

June - 2011

## † Relax in Your Seasons of Life †

Ecclesiastes 3:1 tells us,  
"There is a time for everything, and  
a season for every activity under heaven . . ."  
Solomon goes on and presents an  
amazing list of 'seasons.'

Like you, however, I didn't start off too  
well! Like you, I was born with a death  
sentence. The Psalmist's and the Apostle  
Paul's words sometimes haunt me -

*"Surely I was sinful at birth,  
sinful from the time  
my mother conceived me."  
Psalm 51:5*

*"The wages of sin is death . . ."  
Romans 6:23*

It is easy to spend life constantly  
looking over your shoulder. Fear does  
that to a lot of people. A look here. A  
peek there. You might even be doing it  
without realizing it. Looking for bill  
collectors, test scores, lab results, guilty  
over ??, lack of confidence, of reports  
over the stories in the newspaper, or up  
in the sky because of the latest weather  
warning. Worst of all, that death sentence  
of our sin can cause a lot of our physical,  
emotional, mental, and spiritual muscles  
to ache.

If you are ever in that kind of pain, that  
kind of fear, a remedy is available!  
Consider another 'over the shoulder'  
look. Look over a different shoulder, one  
that is drooping a bit. It hangs that way  
because it belongs to someone who is  
hanging from a cross. Yes! Look over the  
shoulder of Jesus as He is crucified. His  
one-time, all-sufficient sacrificial act

makes *the* difference in your life - even  
as you are called to carry your cross and  
follow Him.

Relax! Relax your back, your neck,  
your shoulder muscles. Relax! See how  
guilt, pain, and misery melt away. See  
how, in whatever 'season' of life you find  
yourself in, He is there! His love is  
abundant! His presence is peace!

The grace of God, which we share by  
faith, has exchanged our death sentence  
for a life sentence through the life, death,  
and resurrection of Jesus! All of the  
seasons that God has entrusted to our  
care are lived under an umbrella of the  
grace (underserved love) of our Savior Jesus  
Christ.

Stop looking over *your* shoulder. Start  
looking over *His*! You will see that Jesus  
fearlessly faces death so you can  
confidently and victoriously face life.

Although Solomon doesn't specifically  
mention it, the 'season' of summer is just  
around the corner, June 21<sup>st</sup> to be exact.  
Remember when summer was the best  
'season' ever? No school! No tests!  
Sleeping late and just having fun with  
friends and all kinds of glorious  
activities!

Your best 'season' is yet to come! It is  
guaranteed and delivered in Jesus. If,  
perhaps, it is a bit fearful now or rocky or  
confusing - or if it's just plain marvelous  
- the best is yet to come! Relax in your  
seasons of life - Jesus is with you!

*Pastor Bert*

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR 

### ELDERS MEETING

Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

### EVANGELISM COMMITTEE MTG.

Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

## SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

June - July - August 8:45-9:45 a.m.

*JOURNEY WITH JESUS* is the theme for  
Summer Sunday School. Come join God's  
people in the Old and New Testaments as  
they go on a journey! No matter where God's  
people go, their journey has the same  
purpose, leading them - and you and me - to  
our Savior and our home in heaven.

Lessons for the month of June are:

*JOURNEY WITH ADAM AND EVE,*

*JOURNEY WITH ELISHA,*

*JOURNEY WITH JEHOSEPHAT* and

*JOURNEY WITH JEREMIAH.*

We hope you will join us this summer for  
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class.

**The Sunday School will sing for the  
10:00 a.m. Divine Service on Father's Day,  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.**

More information will be sent to the parents.

*MONTHLY MAILER information  
for the July, 2011 Mailer  
should be turned in by June 21<sup>st</sup>!!*

## TRINITY GARDEN OF LOVE

As you plant your garden this year, please  
prayerfully consider tending a few extra  
plants for others in our congregation. As  
you harvest your produce, bring it to the  
church basement for others to share. May God  
bless the efforts of our garden of love as we  
share with others.

*Trinity Evangelism/Outreach Committee*

# Space Station Salvation

## TRINITY VACATION

### BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

June 6<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

The VBS theme will be  
*SPACE STATION SALVATION.*

Children will learn from the Bible Stories:

*"Story of Creation",*

*"God Promised a Savior",*

*"Jesus Is Born",*

*"Jesus Suffered, Died and Rose Again",* and

*"Philip Helped the Poor*

*and Told About Jesus".*

We have classes for Nursery, Age 3 (by June  
10<sup>th</sup>) through Sixth Grade.

To pre-register your children please call  
Marlene Brummet 563-7228,  
Vickie Detmers 563-7667 or  
Pastor Eickhoff 563-2718.

Our VBS Mission Project will be UNITY  
LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL IN EAST ST. LOUIS. Our daily  
offering will be for this Mission Project.

Each day of VBS we have refreshments - if  
you would like to donate cookies or Kool-Aid  
please call Carol Eickhoff 563-2728.

**PLEASE NOTE:** At the close of VBS each  
day children will stay in Church until a parent  
comes in to get them. You are welcome to  
join us for the Closing, which starts at  
11:40 a.m. each day.

Please keep VBS 2011 in your prayers.

*"Jesus said, 'I am the Alpha and the  
Omega, the Beginning and the End.'"*

**Revelations 22:13**

Happy Birthday 

## JUNE

02 Joni Beyers	18 Linda Bain
Benjamin Beyers	Bailey Farris
03 Pam Johnson	Jesse Frazier
Gail Cox	19 Andy Durbin
04 William Johnson, Jr.	Shellie Hill
Lauren McNeill	Bailee Hubbard
Shannon Tester	Bruno Lehenbauer
05 Amanda Kirk	Hayley Stombaugh
06 Joshua Eickhoff	21 Shannon Hicks
Chris Johnson	22 Kris Detmers
07 Tara Patton	Brooks Flickinger
08 Nick Compagni	23 Scott
Hailey Engelman	Henrichsmeyer
09 Rick Jones	24 Vickie Detmers
Greg Leigh	Brent Adkins
10 Kim Brown	25 Ivan Houck
11 Lynne Wise	26 Jason Flowers
12 Angie McNeill	Jade Sanders
Pam Mehochko	Mary Sparks
13 Alexis McDowell	27 Terry Meiners
Lena Marie Westphal	28 Kevin Johnson
14 Justin Jones	29 James Cassidy
Alyssa Janssen	Christopher Johnson
Allison Sneddon	Misty Gibbs
16 John Bailey	30 Jodi Janssen

### TALENTS FOR THE KING

**Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

Would you like to share a particular talent that God has blessed you with?

(Poetry, Music, Art, etc.)

Please call Marlene Brummet, 563-7228,  
Pastor Eickhoff, 563-2718,  
Heath Houck, 556-8175 or  
Dan Easterday, 563-7118

if you are interested in participating in this year's *TALENTS FOR THE KING*.

**BUILDING FUND ENVELOPES ARE  
AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE**

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES!!

- 02 Mike and Brenda Stevens (38<sup>th</sup>)
- 04 Martin and Sheryl Elam (34<sup>th</sup>)
- 08 Kris and Jodi Reynolds (9<sup>th</sup>)
- 09 Heath and Jamie Houck (4<sup>th</sup>)
- 11 Chris and Denise Allen (27<sup>th</sup>)  
Michael and Pixie Sparks (35<sup>th</sup>)
- 12 Adam and Rachelle McDowell (18<sup>th</sup>)
- 13 Brent and Tanya Engelman (13<sup>th</sup>)
- 14 Eric and Bonnie Brownback (8<sup>th</sup>)  
Christopher and Jessica Johnson (14<sup>th</sup>)  
Dan and Barb Easterday (41<sup>st</sup>)
- 15 Orville and Dorothy Johnson (64<sup>th</sup>)  
Earl and Betty Bauer (65<sup>th</sup>)
- 16 Raymond and Linda Eller (48<sup>th</sup>)
- 17 Dale and Theola Broers (11<sup>th</sup>)  
John and Sandy Charnisky (15<sup>th</sup>)  
Matt and Lacy Glenn (5<sup>th</sup>)
- 18 Zach and Heather Cachera (1<sup>st</sup>)
- 23 Jerry and Sherry Engelhart (28<sup>th</sup>)
- 24 Karl and Sandy Johnson (34<sup>th</sup>)  
Mike and Annie Stombaugh (16<sup>th</sup>)
- 26 Marc and Amanda Hubbard (29<sup>th</sup>)
- 27 Tom and Pam Johnson (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Franklin and Marjorie Osborne (23<sup>rd</sup>)  
Nathan and Dorothy Ruppert (24<sup>th</sup>)
- 28 Jim and Shannon Tester (14<sup>th</sup>)
- 29 Brent and Darci Harrison (9<sup>th</sup>)  
George and Shirley Hubbard (65<sup>th</sup>)
- 30 Mervin and Linda Dammerman (43<sup>rd</sup>)

***Please let the church office (563-2718)  
know if there are any additions or  
corrections to the Birthdays and  
Anniversaries! Thank you!***

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

for the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Pick up a baby bottle (in the Church Narthex)  
to collect your loose change and bills  
and return it to the church on  
Father's Day, June 19th.

## Fathers are Wonderful People

Fathers are wonderful people

Too little understood,

And we do not sing their praises

As often as we should...

For, somehow, Father seems to be

The man who pays the bills,

While Mother binds up little hurts

And nurses all our ills...

And Father struggles daily

To live up to "HIS IMAGE"

As protector and provider

And "hero of the scrimmage" ...

And perhaps that is the reason

We sometimes get the notion,

That Fathers are not subject

To the thing we call emotion,

But if you look inside Dad's heart,

Where no one else can see

You'll find he's sentimental

And as "soft" as he can be...

But he's so busy every day

In the grueling race of life,

He leaves the sentimental stuff

To his partner and his wife...

But Fathers are just WONDERFUL

In a million different ways,

And they merit loving compliments

And accolade of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires

To fortune and success

Is to make the family proud of him

And to bring them happiness...

And like OUR HEAVENLY FATHER,

He's a guardian and a guide,

Someone that we can count on

To be ALWAYS ON OUR SIDE.

~Helen Steiner Rice~