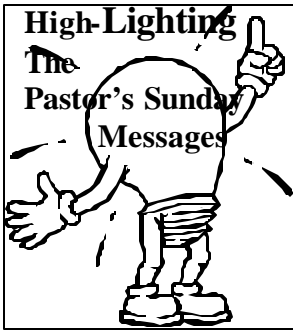
Like the "Young boys of summer." Our own "Young Boys of Widony House" were not caught flat footed when faced with the challenge to transform the second floor into livable space. **Bill Wiesing** (second from left) suggested that **Vincent Grieco** (the guy in the middle with his work shorts on) gather a team of workers for the Widony house. Vincent was quick to enlist the help of **Glenn Bertholf** (the other guy in shorts far right) who wrote up an estimate of approximate man hours and expense that would be needed.

Vincent knew right from the get go there would be some heavy lifting and since the boy's of Wadony wanted to keep the cost down, a crane was out of the question. Thus enters **Scott Davidson** (far left next to Bill Wiesing) carrying a refrigerator, a cleaning machine, some paint cans, a hand full of sheetrock and six doors up and down a spacious stair case. **Richard Trombitas** did clean up and other odds and ends.

Widony House

None of this would have taken place if not for the vision of **Bob Bosse** (he is the one standing between Vincent and Glenn looking toward the vision) who believed his vision that the Widony house can and would bring (as John Blume loves to say) **"A real shot in the arm."**

THANK YOU GENTLEMEN SO VERY MUCH FOR ALL THE HARD WORK AND THOSE THAT HELPED YOU THAT I MIGHT HAVE NOT MENTIONED IN THIS ARTICLE.



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 1, 2009
ALTAR COLOR IS PURPLE

First in a Series of Three on Sin and Grace

Message Title: **Does What Goes Around Come Around?**

Text: **Genesis 45:1-15**

Sermon Sentence: *If someone is cruel to you, does that cruelty come back some day, some way, somehow? On the other side of the coin, if you are generous to another person, if you are benevolent to the church beyond measure, if you give all that you have, "your body to the flames," will that come back to you some day?*

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
ALTAR COLOR IS PURPLE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

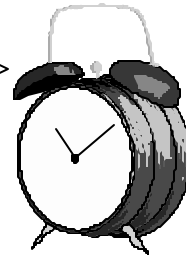
MARCH 8, 2009

Second in a Series of Three on Sin and Grace

Message Title: **Dreams in the Night**

Text: **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

REMEMBER Daylight Savings



Sermon Sentence: *Dreams can be odd experiences. It is impossible to plan our dreams. The Bible tells us stories about dreams and dreamers. Dreams according to the Bible are far more than something taking place in our minds, but may well be an experience at a far deeper level with God. So what are dreams anyway?*

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
HOLY COMMUNION

MARCH 15, 2009
ALTAR COLOR IS PURPLE

Third in a Series of Three on Sin and Grace

Message Title: **"God Wonders Me"**

Text: **Exodus 3:1-15**

Sermon Sentence: *We connect with great art, majestic music, panoramic landscapes, and breathtaking sun sets because otherness and awe wander around in our souls. Moses led his flock of sheep and was distracted by something unusual that stirred his soul.*

WANT TO GIVE SOMETHING UP FOR LENT? GIVE UP YOUR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AND RECEIVE GOD'S WORD AND BLESSING. ATTEND MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES WITH PASTOR LAZARCHAK AND HAVE YOUR SOUL UPLIFTED WITH A HEART-TO-HEART WITH CHRIST.



High-lighting the pastor's messages continued ~

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 22, 2009

ALTAR COLOR IS PURPLE

Message Title: **"BY GRACE"**

TEXT: ***Ephesians 2:1-10***

Sermon Sentence: *Jesus calls on us to believe, and the psalmist reminds us that faith is often the action of knowing from whom to ask for help, as the Israelites "cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress" (Psalm 107:19).*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 29, 2009

ALTAR COLOR IS PURPLE

TEACHING SUNDAY

THIS IS NEW!

At the February Elder's meeting it was voted on and approved that every fifth Sunday of the month in place of a sermon a teaching message would be presented by Deacon Anthony LaMort. This is the method presently being used favorably at the Saturday Evening Worship Services. This method allows for interaction between the congregation and presenter. Pastor feels that Deacon LaMort is more than qualified to do this. Pastor also believes this will help to add a new edge to our ministry here at Zion. What is that new edge? A deeper and boarder understanding of o u r spirituality and our growing in the Word.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES



MARCH 2009

- WEDNESDAY 4 @ 7:30 PM** Judas Iscariot: "Not the Messiah, But God's Son?"
- WEDNESDAY 11 @ 7:30 PM** Pilate and Whip: "God's Son Found Innocent"
- WEDNESDAY 18 @ 7:30 PM** Simon of Cyrene: "The Cross, Now Carried"
- WEDNESDAY 19 @ 7:30 PM** The Thief: "rejected, then Believed"

APRIL 2009

- WEDNESDAY 1 @ 7:30 PM** The Centurion: "Truly, The Son of God"



**MARCH 7TH TURN CLOCKS AHEAD 1-HOUR
(REMEMBER SPRING AHEAD!)**



The Spring Fish N’ Chips Dinner will be Friday, May 8, 2009 from 4:45-6:45 P.M. Priscilla Guild ladies will soon have tickets available at \$12.00 per person. We look forward to this event and hope you will all invite family and friends to share in the fellowship of an evening meal. Remember, tickets must be purchased ahead of time.



RUMMAGE SALE



Now that March is here we are all looking forward to longer days and warmer weather. It is time to start sorting through the Spring and Summer clothing etc. and deciding what to keep. If you have clothing that is still usable please remember the Spring Rummage Sale at Zion. Clothing, household goods and linens are accepted. Please NO furniture, computers or other large electronics or electrical items.

DATES ARE: FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2009 8:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2009 9:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Any questions, please call Kathy Schmidt 973-773-0374
All items are to be put in the garage—do not leave in church



- 2) Roberta Crawford
- 5) William Wiesing
- 8) Kurt Nemecek
Ernst Wilhelm
- 9) Michael Kwasnik
- 10) Jeffrey Kwasnik
- 12) Eleanor Benett
- 13) Linda Arzinger
- 15) Rosemarie Payne
Lisa Tauchert
Jodi Kwasnik
- 18) Erika Finnegan
- 19) Rikki Otazu
- 20) Nancy Lowry
- 23) Brittany Taylor
- 26) Anne Fevoli



Please Keep These People In Your Prayers



- Louise Arnebold
- Patty Avery
- Robert Bauer
- Doris Cunningham
- Ann Daniels
- Marie Donaldson
- Connie Harris
- Richard Ptasnik
- Jean Harvey
- Judy Hopkowitz
- Lorraine Jordan
- Hanna Powell
- Margaret Reifsnnyder
- Nancy Rhein
- Ruth Schmidt
- Gail Weigel
- Amy Weiss





NOAH'S ARK MARCH NEWS

We had some old faces and new faces come to our Open House. It is always such a pleasure to have the child we first met as a baby start school as a three year old.

We want to share some of the comments the parents have to say about Noah's Ark.....

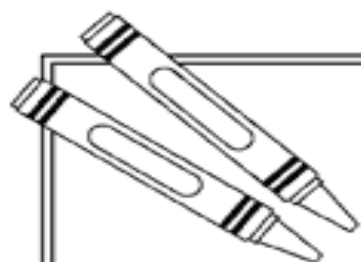
"Noah's Ark was referred to me by a neighbor when I was looking for a preschool for my oldest son. He attended Noah's Ark for 2 years and I must say enjoyed every minute of it. The teachers are extremely nurturing and on the ball with what your child really needs to know for his/her future in kindergarten. As a parent I was very pleased and relieved that he left Noah's Ark with the tools to succeed in kindergarten. Noah's Ark provides a safe, loving and memorable school for little ones. We are so pleased with this school that we enrolled our 2nd child who absolutely loves it and our youngest will be going as well."

Jeannie McQuaid

"Two of my children attended Noah's Ark and I highly recommend it to everyone! The school is very clean and cheerful. The teachers are wonderful and motivating. I love the idea that there is a full gym, church and playground in the school. I believe that the values my children have learned there will be with them for a long time. The performances that they put on for the parents give the children the confidence and a true meaning of Jesus. My favorite is Breakfast in Bethlehem."

Christine Eisenberg

We celebrated Valentine's Day with the children. The highlight of the day seemed to be when we let the children hit balloons in the air in the gym. They have a lot of energy to get rid of on these wintry days. According to Mr. Groundhog more winter to follow.....



Just for **KIDS**

A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

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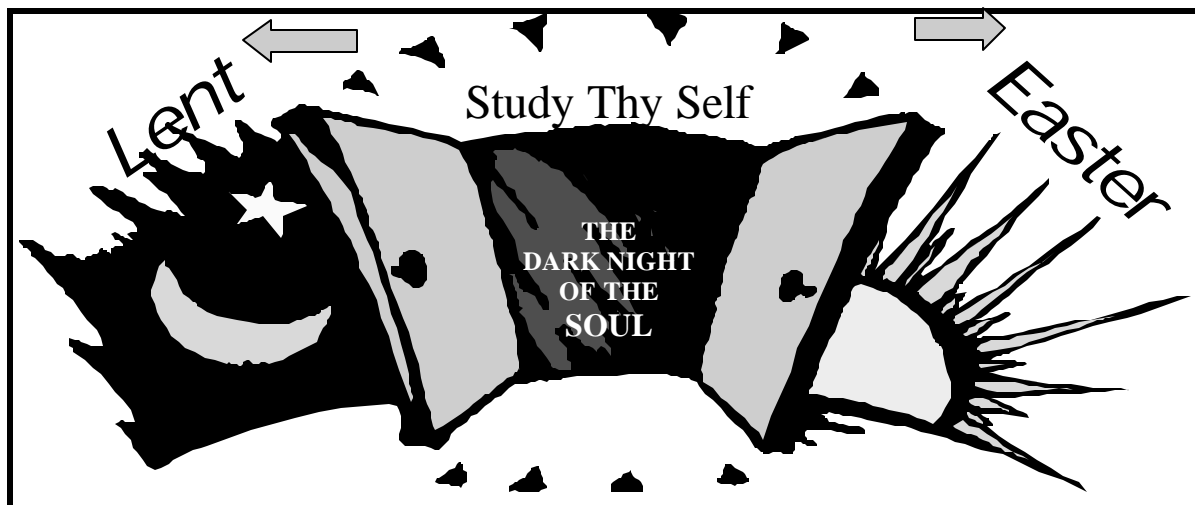
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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

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