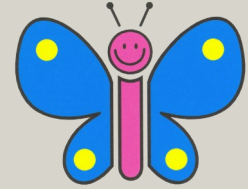




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Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Job 38:4

Do parents get a little defensive when their children question them? Do teachers appreciate when their students presume to know more than the teacher? Would WE question God?

Job did. Job questioned why God did what He did. So, in response, God questioned him. Did Job lay the cornerstone for the foundation of the earth? Did Job prescribe the limits for the sea? Did Job command the dawn to know its place?

We often like to question why God does what He does. Why this tragedy? Why this pain? Why THIS plan, Lord? We might think we even know better. Through His Word, God would remind us who He is. He is the everlasting God, Creator of the earth and heavens. Who is like Him?



Even more important, though, God answers our question? In His Word, He reveals to us this ultimate mystery. God came down from heaven to take Job's place and our place.

Our question was placed on the very lips of the Son of God, "My God, My God, why...?" (Matthew 27:46). Jesus is the answer. Would we question God? His steadfast love endures forever. His will is that you know His Son and have eternal life. Look to Jesus and trust that God will truly work all things for good for those who love Him (Romans 8:28).

Lord, grant us faith to see Your steadfast love in Jesus. Amen.

*I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In this world **you will have trouble.** But take heart; I have overcome the world."*
John 16:33

**BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.
I GOT YOU!! Psalm 46:10**

Portals of Prayer—February 5, 2016



Offering update:

We collected 402.87 from our pennies for life. WOW!! That's a lot of pennies! This money will be sent to Lutherans for Life. Check them out at lutheransforlife.org.

Memory for March

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us REJOICE and be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Color for March

Blue

March meal prayer

See our faces round the table
See our bodies, strong and able
Lift our voices, sing you praise
Thank you, Lord for all our days. Amen

**Use this prayer before your meals
at home also.**



Book Orders Due — Friday March 9.

Thank you to everyone for coming to our winter program. The children all did a fantastic job!!

NO SCHOOL

Friday, March 23—teacher work day

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

Monday, April 2—Easter Monday

Dates to Remember

Parent-teacher conferences 3/19-3/22 Watch your child's folder for more information. A sign up sheet with times will be coming home closer to the date.

Wednesday, March 28—Blue Day Wear blue if you have it!

In March, we will be learning about the letters K, A, V, and M. Keep reviewing all the letters with your child. In the car, going to and from school is a great time for review.

We have opened up our registration for next fall. We have only two openings left in the 3yr. Old afternoon class. All other classes are full at this time. If you know of anyone who might like a spot, please tell them to contact me soon.



Please keep in your prayers:

This month please include in your daily prayers:

- Myar Rodgers
Parents: Angie & Tyler
- Alia Smith
Parents: Adam & Kaila
- Lindsey Steele
Parents: Greg & Nicole
- Michael & Meghan Hoover
Parents: Thomas & Kristina
- Camden Genkinger
Parents: Jami & Andrew

- Continue to pray for all the children in your child's class
- Pray for our country and its leaders that they make God pleasing decisions.

A great website to check out — starfall.com

Sit down with your child and have some fun. It helps with letter recognition and sounds. There are counting songs and more.

Talk to your child about everything!

Ask questions! **and don't forget to READ, READ, READ, READ everyday!!**



When children have good oral language skills, they are more able to manage frustration, and regulate their emotions.

When you go to the grocery store with your child, you can:

- Point to the signs and read them to your child.
- Show your child the things on your grocery list one at a time and have your child help you find them.
- Read the labels with large print.
- Read the numbers on prices.
- Make a grocery list with your child before you go to the store. Have your child draw one or two things and help them write the words under the pictures.



March birthdays

none

Children are watching you all the time.

WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

LITTLE EYES SEE A LOT

Faith Lutheran Church News

Divine Service every Sunday morning at 9:30am. Sunday school and Bible class begin at 8:15. You are always welcome.

Lenten services every Wednesday night beginning at 7:00pm. (March 7—March 21) All are welcome.

Thursday, March 29, 7:00pm.—Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion and stripping of the altar. The day commemorating our Lord's institution of His Holy Supper.

Friday, March 30, 7:00pm—Good Friday Tenebrae service of darkness. The day our Lord was nailed to the cross, and after His death, placed in the tomb.

Sunday, April 1—Easter Sunday. You are invited to celebrate our Lord's resurrection with us. Divine Service at 6:30am and 9:30 am. A breakfast will be served between the services.

The Lutheran Hour, airs weekly on 1300 stations and the American Forces Network. Airing nationally since 1930, the Lutheran Hour is one of the world's oldest continually broadcast Christ-centered radio programs. From the show's early years to today, it continues to bring God's changeless Word and offers comfort and hope to millions. Listen to the Lutheran Hour on **KILJ radio 105.5 FM. Sunday mornings beginning at 7:00am.**

These questions and answers are taken from "the Answers Book for Kids" from Answers in Genesis. Check them out at answersingenesis.org. Also, if you ever have any questions, please contact Pastor Scudder at 319-385-8427, or stop in and talk to him! He would love to talk to you!

Questions from Kids

How do we know that God really answers prayers? Couldn't it be just a coincidence?

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly (Matthew 6:6)

First of all, there are no coincidences with God because He always works all things together according to His plan. He is in charge of everything and His plans always work out. God does answer prayers-and He wants us to pray. He told us to pray and He told us how to pray. I don't believe He would do that if He wasn't going to listen and answer! Jesus Himself prayed to God the Father while He was on earth. Remember that God doesn't always answer prayer the way we think He should. There are times when we see a wonderful answer to prayer really quickly. Then there are times when it might take years of praying before God answers. There are also times when we may never see God's answer to a special prayer. And we need to understand that sin affects our prayers. Sometimes without realizing it or being willing to admit it we pray selfishly for things we shouldn't! We need to continually pray the Lord will show us His Will for our lives. He wants us to pray, He wants us to praise Him in our prayers, and He wants us to ask Him to meet our needs. Praying is talking to God as though He were a very good friend...He likes hearing from you that way, so keep it up-He always will answer! But He will always answer in the way that He knows is best for us, and in His time.

Other references:

Romans 8:28; Job 42:2; Mark 1:35; Hebrews 11:6