



LET FREEDOM RING

On July 4, 1776, in the city of Philadelphia, there was one of the greatest documents signed in the history of humankind, the **Declaration of Independence**. This document marked the birth of our Nation under God. This was not only a declaration of INDEPENDENCE from earthly power, but, a declaration of DEPENDENCE upon Almighty God. The closing words of this historic document solemnly declared: *“With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.”*

President Lincoln wrote: *“We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of Heaven; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious Hand that preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.*

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to study the Good Book and pray to the God that made us.”

Therefore, as we celebrate again the Birth of our great nation, let us pray that our beloved country might *“have a new birth of freedom”* not freedom **FROM GOD**, which always leads to license and ultimate slavery, but rather a freedom built **UPON GOD** and His commandments, apart from which any nation will eventually perish.

Have a safe holiday,
Pastor L.

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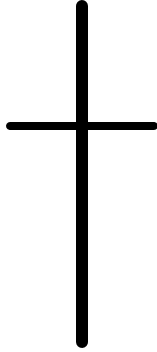
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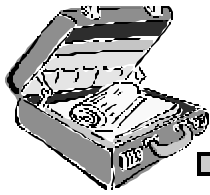
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From The Pastor's Briefcase

Under the theme "Chosen for a Purpose," John Blume, my wife Sue and I attended the New Jersey District convention. Rev. Klettke was elected president for the fourth term. Rev. Paul Kritsch, First vice president, Rev. Stephen Gewecke, second vice president, and **Rev. Dennis Rockett**, third vice president. The delegates voted to designate the offerings from worship to support the ministry Rev J. Buckman, who was installed that night. He will attempt to establish home Bible study groups and work among the various ethnic groups in and around the N.J. District. There will be more about the convention in this Newsletter.

If you took note to this months worship outline you would see that once again I would like children to share in a message just for them. So I'm prayerful that parents and grandparents would bring the children to the Lord's Table to hear God's Word.

As you know Anthony and I have been holding a worship and communion service Saturday's at 5 pm these last five months. It is my intention to continue these services through December 2010. If we find no growth I will discontinue this service.

There has also been talk about a second service on Sunday's at 10:45 am, this however, is not in stone. I want the elders and me to give this matter thoughtful prayer and discourse. If the Holy Spirit would move us in this direction we would inform the membership as to the date and time we would expect to hold this service.

As for the use of the building, I put out a memorandum advising people to be diligent in having Mary Cox place their request on the Parish Calendar of Events. It is my hope we can avoid any further mix-up as to who has what room at what time and date. We should have no problems if everyone concerned follows through on this request.

I am also going to review all job descriptions and see to it that our members know and understand just what is expected of not only the staff but, include myself in this report. What will be expected of me as pastor will be worked out with the Elders. I will take care of church staff and Edna Bertholf, Noah's Ark Board President and Board will take care of Noah's Ark Staff.

Also I'd like to thank Susan Larkins for giving her time to paint my office. Larkins did a wonderful job in picking the colors and cleaning the office.

In order for the membership to be informed and not jump to any conclusions on what is going on around the parish, I've decided along with my open door police to use my newsletter article, "**From The Pastor's Briefcase**," in an attempt to keep open communications with the congregation. Thus, this article is the result of that dissension I hope you will find this to be helpful.



Baptism Of Abigail Rose Wanco



Daughter of Paul & Karen Wanco was born March 5, 2008 and was Baptized by Pastor Lazarchak here at Zion Lutheran on Sunday, June 7, 2009 following the worship service. Please let us keep this little child in our prays.



Eleanor C. Bennett 1920 ~ 2009

At the age of 89 our dear sister entered a new life with our Lord, Jesus Christ and for that we are so joyful. Eleanor was very active in the life of the parish and its people. Her sweet gentle ways will be missed. The service was held here at the church Friday, June 19, 2009.



Sabina Mordhorst 1915 ~ 2009

As a people we grieve the passing of our dear sister and as a fellowship of believers we celebrate her new life in Christ Jesus. Sabina had a long 94 year journey through this world. The service was held here at Zion Church 10:00 am Wednesday, July 1st, 2009

A GOOD READ

By Pastor L.

"**THE SHACK**" By Wm. Paul Young

In a world where a belief in God is becoming increasingly irrelevant

THE SHACK wrestles with this timeless question: *Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?* The answers our hero gets will astound you and may at the same time transform your life as it did him.





Let Liberty's Light of Freedom Shine On This Month's July Worship Service. Come to Thank God for His Love and Grace

PENTECOST FIVE
SERMON TITLE ~

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2009
"OUTDOING JESUS"

HOLY COMMUNION
ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN

Readings
 Ezekiel 2:1-5
 2 Corinthians 12:1-10
 Mark 6:1-13

Hymns
 966- "Before You Lord We Bow"
 554- "O JESUS, KING MOST WONDERFUL"
 633- "AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING"
 965- "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

Theme:

Mark paints a picture of stumbling apostles so that when we do, we will know it isn't the end of our relationship with our Lord. Remember, the apostles don't always fail. Yet we should keep in mind there are times we will fail, just as these guys did; what we have to believe is that by keeping the faith, we can do His work in our own time and place.



PENTECOST SIX
SERMON TITLE ~

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2009
"POWER PLAY"

ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN

Amos 7:7 -15
 Ephesians 1:3 -14
 Mark 6:14-29

Hymns
 606- "I Lay My Sins on Jesus"
 702- "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
 662- "ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS"

**THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "PRAISING AND SINGING"
 BRING THE CHILDREN FOR THEIR SPECIAL TIME WITH THE PASTOR**

Theme:

Jesus tells those of us who want to follow Him that there comes a point where we must choose between exercising power as the world understands it or giving all that up to follow Jesus. Pick His world; the Empire can kill us, but only God can raise us up.



PENTECOST SEVEN
SERMON TITLE ~

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2009
"COMPASSION AND COMPASSION FATIGUE"

HOLY COMMUNION
ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN

Readings
 Jeremiah 23:1 -6
 Ephesians 2:11 -22
 Mark 6:30-44

Hymns
 722- "Lord Take My Hand and Lead Me"
 560- "Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed"
 617- "O Lord, We Praise Thee"
 700- "LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING"

Theme:

When we are the one in need, we don't want to hear that the pastor who ministers to us that he is unavailable. However, we must and should settle for this: Jesus Himself knew that His disciples that followed Him needed to rest in order for them to minister well. That gives us all permission to take time out to recuperate.

PENTECOST EIGHT
SERMON TITLE ~

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2009
"DON'T PANIC!"

SERVICE OF PRAYER & HEALING
ALTAR COLOR IS GREEN

Readings
 Second Samuel 11:1-15
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21



Hymns
 657- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"
 523- "O Word of God Incarnate"
 660- "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Theme:

Don't Panic! Jesus won't leave you without support . He won't be controlled. But since He knows best how to fix things, that's a blessing. **"It is I—don't be afraid."** That's the gospel.

The Heart of Worship

Think about it. Worship is about **surrender**, an unpopular word. How about, **submission**. Far too many people today believe they should go to church and be entertained and never give a thought what God has done for them all week. Sunday is only an hour or two out of our life to bring God pleasure and happiness. If God our Creator is going to do His deepest work in us, it will begin with worshiping Him. Be mindful of Him and less mindful of self. Worship is hard work when genuine. In our case, it is intense because we fight against our old nature, self-centeredness. Think about this and pray. Ask for the Holy spirit to help let go and surrender to the Father your time, your worship, and your financial gift.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3) Henry Siems
- 8) Florence Steimle
- 17) Nancy Davis
- 20) Helen Trombitas
- 24) Keri Adams
- 29) Caitlin Davis
- Phillip Nattress

Please Keep These People In Your Prayers



Louise Arnebold	Jean Harvey
Patty Avery	Judy Hopkowitz
Doris Cunningham	Lorraine Jordan
Ann Daniels	Hanna Powell
Marie Donaldson	Nancy Rhein
Connie Harris	Ruth Schmidt
Richard Ptasnik	Gail Weigel
Viola Engelbrecht	Amy Weiss
Sabina Mordhorst	Sharon Bergin
	John Berezonski



ELEANOR BENNETT

*Rosalie Hartman
Adele Menzer
Brenda Tarbous
William and Elizabeth Wiesing
Louis and Theresa Bevilacqua
Frederick Nilsson
Robert and Rose Bosse
Helen and Richard Trombitas
Glen and Edna Bertholf
Edward and Marta Fecht
The Fellowship Society
Jane Haedrich
Zion Lutheran Church Priscilla Guild
Richard and Susan Plump
Zion Lutheran Church Quilters
Richard A. Bennett, Sr.
Linda Arzinger
Fran and Jay Bene
Katherine and Larry Schmidt
Diane and John Blume
Gerda Meisterfeld
Arvida M. Paterson
Zion Lutheran Church Altar Guild
Louise Arnebold
Violet Acker
Charlotte Walker
Linda and Kenneth Scott
Lorraine and Frank Perricone
Eleanor Kwasnik
Mark and Mary Boeni
Dorothy M. Poecker
Lorraine and Eric Hagberg
Viola Engelbrecht*