



Blessings and Musings

The Lutheran Church of Our Blessed Savior

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Deborah and I decided that we needed to take advantage of my last vacation Sunday of the year and get out of town and do something differently. We took our 15 year old grandson along with us and went to visit the Creation Museum in Northern Kentucky. We were able to stay with my nephew in Cincinnati the day before and just lounged in his swimming pool and ate pizza, which was relaxing.

The next day we drove to the museum and spent several hours looking at all the exhibits. It was interesting and very high-tech, but there was a part of me that was unsettled and I wasn't sure why. I think it was because it felt like I was being sold on the idea that the only way the world could have been created was in a literally Biblical way. There were signs all along the way that kept comparing a 6,000 year old world to a world that came about through a long evolution, with the 6,000 year old world being shown much more favorably.

I guess I should have been expecting this since I was at a "Creation Museum" and not an "Evolution Museum", but it still felt like they were trying a little too hard. There were more dinosaurs in the exhibits than I have ever seen in one place as if to say, "See, we don't deny that there were dinosaurs; we just think they were a lot more recent". There were also several exhibits that showed that carbon dating is not necessarily always accurate, so maybe the world is really not very old and the Bible is accurate.

When all was said and done I thought that I didn't need to have somebody prove to me that the Bible was literally true and inerrant. I have never thought that I believe in the Lord because the Bible is inerrant on all matters of science, biology and medicine. I believe in the Lord Jesus Christ because the Holy Spirit has worked faith in my heart as I heard the story of salvation from Scripture.

Scripture was never intended to be a book of science. It is written from the world view of the people at the time it was written. Remember, the world was still flat until about 500 years ago! Think of how crazy people would have considered Scripture if it had proclaimed a round earth! The firmament (sky) looked blue because there were waters above the earth that were ready to fall as rain from time to time when the sluices opened up in that world view also. There are a lot of things that are inaccurate in Scripture according to science today.

But what difference does that make to you and me as Christians? None, really, because the purpose of Scripture is not science, but a salvation history. The Bible never uses the word "inerrant" when speaking about itself. It uses the word, "truthful" and says that it will not err in leading us to the truth. The truth is the story of God's relationship with a creation that He just can't stop loving and that

includes us. It is the interaction between a God who created somehow and respected his creation enough to give us free will to follow Him or not follow Him. It is the story of rebellion of people with that freedom that has led to all kinds of sorrow and sufferings. But it is also a story of redemption from a God that will not let us go and keeps coming to us again and again trying to restore relationship and be close once more.

So, I don't really care if God created literally in 6 days or if He created and then utilized some evolution. I don't care if the world is 6,000 years old or 6,000,000 years old. I only care that it is God who created and not another. I only care that He created me special and asks me to preserve His world. I only care that He sent His Son as savior to win me back no matter how far I stray. I only care that it is God's world and I am His. I don't need a museum to prove that to me.

From the
CHURCH
Mouse



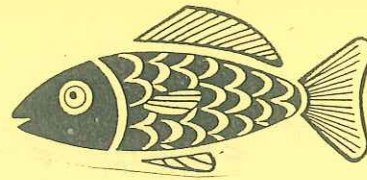
We five little Lutheran Church mice had a hard time in July. We couldn't squeal to Pastor Kal that the congregation was planning a special surprise for him on Sunday, July 14th. He has been here for 15 short years and everyone wanted to surprise him. Do you know how hard it is for Church mice to keep their mouths shut? It is hard for us.

On Friday before his special day on July 14th, he was given two bulletins with the wrong hymns (those hymns had been picked in January by Pastor and Marilyn). Then we had to give him the right bulletin with the right hymns and announcements in it at the start of the service.

We had a meal afterward which the five Lutheran mice enjoyed. There was a program planned after the meal. It was to be a fun day and we all enjoyed the great fellowship.

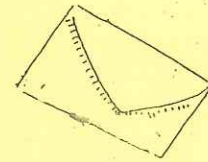
Congratulations from all five church mice, Smiley, Angel, Tiny, Scotty and Squeeky.

**SQUEEKY,
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MOUSE**



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee will be providing fish crackers for all the children at Communion each Sunday. The fish crackers are for all children not yet confirmed. Sorry adults these are not for you just for kids.



SOCIAL MINISTRIES COMMITTEE

If you have a family member or a friend who is sick or just needs a card to say we are thinking of you. Please let Marilyn know so the committee can send a card. Cards can be helpful a lot of times to people who are sick, lonely, or having a bad day or week. You can call the church office, call Marilyn at home 215-6088, or leave a note on her desk in the church office.



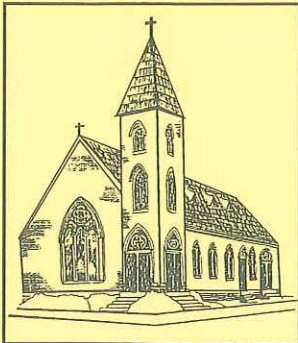
THANK YOU

We thank you for the fun day and great meal celebrating 15 years.

Pastor Kal and Debbie

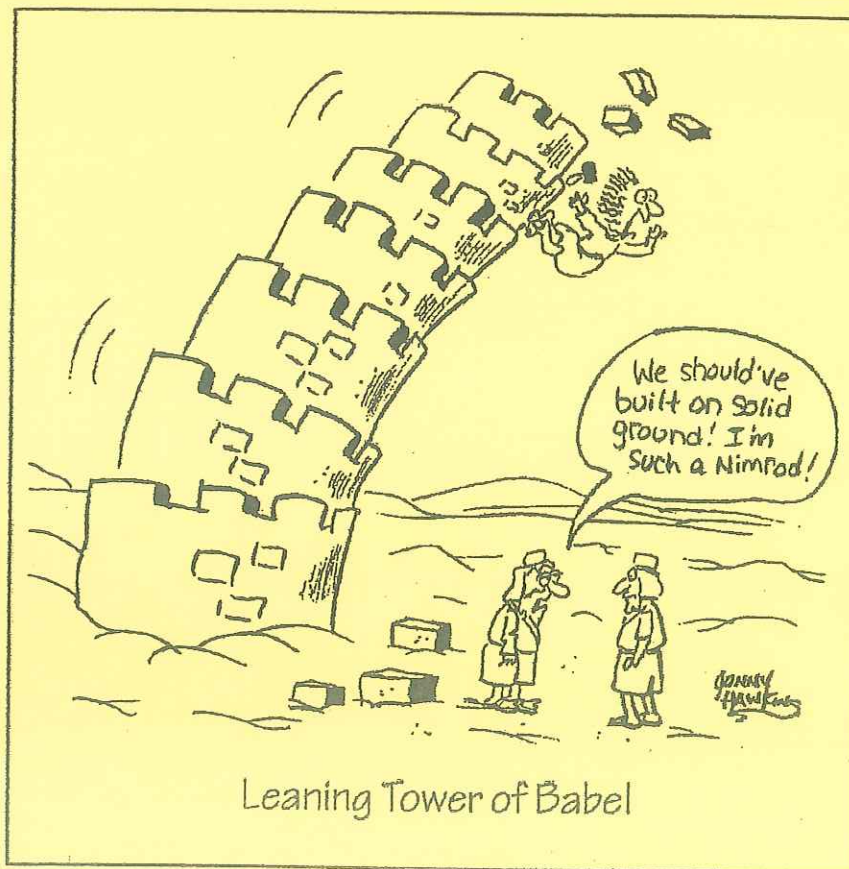
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18 Emily Closser
25 Peggy Cox

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11 Becky Howard
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