



Revelations

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I recently heard this at a youth conference I attended and thought it was worth sharing. It was written by an 8 year-old-boy from CA; for his third grade homework assignment. The assignment was to explain God. I just wonder if any of us could do as well?

“One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this.

Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.

Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.

You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God.

Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can.

It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.

But ... you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And this is what I know about God.”

I wonder what we would say about God if we were given a writing assignment to explain Him? Would the words come readily or would we struggle? Do we have a clear understanding or is it a bit foggy? I encourage you to take some time during this Lenten season to simply reflect upon God. Who is He in your life, and how is it that you would describe Him?

In Christ,
Pastor Kathy





Worship Notes for *March*

Pub Church

Tuesday, March 1 6:30 PM @ TGI Friday's

Lent 4

Sunday, March 6	7:45 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1 – Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship – Eucharist
	11:15 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1 – Eucharist

Lenten Midweek

Tuesday, March 8 7:00 PM Study of *Psalm 1* with Pastor Kathy

Lent 5

Sunday, March 13	7:45 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship
	11:15 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1

Lenten Midweek

Tuesday, March 15 7:00 PM Study of *Psalm 37* with Pastor Kathy

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 20	7:45 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1 – Eucharist
	9:00 AM	Contemporary Worship – Eucharist
	11:15 AM	<u>Evangelical Lutheran Worship</u> – setting 1 – Eucharist

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24 7:30 PM Eucharist – Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday

Friday, March 25 7:30 PM The Seven Last Words of Christ
Service of Darkness

Easter – Sunday of the Resurrection

Sunday, March 27	8:00 AM	Cross Planting Devotional
	8:15 AM	Traditional Easter Festival Service
	9:45 AM	Contemporary Easter Celebration
	11:15 AM	Traditional Easter Festival Service

New Adult Class

A new adult Sunday school class, appropriate for the Lenten season, **will begin on March 6** entitled *Making Sense of the Cross*. The course will address why the cross matters so much to Christians, take a look at the crucifixion and resurrection narratives in the Gospels, and explore the theories of the atonement during the 2,000 year history of the Christian tradition.

Prayer & Care Ministry

We pray for those in any form of need. This would include those suffering any illness, the lonely, the homebound, and those physically or emotionally hurting. As part of our ministry, we also send them monthly cards with words of encouragement. It is our desire for them to know that someone is thinking of them and that they are being held up in prayer. If you have questions, or would like to add someone to their list, please contact *Sue Ludwig* (440.238.5164 or suziezoo24@yahoo.com).

Helping Hands

Our Helping Hands Fund is getting low. This fund is used by the pastors to help members and nonmembers alike who need emergency financial assistance. If you would like to help boost the fund, please make your check to *First Lutheran Church*, write *"Helping Hands"* on the memo line and place it in the offering plate. Thank you for helping us to continue to reach out to our neighbors in need.

Over 50's Group

Over 50's wants you to know that a "walking stick" is called a "shillelagh" in Ireland. For more Irish fun facts, join us on **Tuesday, March 8 at 12:15 PM** in the *Fellowship Hall*. Bring a *brown bag lunch*. Desserts and beverages will be provided by *Herb Adams* and *Steve & Betty Sarbry*.

Body Building with the Men of New Covenant

All men of First Church are encouraged to join us for a Saturday morning of "Body Building" with the men of New Covenant on **Saturday, April 23 from 9 to noon** in our *Fellowship Hall*. The goal of our get-together will be to build and strengthen the relationship of the men in our two congregations. The program will be led by *Reverend Terrance Jacob*, Northeast Ohio Synod Assistant to the Bishop/Director for Evangelical Mission. If you have never been involved in a program with Reverend Jacob, we assure you that this is an opportunity you will not want to miss. Please contact *Pastor Chuck* for additional information.





As Easter approaches, here are some suggested games you might want to play with your children, grandchildren or any one who wants to be a child.



Happy Easter from KIDS HOPE

USA!

EASTER EGG PARTY GAMES



Easter Egg Balance

Supplies:

- Plastic Easter Eggs
- Plastic Spoons (enough spoons for each player, players will have them in their mouth)
- Masking Tape

How to Play: Place masking tape on the floor for the start and finish lines for two teams. Divide group into two teams. Taking turns, each team player has to walk from the start line to the finish line balancing a plastic Easter egg on their spoon.

Where is your Egg?

Played like "Doggie, Doggie, Where's Your Bone?" Have one child sit in the middle of the circle, and hide their eyes. Give another child an egg to hide behind their back. Have all the other children put their hands behind their back. Chant the following song:

Bunny, Bunny,

Your egg you can't find

Somebody has it,

Check behind _____ (have the child say the name of the child they think has the egg).

The child in the middle gets three guesses. Then the child who had the egg goes into the middle.

What is in the Egg?

Supplies:

- Plastic Easter Eggs
- Small Objects (paper clips, jelly beans, rice, etc.)

Place different objects inside the plastic eggs. Have children shake the eggs and try to guess what is inside. Open up the eggs to reveal if their guess was right!

Roll the Egg

Supplies:

- Plastic Easter Eggs
- Masking Tape

How to Play: If you have more than one child, it can be a race, or for one child you can time them. Place masking tape on the floor for the start and finish lines. Place one plastic egg on the starting line for each child. Explain that the object of the game is to roll the egg to the finish line with **YOUR NOSE**. If they get too good, add a few obstacles, such as a chair to go around, or tape a line for them to try to follow, be creative.

Pass the Egg

Played like Hot Potato ... have the children sit in a circle and pass a plastic egg around the circle when music is playing, when the music stops the child holding the egg sits in the middle or the "Easter Egg pot" until the music stops again and the next child replaces the first. You may also chant "Easter Egg, Easter Egg 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10" and the child who has the egg on 10 is in the "Easter Egg pot."



One child. One hour. One church. One school.

WOW Happenings

A note from Bonnie Eggers ...

Women of WELCA activities are for the women of First Church. Perhaps the phrases “Women of WELCA” or “WOW Board” sounds like a club of some kind that you have to join or pay membership in. Not at all ... we are just a group of women who plan activities for the women of the church. Everyone is welcome. The WOW Board meets monthly on the second Thursday at 7 pm. Would you like to help plan and organize outreach, social, and/or other activities? Please join us. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 10 at 7 pm at the church.

A date will soon be set for our KIDS HOPE USA Luncheon. The spring will bring a four-part Bible study on the book of Ruth.

Are you interested in a more artistic social outing? Painting? Other? If you have any suggestions for such an event, please contact *Bonnie Eggers* (440.477.3852; pmozbach@gmail.com).

Our deepest thanks to *Natalie Haggett* for hosting a wonderful evening of soups & fellowship at her home in January. ~*Bonnie*

Mark your Calendars!



Date to be determined

Join us as we learn more about KIDS HOPE USA and gather to provide tangible support for this ministry. We will be making something special that mentors can share with the children. *Gloria Reichert* will be speaking at this luncheon/outreach.



Watershed
Stewardship Center
Tour

Saturday, April 30, 2016

10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

2277 West Ridgewood Drive
Parma OH 44134

Join Naturalist *Mark Warman* for a Behind-the-Scenes Tour (1 hour) of this state-of-the-art facility dedicated to protecting our urban watershed. We'll have a picnic lunch afterwards (WOW will provide beverages). *Feel free to bring a friend!*

A sign-up sheet will be posted in late March. However, you can respond anytime to *Bonnie Eggers* (440.477.3852; pmozbach@gmail.com).

Easter Garden Order Form

6 1/2" potted plant

Qty (\$13.00 each)
____ Azalea
____ Hydrangea

Qty (\$8.00 each)
____ Easter Lily

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____ Daffodil
____ Tulip
____ Hyacinth



In loving memory of _____

In celebration of _____

Name _____
Phone _____

Make checks payable to First Lutheran Youth Gathering
Plants may be picked up **after** the last Easter service.
Deadline for orders is Sunday, March 13. Thank You!

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Faith & Family

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

		March 6	March 13	March 20 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	March 27 <i>Easter – worship time changes</i>
Acolytes					
Ellen Kolman 440.846.0947	7:45/8:15 11:15	Madi Snyder Abbi Lindsey April Trimmer	Olivia Bewie	Sydney Leon Isa Hinojosa	Madi Snyder Elissa Scheel Natalie Rayer
Ushers					
Len Taylor 440.236.8433	7:45/8:15	Paul & Barb Nalette	Steve Gall Sue Ludwig	Doug Rommel Mark Schultz	Russ & Kelly Kalnasy
Maureen Shorts 440.582.3535	9:00/9:45	Linda Browning Alice Treiber Gladys Otto Mary Barnes	Dave & Renee Chaya Herb & Pam Simpson	Ron & Maureen Shorts Al & Shelley Hoffman	Hank & Gayle Pekkola Dave & Margaret Bewie
Alan Evangelista 440.572.5327	11:15	Bob Jacob Dennis Beckman Deepshikha & Kritika Paul	Jim & June Zakrajsek Reiner Mueller Herb Adams	Ron & Mary Jane Warzel Alan & Dawn Evangelista	Wayne Mosley Steve Harris John Brinzo Alfonso Hinojosa
Readers					
Barb Krueger 440.238.9072	7:45/8:15 Comm Assts:	Barb Nalette, R Jay & Jeannine Traner	Bill Chapman, R	Kelly Kalnasy, RCA Russ Kalnasy	Marj Gray, RCA Sandy Kaskey, Clark & Madge Buckley
	9:00/9:45 Comm Assts:	Julie Crane, RCA Karl Arula, Maureen Shorts, Kelly Worsencroft, Chuck Whitecar	Audrey Kuntz, R	Jeanine Kowalewski, RCA Herb & Pam Simpson, Paul Worsencroft, Bonnie Bailey	Jennifer Paine, RCA Paul Schlacht, Kurt & Joy Blankenship
	11:15 Comm Assts:	Hilary Gregg, RCA Yvonne Buehner, Janet Kaiser, Curt Dean	Caroline Haggett, R	Gloria Reichert, R Sam Reichert, Jerry & Barb Krueger, Debbie Dudas	Terri Mosley, RCA Linda Walker, Ron & Mary Jane Warzel
Nursery					
Bonnie Bailey 440.572.5044	9:00/9:45	Ellen Kolman Gayle Kovach	Kelly Worsencroft Barb Krueger	Natalie & Caroline Haggett	Bonnie Bailey
	10:00	Bonnie Bailey	Martha Hattery Margaret Bewie	Jennifer Paine Alli Thellman	
Counting Teams					
Terri Mosley 440.238.6470		Sam Reichert Rolf Gaab Jackie Wojciehowski John Brinzo	Terri Mosley Jan Iglehart Bob Jacob	Wade Zwingler Mary Whitecar Pat Sauernheimer Daphne Leon	
Altar Guild					
Beth David 440.238.1281		Barb Krueger Lynn Stenger Shelley Hoffman Sue Ludwig Jacquie McLemore	Sandy Rath Billie Hoffman Karen McFarland Sue Schmidt	Pat Sauernheimer Janet Kaiser Sandy Kaskey	Dawn Evangelista, Marsha Stephens, Sheri Gist, Tricia Nolder, Barb Krueger Lynn Stenger, Shelley Hoffman, Sue Ludwig, Jacquie McLemore