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Have you ever done something wrong knowing full well that there would be consequences? Remember when your parents told you to be in by 10pm but you came home later because you were having so much fun? You wanted to keep having fun doing whatever it was you were doing, and you were willing to suffer the punishment.

Have you ever done something right knowing full well there would be consequences? Christian actor Jim Caviezel

knows that very well. Jim Caviezel is the actor who portrayed Jesus Christ in the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. When Mel Gibson told him that he could have the role if he wanted it he warned him first and said, "You know, you'll never work in this town again." He took the role and according to Jim Caviezel, what Mel Gibson said has come true. According to Caviezel work in Hollywood has been hard to find.

When we follow Christ there will be consequences. For Jim Caviezel, it is being black-listed and probably not winning an Oscar anytime soon. For the child in school, following Christ can mean losing friends or popularity. For adults, following Christ can mean losing relationships, jobs, even life itself. In 1 Peter chapter 2 it says,

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ. If you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

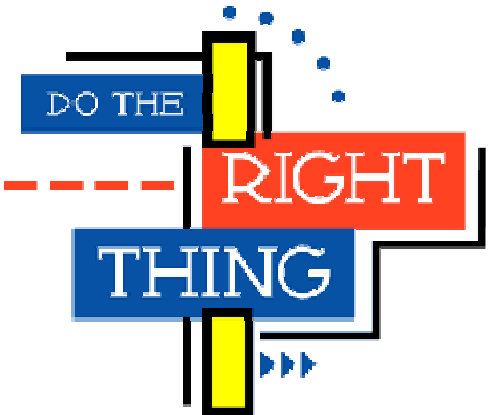
As Christians, we will suffer as a result of our faith in Jesus. As Christians, we may have to give some things up, e.g. certain friends, popularity, financial security. But as Christians, we know that the suffering is only temporary. We know that Christ is with us and promises to open other doors when one gets closed. Perhaps the greatest thing we give up as Christians is our sin. We live free from the guilt and pain of our sin because we know that we can lay it all on Jesus, the spotless lamb of God.

I am thankful for the example of Jim Caviezel and all those people in my life who put their faith before all else. May we all set such an example.

Have a Wonderful Summer,

Pastor Schmidt

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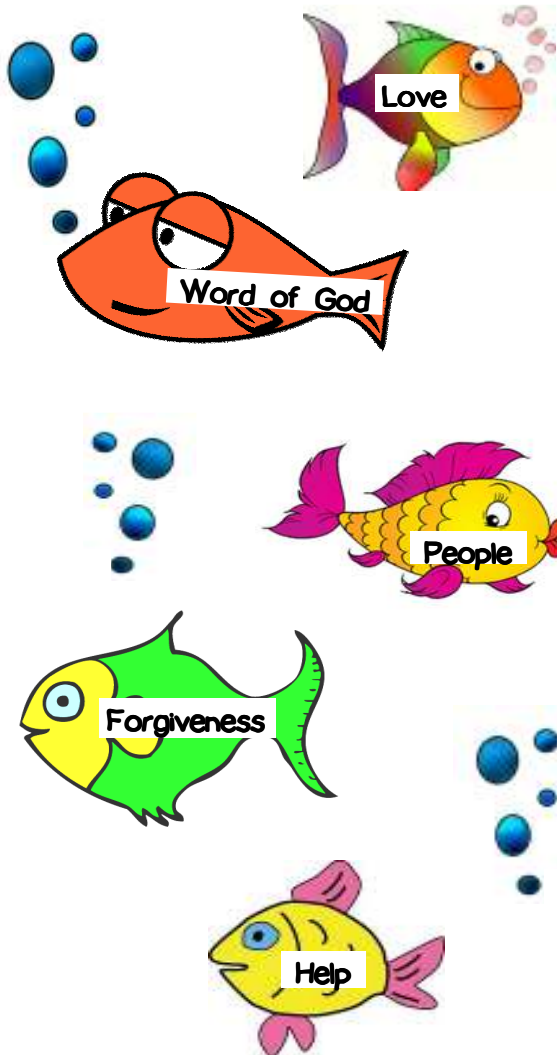
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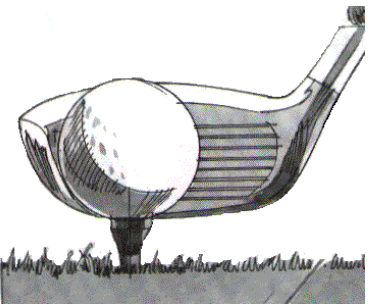
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GOLFING WITH GOD

Recently, our own Roger White was involved in a golf tournament in which he made two holes-in-one! If that's hard to believe, read on to see the newspaper article and the reaction of one outspoken reader...



Snowbird gets two aces in one day

RARE FEAT: Part-time Naples resident becomes local legend.

By MARK CARDON
Correspondent

VENICE — This past weekend, Roger White had to leave the plush confines of Naples to visit Venice to have a little fun.

In doing so, he became a local legend. The 69-year-old resident of Naples accepted his brother's invitation to play in the Plantation Golf and Country Club's annual member-guest tournament, and made two holes-in-one on the first day of the tournament.

Playing the back nine

of the Panther course, White smacked a 3-wood to the front of the green on the par 3 11th hole, and it rolled into the cup, although he thought it had skipped over the green. The hole measures 188 yards from the white tees.

He recorded his second ace on the 170-yard No. 7 hole, using a 19-degree rescue club. White saw that one disappear in the hole.

"The good Lord played a round of golf on Friday, and I think he was in our foursome," said Roger, who hails from Waukesha, Wisc., and is a winter resident of Naples. His brother Gerry, 79, has been a long-time member of Plantation.

After the article appeared in the Herald-Tribune, Roger received a hand-written letter from a local man, along with his "Letter to the Editor" which was presumably never published:

Tony Spahn of Venice, FL writes:

ROGER,

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TWO ACES! I'D BE AS PROUD AS A PEACOCK WITH JUST ONE. BUT TO THINK "SOME SKY FUH-RER" HAD ANY PART IN IT WOULD BE A BIT PRESUMPTUOUS. HATS OFF TO YOU FOR DOING IT. I SENT COPIES OF THE ATTACHED TO THE HERALD-TRIBUNE, BUT NOT EXPECTING TO SEE ANY IN PRINT. LOGIC AND COMMON SENSE IN THE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE IS DOWN THE LADDER A BIT FROM THE SUPER-NATURAL AND DELUSION.

Letter to the Editor

"UTTERLY PREPOSTEROUS"

SO, GOD WAS WITH THIS POMPOUS AND PRIVILEGED INDIVIDUAL AS HE PUTS GOLF BALLS IN HOLES IN THE GROUND, BUT THIS SAME GOD ALLOWED THOUSANDS OF INFANTS AND CHILDREN TO BE SAVAGELY AND UNMERCIFULLY KILLED IN THE RECENT JAPANESE QUAKES AND TSUNAMI? HOW UTTERLY ARROGANT AND RIDICULOUS TO HAVE SUCH A PREPOSTEROUS VIEW FROM REALITY.

In his 3-page letter to Roger, Mr. Spahn also cited several Bible verses which made Roger believe that the man has studied the Bible.

In response, Roger states: "I am amazed that a person that has so much knowledge of the Bible can be so negative concerning religion. He obviously is missing a very important part of religion and that is *faith*. Without faith, we all may fall into his world of delusion. I have never met this person, but I do pray for him and those like him who lack the faith in our Lord and his teachings. I am still convinced that the Good Lord had a smile on his face as the second ball went into the hole and said, "There, take that—enjoy and be humble." I will certainly try to live up to that and look forward to the next time it happens. I guess that statement represents a different kind of "faith."

Noteworthy Church Signs

"There are some questions that can't be answered by Google."

"Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the snake, and the snake didn't have a leg to stand on."

"Read the Bible. It's user friendly, plus we offer tech support here on Sunday mornings."

"Honk if you love Jesus. Text while driving if you want to meet Him."

HOW WE GOT THE BIBLE

On Sunday, May 29th, we began our Sunday morning Bible study on the topic, “How we got the Bible.” It is a PowerPoint presentation in the Fellowship Hall. If you’ve ever wondered why the Bible is the way it is, why it contains so many books, why certain books and not others, then come to this study and grow in your knowledge and appreciation for the greatest book ever written.

Pastor Schmidt

NEWS from the LIBRARY

By Joye Sievers

Please take a moment to browse through the Library to find a book or two for your reading pleasure. There are four new toddler books: *Whose Mommy is This* and *Who Drives This*, both by Charles Reasoner; *Peas and Thank You* by Mike Narurocki; and *Ribbit, Roar, Quack* by Christine Tangvald.

Several Lori Wick books were purchased to fill out some of her series. Have a look to see if there is one you have been waiting to read! Also, Jan Karon’s new book, *In the Company of Others*, is also on the shelf. What a wonderful addition to the Mitford Series.

If you are looking for comfort from scripture, please check out the *Meditations on Favorite Scriptures Devotions for a Year* published by Northwestern Publishing House. If you are interested in Lutheran church history, we have added *WELS & Other Lutherans, 2nd Edition* to the shelf. Please use it to learn more of the reasons why our synod is here.

Book Review: *In the Company of Others*

Those of you who have read Jan Karon’s books will be thrilled to hear more about Father Tim and his wife, Cynthia on their journey through life. Now retired, he is making good on the promise of showing his wife the land of his ancestry, Ireland. They are soon involved in the lives of three generations of family as they struggle to find deliverance from the crucifying power of secrets. An old journal, discovered by Tim and Cynthia, adds to the suspense. Please pick it up and ENJOY!

Bethany College Choirs

Delight Audience *By Wally Tews*

Were you there? Did you hear it? If not, you missed a great opportunity to hear the Bethany Lutheran Choirs perform in our church on the 16th of May. The 80 choir members made up the Concert Choir, the Mary Martha Singers, the Chamber Choir, the Handball Choir, and the Bethany Male Chorus.

Daniel Ruiz of our church is a member of three of the performance groups. It was fun to see “one of our own” come back to Naples with his fellow students and choir members.

Dennis Marzolf is the Director for all groups but the Mary Martha Singers, which were directed by Ann Frederickson.

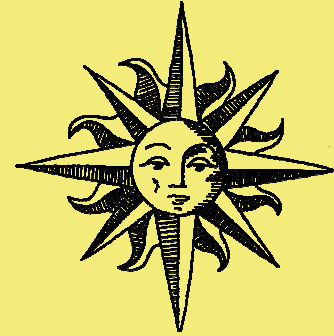
The choirs began their vocal excursion on May 14th, traveling to Naples for their first concert here at our church. They were then going to perform at 3 ELS churches in Florida before moving on to Georgia, Missouri, Iowa, and finally a homecoming concert back in Mankato on the 26th of May.

The concert contained compositions by J. S. Bach, Martin Luther, Mozart, Beethoven, as well as contemporary composers such as Poulenc and Jennings. The pieces were sung *a cappella*, with piano (two and four hands), and string and flute ensembles. The choirs sang in German, Latin and English. The Bell Choir was especially well received by the audience, due in part to the fact that our church has a bell choir and our congregation enjoys their music every time they play.

While audience attendance was not impressive, the performance of the choirs was. And a good time was had by all.

Apostle Poem

Jesus called them, one by one,
Peter, Andrew, James and John,
Then came Philip, Thomas, too—
Matthew and Bartholomew,
James the one, they called the less
Simon, also Thaddeus.
Twelfth Apostle Judas made,
Jesus was by him betrayed.



EACH MORNING is a new beginning of our life.

Each day is a finished whole.

The present day marks the boundary
of our cares and concerns.

It is long enough to find God or to lose him,
to keep faith
or fall into disgrace.

God created day and night for us so we need not
wander without boundaries, but may be able
to see in every morning
the goal of the evening ahead.

Just as the ancient sun rises anew every day,
so the eternal mercy of God is new every morning.

Every morning God gives us
the gift of comprehending anew
his faithfulness of old;

thus, in the midst of our life with God,
we may daily begin a new life with him.

The first moments of the new day are for
God's liberating grace,
God's sanctifying presence.

Before the heart unlocks itself for the world,
God wants to open it for himself,

before the ear takes in
the countless voices of the day,
it should hear in the early hours
the voice of the

Creator and Redeemer.

God prepared the stillness
of the first morning
for himself;
it should remain his.

-Dietrich Bonhoeffer
via St. George's,
Dayton, Ohio

Flag Etiquette: STANDARDS of RESPECT

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used.

They are:

- ★ The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- ★ The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speaker's desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- ★ The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- ★ The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of

military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.

- ★ The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
- ★ The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- ★ When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- ★ The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.
- ★ When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.



No Refuge Could Save

(Source: <http://freedom-school.com/no-refuge-could-save.pdf>)

The British reached the American coast, and on August 24, 1814, took Washington, D.C. Then they moved up the Chesapeake Bay toward Baltimore. On September 12, they arrived and found 1,000 men in Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If the British wished to take Baltimore, they would have to take the fort.

On one of the British ships was an aged physician, William Beanes, who had been arrested in Maryland and brought along as a prisoner. Francis Scott Key, a lawyer

and friend of the physician, had come to the ship to negotiate his release.

The British captain was willing, but the two Americans would have to wait. It was now the night of September 13, and the bombardment of Fort McHenry was about to start.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was

still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, "Can you see the flag?"

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After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called "The Defense of Fort McHenry," it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, "To Anacreon in Heaven" -- a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as "The Star Spangled Banner," and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States .

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

**Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there.
Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?**

("Ramparts," in case you don't know, are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort.) The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

**On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!**

"The towering steep" is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise? During World War I when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung. However, I know it, so here it is:

**And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a country should leave us no more?
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling:

**Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,
Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,
And this be our motto --"In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.**

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CONGRATULATIONS, TRINITY!

Mario and Tara Calderon would like to announce the graduation of their daughter Trinidad Calderon on April 30th, 2011 from Jacksonville University. Trinity graduated with a major in Psychology, a minor in Art and a minor in Education. We are so very proud of all her hard work.

Trinity has been receiving the weekly services in the mail along with the weekly bulletin and she has been very grateful for that. She loves attending church when she has come home over the years and misses it greatly when she is away.

Trinity is now planning on working on her Masters degree and has decided to move back home while earning her degree. Thank you all so much for the gifts sent her way and for your love and spiritual support while she attended school. I know that Mario and I could not have done it without the support of our congregation. I know that she can't wait to get home and be able to attend services again with her church family.



Pen-te-cost

noun /'pentə.kōst

1. The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.
2. The day on which this festival is held.

Pentecost is one of the prominent feasts in the Christian liturgical year. The feast is also called Whitsunday, and is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter Sunday, hence its name. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after Ascension Thursday.

Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus after the Resurrection, as described in the New Testament Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. For this reason, Pentecost is sometimes described as the "Birthday of the Church."

Acts 2:1-6

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.

While those on whom the Spirit had descended were speak-

ing in tongues, the disciple Peter stood up with the eleven and proclaimed to the crowd that this event was the fulfillment of the prophecy ("I will pour out my spirit") in Joel 2:28-29. Acts 2:41 reports: "*So those that welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.*"

But, the Holy Spirit's work isn't confined to that first Pentecost. The Spirit is at work *even now*. See what Martin Luther had to say about the Holy Spirit's continued work in the church and in the world today, in his explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed:

The Third Article: Sanctification

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

Often our response to miraculous events in the early Christian church is along the lines of think-

ing that God used to act powerfully in the lives of people back then. But this is the season for us to remember that God is at work in the world, in the church, in you and in me, *even now*.

Sources: Wikipedia
& Luther's Small Catechism

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Synod Convention 2011

By Pastor Greg Schmidt


Our synod's convention will be held as usual Father's Day week in Mankato, MN. I will be representing our congregation this year. I'll leave Sunday after church and return Friday, June 24th. If there is an emergency please contact the church office and the Elders will be notified.

Nothing out of the ordinary will be occurring at this convention with the exception of one thing. After much study, this year the convention will vote on whether or not to move to a biennial convention schedule. I hope and pray that the majority of delegates vote in favor of this resolution. It would save pastors and congregations valuable time and money. Please keep me and the synod in your prayers, that constructive work gets accomplished.

Southern Ten Commandments

Submitted by Linda Austin

Some people have trouble with all those 'shalls' and 'shall nots' in the Ten Commandments. Folks just aren't used to talking in those terms. So, in middle Tennessee they translated the 'King James' into 'Jackson County' language....no joke (posted on the wall at Cross Trails Church in Gainesboro, TN).

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- (1) Just one God
 - (2) Put nothin' before God
 - (3) Watch yer mouth
 - (4) Git yourself to Sunday meetin'
 - (5) Honor yer Ma & Pa
 - (6) No killin'
 - (7) No foolin' around with another fellow's gal.
 - (8) Don't take what ain't yers
 - (9) No tellin' tales or gossipin'
 - (10) Don't be hankerin' for yer buddy's stuff

Now that's plain an' simple.

JOIN HANDS DAY—SATURDAY, JUNE 25

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*The Mission of Our Savior Lutheran Church and Preschool:
“To Know Christ and to Make Christ Known”*

Schedule of Worship and Study

Sunday Worship Services: 9:00 a.m.
First Sunday in January through Easter: 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Study Sessions

Sundays: 10:30 in Fellowship Hall
Tuesdays: 7:30 a.m. Bible Study Breakfast at Calistoga
on Airport Road
Wednesdays: 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Fridays: 9:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
2nd Wednesday of each month: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study
during the Ladies' Friendship Circle



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