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LWML Meeting

Monday,
June 14
1 pm

4th Saturday Free Community Dinners

June 26TH
4:30 - 6:30 pm

June 2021

Society has many issues going on the forefront, that have been issues in the past, issues that caused wars to take place. Issues like how to treat one another, and how people who look differently than someone else be treated. For a long time, people have looked down on "those who are different." For a long time people have based those negative feelings and mistreatment of others on the color of their skin. I'm talking here about the volatile and sensitive topic of racism.

In this article I want to take another angle: the perspective of why there are differing opinions of how to treat people who have different skin color. The term "prejudice" comes to mind when people think differently, treat people differently, and speak about them differently when their color doesn't match their own.
In the creation account recorded in Genesis 1:27 "So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them." The lineage begun with Adam and Eve and quickly corrupted by their sin, carries on for 1500 years until Noah is on the scene. God told Noah there would be a great flood. After the flood occurred Noah and his family began life again and started to populate the earth. About 100 years after the flood, sin had continued, as Noah and family were still sinful. In an attempt to be like God, the people at Babel wanted to build a tower to reach the heavens. God didn't like that and proceeded to confuse their languages. It was at this point that, since the people could not communicate any longer that they dispersed in every direction from Babel. Genesis 11:8-9 "So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. **9** That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth."

Going back to the creation account, take note that Adam and Eve were God's perfect creations. Their perfect bodies contained the gene pool necessary to produce all different people groups. Consequently, when Noah and his three sons and their wives left the ark, they also had the capabilities to produce every type of offspring, people of different colors and genetic traits. Thus, when the Tower of Babel happened those people had the genetics to produce all of the people groups, (colors) that we see today. A really simple explanation is that when the people dispersed at Babel, those that went north developed lighter skin. The people that went south into the warmer, sunnier climate, developed darker skin. Wherever the people went and whatever the climate was, the people adapted to that climate. The dispersion at Babel is the biblical answer to where different colors of people originate. The biblical answer to racism is that there are no "races" in the bible. You will not find the word "race" in the bible. In fact, Acts 17:26 tells us "And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth," In the Garden of Eden and at the time of Noah and even now in 2021, all people are "one blood" as stated in Acts 17:26. "ONE BLOOD." Therefore, God has told us to "love one another." We are to love all people because all people are loved by God/Jesus. Jesus died for all people, no matter what color they are because they are all of "one blood", the blood of Adam, made in the image of God. So, "racism" and "prejudice" are not biblical at all.

Both "racism" and "prejudice" stem from the theory of evolution. A theory ingrained in our society for a long time. Within the theory of "evolution" all life started from a single cell and over a lot of time, (billions of years), simple life developed into more complex life forms and eventually developed into walking creatures called apes. Then, those apes eventually came out of the trees and began to develop more intelligence and over a lot more time evolved into humans. Now, this is all a very simplistic explanation for the purposes of this article. The words "racism" and "prejudice" have become more prominent with the theory that that humans evolved from apes. Apes are thought to be less than humans. In fact, biblically, they are. God made humans as the crown of His creation.

So, biblically we are to rule over the animals and fish and all creatures. With the theory of evolution though, if a person thinks that a certain color of people are closer in evolution to the apes, then that people group is a prime target for being treated like the apes. So, with the theory of evolution, there are people groups like the Australian Aborigines that have been enslaved because they were different than the people who discovered them. Those who discovered them treated them badly. The word "race" was introduced into society in 1580. It then allowed for differing points of view concerning people who looked different. With the word "race" came sinful thoughts of some people thinking they were/are better than others and they became "prejudice" against people who look differently.

Do you see the difference between God's perspective and human's perspective regarding human life and even the start of all life with creation? In the creation account, God makes man and woman and loves them. When they mess up, He promises a Savior. He demonstrates His love for all humans on the cross and empty tomb. In the bible – humans are valued and loved……all humans. With the theory of evolution, people can act however they wish, treat people however they want and there really is no love whatsoever. With evolution, sinful thoughts are justified with no accountability. Society is growing worse and worse. With God in control there IS accountability. There is love, there is forgiveness when a person is repentant.

As LCMS Christians, it is important that we don't pick and choose what we want to believe and discard from the Holy Word. When you start to do that, there is no stopping. That's why we believe all of the bible…… from creation through Revelation. Our God tells us He loves us and proved that on the cross. He tells us He will be back for us to bring us home to heaven forever. Trust His Word! Trust His Love. Trust the cross and trust the empty tomb.

In Christ,
Pastor Krach

LWML DATES TO REMEMBER

Ladies Aid/
LWML Meeting
Monday,
June 14
1 pm

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Ladies Aid/Lutheran Women's Missionary League
June 2021

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever". Psalm 118:1

LWML News: it has been determined that the National Convention will be held. It will be June 24-27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. However, the Zone Retreat has been cancelled for this year and will be held in 2023. We will have a Fall Rally this October co-hosted by West Branch and Standish.

We will not be celebrating the June birthdays at the Pines this year. President Char Lee has been in contact with the Activities Director at the Pines and she stated this activity has been cancelled this year.

Decision will be made at the June Ladies Aid meeting regarding the Rummage Sale in August.

The Ladies Aid Scholarship Fund is opening up applications for any current college student. Applications may be picked up in the church office. You must be a communicant member of Our Savior Lutheran Church. Completed applications may be placed in Kathy Rountree's mailbox at church. They are due by the end of July.

Notice: Ladies Aid will not be selling Rada Ware when the current supply is depleted. Come in and get your Rada Ware before it is all sold, great gifts and great for your use also. We will still be selling greeting cards.

We currently do not have a seminary student that we are supporting so the decision was made to support the Mahlburg family for one year. They are currently serving as missionaries in Sri Lanka . Next Ladies Aid meeting will be Monday, June 14, 2021 at 1 PM. Hope to see you then.

Sandy Berg
Ladies Aid Secretary

The Family Fare DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS Program

KEEP TURNING IN YOUR RECEIPTS for another check to our church.
Thanks to all,
EmmaLou
429-6555

Prayer Shawl Group Projects

Tuesdays
Noon to 2 pm

We have two new members to our Prayer Shawl group. Eileen Brudi and Amy Marcotte have recently joined us. Eileen and her husband Dan are fairly new to the area. They have two daughters and three grandchildren. Eileen adds another crocheter to our group. Her grandmother taught her the basics and a college friend helped her refine her skills. She enjoys making afghans, scarves, vest and anything else someone might need. She also likes to cross stitch.

Amy and her husband Chad have two children. Amy also likes to crochet. Another plus for our group. Her mother taught to crochet when she was young. She's pretty speedy at it too. She enjoys making blankets, especially after the kids are in bed. Amy also enjoys doing crafts with her children.

Ladies we are so happy you have joined us. We took a road trip to Hobby Lobby in May. Had fun stocking up on yarn and supplies. Of course, lunch out is always a plus. Thank you, Dave Roehrs for taking us in the church van.

I don't know much,
But 3 things I do:
There is a God,
His Word is true,
Stay close to Him,
He'll see you through.
Amen.

Blessings
Cheryl Mielke, Leader

E-Mail Prayer Chain Contact:

What greater gift can we give to others than to pray for them. Using today's technology we have an e-mail prayer chain. If you, a friend or relative would like prayer please contact Joy Flury (426-7801) or e-mail flurysorst@hughes.net with your request. If you would like to be a prayer partner on the e-mail prayer chain, please send your e-mail address to Joy.

We had a baptism.

Arlyn Jay Hobson son of William and Makaila-Mosley Hobson Sponsor: Eleanor Mosley Grandfather: Matthew Mosley

Care Ministries

MOSH Report

This month we had three projects:

The first project we did was to go and pick up the mulch for the church and spread it out. I had helped spread out mulch last year, but I had no idea as to how much we used. One of the ladies decided we should buy 9 bags thinking that would be enough, but as it turned out that was not nearly enough. We went back to the store and bought 12 more bags and that was just right. So, next year we will have to remember----21 bags.

The next project was to design and install steps for our neighbor. We had installed steps for her front porch many years ago. It had been when I first joined the MOSH group and I was not in charge of the project. This time, I am in charge of dismantling and disposing of the old steps and installing the new ones, but in her backyard. The first issue was dealing with the current steps. They were made from concrete and we needed to break them up with slug hammers, but what to do with the old concrete? One of our Trucking companies has a pile of used concrete and they said I could dump our concrete there and they would grind it up and make new concrete with it---that was a perfect solution. My next problem was to design and build the back steps using artificial wood. Artificial wood is 4 time more expensive than real wood, but she said she would pay for the material. My next issue was to design the support frames for the steps. I had no experience with that task, but I was able to make a pattern and then over-lay that on to the lumber I had purchased. She loves her new steps.

The third project was to hang a storm door on one of my High School classmate's front door. I knew that our "really good carpenter" had done that kind of thing in the past and although we had a false start, we were able to successfully install that door. The false start was the homeowner had purchased the wrong size of a door and we hadn't discovered the problem until we were about to install it. We were trying to put it in place, but saw it was too wide. It was 36 inches and we needed a 32" door. We took the door back to the store and in a couple of weeks later we got the correct size and with some difficulties got it installed.

Don Hetherington

The Family Fare DIRECT YOUR DOLLARS Program

Thanks to all collectors of receipts. The current balance of Direct Your Dollars collected receipts is $135,000 for check #6. Just a few more receipts to reach our goal of $150,000 Thanks again,

Emma Lou

Deadlines for JULY Newsletter:

Please notify CINDY by June 10th of your intent to contribute and follow through with your submission by June 18th for the JUNE Newsletter. All submissions will be acknowledged by return email with in 24 hours, if you don't get an acknowledgement, please call CINDY, 246-4053

Please submit brief descriptions with JPEG pictures such as who, what, when, where as necessary. Editor cannot work with PDF items; please submit articles in Word or directly in an email.

Articles not in by the deadline are at the discretion of the editor for placement. Please submit by email to Cindy Greer greerc_oursavior@outlook.com or to the Church email: oursaviorgladwin@gmail.com

The Sun is Shining on the Outreach Ministry

How wonderful it is to be able to say Happy and Healthy Summertime to each of you. The Outreach Ministry Team is so excited to be making some wonderful plans for you and hope you all are able to partake in these activities at OSLC. Some I can talk about and others are still in the planning stage but are sure to happen. So stay tuned for those things.

First I want to mention The Luxury Bus Trip to the ARK ENCOUNTER OCTOBER 4th--8th, flyers and a sign up sheet are on the coffee bar. Please get your name down so us planners have an idea and get your deposit check to Paula in the office of $75.00 which is due June 1 so that we can get it mailed in by the 5th. Secondly our ANNUAL (Ken Wagner) church picnic will be on July 18th, right after church services. Please sign up if you plan on attending. Sign up sheet will be on the coffee bar until the end of June. Outreach/Fellowship needs to get a count of attendees for purchasing of supplies. Thank you.

Now, the next event will also happen in July, announcements will be coming very soon but I promise this event will result in an increased Love for Jesus and Devotion for Him.

A little food for thought

DO NOT BE A DOUBTING THOMAS, OPEN YOUR HEART AND BELIEVE

Have a lovely Month of June, share your time, talents, smile and love with others it is bound to make a difference.

Submitted by Sandy Diechman

Compassion Sunday

Last month Our Savior Gladwin joined the mission of Compassion International in sponsoring a "Compassion Sunday". Compassion partners with more than 8,000 churches in 25 countries to deliver its holistic child development program to over 2 million babies, children and young adults. When children living in poverty are nurtured and equipped to overcome their circumstances, they are empowered to pursue their dreams, driving change into their families, communities, and nation.

During Compassion Sunday the congregation was introduced to two children that are supported monthly through the Adventure Seekers budget. Following is a little information about those children, Stacy and Manuel.

Stacy Sofia

- **Birthday: June 6, 2011**
- **Lives in: Lima, Peru**
- **Stacy is in the fourth grade and does well in school. She received an award for her schoolwork last year.**
- **She likes to play with her dolls and also help her mother sweep the house.**
- **Her favorite color is yellow.**
- **Stacy enjoys festivals and parades.**
- **She asks for prayers for her family.**

Eduiw Manuel

Birthday: April 11, 2013
Lives in: Lima, Peru

- **Manuel is in the second grade.**
- **He likes to play with his friends, especially to play soccer.**
- **He likes Spiderman cartoons, marbles, and to draw and paint.**
- **He saw a beautiful rainbow a few days ago and wonders if you have ever seen one.**
- **Manuel asks for prayers for his family and sends a big hug.**

One of the most beautiful things about our faith in Jesus Christ, about His gospel, is that no matter how things look, there is HOPE. There is profound hope in the way He loves His people, and also in the way we experience Him through other human beings. This very gospel calls us to be people of HOPE.

For more information about Compassion International please visit their website.
www.compassion.com

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13 NIV

Flowers for June

JUNE 13 Eileen Brudi
JUNE 27 Bill and Cheryl Mielke

4th Saturday Free Community Dinners

June 26
4:30 - 6:30 pm

Please join us each month on the 4th Saturday!

If you have any questions please call 426-9689.

June Greeters

6	**Laurie Wagner (1)**
	Michelle Bowman (2)
13	**Larry & Mary Beth Zelt (1)**
	Janet LaPorte (2)
20	**Iris Woodbury & Tammy Mester (1)**
	Sandy Diechman (2)
27	**Sue Alexander (1)**
	Eileen Brokoff (2)

Elders Schedule June 2021

June 6 Pat Holcomb 9am Elton Rountree 11am
June 13 Dave Ehle 9am Don Hetherington 11am
June 20 Jim Mawhorter 9am Bill Roehrs 11 am
June 27 Dave Ehle 9am Dave Roehrs 11am

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Day 2: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before the big event you've been waiting for: THE ARK ENCOUNTER! Bigger than imagination, this life-sized Noah's Ark Experience will amaze you. Ark Encounter features a full-size Noah's Ark, built according to the dimensions given in the Bible. Spanning 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high, this modern engineering marvel amazes visitors young and old. From the moment you turn the corner and the towering Ark comes into view, to the friendly animals in the zoo, or the jaw-dropping exhibits inside the Ark, you'll experience the pages of the Bible like never before. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel.

Day 3: Start the day with a Continental Breakfast before you head to The Ark Encounter's sister attraction: THE CREATION MUSEUM. Prepare to believe as you explore 75,000 square feet of state-of-the-art exhibits, full-size Allosaurus skeleton, stunning botanical gardens, petting zoo, and more. The state-of-the-art Creation Museum allows you to venture through biblical history. Tonight, enjoy a Dinner Party with Entertainment!

Day 4: After a Continental Breakfast, you'll head to the famous NEWPORT AQUARIUM: 70 exhibits, 14 galleries, five seamless tunnels totaling over 200 feet in length. Sharks (including a Shark Bridge), Penguins, Gators and Canyon Falls are just part of what you will experience here. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a BB RIVERBOAT'S SIGHTSEEING CRUISE on the Ohio River. BB Riverboat's large vessel has both indoor and climate controlled seating, helping to ensure an enjoyable experience. This evening, enjoy Dinner before heading back to your hotel.

Day 5: Today, after enjoying a Continental Breakfast, you will depart for home... a perfect time to chat with your friends about all the fun things you've done, the great sights you've seen, and where your next group trip will take you!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
				Bell Choir Practice 10:30am **Homeschool open gym 10:30-11:30**		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Praise Worship Service w/ communion 9:00am **Worship Service 11:00am**	T.O.P.S. 3:00	Prayer Shawl noon-2 **Elders Meeting 6:00pm**	Men's Bible Study 9:00am	Bell Choir Practice 10:30am **Praise Team 6:00pm**		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Praise Worship Service 9:00am **Annual Congrega-tional meeting 10:00am** Worship Service w/ communion 11:00am	Ladies Aid 1:00 **T.O.P.S. 3:00**	Prayer Shawl noon-2	Men's Bible Study 9:00am	Bell Choir Practice 10:30am **Praise Team 6:00pm**		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Praise Worship Service w/ communion 9:00am **Worship Service 11:00am**	**T.O.P.S. 3:00**	Prayer Shawl noon-2 **Council 6:30pm**	Men's Bible Study 9:00am	Bell Choir Practice 10:30am **Blood Drive 12-8pm** Praise Team 6:00pm		Community Dinner 4:30pm-6:00pm
27	28	29	30			
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