

THE FISH TALE

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A KIND OF GOD

“I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised.” Isaiah 63:7

Not so long ago, a man brought his boss home for dinner. Like many people of authority, the boss was patronizing, pompous, and pretentious! The little boy of the household, never having seen a man act in such a way, had difficulty tearing his eyes away from the boss. He stared at the head-honcho for almost the entire meal. Finally, the boss stopped and asked. “Young man, why do you keep looking at me like that?” The little boy shyly said, “My daddy says you are a self-made man.” The boss was pleased to hear someone else had recognized what he had known about himself all along. He admitted that yes it was so; he was, indeed, a self-made man. Then the little boy asked, quite innocently, “Sir, I was wondering, if you are a self-made man, why did you make yourself like this?”

Why, indeed? Why do we as individuals, as communities, as countries, as the global human family do the things that we do? Why have we made ourselves the way we are? Every nation hates war, but at this moment there are wars. Every human being wants to live in peace and harmony, yet homes and households are torn by dissension and wracked by division. Why have we made ourselves the way we are? Why, after centuries of human struggling and striving for improvement, is every New Year ushered in with a dollop of hope and a mountain of fearful uncertainty? Why are we the way we are? The answer is simple because we are sinful.

Because we are sinful, because we cannot pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps, we need a Savior. Only Jesus, the sinless Son of God, can bring true and lasting change to this world and to us. Christians who have Jesus as their Savior, who have looked into the Christmas cradle, who have seen Calvary’s cross, and the empty tomb of Resurrection Sunday, rejoice that they have a God who can shake the world – who can conquer evil with good and dispel the deepest darkness.

In Jesus, our days, and our years, are made new. We can meet each dawn with the presence of the Savior. Pain and problems will come, but with the help of the Redeemer, who has carried all our worries and woes upon His broad shoulders, we can emerge victorious. So, come what may, like the psalmist, we say, *“I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which He is to be praised.”*

Rev. Dr. Ken Klaus, emeritus

JESUS CALLS HIS DISCIPLES



Read: *John 1 and Luke 5*
Reviewing God's Word

Draw lines to match each name to the actions that fit the right person.

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| 1. Jesus | A. was introduced to Jesus by Philip |
| 2. Nathanael | B. heard John speaking of Jesus |
| 3. Andrew | C. was at Bethsaida |
| 4. Levi | D. spoke of "catching men" |
| 5. Simon | E. said, "Behold, the Lamb of God" |
| 6. Philip | F. was a tax collector |
| 7. John the Baptist | G. wrote about Jesus before His coming |
| 8. Moses | H. was given the name "Cephas" by Jesus |

Thinking About God's Word

1. Why do you think the first thing Andrew told his brother Simon was "We have found the Messiah"?
2. How do you think Philip felt when Jesus turned to him and said, "Follow Me"?
3. How do you know that people in this story were eager to hear God's Word?

What do you think Jesus talked about to the people?

4. Why did Simon not seem to think they should try fishing again?

What was it that made him willing to let down the net, nevertheless?

5. How did Peter show that he knew he had seen a miracle?

6. After the large number of fish was caught, why might Jesus have told Simon not to be afraid?

7. How did the disciples show that they believed and trusted in Jesus?

Application of God's Word

1. Even though the disciples had not known Jesus for very long at the time He called them, what knowledge did they have of Him that allowed them to trust Him and follow?

Why do we have peace by knowing that Jesus is the Savior?









2. Simon Peter's exclamation of doubt – "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!" – sounds like something we would say. Explain.

3. What does the amount of fish in the catch show about the growth expected in God's kingdom?



Jesus' Followers

Re-arrange the letters find the names of Jesus' followers

ERTPE		---	---	---	
SMJAE	---	---		---	
OJNH	---	---	---	---	
NDAEWR		---	---	---	
PLPIHI	---	---		---	
ARMEWTHOLOB	---	---	---		---
THMATWE	---	---	---	---	
OMHSAT	---	---	---		
MESAJ	---	---	---	---	
DTHDAESU		---	---	---	
MISON	---	---	---	---	
ASJUD	---	---	---		

These were the names of the 12



Matthew 28:18-20

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

10 New Years Resolutions for 2024!



1. Eat more nutritious foods.

Your health matters. Adding more nutrient-dense foods to your diet can help you feel better and have more energy.

2. Move joyfully.

Find a method of movement or exercise you truly enjoy, and incorporate it into your daily habits. Physical activity supports heart health, strengthens joints, and reduces the risk of injury from falls.

3. Learn something new.

What have you always wanted to do, but never had the time for? A language, sport, or hobby? Learn it now! Set a goal to keep learning this year.

4. Make new friends, or spend more time with old ones.

Feeling lonely and isolated actually has serious health concerns. Set a goal either to make new friends, or keep in regular contact with old ones.

5. Organize your life.

If you need to create a will, organize your finances, clean out the garage, or coordinate your medical records, this is the year to do it! What can you organize this year that will make your life easier in the future?

6. Sleep better.

Stop settling for low-quality sleep! Find solutions to sleep problems you might have, create a better nighttime routine, or talk to your doctor about insomnia or other concerns you might have about your sleep.

7. Stay creative.

Find creative outlets for your mind this year. You can try a new form of art, like watercolor painting or sculpting, or take up an old hobby you haven't visited in a while. Creativity is important for brain function, so prioritize being creative.

8. Preserve your life story.

Your grandchildren and great-grandchildren want to know about your life, all of it, including the parts before they were born. Memorialize your life story in some way for your descendants to read or watch. You could scrapbook, compile photo albums, write a memoir, or record videos of yourself talking about your life.

9. Learn new technology.

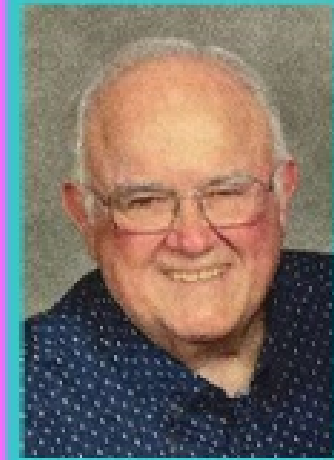
It can seem pointless or impossible to keep up with technology these days, but failing to do so means you're missing out on ways to connect with the people who matter most to you. Try to learn and keep up with today's tech, so you can continue to experience everything good the world has to offer.

10. Be more authentic.

We sometimes spend most of our lives *not* having the hard conversations and *not* saying how we really feel about things. Now is the time to be truly honest with all those around you. Be your most authentic self. What do you have to lose?

Senior Spotlight

Jerry Will



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

A: About 57 years.

Q: What is your favorite bible verse?

A: I can't pick just one Bible verse, but I try to follow Colossians 3:23 NIV – "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for human masters."

Q: What is your favorite Fish Lake Immanuel memory?

A: Teaching 8th grade Sunday School and having some of those students come up and thank me to this day.

Q: Do I have any words of advice for church members?

A: Put issues aside and try to work together as a Christian family, yes even in a church.

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

A: Fried Chicken, fried rice, buttered corn, homemade roll and vanilla ice cream w/fruit topping. (Heart stopping meal)



Q: What is your favorite flavor of ice cream?

A: Vanilla with fruit toppings

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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

Recycling

One day, when James was cycling home from the post office, he met a friend who noted that James had gotten a new bicycle. James looked down in confusion and realized that he must have taken the postmaster's bicycle by mistake. So, he pedaled back to the post office, leaned the bicycle against the wall, went in and apologized to the postmaster, went back outside, got back on the man's bicycle and rode home.



ALL I NEED
IS A LITTLE BIT
OF
Coffee
AND
A WHOLE LOT
OF
Jesus



“Then He said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.’”

Matthew 4:19



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

They call it the greatest honor an actor can receive, but even an Oscar cannot withstand the power of a senior moment. During the 1979 Academy Awards ceremony, Meryl Streep left her statue for Best Supporting Actress on the back of a toilet in the ladies' room. (Fortunately, it was recovered later.)





DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. / Feb.

BIRTHDAYS

1/1 – Virginia Johnson
1/2 – Gene Busacker
1/4 – Allen Busse *
1/9 – Scott Marek
1/16 – Eileen Hanson
1/17 – Sharon Christianson
1/17 – Bob Norman *
1/18 – Gail Tadevich *
1/22 – Gene Grommesch
1/26 – Mark Borchardt
1/30 – Larry Mueller
1/31 – Vonnie Walsh
2/3 – Joanne Post
2/3 – Warren Will
2/7 – Bobbi Miller
2/8 – Barbara Will
2/12 – Phyllis Bolton
2/12 – Connie Norman
2/17 – Betty Krueger
2/17 – Paul Krueger
2/19 – Judy Blohm
2/21 – Steve Schultz
2/26 – Sharon Rook *
2/27 – Lori Marek *
2/29 – Pat Schultz

* denotes a milestone date

OTHER DATES

1/1 – New Year's Day
1/6 – Epiphany of Our Lord
1/15 – Martin Luther King Day
2/2 – Groundhog's Day
2/2 – The Presentation of Our Lord
2/11 – Super Bowl
2/11 – The Transfiguration of Our Lord
2/14 – Ash Wednesday
2/14 – Valentine's Day
2/19 – President's Day
2/21 – Senior Luncheon – Play Games
2/22 – George Washington's Birthday



ANNIVERSARIES

1/18 – Allen & Linda Busse - 55th *
1/31 – Ken & Jen Schumann

