

# LeRoy Covenant Church News

May 2010

## Summer Camp 2010

Summer is just around the corner and anyone with children interested in attending summer camp needs to register soon.

If you are interested in registering your child/children for camp, please see Kristi Stratton. A \$50 deposit is required.



A teacher training session for Jr. Church and Vacation Bible School workers is planned for May 22 from 3-5pm in the fellowship hall. If you are interested in helping in either of these areas, please attend this meeting. If you will need child care, please make that known to Kristi Stratton or Laura Turos prior to the meeting.

**The last day for Pioneer Club will be on April 26th and the last day for Joy Club will be on April 27th.**

## Featured Recipe

### French Bread - Leona Snyder

2 pkg. active dry yeast  
1/2 c. warm water  
1 Tbsp salt  
2 c. luke warm water

7 - 7 1/2 c. all-purpose flour  
1 egg white  
1 Tbsp water

Soften yeast in 1/2 cup warm water. Combine salt & 2 cups luke warm water. Beat in 2 cups flour and beat in softened yeast. Stir in 4 - 4 1/2 cups flour or enough to make a soft dough. Turn out on lightly floured surface, cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Knead until smooth and elastic about 5-8 minutes working in remaining 1 cup flour. Place in lightly greased bowl turning once to grease the surface. Cover & let rise till double in size (about 1 1/2 hours). Punch down and let rise till double again (about an hour). Punch down and turn out on a lightly floured surface & divide into 2 portions. Cover and let rest 10 minutes. Roll each section into a 15 x 12 rectangle. Roll up tightly beginning at long side sealing well as you roll. Taper ends if desired. Place each loaf diagonally seam side down on greased baking sheet that has been sprinkled with corn meal. With sharp knife gash tops diagonally every 2 1/2 " 1/8" - 1/4" deep. Beat egg white just till foamy & add water. Brush over top and sides of loaf. Let double in size about 1 1/2 hours. Bake at 375 until lightly brown about 20 minutes. Brush again with egg mixture and continue baking another 20 minutes. Cool. Make 2 large loaves.

### **Congo Medical Supplies**

**Congo Medical Ministries still desperately need a steady supply of strip bandages. Resources in countries like Congo are sparse. The medical supplies sent to them provide incredible resources to the staff in Congo's hospitals. The Covenant Women will be getting together to roll bandages. If you are interested in helping out with this ministry, please see Katie Ruppert.**

**They are also in need of good used glasses. If you have any used glasses you would like to donate, you can put them in the plastic container on the shelf above the coat rack in the foyer. They will be sent in sometime the first part of May.**

**Joy Club Sunday  
May 2, 2010**

There will be a short presentation during the worship service by some of the kids that have attended Joy Club this year. These families are invited to join us for the birthday/anniversary potluck following the church service. Be sure and introduce yourself to the new families and make them feel welcome!

### Elijah's Place

Elijah's place is located at the Zion Lutheran Church in LeRoy. They serve meals on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30pm. The cost is donation. Everyone is encouraged and invited to come and eat. The proceeds go to the Northwest Osceola County Food Pantry. Elijah's Place was started in 2003 and to date they have given \$12,343.73 to the food pantry. The Covenant Women have been involved in donating food and they would like to ask for additional help from you. Please contact Carol Moyses or Phyllis Booth. for more information.

### **Card Making Class**

**Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30pm  
Rhonda Schalow will be leading this class. Everyone is invited to attend.**

### You Took My Parking Space at Church

One day a man went to visit a church, he got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up and the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but He still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on His hands and on His sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out, "what happened to you?" The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place."

### Being a Mother!

Somebody said it takes about six weeks to get back to normal after you've had a baby - That somebody doesn't know that once you're a mother, "Normal" is history

Somebody said being a mother is boring - That somebody never rode in a car driven by a teenager with a driver's permit

Somebody said if you're a "good" mother, your child will "turn out good" - That somebody thinks a child comes with directions and a guarantee

Somebody said "good" mothers never raise their voices - That somebody never came out the back door just in time to see her child hit a golf ball through the neighbors kitchen window

Somebody said you don't need an education to be a mother - That somebody never helped a fourth grader with her math

Somebody said a mother can find all the answers to her child-rearing questions in the books - That somebody never had a child stuff beans up his nose or in his ears

Somebody said you can't love the fifth child as much as you love the first- That somebody doesn't have five children

Somebody said the hardest part of being a mother is labor and delivery - That somebody never watched her "baby" get on the bus for the first day of kindergarten or on a plane headed for military "boot camp"

Somebody said a mother can do her job with her eyes closed and one hand tied behind her back - That somebody never organized four giggling Brownies to sell cookies

Somebody said a mother can stop worrying after her child gets married - That somebody doesn't know that marriage adds a new son or daughter-in-law to a mother's heartstrings

Somebody said a mother's job is done when her last child leaves home - That somebody never had grandchildren

Somebody said your mother knows you love her, so you don't need to tell her - That somebody isn't a mother



5-3 Ron Stieg  
5-3 Pat Johnson  
5-9 Laura Turos  
5-12 Ray Fewless  
5-13 Carl Gustafson  
5-13 Marissa Kill  
5-15 Renee McQuestion  
5-20 Theresa Brown  
5-20 Sherrie Proctor  
5-24 Nora Curtis  
5-24 Rachel Townsend  
5-29 Elizabeth Salisbury  
5-30 Elaine Stieg  
5-31 Nelley Hamilton



### Happy Anniversary

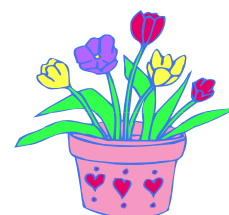
5-3 Dave & Jean Clifford  
5-21 Ray & Mary  
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### Birthday & Anniversary Potluck

**We will be having a potluck for the April & May birthdays on May 2 after the church service. If your birthday or anniversary is in either of these months, you don't have to bring anything, just come and let us celebrate with you.**



HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!



## The Pastor's Pen

### Mind Over Miracles

For the believer, there is a continuing conflict between the spirit and the mind. Both want to call the shots. Both demand the right to judge what is faith and what is foolishness. Both are vying for control of the actions of our life. The mind was in charge of most of our actions for our entire life before we were born again basing its conclusion on emotions and whatever information it understood. The spirit of a man is dead until it is resurrected by the new birth. However, it is the spirit that God designed to rule our lives.

It is important to understand that God did not design us to be in conflict within our being. We need to understand that the battle between our mind and our spirit is a fight for life and death. Galatians gives us a clear insight of what is at stake. It is in fact a fight that God has equipped us to win and win big.

When we allow our mind to reign, even though we're saved, faith falters as it is inundated by "logic" and "feelings" that make sense. When the mind rules anger, resentment, and fear seem justified. When our mind leads, the end is death (Romans 8:6). Many believers live in this battle zone, but again we were not designed by our heavenly Father for this.

Two important actions are needed to have victory in this arena. The first is to renew our mind in the Word of God. In a way our mind is like a computer with faulty data that is reaching faulty conclusions. To correct this, replacing that data or belief we must meditate on the Word (the truth) in an ongoing process that helps our mind to make the right conclusion based on Truth. (Romans 12:2)

Additionally, we must strengthen our spirit through fellowship with God. The second action is equally as important and must be engaged alongside renewing our mind. Scripture said that when Jesus walked on Earth, He grew strong in spirit. Study how over & over scripture said He spent time in prayer. Prayer is the power and scripture is the fuel to strengthen our spirit man.

Even though it sounds too simple, this is God's answer. If you're tired of the "ups" and "downs" of the battle between mind & Spirit, follow God's two step answer for the 30 days & see the difference. If you're tired of slipping into emotional reactions that lead to near disaster, then come back to this simple battle plan. It can lead to a much more victorious life! "Thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ."  
(II Corinthians 2:14)

Chairman's Corner  
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In this passage, Josiah ascends to the throne at the seasoned age of 8. Young kings were not completely uncommon in those days. Josiah followed Amon, who was 22 and had an evil reign of two years; before him was Manassah, who was 12 and had an evil reign for most of his 55-year reign before repenting.

Note a few highlights of Josiah's reign: He began to seek God at age 16, he started to remove places of idol worship at age 20, and sent workers to repair the house of God at age 26. He was serving God with everything he knew to do.

In the process of repairing the house of God, the workers found the long-lost book with the written word of God as given to Moses many years before!

Now the narrative picks up the pace. The workers report back to Josiah on their progress and brought the book to him. When the book was read to him, Josiah immediately repented on behalf of his people and sought the Lord.

After hearing from the Lord, Josiah called the elders together, and all the people of the kingdom gathered together to stand and hear the reading of the book. Then, the king promised God to follow the words of the book, and all the people did so, too.

Are there lessons for us today? Yes, here's a few, you might find more.

The written word of God is powerful.

When we seek God, He can be found and will respond.

God will reveal more of His will to us as we follow the part of His will we already know.

A relationship with God does not automatically follow from one generation to another; each of us needs a personal relationship with Him.

Spiritual growth does not automatically come with the passing of time; it requires studying the word of God with faith and obedience.

Young people can be affected (positively or negatively) by their elders.

So, are you the next Josiah? Or, do you know the next Josiah? Let us covenant together to seek God and do His will as individuals and as a body of believers.

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