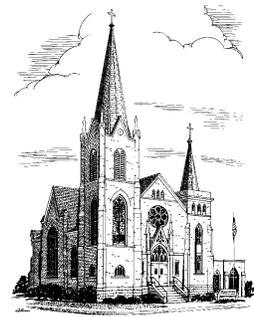


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Evolution . . . NOT!

Recently, in Bible class, we looked at some of the marvels of creation and some of the reasons the theory of evolution does not make sense – either logically or scientifically. We only touched on a few of the reasons. There is much more to consider if someone was interested in digging deeper.

One interesting topic is fossil evidence. If living things evolved over time then there should be evidence of creatures at the various stages of change. These are called intermediate links or transitions. The problem for evolutionists is that there is no evidence that these intermediate creatures ever existed. Charles Darwin, who came up with the idea of evolution, even wrote:

The number of intermediate varieties, which have formerly existed on the earth, (must) be truly enormous. Why then is not every geological formation and every stratum full of such intermediate links? Geology assuredly does not reveal any such finely graduated organic chain; and this, perhaps, is the most obvious and gravest objection which can be urged against my theory. (Darwin)

The problem has not changed. Over 100 years later another evolutionist wrote:

The record of evolution is still surprisingly jerky and, ironically, we have even fewer examples of evolutionary transition than we had in Darwin's time. By this I mean that the classic cases of darwinian change in the fossil record . . . have had to be modified or discarded as a result of more detailed information. (D. M. Raup)

Another evolutionist admits:

I fully agree with your comments on the lack of direct illustration of evolutionary transitions in my book. If I knew of any, fossil or living, I would certainly have included them... Gradualism is a concept I believe in, not just because of Darwin's authority, but because my understanding of genetics seems to demand it. Yet Gould and the American Museum people are hard to contradict when they say there are no transitional fossils. (Dr. Colin Patterson, a senior paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History, in correspondence with Luther Sunderland)

In short, even evolutionists admit that evidence is lacking. That doesn't surprise us. There is no evidence, because we didn't evolve. We were designed and created by the wise and loving God who even became one of his creation in order to save us from our own sin. We are not simply more evolved animals, but God's special creation, precious to him!

If you are interested in learning more you can find the information presented here and much more at <http://www.lutheranscience.org> – a website run by WELS members concerned about the truth of creation.

In the name of our Creator,
Pastor Draper

Presidents Report to St Johns Church Council & Congregation September 2011

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

How true this is. A few weeks ago Paula's dad, Armin Grundmeyer, passed away. We are saddened by his leaving but happy for his entrance in to heaven. A time before his passing he had professed his faith saying that he knew he would go to heaven because "the blood of Jesus Christ washes away all of my sins."

Sometimes we wonder why people are kept here on earth while they may seem like they can't work anymore. But they do have a job. We may not know what it might be, but in Armin's case I think his last days were to help us to know that we are saved through Jesus Christ. His profession of faith, a creed, as Pastor shared with us in bible study, eased our loss and increased our joy by knowing that he would be in a better place.

Isn't that why we are all together here at St. John's? To profess our faith, share it with others and help each other know Jesus so that we may all enjoy eternal life? Let us all work and grow together knowing that a place has been prepared for us, and we can all be there enjoying God's graces.

In Christ,
Steve Windschitl
President, St John's Congregation



Church Council Minutes September 15, 2011

Present: Steve Windschitl, Barry Hillmann, Andy Lochner, Jerry Dittbenner, Dan Rick, Dave Zimmerman and Pastor Draper.

Pastor Draper opened the meeting with devotion and a prayer.

Minutes

Andy Lochner/Dave Zimmerman made a motion to approve the August 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

Written report submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Jim will submit written report.

President's Report

Steve Windschitl submitted a written report.

Board of Elders

Dave Zimmerman/Andy Lochner made a motion to

transfer Stephanie Arndt to Valley Lutheran. Motion carried. Andy Lochner/Dave Zimmerman made a motion to transfer Todd and Jodie Marotz and family to St. John's, New Ulm. Motion carried. Barry Hillmann/Andy Lochner made a motion to transfer Matt and Cindy Wellner and family to St. John's, New Ulm. Motion passed. Dave Zimmerman/Jerry Dittbenner made a motion to transfer Joshua Zarling to St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Howards Grove, WI. Motion passed.

Principal & Board of Education

Lori Tallman's hot lunch cook position has been filled by Laurie Silfies. Dan Rick will be setting up a co-ed basketball team this year.

Worship Committee

No report.

Maintenance Committee

No report.

Outreach

No report. Rodrego will be preaching for Mission Festival on October 9th. No communion will be held.

Stewardship

No report. There is no chairman at this time.

MVL/WELS

No report.

Endowment and Trust Fund Committee

No report.

Old Business

The second phase of the organ fund is getting closer to reaching it's goal.

New Business

Andy Lochner/Dave Zimmerman made a motion to add Steve Windschitl to the bank signatures at Americana and take off Dave Honeman, Van Tallman and any other older signatures that are not current. Motion carried.

The next Church Council Meeting will be held October 10th at 7:30 p.m.

Dave Zimmerman/Jerry Dittbenner made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry Hillmann/Acting secretary



*Bartz 60th
Wedding Anniversary Celebration*

Bev & Harold Bartz
invite the members and friends
of St. John's to join them
in celebrating their
sixtieth wedding anniversary
with a light lunch
in the church basement
following the late service
on October 2nd.



Memorials

In memory of Ed Heidemann

James Jr. & Gwyn Ruddy \$20



Thank You

The family of Armin Grundmeyer would like to thank everyone who offered their sympathy and support to us this past month. We are also very grateful to all who helped at the funeral in any way. Your kindness and efforts are truly appreciated.

June Grundmeyer, Peggy Johnson, Paula & Steve Windschitl



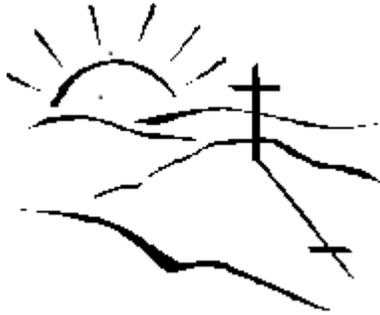
October is...



Thank you Pastor Draper!

**Lutheran Women's
Mission Society
Minnesota Valley Circuit**

**Fall Rally
Saturday, October 8, 2011**



**Theme:
The Sun Rises in the East
Hong Kong**

Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church
520 Sixth Street
Nicollet, Minnesota

9:00-10:00 a.m. Registration and fellowship
10:00 a.m. Opening Devotion

**Speaker of the Day
Mrs. Stephen Geiger**

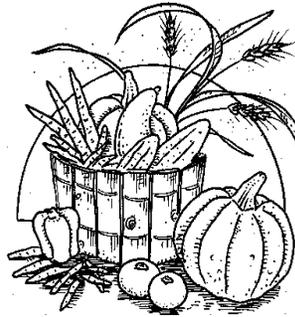
**Presentation on Milwaukee Convention
Kristin Smith & Doris Rosener**

RSVP: St. John's LWMS reporter –
Paula Windschitl @ 794-2310 to RSVP and/or
carpool.

**Childcare & Free lunch for children will be
provided by Trinity**

Website: www.mnvalleylwms.org

Ladies Aid



The Ladies Aid met on Thursday, September 1st at 7:00 p.m. For a joint meeting with the Hosanna Circle. Our devotion led by Pastor Draper was from Genesis 32. In these verses we read how Jacob wrestled with God in the darkest hours of his life. In the darkest hours of our lives, we too should wrestle with God, hold on to Him and don't let go!

A motion was made, seconded and passed to renew the subscription for 5 copies of the large print Meditation booklets at \$18.00 each.

A report was given on the success of the Corn Days Pie Stand. Mary Ann Trebesch, who coordinated this endeavor, thanked all who set up, made pies, manned the stand and the Youth Group and everyone who helped in other ways. The total sales amounted to \$816.00 the Chamber receives 10% of the total. The check to us was \$734.40. The Youth Group receives on half or \$367.20. About 65 pies were sold.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 2:00 p.m. We invite all ladies of the congregation to join us. See you there!

Marilyn Deibele, Secretary



Pie Sale

Sixty eight pies were brought to the Pie Sale at Corn Days. Each piece was sold and a whole pie was sold for \$12.00. We took in \$816.00, the Sleepy Eye Chamber took 10% leaving a check of \$734.40. This gave the Ladies Aid and the Youth Group a check for \$367.20 each.



Thank you to Doc and Marilyn Deibele for bringing the table and chairs and for setting up. Thanks to Marlys Lochner who spent the day helping. Thank you to Sallie, Stanley and Luke Draper for bringing the pies to the park. And finally, thank you to the Youth Group and all others who plated pies and sold them.

Hosanna Circle

Once again we start a new season for Hosanna Circle. We will have our first 2011-2012 meeting on Thursday, October 6 at 6:00 p.m. We will be brain storming about the Advent by Candlelight Dinner and locking down some ideas for this event. Any of you ladies interested in helping with any of the planning or would like to get on a committee to make this event happen, please come join us and find out for yourself about the joy and fellowship we share with each other in knowing our Savior better. See you there!!!



Your Sisters in Christ,
Pam Dittbenner and Connie Trebesch



WELS Kingdom Workers Reformation Event

The Minnesota Valley chapter of the WELS Kingdom Workers will host a light supper and short meeting at Martin Luther College following the Reformation Service on October 30th. This event is open to everyone. Please feel free to join us at the MLC Cafeteria for a quick update on WKW news and enjoy some fellowship with other mission minded friends in Christ.



News from Mrs. Shrum's Classroom Pre-K/K

Preschool

The Preschoolers have had an exciting time these first few weeks of school! The students have learned about letters Nn, Ww, and Pp, and the sounds they make. They have also worked on getting down the daily schedules and routines of the school day. Wyatt says, "I love my brown school!" and Jason said his favorite part of the day is "coloring".



Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners have been working hard on reading sight words and creating word families! They also enjoy spending a little time in the computer lab two days a

week, as well as handwriting and book buddy time in Mrs. Halvorson's room! Kimberly said her favorite thing about Kindergarten is "when we get to paint", and Elizabeth loves "phonics and computer time!"

As a whole class we have enjoyed learning some great new songs like "Father Abraham and The Good Morning Song", we have also read some awesome books. Some of our favorites are "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus," "Cookie's Week" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

We'd like to say a BIG thank you to Grandma Draper, Lisa Hillmann, Colleen Haag and Janet Crabtree for volunteering their time in our classroom, we are so blessed to have wonderful people who share their love of Jesus through their time and talents!



News from Mrs. Halvorson's Classroom Grades 1-3

God has given his precious children another new school year ahead to learn and grow in faith!



In our Christ-Light Bible lessons we will be studying the Old Testament this year. We are following God's people as they trusted in the promise of a Savior. We have seen God bless Noah and Abraham as they trusted in the promise He first made in the Garden of Eden to Adam and Eve.

Social Studies

Grade 1-2 have been learning about Native Americans. We learned about study the Ojibwe, Sioux, Apache, and Tlinglit tribes in particular and compare their customs and ways of life.

Grade 3 has learned about the Southeastern States of our country. Each child has made a colorful, fact-filled, state for our bulletin board.

Science 3

Third graders have learned about plants and pollination. They are currently learning about life cycles of animals.

K-2 Reading Buddies

Kindergarteners join us this year for two half - hours a week while Mrs. Shrum teaches Music to the older children. It has been exciting to learn about Word Families this month through songs and poems and projects!

Calendar Time and Poetry Corner are favorite times of the day that help us keep some of our Math and Language skills sharp. We can count by odd and even numbers, graph our weather, practice patterning, enjoy sharing poetry and more!

We have only just begun our year but walking hand in hand with our Savior assures us it will be a wonderful journey!



News from Mr. Rick's Classroom Grades 4-8

Bible History

The 4th graders have been learning Christ Light with Mrs. Halvorson. They have been making booklets about Abram and reviewing lessons about Creation. Grades 5 through 8 have Mr. Rick for Bible history and topical studies. They have also been learning Old Testament stories like Creation and Abram. They write down important questions during class and complete worksheets after class.

Computer Class

In Computer class we have been practicing typing. Our teacher, Mrs Draper, has also been helping us work on a project. This project requires us to color in different stained glass windows using Tux Paint. Tux Paint is a program that students use to paint in pictures.

Music

During the past few weeks, we have been learning new songs from Mrs. Shrum. We have been learning Thy Word and We Are The Children of Light. She has also been teaching us new games like "The Number Game" and "Heads Up 4 Up."

Science

Science class is all about minerals and crystallization. We are also studying the food webs of certain regions. Recently, the eighth grade has begun to grow crystal gardens.

Grades 4-6 have been learning about ecosystems and the organisms involved in them. Furthermore, they have been learning how the ecosystems change over time and what effect people have on them. Science videos accompany some lessons that helps students learn more about the day's topics.

Math

There are many math classes in the upper grades classroom and everyone has been learning many new

things. For instance, the 4th grade is learning about numbers replacing letters, negative numbers, and subtracting. The 5th grade is reviewing subtracting, adding, multiplying, and division. The 6th grade is currently learning about negative numbers.

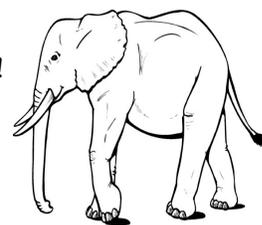
There are three boys in three different math classes. Luke Draper is learning about theoretical and experimental numbers probability, Ben Draper is learning about comparing and adding fractions. Tim Haag has been learning about fractions to percents, compound interest, mark up and mark down, and profit.

History & Geography

Lately in Ancient History, grades 5 through 6 have been looking at archeology and King Tut's Tomb. They have also been learning why archeology and geography are important. The 4th grade is learning about American history which includes Native Americans. Grade 8 is studying Geography and learning about landforms and tectonic plates. They are also learning about latitude, longitude and elevation.

The school year has been off to a great start for all the students, staff, and faculty. The students are excited and have a willingness to learn. The classroom is very busy, but the students have developed good routines and follow the rules well. Recess time has also been a exciting time for many students. Soccer is presently the main choice of event during recess time and the students have been showing good sportsmanship and athletic ability. Grades that participate range between 1-8. Pastor Draper has also shown the students some of his soccer skills!

October is drawing nearer and that means a trip to the Minnesota Zoo! Students in grades K-8 will be traveling to the Minnesota Zoo on October 7th. Two events that will be happening before the Zoo are a visit from Mr. Plath and a school spirit day. Mr. Plath, principal at MVL, will be speaking to the upper grades on Wednesday, Sept. 21. The students will learn more about MVL and the great opportunities that the school offers. On Friday, Sept. 23, it will be "Hat Day" for all the students! Students are encouraged to wear a hat to show their school spirit. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the classroom that has the highest percentage of participation.



For more information regarding the upper grades classroom, visit our school website and upper grades web page.

MLC
Ladies' Auxiliary
Annual Meeting

Saturday, October 15th
9AM

Wittenberg Collegiate Center Auditorium
1995 Luther Ct. New Ulm, MN

Child Care Available

Food Shelf Donations Accepted



Mark your calendars for our Fall Church Hayride!



All members are invited to a fall hayride at the
Jerry and Jan Dittbenner farm

Oct. 1st @4:00 p.m.

Turkey Supreme will be provided.

Please bring a snack to pass.

Join us for this fun fellowship event!

**Directions: From Sleepy Eye go N on Hwy. 4 (approx. 7 Miles)
Go N on County Rd. 30 (3 Miles)
Go N on 300th Ave. (1 Mile)
Jerry & Jan's place is at the end of the mile on the left.
31915 300th Ave.
Morgan, MN 56266**



Logo Contest!

We are asking for your help in creating a fresh look for our school logo. Whether you have little artistic talent or lots, give us your ideas. Give us a drawing, sketch, computer image, or written description.

Here is our current logo



Here are some guidelines for a new logo. Include as many of these as you can in your own design:

- Use the "Warriors" name or theme
- Include an appropriate Bible passage (Eph. 6:11 and Eph. 6:16, for example)
- Include biblical symbolism (cross, crown, trinity, sword of the Spirit, shield of faith, and many more)
- Include the school name and city name
- Use the school colors – blue and gold
- Include the year the Church and School were established (1876 & 1880)

Keep in mind that eventually two versions of the logo will be needed – a detailed logo for general use and a simplified logo for use where a smaller logo is needed. Some ideas to get you started can be found at www.stjohnsse.com/schoollogo

Due Date:

- Please submit your ideas by October 31st
- The congregation will provide their feedback and a selection will be made by November 30th

The winner gets a free t-shirt with the new logo.

If you have any questions, contact Pastor Draper or Dan Rick.