



Good News

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Voters' Meeting Highlights

28 voters were present at the April 25th meeting almost doubling the previous attendance.

It is a good sign that many are interested in what is going on and how each one of us may be impacted, particularly when it comes to financial concerns.

There are hardly any highlights to report. The budget for 2010 was adopted until reviewed at the next Voters' meeting on June 13, which is not Fathers' Day, so no excuses!

At that meeting also elections are traditionally held, and we hope to see not only new but returning faces to fill positions on the Church Council. The term of office is two years. For example, right now we only have two trustees, and they are kept very busy between the two of them.

In the next few weeks, you may be asked to prayerfully consider allowing your name to stand for office in the church council.

The pictorial will soon be ready to be sent for printing, thanks

to Wendy Scully, Bill Carson, and Anne Carson, but there is still much work to do.

If you did not have your family photo taken at the photo shoot, you may still be able to take your own and email it to scully4@sympatico.ca or william.carson@sympatico.ca. Please do this ASAP!

Next Council meeting: June 8

Next Voters' meeting: June 13

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EXPLANATION of GOD *by an 8-year old*

One of God's most important jobs is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere

which keeps Him very busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown in to real deep water by big kids. But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And... that's why I believe in God.

"AVOIDING PITFALLS"

As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance. 1 Peter 1:14

Poll a group of men and most will tell you there are few experiences in life they enjoy less than going shopping at the mall.

I'm not much different.

On the other hand, yesterday's trip was a little different. It was actually exciting.

A little boy, less than two years old, left a music store with his parents. They were talking so they didn't see the compact disc which he held clutched in his hands. I'm pretty sure he wasn't stealing; he was just holding onto a new toy.

At any rate, they walked out and the electronic tag attached to the disc triggered a loud bell which immediately brought everything to a standstill. The excitement ended with one crying child and two embarrassed parents returning a "stolen" CD.

It's a shame our lives don't have alarms that go off when we're about to do something sinful or stupid. We could avoid a lot of regret if we had an early warning system to alert us to our errors.

Until such an invention is developed, tested, and marketed, we're going to have to trust the wisdom of the Lord to give us our warnings. Indeed, even if such an invention would come about, we'd still have to rely upon the Lord.

In His Ten Commandments, the Lord tells us how we can avoid the pitfalls which are common to all men and women. When people listen to the warnings the Lord gives in His Law, they will find their mistakes minimized and their happiness maximized.

And when we don't listen, when we stumble and sin, we have a Saviour who has offered His life so our lives might be filled with forgiveness and fresh starts. So, when it comes to sin, we rely on the Lord for warnings and forgiveness.

I guess we really don't need that invention after all. It could never improve what God already has done.

From a devotion originally written for "By the Way".

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, I am grateful Your commandments warn me away from sin and that Your Son's sacrifice forgives me when I stumble and fall. For caring for me in a way I don't deserve and for saving my soul, You have my worship and heartfelt gratitude. In Jesus' Name accept my thanks. Amen.

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NOTE: This devotion is in place of "My Favorite Bible Verse".

LCC PLACEMENTS

A webcast of the placement of vicars and pastors was shown on Saturday, May 8. Here are some names you may recognize from the Sem:

Pastoral Candidates:

Oscar Castillo: Assistant Pastor, Faith/Grace, London/Strathroy, ON.

John Rapp: Pastor, Good Shepherd, Valleyview, Alberta

Cameron Schnarr: Pastor, Beautiful Saviour, Winnipeg, MB

Mark L. Smith: (2009 Graduate), Pastor, Zion, Plumas, MB

Ling Pui Yeong: (Edmonton Sem) Pastor, Trinity, Toronto, ON

Vicars:

Daniel Bonato: Zion, Yorkton, Sask.

Wei Ge (Wayne) Zhang: Trinity, Richmond, BC (brother-in-law of Pastor Wilch who has been called to Surrey, BC)

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Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

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Ladies of Grace

Another successful Work Day was held in May with 34 School Kits and 46 Baby Bundles put together. That brings the total so far this year to 75 School Kits and 102 Baby Bundles and 108 gauze squares. It amazes me how a small number of people can get so much done in such a short time.

We are blessed with many individuals, not all from our congregation, who regularly keep their eyes open for bargains during the year. These are the items that go to make up the kits and baby bundles, and they are donated from the heart for the needs that are many in different parts of the world.

Some people donate fabric, others donate their time and sew the school bags or baby nighties. Many of

LWMLC Mission Grant Update: 2009-2012

Thailand: Transportation and stipend for two evangelists	\$6,000
Nicaragua: Sewing school support	\$12,000
Costa Rica: Support for missionaries	\$35,000
Northern Saskatchewan: Bus for La Ronge Lutheran Fellowship	\$18,000
Dnepropetrovsk, Ukraine: Fund for Christian materials	\$6,000
Canada: Training of Deaf leaders as pastor/deaconess	\$13,000
Interim Mission Opportunity Fund	\$35,000

PAID to date

Up to \$5,000 from the Mission Opportunity Fund will assist two seminarians from Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary in St.Catharines, Ontario, to visit and learn in Southeast Asia.

\$3,000 toward the \$13,000 grant for training Deaf leaders.

Balance to be paid as requests are received: \$117,000
Update as of March 31, 2010

THINGS TO REMEMBER: Growing old is inevitable, growing up is optional.

us donate school supplies. Eight items make up a school kit— workbook or duotang with 60 lined sheets of paper, 8 unsharpened pencils, 6 coloured crayons, 20 sheets of construction paper, a pencil sharpener, rubber, scissors, and a ruler. We are always in need of these items if anyone would like to help us out at any time.

Thank you to all who helped to make the two Work Days so plentiful! Thanks always and most of all to our Gracious God who inspires us with His love and compassion, that we in turn can pass it on to others.

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LIFE IS A GIFT: Before whining about the distance you drive—think of someone who walks the same distance with their feet.