



ST. JOHN-ST. PETER NEWS

March 2010

How can I be happy when I'm crying?

**"Blessed are those who mourn."
Matthew 5:4**



Be happy while you're crying? I don't think so. Most tears come because of sorrow. People usually cry because something important to them has gone horribly wrong. But Jesus says that Christians are happy even when they're crying.

To understand what Jesus is saying, one must first understand why Christians cry. Christians cry for many of the same reasons everyone else cries. They cry at funerals. They cry when someone has been cruel to them. They cry when they hear a very sad story.

Christians can cry when they realize how horribly they have hurt someone. The burden of guilt weighs heavily on their hearts and brings them to tears. Christians can cry when they think of bad things they have done. They know that they deserve nothing from God but a punishment that never ends.

So where is the happiness?

Happiness is in knowing that while we deserve only the worst from God, he has given us only the best. When we mourn because of guilt, our Savior dries our moist eyes. When hearts are heavy with sadness, Jesus puts his hand under our chins and lifts our eyes to see his cross, where he made all of our guilt and all of the sorrow connected to that guilt his own. Jesus looks at you and me and says, "Be at peace. Your guilt is gone."

Christians still cry, but Christians find comfort in the midst of their tears. This comfort is for you too.

It is a comfort that brings calm in the face of all kinds of tears. Jesus gives you the peace of knowing that death does not mean defeat. Jesus assures you that being mistreated by others does not mean God has abandoned you. Jesus fills you with the sure hope that all the hurt and evil in this world is not the end of everything.

Can there be happiness even when you are crying? Yes, because Jesus is your comfort.

LENTEN SUPPER & SERVICE

Come join us at 6:00pm each Wednesday during Lent for supper in the church basement, then join us for worship at 7:00pm! Please take this opportunity to join other members of the congregation for supper and a time to visit before our worship service.

PIONEERS

Saturday, March 14th the Pioneers will get together from 1:00-3:00pm. We learn a lot and have a great time doing it! *Come join us!*

DEAD SEA SCROLL TOUR

Arrangements have been made for the tour

TOUR DATE: Saturday, March 20th
TIME: Leave St. John St. Peter at 9:00AM
RETURN: Around 4:00pm.
COST: \$20.00 per person

Please sign the sheet on the back table if you plan on going. Also take an information sheet which includes important information you will need to know for the tour. Please give your payment to Pastor or Kris Mahler before March 3rd. We are also looking for drivers!

LADIES AID

From - St John's Ev Lutheran, Newtonburg, Ladies Aid
When - Thursday afternoon, March 25, 2010
Time - 1:30 p.m.
Where - Meeting room, East of the Narthex

Pastor Victor Headrick will lead us with devotion, following a brief meeting. Our guest speaker, Don Potthast, will present to us an awareness of what Christian Life Resources does and New Beginnings (the home for unwed mothers) in Colorado. Please bring a friend and join us for an interesting afternoon, refreshments and fellowship. *We need to RSVP to St. John's by March 16th.* There will be a sign up sheet at the back of church.

EASTER FOR KIDS

Mark your calendars, Easter for Kids will be held March 27th! The planning for Easter for Kids will begin soon. We need one or more persons to help in each of the following areas: food, music and crafts. We also need two teachers. If you would be willing to help, there is a sign up sheet on the back table, or contact the event coordinator, Nila Born.

SCRIP

Please stop before or after church service any Sunday and take a look at what is available for cash and carry. Anything special you would like us to stock up on, please let us know.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE HOUR

In March we will start a new series on "How to answer questions people ask you". We'll take a look at the questions that come up in normal conversation. We'll take a look at familiar Bible stories and use them as a guideline.

MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

In March we will start a new series on "Judges". The book of Judges records the stories of those leaders God sent to rescue his people before Israel had kings. Each account reveals how frequently God's people turned away from him and yet how faithful God was in sending them deliverance.

PUMP ORGAN

The church has a pump organ. If anyone would like it, you are welcome to it. Please talk with Pastor Endorf.

ST. JOHN-ST. PETER EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH IS CELEBRATING OUR 150TH ANNIVERSARY

We would like to set up a display of pictures that commemorate those 150 years.

You may have pictures of: Sunday School classes, Vacation Bible School, past Pastors, special services, Ladies Aid, Young Lutherans Guild, Guild play pictures, Pioneers, Church Council, Organists, Choir, Church building or the property or any pictures you would like to share.

If you have pictures to share please contact Nila Born (693-8053) or Will Belitz (693-8837). Please have your pictures in an envelope with your name and address and phone number on it. When you give them to either Nila or Will please let them know if you want us to make copies and get the originals back to you right away or if we can display the originals and return them to you when the celebration is over. Or you could email them to Nila at tborn@wi.rr.com.

We would also like to ask if anyone knows of a past member that might have pictures that they would be willing to share with us, please contact them. If they have some to share either get the pictures from them and give them to Nila or Will or get their name and phone number or email address to us and we will contact them.

We are also looking for easels or bulletin boards that we can use to display the pictures on. If you have one please let Nila or Will know.

WORKSHOP FOR WELS CONGREGATIONS

N.E. Wisconsin District Workshop for WELS Congregations will be held Saturday, March 6th 8:00am – 3:00pm. Opening devotion begins at 9:00am. It will be held at the Fox Valley Lutheran High School, 5300 N. Meade Street, Appleton. Please contact Pastor Endorf for more information.

MLHS SUNDAY SHOWCASE IS ALMOST HERE!

MLHS Sunday Showcase will be held on March 7th from 11:00am – 4:00pm. This year's event promises a great day of Live & Silent auction items, food, kids' activities and musical entertainment from Jazz Kids, Artesian WELS, Concert Choir, & Lancer Singers. This year's proceeds will go towards MLHS gymnasium bleachers. See poster in entry of church for more information. If you would like tickets, please contact Nancy Oehldrich.

Anyone wanting to make baskets should have them at church by March 5th. Nancy Oehldrich will take the baskets to MLHS.

You may have missed seeing these members in our services. They are now living in a nursing home or assisted living facility, but they welcome your visits and your prayers.

Helen Hahn
Sheboygan Retirement Home
930 North 6th Street Rm410
Sheboygan, WI 53081
451-0844

Dorothy Eick
Harvest Home
1007 N Wisconsin Dr.
Howards Grove, WI 53083
565-2021

Marcella Busse
Prairie Crossing
1280 Pine Haven Ln Apt 113
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
467-2400

Helen Busse
Pine Haven Christian Home
531 Giddings Avenue
Sheboygan Falls, WI 53085
467-2401

Valerie Goerke
Plymouth Care Center
916 E. Clifford Street
Plymouth, WI 53073
893-4777

Dorothy Klessig
Cedar Grove Gardens
606 Van Alton Ave Rm 10
Cedar Grove, WI 53013
1-920-668-6400

Clarence & Virginia Bruckschen
Terrace Estates
1231 Eisner Avenue Apt 311
Sheboygan, WI 53083
457-2458

Declining strength or poor health limits the mobility of the following. They are at home but often not able to get out. They, too, cherish their ties with you. Visit them, call them, send them a greeting. It gives them a happy moment.

Martin Belitz
2102 Cappaert Road
Manitowoc, WI 54220

Willis Voss
9319 CTH X
Newton, WI 53063
693-8419

Margaret Freis
10621 Westview Rd
Newton, WI 53063
726-4718

Marilyn Zill
1220 South 39th Street
Manitowoc, WI 54220
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