



News from the Cross



Pastor's Pen...

My Dear Christ Friends... have you made your plans for Easter?

The ides of March (Latin: Idus Martias) is the name of March 15 in the Roman calendar. The term ides was used for the 15th day of the months of March, May, July, and October. The Ides of March was a festive day dedicated to the god Mars and a military parade was usually held. In modern times, the term Ides of March is best known as the date that Julius Caesar was assassinated in 709 AUC or 44 B.C. In William Shakespeare's play Julius Caesar, Caesar is warned to "beware the Ides of March."

The 15th of March, however, is the mid way point for the Lenten season 2010. I would venture to say that being half way through Lent is more important to most these days than the assassination of Julius Caesar. The reason is that during Lent we get ready for the assassination of Jesus Christ!

An assassination is the targeted killing of a public figure. This is exactly what the Jewish religious leaders had in mind with regard to Jesus. He had publicly healed a man that had been a paralytic for 38 years. But instead of embracing Jesus as the Messiah sent by God, they hated him for his tremendously successful public ministry and demonstration of His divine power. *John 5:18 Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the Sabbath, but said also that God was his Father, making himself equal with God.*

Seems as though a reassassination is being planned these days...I wonder about our dear friends who because of accident of birth or through marriage or family ties find themselves embedded in church bodies who deny the teachings of God to be true and are on a course that will lead to the re-assassination of Christ and the death of mainline Christian churches.

As reported in The Christian Post, 8/21/2009, "The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on Friday approved a resolution to allow gays and lesbians in same-sex relationships to be ordained."

ELCA's highest legislative body voted 559-451 during the biennial Church wide Assembly in Minneapolis.

It's like peeling away the layers of skin on an onion. One Biblical teaching after another is taken away until finally nothing remains except the rotten core of unscriptural humanism. We're almost there because Easter has become the time for chocolate and the Easter Bunny, and the bodily resurrection of Christ which assures us of our redemption to God is all but gone. Perhaps Easter will be replaced by Dandelion Day or an annual Pussywillow Festival. Whatever happened to: *Mt 28:20 "...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* And, *Ro 16:17 "I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them."*

Thank God that we still believe, teach and confess the Bible to be the infallibly inspired, inerrant Word of God. I wonder how the members of the ELCA and the Episcopal Churches throughout the world will join with the Presbyterians to celebrate on Easter... maybe they won't. Maybe instead of gathering in thankful worship they'll get together for egg hunts, ham and a salad of plastic grass and jellybeans.

See you in Church!

Pastor Fred Kogler



REMEMBER ...

- Our services are broadcast on Hudson cable Channel 15 on Wednesday night at 9:00PM and again on Thursday morning at 9:00AM.
- Check out our church web site at: <www.emmanuelhudson.org>
- Watch "Time of Grace" on TV Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. on FOX 9.
- "Message from the Master" airs on 1220 AM radio Sunday mornings at 7:30 a.m.

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Kids in Church

3-year-old Reese : 'Our Father, Who does art in heaven, Harold is His name. Amen.'

A little boy was overheard praying: 'Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am.'

After the christening of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, 'That preacher said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, and I wanted to stay with you guys.'

One particular four-year-old prayed, 'And forgive us our trash baskets as we forgive those who put trash in our baskets.'

A Sunday school teacher asked her children as they were on the way to church service, 'And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?' One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

A father was at the beach with his children when the four-year-old son ran up to him, grabbed his hand, and led him to the shore where a seagull lay dead in the sand..

'Daddy, what happened to him?' the son asked. 'He died and went to Heaven,' the Dad replied.

The boy thought a moment and then said, 'Did God throw him back down?'



Joyful Noise Notes

- Ann Winkler

Will March come in like a lion or lamb? The preschoolers are watching the weather carefully. We noticed that cold and sunny days are the most frequent. March should bring some snowman making weather. So watch for some new "friends" near the playground.

During March we will be focusing on letters T, U and V. Spring break is March 15-19. During Bible Time, the children will be learning about the friends of Jesus and the events that took place during Holy Week and Easter.

Registration for next fall is in progress. The 3-year-old morning class has four spots filled with 11 remaining. The 4-5 year old morning class is filled. If you know anyone looking for a preschool, please remember Joyful Noise.

Christian Worship Supplement Update

As a congregational project the church council has directed our special giving attention to the acquisition of the Christian Worship Supplement booklets. These books will enhance our services with some new service liturgies, new Psalms, and more hymn selections. A chart is on display in the narthex to help us see how we're doing at achieving the financial goal of \$1750. Each book costs \$17. As we receive the gifts the chart will be filled. As of this publishing, we have 52 supplements funded. The first 50 were ordered and received already. If you are able to help us reach our goal, please place a check in the offering plate with "SUPPLEMENT" written on the memo line.



Hymnal Supplement

Palm Sunday

Just a reminder... Palm Sunday is on March 28th. Join us for services at the usual time; 9:00AM.

WELS PREPARES TO HELP HAITI VICTIMS

- from WELS.net



A WELS logistics team arrived in Dominican Republic Feb. 22 to

make final preparations for teams of volunteer nurses and doctors who will be treating victims of the Haiti earthquake who have made their way to a hospital in the border town of Jimani.

WELS Committee on Relief is organizing trips for two volunteer teams of WELS medical professionals—one from March 9-17, the other from March 15-23. They'll be put to work at the hospital, which is still treating victims of the earthquake more than a month ago. Currently there are 52 registered patients.

Mark Vance, director of operations for COR, reports that while doctors at the hospital Tuesday performed five emergency surgeries, the facility will gradually be transitioning to more long-term, rehabilitative care. "Our people are definitely still needed," says Vance. "We will go forward with this mission."

Accompanying Vance on the trip are Rev. Phil Schupmann, former chairman of COR, and two WELS nurses, Tara Brennan and Becky Carey, director of nursing at Wisconsin Lutheran College.

Professionally qualified WELS members who would like to consider joining the volunteer teams should contact WELS. Volunteers will be provided travel costs, meals, and lodging. Donations for this relief effort can be made online. Checks can be made out to WELS Committee on Relief, 2929 N Mayfair Road, Milwaukee WI, 53222.

God's teaching is like...

In Deuteronomy, Moses' words to the children of Israel remind us of spring, which brings growth and new life.

Use the flower code below to fill in the blanks, revealing Deuteronomy 32:2, NIV.

CODE

"Let my teaching fall like

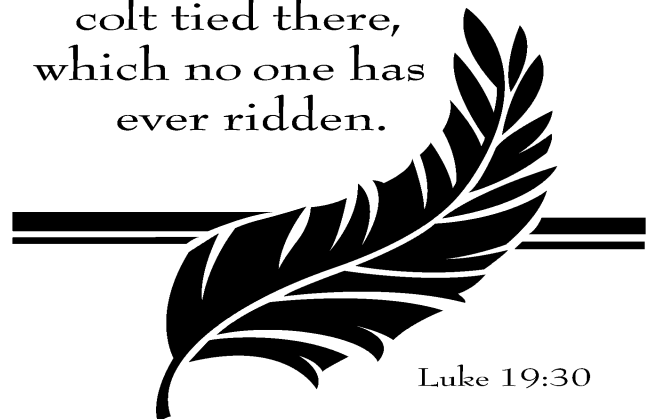
and my words descend like

like

like abundant

Answers: rain, dew, showers on new grass, rain on tender plants

Go to the village
 ahead of you,
 and as you enter it,
 you will find a
 colt tied there,
 which no one has
 ever ridden.



Luke 19:30

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*"Believe in the Lord Jesus and
you will be saved ..."*

... home of Joyful Noise



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Why we're here ...

Emmanuel Lutheran exists to prepare people for eternal life. The Bible presents two possible destinations when we die: one is hell; the other is heaven. While people follow all sorts of ideas and philosophies to gain heaven (self-denial, being a good person, etc.), the Bible gives us the only pathway to heaven: "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved" (Acts 16:31). Emmanuel Lutheran proclaims the truths of Holy Scripture, pointing always to Jesus Christ as our only Savior from sin -- our only path to heaven.