



## "I Will Make You Fishers Of Men!"

This has always been a fascinating phrase to me. For some reason I get this visual picture of someone with a rod and reel reeling in a person on the hook end of the line. I know as well as you that this is not what the phrase has in mind. When Jesus called those first men to be His disciples, they left everything immediately to follow Him. We are taught that we should not make hasty decisions, but when Jesus calls we should respond.

So what does it mean to be **fishers of men**? What Jesus is telling the men He called is that they are going to have a part in bringing people into the kingdom of God. Now we know that the power of the Holy Spirit works in people's lives to bring them to respond to the message that we share. A lot of times today we use the example of the different lures we use today to catch different types of fish. We say that people are different and it takes different types of approaches to get them interested in hearing the message of Jesus.

While this is true it doesn't fit the time period when they used nets. So think about this. Regardless of whether you use a lure or a net, fishing takes some work on your part. There are also the cases where you got everything ready just like the disciples mended their nets and what happened when you or they went fishing? Nothing was caught! There were also times when the fish broke yours or their equipment. What do you do? Fix and fish again.

God has called us to be His fisherman in a dark world to share the love of Jesus. It will not be easy at times. We may feel like we got a hold of a shark or we have hit a long dry spell of catching nothing, but we keep fishing. We keep sharing the Gospel message of Jesus' life, death and resurrection, knowing that the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of those who hear.

May we continue to be used by God to fish for men with A Heart for Hamilton County and the World!

# February

### Sunday Morning

- 8:30 Breakfast/Opening
- 9:00 Sunday School
- 10:00 Worship

### Tuesday

- 9:00 Quilting

### Wednesday

- 8:30 Mighty Lions Chapel
- 9:00 Kinder Chapel
- 3:30 Confirmation & Children's Choir

### Thursday

- 6:30 Men's Bible Study
- 8:30 Little Lamb s Chapel

### Friday

Office Closed

### EVERY MONTH

- 1st Sunday– Nursing Home Devotions 1:30pm
- 2nd Wednesday– Preschool Bd & Board of Ed 5:15pm
- 2nd Week– Board Meetings
- 3rd Saturday--Men's Club 7:15am

(see times on calendar)



# Children's News



Children's Choir will start again on

Wednesday February 5, 2014

3:30pm to 5:00pm

Snacks, Music, Crafts and much more!

Come and enjoy the fun!!

Ages Preschool to 5th grade.

The Children's Choir will sing on the 2nd and 4th Sunday mornings

The children that are at Ann Whitney can ride the church vans that will be picking up the confirmation students at 3:30pm



## Men's Club



St John (LLL) Men's club came together January 18th at 7:15am for our bible breakfast. We had 9 members in attendance. Everyone enjoyed the meal and social coming together. Pastor Reich lead us in prayer. . Treasurer Forrest Jenson gave the bank balance. We have just under \$1500.00 in our account. The Men's Club plans to serve a Fish Meal on February 5th before Ash Wednesday service.

We would like to invite all members and quest at 5:30pm for the meal. St. John members are ask to bring a desert. We also have started making plans for Mother's Day Chicken & Sausage Sale. The Men's Club would like to say Thank you to Doug Wagner & the Youth groups for hauling off a load of cans. That helped us out tremendously. A motion car-ried to adjourn the meeting at 8:10am. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Ollie Zschiesche



# Youth News

## Thank You!!!

A big THANK YOU goes to all of the Sr. and Jr. Youth and parents that stayed on Second Super Sunday and helped clean different Sunday School rooms, organized closets and cabinets, and painted in the Sr. Youth room. We also had a group that unloaded all of the boxes in the storage closet, so you can actually walk in and see what's on the shelves! :-) We were also able to load and haul away a trailer full of cans. We couldn't get all of the cans in the trailer for this trip because there were so many, which is a blessing. :-)

In the cleaning process, we found 3 boxes of fabric, some Sunday School games, and various odds and ends from VBS. Please check the wooden church pew in the FLC for the fabric and VBS items, and if you would like to get that for your group, please feel free to do so. The Sunday School games are in the hallway on the little white table. Please feel free to get those for use in your classrooms as well.

Thanks for all of your help and support. We were glad to help out our church, who is always such a help and support to us!

Many thanks again!  
The Youth of St. John Lutheran Church  
Youth Board

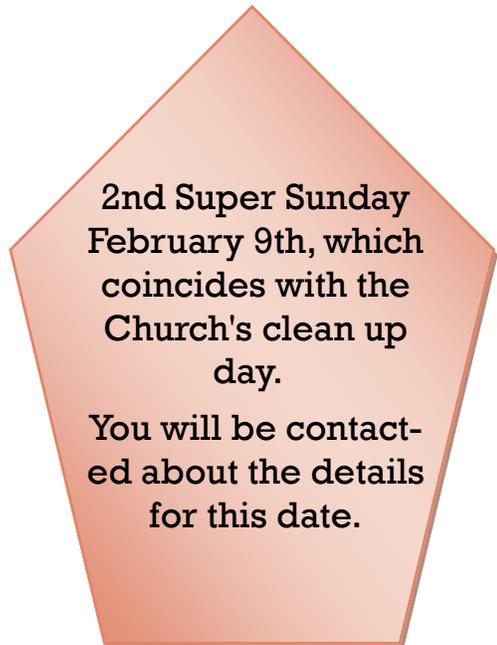


**Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 11:00pm**

### Church Clean-up Day

Sandwiches will be served after church for anyone that can stay and help with the clean-up. We are hoping to split up in groups and clean out closets, under the stage, under stairs in church, choir loft closet, room in back of church, etc. Some youth will be available to entertain young children. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Wear one of your Church t-shirts on this day!!!





# January Preschool News

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for all the thoughtful Christmas gifts. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity and love of our families.

We witnessed a wonderful blessing before Christmas. Mason and Madison's Dad came home from Japan for Christmas and surprised them at Preschool. It was a wonderful reunion! Thank you for serving our country!



January brings winter themes to our classrooms. Some of the things we have been learning about this month are the changing of the seasons, snowmen, penguins, bears, hibernation, animals in winter, and sharing God's love with our family and friends. The Kinder/Bridge class has been learning all about the solar system.

## Mayborn Museum

The Kinder/Bridge class attended the Mayborn Children's Museum in Waco last week. They had a wonderful day of learning and exploring all of the hands-on exhibits.



## Preschool Assessments

Preschool Assessments were sent home this week. The kids continue to learn and grow each day. These assessment results help us know what areas to focus on while in the classroom. We plan hands-on centers and lessons each day that focus on these skills. If you have questions or concerns, please let your teacher know. She will be glad to discuss the details with you.

Several of you have asked us what you can work on at home with your child. Children learn best through play. Take every

opportunity to make up games and sneak in some learning during your normal day to day activities. Here are some suggestions from our preschool teachers.



- Use a variety of materials to let your child paint, draw and explore!
- Practice counting aloud to 100 and singing the ABC song while driving in the car or brushing your teeth.
- Practice writing his/her name (capital for the first letter and lowercase for the remaining letters). If they learn to write their name in all caps it is difficult to correct. Be sure that he/she forms the letters from the top to the bottom.
- Let your child use child-safe scissors often to cut out a variety of shapes, pictures from a magazine or newspaper, or any scrap paper that you have around the house.
- Ensure your child is holding his/her pencil/crayon/marker correctly.
- Give your child plenty of opportunities to draw (without coloring books). Ask him/her to draw the things he/she sees around him/her.
- Have your child help you sort items according to color, size, and shape (laundry, blocks, silverware, toys, and other household items work well).
- Count objects in your home. Have your child point to each object as he/she counts.
- Go on a shape hunt. Point out circles, triangles, squares, and rectangles to your child while you are taking or walk or grocery shopping.



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- Read to your child at least 20 minutes each day!
- Take every opportunity to teach your child the uppercase and lowercase letters and the sounds each letter makes through play, games, and puzzles.
- Always encourage pretend play.

We wish you and your family a Happy New Year full of blessings. Thank you for sharing your child with us.

God's Blessings,

Sarah Bauman  
St. John Lutheran Preschool Director

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11



## 10 Ways to Pray for Your Child

### Pray for Faith

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will love the Lord with all of their heart, soul and mind and that they would love their neighbor as themselves.

### Pray for Growth

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would grow in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man.

### Pray for Friendships

I pray that you will surround \_\_\_\_\_ with companions of character—friends that love at all times, even through adversity.

### Pray for a Future

I pray that you would give \_\_\_\_\_ a plan for a future of hope and prosperity.

### Pray for Character

I pray that you would teach \_\_\_\_\_ to be loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, gentle, faithful, and self-controlled.

### Pray for Safety

I pray that you will protect \_\_\_\_\_ from harm and disaster. I pray that you will command your angels to guard \_\_\_\_\_ in all his/her ways.

### Pray for Joy and Peace

I pray that the light of Your face would shine down on \_\_\_\_\_ and fill his/her heart with joy. I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ would lie down and sleep in peace.

### Pray for Strength Against Temptation

I pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to be alert and discerning, able to resist temptation, standing firm and confident in his/her faith.

### Pray for Humility

I pray that \_\_\_\_\_ will be humble and listen to his/her parents, teachers, and coaches. Keep him/her from rebellious thoughts and ways.

### Pray for a Heart of Service

I pray \_\_\_\_\_ to be motivated to serve and work wholeheartedly as if he/she was serving and working for you.

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## Birthday

2nd Sharron Krueger  
 5th Josh Bauman  
 Steven Schneider  
 6th Howard Cox  
 Wyvonne Wenzel  
 7th John Schoedel  
 9th Laurel Friedrich  
 Eugene Jeschke  
 10th Diane Graham  
 Betty Hardin  
 Faviola Olalde  
 Betty Senger  
 11th Bret Bauman  
 Grant Bauman  
 Alex Odom  
 12th Jared Massingill  
 Maranda Mize  
 Elisha Squyres  
 15th Mona Smith  
 Landry Yates  
 16th Kerry Kensing  
 Raymond Krueger  
 Jennifer Niemann  
 Brenden Tomlinson  
 18th Cade Robertson  
 19th Neede Anders  
 Derrel Hungerford  
 Jonathon Reich  
 21st Cecelia Jenson  
 Morgan Nolen  
 22nd Cortney Wenzel  
 24th Kyle Krueger

## Anniversary

8th Doug & Kathleen Payne 22yrs  
 Joel & Shirley Sellers 50yrs  
 13th Eddie & Sharron Krueger 24yrs  
 17th Scott & Bonnie Williams 13yrs  
 19th Don & Brenda Arnett 42yrs  
 21st Ruben & Amanda Lippe 10yrs  
 Robert & Jenny Witzsche 38yrs  
 27th Leman & Mary Lucas 54yrs

## Baptism

2nd Jane Wagner  
 4th Charles Jahns  
 7th Lindsey Hanson  
 8th Alicia Hall  
 11th Vicki Colbert  
 Ida Sommerfeld  
 12th Raymond Wenzel  
 14th Kansas Pierce  
 Phillip Pierce  
 17th Henlee Wagner  
 19th John Isensee  
 24th Lorin Lange  
 25th Charlie Bottlinger  
 Dorothy Schoedel  
 28th Wyvonne Wenzel



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Music Notes by Gary K. Gromatzky

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness  
Nickolaus von Zinzendorf  
1739

*But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—  
and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NKJV)*

*Travel with me to Germany. After flying into Berlin, we rent a car and drive south to Dresden, then east toward the Polish and Czech borders. There on Highway 178 is the little town of Hermhut. At first glance, it seems like any other German village; but there in the central square is a large, plainly furnished church, dazzling white on the inside. It's the Moravian Meeting House, rebuilt after having been destroyed by bombs during World War II.*

On one side of town is a hillside called "God's Acre," the Moravian Cemetery containing the tomb of the city's founder, Count Nikolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf. Just beyond "God's Acre," you'll find the ruins of the count's vast manor house.

These are some of the most significant sites in modern Church history.

Count Zinzendorf (1700 - 1760) was born into wealth, and his family insisted on his pursuing a career as diplomat and statesman. But from childhood, Zinzendorf had a tender heart toward the lord and felt God's call to the ministry.

The opportunity came unexpectedly. In nearby Moravia, a group of Christians were being persecuted for their faith. They approached Zinzendorf, asking for refuge on his estate. He assisted them in building a community named Hermhut, a word meaning "Under the Lord's Watch." Zinzendorf became their spiritual leader.

It was in Hermhut on August 18, 1732, in an extraordinary, emotion-packed service, that two men were commissioned for overseas missionary work. It was a historic moment, for virtually no Protestant group had previously sent out missionaries; but between 1732 to 1742, more than 70 missionaries left Hermhut, a community of six hundred. This has been called "The Golden Decade," the dawn of Protestant missions.

It was also Zinzendorf's London-based Moravians who later led John and Charles Wesley to genuine faith in Christ and helped launch their history-changing ministry.

The Moravians were a singing people. On the night the two missionaries were commissioned, the church sang one hundred hymns. Zinzendorf wrote many of these songs, the best-known of which is:

Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness

*My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.*

*Bold shall I stand in Thy great day  
For who aught to my charge shall lay?*

*Fully absolved through these I am,  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.*

*Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God,  
For ever doth for sinners plead.  
For me, e'en for my soul, was shed.*

*Lord, I believe were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore.  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid.  
For all a full atonement made.*

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