

## Sure and Certain of the Unseen

This year in our monthly articles we are considering favorite verses from the Bible. This month's favorite Bible verse is: Hebrews 11:1

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see."*

It is amazing that with only a few clicks on a computer, we can dramatically alter photos. Such capabilities have led us to be a bit more wary. We find ourselves saying, "Unless I see it with my own eyes, how can I believe that it hasn't been touched up? I'll believe it when I see it."

Often this cynical attitude can touch our spiritual life. How can I believe that God loves me and knows what is going on in my life considering all troubles and disappointments I have to deal with?



The Bible tells us, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." How can we be sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see?

Think of a father and child playing the game where the father stands behind the child and tells him to fall backwards. The child, unable to see his father, still trusts that he is there and is certain that his father won't let him hit the ground. The child leans back and falls, fully convinced that his father will keep his word and catch him, because his father has always proved trustworthy.

This is the kind of trust we can have in our heavenly Father. Though we did not see the creation or the crucifixion, though we were not present to

witness Jesus rising from the Easter tomb, though we have not heard his actual voice forgiving our sins and promising his return, we believe.

How can we be so sure and certain? Because God's Word is true and trustworthy. Our forgiveness is certain because Jesus did die and rise from the dead. God's love for us today and every day is sure. Every promise our Father has made about our eternal future, he will keep.

Faith is sure and certain of unseen things because it takes God at his word.

-adapted from WELS Outreach newsletter

## Zion News

**Church Picnic** To cancel or not to cancel. That was the question. As with so many events this year, there was a lot of discussion about what the church picnic was going to look like this year...if we would even have one.



Anecdotally, some churches went to ordering sub sandwiches and individual bags of chips rather than the "pot-luck" style of meal. Other churches decided to cancel their picnics this year. The sentiment of our Council was to go ahead with planning a picnic with the understanding it might not look like the traditional picnics we've had in the past.

The date is September 13<sup>th</sup>. We plan on having both morning services that day (at 7:30 & 9:45 a.m.) to reduce the amount of people at each service. There will be a tent set up outside along with some chairs. We encourage you to bring your own lawn chairs if you'd like, as well as any canopies or umbrellas you'd like to use so that if you want to sit around the tent, we can spread out comfortably. Instead of a full-blown meal, we'll have some donuts, cupcakes, fruit and refreshments immediately following each service, and, more importantly, a time to get to know and catch up with your church family members.

**Fall Education Classes** This year we've had a difficult time finding Sunday

School teachers who are willing to volunteer their time and talents to fill our teaching needs. Add to that the uncertainty and issues that Covid brings, and we're still considering how best to start the year. Some Sunday



Schools have canceled their classes; others have gone to a virtual Sunday School with parental guidance. It's not a question of whether we'll have Sunday School or not, it's a matter of what Sunday School will look like. Parents of Sunday School-aged children, please be patient as we still navigate the

challenges and make decisions concerning our Christian Education ministry here at Zion. You should be receiving an e-mail very soon with our final plans.

**Adult Bible Study** We have additional Christian educational opportunities this fall, namely, our adult bible study. When you bring your child(ren) why not join us for our **adult bible study** from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m.? Not only will you be setting a good example for your children (*"Bible study is just as important for me as it is for you!"*), but you'll get a deeper appreciation for your Savior and the truths that lead to salvation. If you don't have any children or grandchildren in Sunday School you're welcome as well. You won't be called on to read or answer or embarrassed in any way. Rather, you will simply be growing in your faith!

**Confirmation Class** In preparation for communicant membership at Zion, students (typically in 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades) will deepen their understanding of the Bible's teachings by studying Martin Luther's Small Catechism over a two-year period. The first class will be Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> and then successive Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Bode (revsdb@aol.com).

**Basement Project Update** Some work has re-started with the basement remodeling project. Thanks to Tom Schulz for spending several days jackhammering the back steps so they can be rebuilt to code. We could definitely use some more help so if you could spend some time volunteering, please talk to one of the members of the remodeling committee: Tom Schulz,



Corey Schulz, Jeff Pamperin or Henry Kluever. Thank you.

**Marriage Moments** Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriage needs moments of encouragement and refreshment. Beginning this October, Marriage Moments are short, weekly videos highlighting one



Biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. To subscribe, go to

<https://welscongregationalservices.net/subscriptions/>

Healthy congregations need healthy homes. And healthy homes benefit when couples hear what God has to say about their marriages. Whether a marriage is great or struggling, may God use his Word to bless it! Check this new resource out by going to the link above.

## KML Korner

**KML Job Openings** KML is looking for individuals to fill the following open positions:

- **Food Service Assistant** – seeking an individual to work 2-3 days/week, 3-4 hours/day. Duties include: daily food prep, serving, and cleaning. Wage starting at \$11.00/hour. No experience needed.
- **Cafeteria Janitor** – 2-3 days/week, 4 hours/day. General cleaning of the cafeteria between lunch periods and after lunch. Wage starting at \$11.00/hour. No experience needed.

Contact KML Business Manager, Mr. Jody Hansen (262-677-4051x1109); [jody.hansen@kmlhs.org](mailto:jody.hansen@kmlhs.org) for more information.

**Clay Shoot Fundraiser** Mark your calendars for KML's annual Clay Shooting Event, scheduled for Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at The Highlands in Cascade. The event starts at noon and will end in plenty of time to get home for the evening Packer game! This is a fun event for avid hunters as well as novices. For those who don't want to take part in the clay shoot, The Highlands has established their own winery so you are welcome to paint wine glasses while enjoying a glass of wine and listening to live

music. Go to [www.foundation.kmlhs.org](http://www.foundation.kmlhs.org) for more information. You will also find sponsorship information there.. We look forward to seeing you!

## WELS News

**Christian Aid and Relief in Action** Cleanup is continuing in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, from storms that blew through the Midwest on Monday, Aug. 10.

The line of storms, called a derecho, had sustained winds of more than 100 miles per hour and damaged homes, downed trees, and left hundreds of thousands in Iowa without power. Good Shepherd, the WELS church in Cedar Rapids, sustained major roof damage and felled trees; most of its members also had extensive cleanup to do on their properties.

WELS Christian Aid and Relief and Good Shepherd quickly organized a work weekend and recruited volunteers to clean up the church property as well as the yards of members and their neighbors and friends. More than 50 people, including members of Good Shepherd and WELS members who traveled to the area, gathered last weekend to help.

“The devastation is immense; it’s hard to believe,” says Rev. Dan Sims, director of WELS Christian Aid and Relief, who also volunteered at the work weekend. “There are massive trees down everywhere—lying on houses, on cars, on sheds, on driveways.”

Volunteers went out in groups to clear trees and pick up debris. “I was working alongside of members of Good Shepherd who hadn’t touched their own yards yet,” says Sims. “They had trees down too, but they were out helping other people. It was heartwarming to see.”

He continues, “When you are servants of Jesus going out and helping those in need—it really makes an impression on people.”

There will be continuing opportunities to help clean up at the church and at area homes. For more information or to volunteer, visit

[facebook.com/WELSChristianAidAndRelief/](https://facebook.com/WELSChristianAidAndRelief/).

## Invitations / Events / Opportunities

**Historical Institute Cemetery Tour** If you’re interested at all in early Milwaukee / WELS history, the WELS Historical Institute invites you to attend a historical cemetery tour in Granville on **Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** beginning at 9:30 a.m. Park in the Salem Lutheran parking lot and then go across the street to the main cemetery entrance (6815 N. 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Milwaukee) of the West Granville Cemetery.

**Domestic Violence Seminar** Chances are you know someone who has been affected by domestic violence, whether that’s physical, emotional or mental. To assist you in becoming better equipped to help people who have been hurt by domestic violence, Kingdom Workers is sponsoring a seminar on **October 3<sup>rd</sup>** at Bethlehem in Menomonee Falls. This seminar is open to members of WELS churches in the area. Michelle Markgraf, director of Family Support Services for Kingdom Workers, will serve as the presenter. She will help attendees recognize the different forms of abuse, the effects of abuse, how you can help those who have experienced abuse, and how we as a church community can help respond



**Supper Cook** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary is looking to hire a Supper Cook. This individual is responsible for preparation, service, and cleanup of the supper meal for approximately 50 students. Work schedule during the school session is Monday-Thursday, 1:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. The position may also require hours for special events throughout the school year. Job candidates must have a basic understanding of nutrition, health and safety requirements. Two years of experience in food preparation is required. Strong communication and people skills and the ability to take direction are essential.

Contact Brian Treichel, Business Manager, at 262-242-8103 for an

application or submit your resume to [brian.treichel@wisluthsem.org](mailto:brian.treichel@wisluthsem.org).

**Archeological Dig 2021** Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, is offering a 13-day archaeological study tour to the Holy Land, May 29-June 10, 2021. This is particularly for all WELS/ELS called workers (and spouses), as well as students at the worker-training institutions and WLC. However, lay people are also invited to participate. Participants will work for a week at Kh. 'Auja el-Foqa, just north of Jericho. They'll also tour multiple locations in the Holy Land. The cost is \$3494, which covers airfare, hotels, tips, taxes, all meals during the archaeological dig, and breakfasts and dinners during the days of touring.

## Bible Quiz – Bible Firsts

1. What is the first river mentioned in the Bible?  
a) Tigris b) Euphrates c) Pishon d) Gihon
2. Who was the first king of Israel?  
a) David b) Solomon c) Saul d) Jeroboam
3. Where were the disciples first called Christians?  
a) Antioch b) Jerusalem c) Capernaum d) Jericho
4. What was the first musical instrument mentioned in the Bible?  
a) lyre b) flute c) harp d) Fender stratocaster
5. Who was the first murder victim in the Bible?  
a) Cain b) Abel c) Seth d) Methuselah
6. Who were the first set of twins mentioned in the Bible?  
a) Cain & Abel b) Jacob & Esau c) Isaac & Ishmael
7. Who was the first person to see Jesus alive after his resurrection?  
a) Mary, Jesus' mother b) Peter c) Mary Magdalene d) John

8. Who were the first people to hear about Jesus' birth?  
a) shepherds b) Wise Men c) Herod and his court
9. Where was the first temple built?  
a) Dan b) Bethel c) Jerusalem d) Joppa
10. Who was the first shepherd mentioned in the Bible?  
a) David b) Abel c) Enoch d) Lamech
11. Where are thunder and lightning first mentioned?  
a) at Mt. Sinai b) at Mt. Nebo c) along with the plague of hail

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