



Together In Christ



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Where Do You Live?

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Finding Father Benjamin: A Fable by Max Lucado

Unfavorable winds blow the ship off course, and when they do, the sailors spot uncharted islands. They see a half dozen mounds rising out of the blue South Seas waters. The captain orders the men to drop anchor and goes ashore. He is a robust man with a barrel chest, full beard and curious soul.

On the first island he sees nothing but sadness. Underfed children. Tribes in conflict. No farming or food development, no treatment for the sick and no schools. Just simple, needy people.

The second and following islands reveal more of the same. The captain sighs at what he sees. "This is no life for these people." But what can he do?

Then he steps onto the last and largest island. The people are healthy and well fed. Irrigation systems nourish their fields, and roads connect their villages. The children have bright eyes and strong bodies. The captain asks the chief for an explanation. How has this island moved so far ahead of the others?

The chief who is smaller than the captain but every bit his equal in confidence, gives a quick response: "Father Benjamin. He educated us in everything from agriculture to health. He built schools and clinics and dug wells." The captain asks, "Can you take me to see him?"

The chief nods and signals two tribesmen to join him. They guide the captain over a jungle ridge to a simple, expansive medical clinic. It is equipped with clean beds and staffed with trained caretakers. They show the captain the shelves of medicine and introduce him to the staff. The captain, though impressed, sees nothing of Father Benjamin. He repeats his request. "I would like to see Father Benjamin. Can you take me to where he lives?"

The three natives look puzzled. They confer among themselves. After several minutes the chief invites, "Follow us to the other side of the island." They walk along the shoreline until they reach a series of fishponds. Canals connect the ponds to the ocean. As the tide rises fish pass from the ocean into the ponds. The islanders then lower canal gates and trap the fish for harvest.

Again the captain is amazed. He meets fishermen and workers, gatekeepers and net casters. But he sees nothing of Father Benjamin. He wonders if he is making himself clear. "I don't see Father Benjamin. Please take me to where he lives."

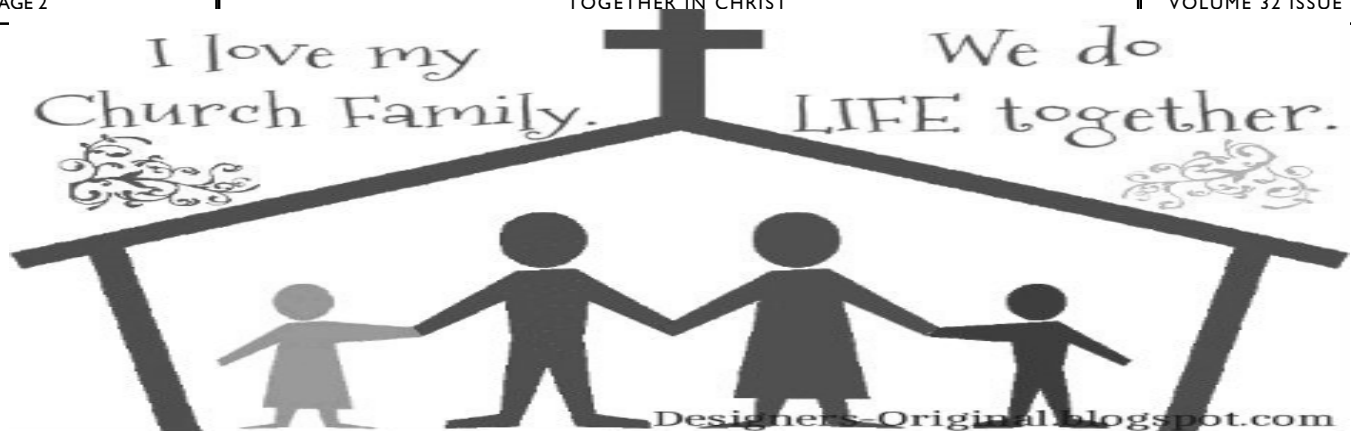
The trio talks alone again. After some discussion the chief offers, "Let's go up the mountain." The lead the captain up a steep, narrow path. After many twists and turns the path deposits them in front of a grass-roofed chapel. The voice of the chief is soft and earnest. "He has taught us about God."

He escorts the captain inside and shows him the altar, a large wooden cross, several rows of benches, and a Bible. "Is this where Father Benjamin lives?" the captain asks. The men nod and smile. "May I talk to him?" Their faces grow suddenly serious. "Oh, that would be impossible." "Why?" "He died man years ago."

The bewildered captain stares at the men. "I asked to see him, and you showed me a clinic, some fish farms, and this chapel. You said nothing of his death."

"You didn't ask about his death," the chief explains. "You asked to see where he lives. We showed you."

Can people see where you live by the path you have traveled? Living with Christ means we share His grace and mercy with all! Live Well! Pastor Bill



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES ARE HELD THE 2ND AND 4TH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH. You have your choice of two studies. One is held at Christ at 9:00 am and the other at Aufdenkamp's at 7:00 pm . The morning study is on Women in the Scriptures. The evening study is a look at the Parables of Jesus. Join in growing in the Word of Christ!

ZION LWML will be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Please join us for Bible Study, the business meeting, then lunch and fellowship. All ladies of the church are encouraged to join us.

ZION will be the hosts for the February Pastor's Circuit meeting. The meeting takes place on Thursday, February 14, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. We look forward to being God's gracious hosts for this event.

ZION BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm . We continue our in-depth look at the Gospel of John and the ministry of Jesus. His goal; that all might be saved!

CONFIRMATION Pray for the class as they continue to work toward their goal of Confirming their faith publicly. The date is set for Sunday, April 14, 2019. Much work to get done by then! If you have any questions please contact Pastor Aufdenkamp. 218-234-8026

CHRIST BIBLE STUDY: Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the basement. We are continuing our study in the Gospel of John and how the ministry of Jesus was shared with the people then and now! Join us !

WE NEED YOUR PLASTIC BAGS: Peggy is continuing with her project of making mats for Orphan Grain Train so save your bags. If you have questions contact Peggy Pasche at 218-731-7629. Those at Christ can leave them by Debi's desk in the office.

**PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST
AT
ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARCH 3, 2019**

On this day Worship will be held at Zion at 8:30 am and at Christ at 11:00 am
Please make note for your March Calendar



ZION LWML offers a time of fellowship each Sunday morning at 9:45 before the worship time and during the Sunday School hour. Please join us .

RADIO STATIONS FOR CANCELLATIONS OF SERVICES

- KIKV** — 100.7 FM
- KXRA** — 1490 AM & 100.3 FM
- KBRF** — 1250 AM
- KZCR** — 103.3 FM
- KJJK** — 96.5 FM
- KMRS** — 1230 AM
- KKOK** — 95.7 FM

SHOES FOR LIC: Lutheran Island Camp is still collecting shoes. These shoes must be in good condition. If you have shoes to donate contact Debi Anderson and she will be sure they get up to the camp. All shoes are acceptable no matter the condition. **No flip-flops.**

LUTHERAN HOUR STATIONS & TIMES

- WCCO—830 AM 6:05 AM
- KXRA—1490 AM 6:30 AM
- KXRA—100.3 FM 6:30 AM
- KFGO—790 AM 7:30 AM
- KBRF—1250 AM 10:35 AM



USED GLASSES: The mission group “**MOST**” is collecting used glasses to be used in third world countries. Please bring your used glasses to the churches and Debi

Anderson will see that they get to where they need to go. Even frames without lenses can be used as they now have the machines to cut lenses to fit frames. Readers are preferred, but no trifocals or bifocals. They are also taking soft cases.

“As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?”

Psalm 42:1-2

Project 24

www.childrenwithnoone.org
1001 Orphans
www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=593

"Northern Crossings"

A Lutheran Mercy Blog from North Dakota and Northern Minnesota
www.northerncrossingsmercy

NEWSLETTER REMINDER:

If you have announcements to be included in the monthly Newsletter, please have it in the office by 10:00 am the last Friday of the month. You can e-mail your messages to the church office at: christ@unestone.net.

Zion's Food Shelf Sunday
 3rd Sunday of the month.

Christ's Food Shelf Sunday
 4th Sunday of the month.

CHRIST WORSHIP SERVICES

ON CABLE CHANNEL 6
SUNDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS
 10:00 AM AND 7:00 PM.

The Lenten Season Begins March 6, 2019

Our worship series this Lent takes us through some of the most familiar teachings of Jesus from his Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7 and relates them to the events surrounding Christ's life, death and resurrection. In the process, the services will powerfully reveal that the cross itself is the ultimate sermon on the mount for our journey of faith in this sacred season. Please join in the worship of the crucified Christ!

March 6: Ash Wednesday 6:00pm @ Christ 7:30 pm @ Zion
 "Blessed Are You"





FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

CHRIST:

Kitty Rosin	1
Cody Rupp	6
Janice Amundson	11
Bev Niska	13
Myron Haberer	17
Kelley Lund	19
Renee Haseman	24

ZION:

Jeff Lee	5
Betty Walters	18
Christopher Winter, Jr.	24
Nolan Winter	25



Serving the Lord

February 2019

AT CHRIST

Elder of the Month

Shannon Moerke

Ushers—Orvin Leis

Donna Leis

AT ZION

Elder of the Month - Waldo Johnson

Ushers:

Bill Pasche

Duane Rau



Acolytes

2/3 Jacob Strunk

2/10 Chris Winter

2/17 Terina Blascyk

2/24 Carson Winter

Altar Guild - Marily Haack

Val Johnson

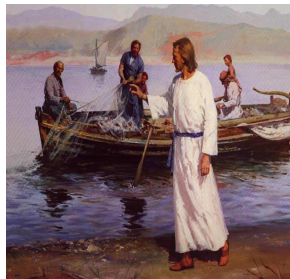


**SCHEDULE
of SERVICES**

*For
February
2019*

*February 3, 2019
Epiphany 4
Christ 8:30 am
Zion 11:00 am
Holy Communion*

*"God Accomplishes
Great Things"
Jeremiah 1:4-10*



*February 10, 2019
Epiphany 5
Christ 8:30 am
Zion 11:00 am*

*"It Was For Us"
Luke 5: 1-11*

*February 17, 2019
Epiphany 6
Christ 8:30 am
Zion 11:00 am*

*"Forever Blessed"
Luke 6: 17-26*



*February 24, 2019
Epiphany 7
Christ 8:30 am
Zion 11:00 am
Holy Communion*

*"Love, to Receive and Give"
Luke 6: 27-38*

POWER of PRAYER

Its happened to most pastors. A parent or teacher asks a young child at church, "Do you know who that man in the white robe is?" And the child immediately answers, "It's Jesus" or "He's God."

Now we all know that our pastors are not Jesus or God. They are sinners too. They need a Savior, just like everyone else. But those are always wonderful teaching moments. The pastor isn't Jesus, but he's sent by Jesus, and what he says and does in his office as pastor are the words and actions of Jesus.

When Scripture is read, we don't say, "This is the word of the pastor" but "This is the Word of the Lord."

The same thing is true when absolution is spoken or someone is baptized or the bread and the wine are consecrated. Who said that? Who did that? The child has it right: "It's Jesus!" He is pastor of the Church and shepherd of the flock, though the hands and voice are those of a fellow sinner, Christ's undershepherd..

The importance for you and I is that as children of the heavenly father, we have the opportunity to speak directly to Jesus. Our prayer life is a line of direct communication with the One who has called us to be His own. No mediator is necessary. We have a direct line.

So, call on Him. Let Jesus hear from you daily as you deal with each situation the comes before you. Ask Him to forgive the sins that you have committed and the ones you don't even know you committed. Ask Jesus to increase your faith and embolden your witness. And when you ask for something be sure to include "according to your will."

The Power of Prayer comes in you praying and believing that He will answer!