

THE FISH TALE

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“For nothing is impossible with God.” *Luke 1:37*

What an awesome God we serve! God formed the world by a word. God parted the Red Sea. God provided manna for the Israelites. God brought down the walls of Jericho. Jesus turned water into wine. Jesus healed the blind, the lame, and the sick. Jesus walked on water. The Holy Spirit empowered Peter and the disciples to speak up for God. The Holy Spirit brings comfort to those in pain. The Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin.

God is involved in all areas of our lives. Knowing this gives us the courage to come boldly to the throne of grace and to make our requests known. No matter how dark the night or how impossible the situation seems, we can have hope. Nothing is impossible with God!

Therefore, if God chooses to intervene in our lives, nothing will stop that intervention. So, when you are faced with a difficult choice, pray for guidance. When you are hurt, pray for comfort. When you need wisdom, pray for it. When all odds are against you, pray.

We have limitations. God does not. Pray believingly.

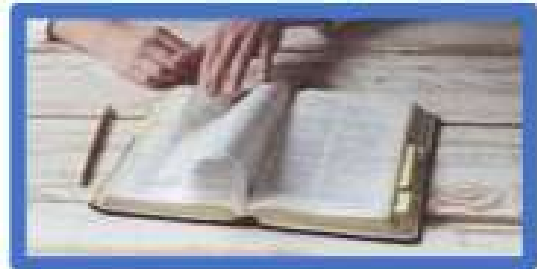
Helping people live life with Jesus everyday,
Rev. Dr. Brent L Parrish



 **OUR GOD IS AN
AWESOME GOD** 

The Birth of John Foretold

Read Luke 1



Reviewing God's Word

Answer each question with names or words below.

(Some will not be used.)

1. Who was Zechariah's wife?
2. In what building was Zechariah burning incense?
3. What was Zechariah's child to be named?
4. The child would have "the spirit and power" of what prophet?
5. Who was unable to speak until the child was born?
6. Name one other Bible woman who was blessed with a child in her old age.

A. Gabriel	B. Elijah	C. Palace
D. Temple	E. John	F. Zechariah
G. Elizabeth	H. Sarah	I. Joseph
J. Jesus	K. Michael	L. Mary

Thinking About God's Word

1. What great event was drawing near at the time of this lesson?
2. Which words tell that Zechariah and Elizabeth were God-fearing?
3. Why was Gabriel sent to tell Zechariah that his wife would give birth to a son?

4. Which words show that Gabriel came from God in answer to Zechariah's prayer?

5. Why did Zechariah ask, "How shall I know this?"

Application of God's Word

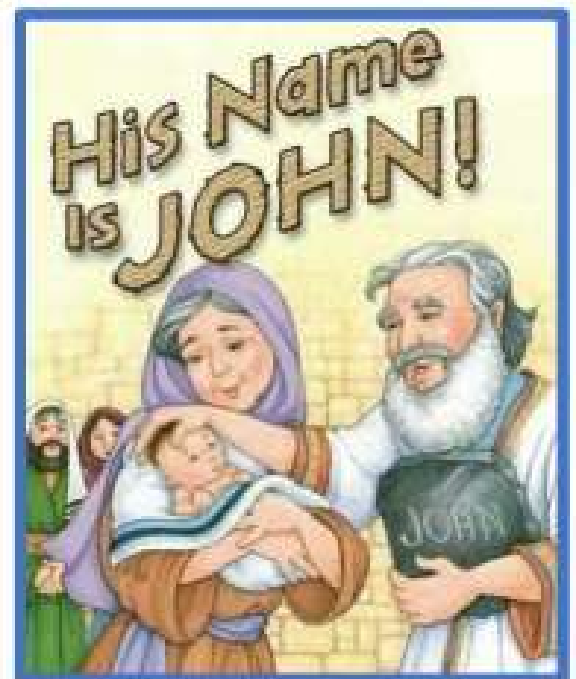
1. What is a messenger? How does John fit in this role?

Can we be a messengers for Jesus too? Explain.

2. The angel came to bring Zechariah good news. How does the angel's message relate to the greatest Good News of all?

3. Why is it sometimes hard for us to believe what God says?

Can we trust that He will always keep His promises?



Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 ½ cups warm milk
- 1 (8 ounce) jar dried beef, chopped
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- Bread, toasted



Directions

1. Melt butter in a medium saucepan over low heat. Add flour and whisk until smooth. Add milk a little at a time, whisking well after each addition. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat and cook, stirring, until thickened.
2. Stir in beef and cayenne; cook until warmed through. Serve over toast.



Mom's Soft Raisin Cookies

Ingredients

- 1 cup water
- 2 cups raisins
- 1 cup shortening
- 1-3/4 cups sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts



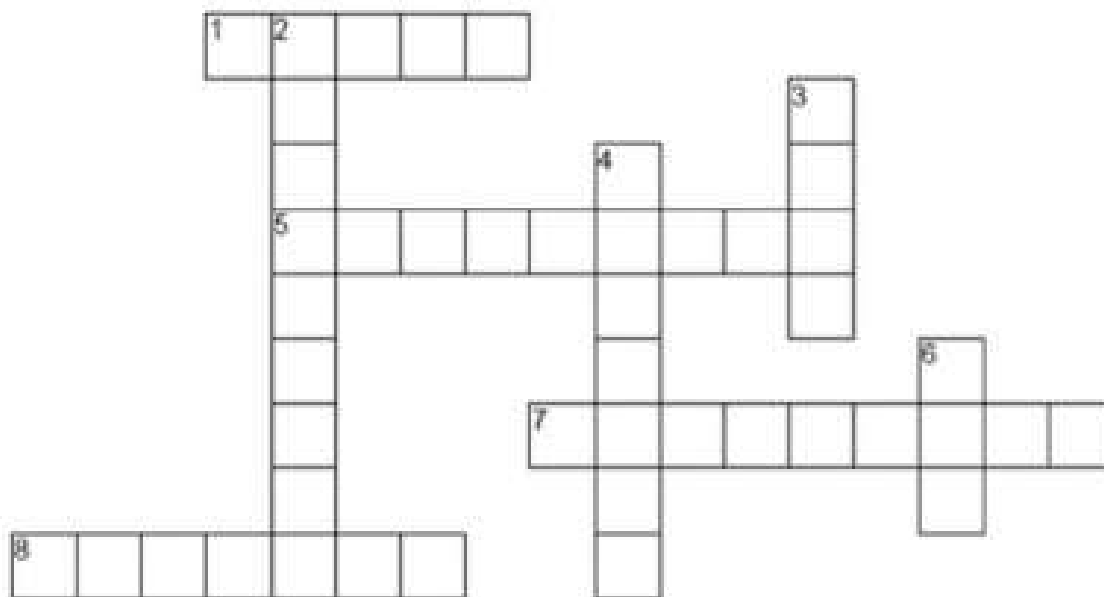
Directions

1. Combine water and raisins in a small saucepan; bring to a boil. Cook for 3 minutes; remove from the heat and let cool (do not drain).
2. Preheat oven to 350°. In a large bowl, cream shortening and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in eggs and vanilla. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt and spices; gradually add to creamed mixture and mix well. Stir in nuts and raisins.
3. Drop by teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart onto greased baking sheets. Bake 12-14 minutes or until golden brown. Remove to wire racks to cool.

"His Name Is John"

"And you, my little son, will be called the prophet of the Most High because you will prepare the way for the Lord." Luke 1:76 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Luke 1:67-80



ACROSS

1. Kind and gentle treatment of another person
5. The father of John the Baptist
7. To be forgiven of our sin
8. One who speaks for God

DOWN

2. The mother of John the Baptist
3. The one who prepared the way for Jesus
4. To make ready
6. To disobey God's law

ZACHARIAS
ELIZABETH

MERCY
SIN

SALVATION
JOHN

PREPARE
PROPHET

Job 12:12

"Is not wisdom found among the aged?
Does not long life bring understanding?"

Senior Spotlight

Ken & Jen Schumann



Q: How long have you been members of Fish Lake Immanuel Lutheran Church?

A: Ken and Jen have been members for about 3 years and really like the traditional worship service.

Q: What is your favorite bible verse?

A: John 1:29 is one of their favorites:

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Q: If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?

A: Ken said chicken – grilled or fried, Jen picked spaghetti!

Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

A: They like all kinds of ice cream – it depends on the season!

From Ken and Jen:

We love the CHURCH FAMILY at IMMANUEL and pray to be here a LONG time.



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WORSHIP WITH US

Traditional Worship – 5:30 PM Saturday (In Person)

8:00 AM Sunday (In Person & Live Stream)

Contemporary Worship – 10:30 AM Sunday (In Person & Live Stream)

Christian Education Hour – 9:15 AM Sunday (In Person)

On-Line Bible Study – 9:00 AM Wednesday (Live Stream)

HUMOUR

In a children's sermon focusing on the call of Jesus' first disciples, I asked: "If you were fishing for people, what kind of bait would you use?" I believe young Cole was onto something when he suggested, "Chocolate".

Most folks like the old days better – they were younger then!



Age is a question of mind over matter. If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.

Many a retired husband becomes his wife's full-time job.



"Folks, the main reason you're not getting a good picture is because you bought yourselves a microwave oven."



DATES TO REMEMBER

Nov. / Dec.

BIRTHDAYS

11/4 – June Wegener *
11/7 – Janet Leifgren *
11/12 – Cyndi Will
11/13 – Mary Borchardt
11/14 – Diane Ziemann
11/15 – Karen Fergus
11/18 – Bruce Smith
11/19 – Ken Schumann
11/21 – Donna Busacker *
11/21 – Rose Krueger *
12/7 – Inez Madson
12/7 – Gene Thomas *
12/8 – Virginia Ringgenberg
12/9 – Loren Tschaeckofske
12/9 – Jerry Will
12/13 – Cindy Hoppe
12/18 – Gerald Koehn *
12/18 – Joanne Koehn
12/18 – Sandy Kruege
12/21 – Martha Dorn
12/23 – Linda Busse *
12/30 – Bonnie Schmoll *

* Denotes a milestone date

OTHER DATES

11/1 – All Saint's Day
11/5 – Daylight Savings Ends
11/7 – Election Day
11/10 – Martin Luther's Birthday
11/11 – Veterans Day
11/23 – Thanksgiving Day
11/30 – St. Andrew, Apostle
12/3 – First Sunday of Advent
12/7 – Remembrance Day
12/13 – Senior Luncheon, St Paul's kids
12/21 – St. Thomas, Apostle
12/24 – Christmas Eve
12/25 – Christmas Day
12/26 – St. Stephen, Martyr
12/27 – St. John, Apostle
12/28 – Holy Innocents Martyrs
12/31 – New Year's Eve



ANNIVERSARIES

11/13 – Steve & Pat Schultz
11/20 – Dave & Bev Blohm
12/12 – Lynn & Linda Arvidson
12/14 – Julius & Gail Tadevich * - 60th
12/18 – Gerald & Joanne Koehn
12/27 – Lon & Jane Morsching

