

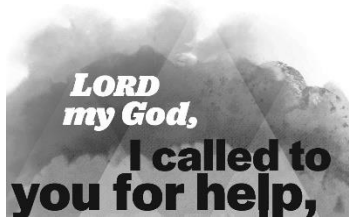
Zion News February 2023

I struggle with loneliness.

Can God help me find companionship?

“Hi-ho Silver, away!”

Those are feel-good words. The bad guys are in jail. The good guys win. The sun sets. Everyone’s happy. Well, almost everyone. At the end of the day, the hero is still the LONE Ranger.



Ever felt like the LONE Ranger? You saved the office from certain peril. You arrived with your son’s glove just moments before he took the field. You made everyone happy. You should feel like a hero but so often when the

sun sets, the feelings of loneliness rise. Like the Lone Ranger, at times our days end only with the companionship of a faithful, four-legged friend. Can God help me find real companionship?

Imagine how Adam must have felt when he was the only human on the planet. Talk about lonely! But God saw Adam's deep need for companionship. Then by the power of God’s creative hand, Eve walked into his life. She was perfect for him.

If only God had a silver bullet like that for us!

Without sin, our loneliness would vanish as quickly as Adam's companionship appeared! But sin is real. We see it in everyone else. We see it in ourselves. And when we see sin, loneliness sets in.

Listen to these words from a man who was no stranger to loneliness. While

unfairly sitting in prison, the apostle Paul said: “I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me” (Philippians 3:12).

More than a friend who tells you to “get out there” and find someone, these words tell you that Jesus got down here and found you. He took hold of you so you could “press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called you heavenward in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

The silver bullet of companionship is seeing yourself as a companion of Christ. His love forgives your sin and creates a relationship with you unlike any other. Through faith in Jesus, you are never alone.

Have you been hiding your feelings of loneliness behind the mask of heroism? It’s time to take off the mask. Look at Jesus. See who you really are—a forgiven, grand-prize recipient of eternal life in heaven. Then, come and see us. Let’s take off our masks together and learn more about Jesus, our true hero, who alone saves us.

-WELS Outreach newsletter

Congregational News

Lent? It’s not a word we use in our everyday vocabulary, so what does Lent mean? And why do we bother taking an extra 45 minutes on Wednesday evenings to worship when we already come to church on Thursdays or Sundays? Here’s the history...and the motivation...



The Lenten season is the time between two of the great seasons of the church year...Christmas / Epiphany and Easter. Those seasons are full of happiness and joy but they can’t be joyous without what happened between Jesus’ birth and resurrection. The word Lent comes from the Old English word for spring —“lengthen.” (It was the time of the year when the days lengthened, or grew longer). For the last 1700 years, the Christian Church has set aside these 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time to focus on the deadly serious reason why Jesus needed to enter the world in the first place -to do

battle with the devil and pay for our sins.

By the way, if you tried counting to see if there *are* actually 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter, you probably come up with some extra days. That's because the Sundays aren't counted because of their significance as "little Easters."

Lenten Worship The theme for the 2023 Lenten sermons is "His Final Steps." The series explores Jesus' final days before, during, and after his crucifixion. Different locations, including the temple and Golgotha, serve as themes for each Lenten and Holy Week service, leading up to Jesus' first steps out of the tomb. We will again be using a preacher rotation, including Pastors Woldt and Loescher from David's Star in Jackson, Pastor Henning from St. Lucas, Kewaskum, Pastor Rohrback from Redeemer in Cedarburg and Pastor Bode.



Ash Wednesday this year falls on February 22nd. The ladies aid is hosting a congregational dinner from 6 – 6:55 p.m. and the worship service will begin at 7 p.m. Join us this year as we walk with Jesus on *His Final Steps*.

Serve as a Greeter Go to www.zionallenton.org and click on the link to sign up to serve as a greeter for one of our worship services. No experience needed, just smile, hand out a bulletin if they desire one and welcome them to church.

Fellowship Hall Use Zion members are welcome to make use of our fellowship hall and our kitchen facilities if they have a family get – together or event planned. There is no set cost for using the facilities...



people will often give a donation for the extra electricity, etc... There is a calendar in the church office (the first office in the fellowship hall) on the filing cabinet. Please put your name on the calendar along with the start and end times of

your event. We do ask that you leave everything as clean or cleaner than you found it. Cleaning supplies can be found in the closet next to the men's bathroom in the main entrance. Copies of the specific guidelines can

be found next to the reservation calendar as well as on the refrigerator.

Men's and Women's Conferences

The winter months of February and March each year are usually filled with opportunities to attend area men's or women's retreats or conferences. Below is a list of four retreats in our general area in the next two months along with the websites for additional information.



- ✓ **February 18** Men's Conference at Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel in Oshkosh www.menofhisword.org
- ✓ **February 23** Marriage Retreat at North Shore CC in Mequon (ask the pastor for details) Registration closes on February 3rd
- ✓ **March 11** Women's Retreat at St. Lucas in Kewaskum www.stlucaswels.org
- ✓ **March 3-5** Women's Conference at LaSure's Banquet Hall in Oshkosh www.pathwaystochrist.org

Area News & Invitations

OWLS Meeting Our February meeting of Flyway OWLS (Chapter 77) will be held on **February 14** beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Lomira Community Center (425 Water Street, Lomira). The speaker for February is Nancy More.



High School in 1966. For 26 years she marketed and sold products to open heart surgeons. Her presentation to us will include a brief history of heart surgery, a simple description of the main types of heart surgery, and a few amusing stories from her days "in the field". If you have any questions, contact Stefanie Gutermann at 920-583-2166 or gutermann@utilitytool.com

Help Wanted! KML is looking for a **Facility Maintenance Manager** due to the retirement of Dave Stern, KML's head of maintenance for the past 30

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years. This position is responsible for the maintenance of the KML campus. Must have knowledge and experience of electrical, plumbing, carpentry, HVAC systems, and experience supervising staff. Benefits

included in this full time, year-round position: health and dental insurance, paid vacation, and retirement plan.

View the detailed Facility Maintenance Manager job description by going to kmlhs.org/fmm23. Please submit your resume by **February 15, 2023**, to Jody Hansen, KML's Director of Operations (jody.hansen@kmlhs.org), or call him (262.677.4051 x4004) with any questions.

KML Winter Musical: *My Fair Lady* Don't miss Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School's production of Lerner & Loewe's classic musical *My Fair Lady** on Friday & Saturday, **February 17 & 18** at 7 p.m. and Sunday, **February 19**, at 2 p.m.

Performances take place in the KML Performing Arts Center. All tickets are general admission and \$12 each. Tickets may be purchased online at kmlhs.org/theatre through February 16 or at the door beginning 30 minutes before each performance. Join us for a performance... it'll be lovely!

Camp Phillip Summer Camps It won't be long before the summer camp season begins at Camp Phillip in Wautoma. If you have the opportunity, you're going to love it, from the hilarious campfires to the amazing games to



the creative bible studies, rockin' song periods and so much more.

Capacity will again be limited this summer, so register early to secure a spot. Take one of the postcards from the cabinets in the entryway to find out more. You can register online, where you will also find the summer camp postcard, at www.campphillip.com.

Singles Event Enjoy a tour of Sprecher Brewery (701 Glendale Ave., Glendale) on **Saturday, February 18th** at 2 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$12,

payable at the door. For questions about either event, contact Rachel Fritz at rachelfritz@yahoo.com.

Wine Tasting Night Out You are invited to join friends of Christian Life Resources for their 8th annual Wine Tasting Night Out on **Thursday, February 23rd** at the Chandelier Ballroom in Hartford. Because of the immense support and past popularity, they will be in the Chandelier's Great Hall this year. Join us once again for an evening of premium wines and craft beers paired with gourmet appetizers and desserts. We will have both a wine pull and a whiskey pull, and the silent auction will benefit the ministry of Christian Life Resources. Tickets are \$60 / person ticket donation or \$480 / table (includes 8 tickets). Go to www.christianliferesources.com to register and for more information.

Focus on Ministry For any teenagers who have thought about the pastoral ministry or wondered if what life might be like at our Seminary, read on... To encourage and help you in your decision-making process, we invite you to



visit Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (WLS) in Mequon, Wisconsin on **February 25-26** for a 2-day Focus on Ministry event.

During this trip you'll tour the seminary campus, visit classes, worship in chapel, and stay in the dorms.

You'll also enjoy fellowship, games, food, and entertainment with young men from the seminary who are preparing to be pastors. They will answer your questions and share with you what it's like to train to be a pastor. If you'd like to attend, please fill out the form at tinyurl.com/bdhc9w25 or contact Pastor Bode for more information.

New Beginnings Job Opening *New Beginnings: A Home for Mothers* in Milwaukee, WI (the daughter ministry of Christian Life Resources in Richfield, WI) has an immediate opening for a Resident Supervisor. This is a relief staff position for an individual or couple looking to live and work closely with the residents at New Beginnings. Potential candidates include: single female college students looking to fulfill internship hours, a single individual or young couple looking to gain experience and save money, or a retired couple/individual. For questions, interest, or more information,

contact Madison Schulz, Interim Executive Director, by phone (414-376-0595) or by email (madisons@homeformothers.com).

Know Your Bible

For several Sundays in the month of February, the Gospel will be a portion of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. See how much you know about this famous sermon of Jesus. Circle the correct answer and then compare them with the answers in the box at the end.

1. The Sermon on the Mount is recorded in which Gospel?
Matthew Mark Luke John Thomas
2. Jesus delivered the sermon at what location?
a river a mountain a plain a mound a city a Kwik Trip
3. Jesus begins by describing the people who are "blessed." These sayings are collectively known as what?
the Lord's Prayer the sacraments the parables the Beatitudes
4. Jesus says he did come to destroy the law, but to do what? (Mt. 5:17)
Rule over it save it fulfill it preach it
5. In Matthew 5:44, Jesus says to do this to your enemies. What is it?
hate them fight them avoid them love them ignore them
6. What does Jesus call his followers in his sermon?
Fishers of men salt of the earth children of God people of truth
7. According to Jesus in Matthew 6:24, people can't serve both God and what other "master"?
Money your spouse the king your parents your friends
8. To prove that God will provide for us, in Matthew 6:26 Jesus points out that God even takes care of what animals?
Kittens rabbits lambs lions guinea pigs birds

9. Jesus tells his hearers to enter the narrow gate, because the wide gate leads to what?
Purgatory the pit of despair the city of doom destruction
10. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches his followers which prayer?
the Glory Be the Our Father the Hail Mary the Apostles' Creed
11. If you point out the speck in your brother's eye, you might not notice which thing in your own eye?
A cataract an eyelash a plank rheum
12. Jesus says to "do to others what you would have them do to you." This is also commonly known as what?
The Good Samaritan the Golden Rule the Golden Way the Good News the Gospel

1. Matthew 2. Mountain 3. Beatitudes 4. Fulfill it 5. Love them 6. Salt 7. Money 8. Birds 9. Destruction 10. Our Father 11. Plank 12. Golden Rule
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