



The Tie That Binds

The Newsletter of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

View From the Chair

Have you ever watched the Star Trek TV series with Capt. Kirk? I have to say that I did but I am not what you may call a "Trekkie". The monologue at the beginning of the show was simple but to the point: "To boldly go where no one has gone before". The mandate of the crew of the Enterprise was daunting and unsettling to many of them. Capt. Kirk was the ideal man to lead them as he was always sure of his decisions. In some of the episodes he was not there to lead and this absence really made things difficult for the crew; bouts of indecision and the feeling of being lost were prevalent, but somehow the situation was overcome through the training they must have had.

Now, I realize that this is a TV series and the main characters of the show had to prevail over difficult and seemingly overwhelming odds to carry on the show. But is it really a stretch for me to compare ourselves to the crew of that ship? Maybe, but the simple thought of forging forth into the unknown without our leader is not far from the truth. We are presently without a spiritual leader to help us make the right decisions. I was talking to Pastor Fritsche and asked him what was the average time that a congregation is vacant while calling another Pastor and he said that it could take anywhere from a few months to possibly a year. Congregations that are vacant for lengthy periods of time can become discouraged and sometimes attendance will fall. Trials and tribulations face all of us and why wouldn't our church be any different? We must submit ourselves to God and know what whatever happens in the next few months, it is His will.

Our Heavenly Father will not abandon us. Allow the Holy Spirit to enter our hearts and minds to guide us to "Boldly go forth".

Yours in Christ,
Howard Slater

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Pastor Fritsche's last Sunday at Beautiful Savior was June 28. It was not easy for us to say "good-bye" after almost 27 years. An evening of appreciation was held at Greendell Community Club on June 26 where Pastor was toasted (roasted?) by Al Webster and Nancy was toasted by Phyllis Klein. The meal was delicious; thanks to all who helped organize it. The Fritsche's were given a gift of a grandfather clock which will be shipped to their new home August 3. We have also commissioned for a painting of the school to be sent to them when it is completed.

On July 2 Pastor and Nancy left for their new home in Edmonton. The address there is:

7507 95th Ave, Edmonton, Alberta Canada T6C 1X4.

For a while they will be out of communication as they will be setting things up and then travelling to Illinois for a family reunion. They will still be able to receive emails, so until further notice you can email them at [**jefritsche@me.com**](mailto:jefritsche@me.com)

Please keep them in your prayers as they make this significant move in their life and through their travels this summer.

Our Vacancy Pastor is Rev. Dale Mohr. He can be reached at 694-2742 or mohrd@mts.net. Pastor Mohr will also be in the office Thursday afternoons from 2:30 to 5:00.

Our Yard Sale at the end of May raised \$950 and FaithLife matched \$750 to go towards new lighting for the Church. Thanks to everyone who donated to the sale, and to those who helped us to set up, price and sell!

Wednesday, May 27 was the "Evening of the Arts" at Beautiful Savior Lutheran School, an evening of entertainment performed by the students. What a talented bunch of singers, musicians, baton-twirlers and rope-jumpers we have!

Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

Our meeting on May 5 saw us re-elect Lorraine Weir as President, and elect Gail Wise as Vice-President and Della Cooper as our Secretary. We also watched a dvd about LAMP. Three new ladies have joined our group this year.

Instead of an actual meeting, on June 2 we had our wind-up dinner at Maxime's. We always have a great time there, but this year there were also tears because this was Nancy's last meeting with us.

Looking ahead . . .

We won't be meeting in July or August so our next meeting will be September 8. Lorraine, our President, has a great year planned, so be sure to join us September 8 at 7 pm.

October 17 will have the Zone's Fall Renewal here at Beautiful Savior. The theme will be "Train a Child in the Lord" and will feature our School. We will need lots of help, so even if you are not an LWML-C'er, if you can spare some time that day please talk to Lorraine Weir, Gail Wise, Phyllis Klein or Della Cooper. There will be planning to be done ahead of time as well.

Remember that MOST Ministries are making plans to go to somewhere warm in October. If you would like an inspiring tropical holiday with a bunch of amazing Christian people, contact Agnes Luciw for information. There is always a need for used glasses, so don't throw them out – turn them in to our LWML-C society and help make a real difference in the lives of others.

November 7 will see us at Siloam Mission again, to serve lunch from 11:30 to 2:30. Those who went the other two times know what a rewarding experience it is. We are giving you lots of notice, so plan to join us.

The (Lack of Real) Science behind “Angels & Demons”

By Gail Wise

Angels & Demons is an action-packed thriller that opened in theatres in May. It is based on Dan Brown's best-selling novel that focuses on an apparent plot to destroy the Vatican using a small amount of antimatter. In the book and the movie, that antimatter is made using the Large Hadron Collider and is stolen from the European particle physics laboratory CERN. Parts of the movie were actually filmed at CERN.

Public lectures were held across North America to tell the world about the real science of antimatter, the Large Hadron Collider and the excitement of particle physics research. I attended the lecture at the Manitoba Museum given by Dr J.W. Martin from the U of M, and Dr. G. Gwinner and Dr. K.S. Sharma from the U of W.

Let me set your mind at ease. It would take billions of years to produce enough antimatter for a bomb having the same destructiveness as a ‘typical’ hydrogen bomb. The production and storage of antimatter at CERN is not at all as described in the book: you cannot stand next to the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and see it come out, especially since the LHC accelerator is not yet in operation. One quarter gram of antimatter could not be stored in a cylinder the size they claim; it would have to be in a building covering 10 hectares.

Angels & Demons would have you believe that CERN gets its kicks from high-tech superweapons, secret underground bases, and fluffy white cats. Dr. Gwinner, however, explained that although CERN is advanced, it is, in truth, anything but secret. Founded in 1954 and located on the border of France and Switzerland, the international facility hosted 76,000 visitors/tourists during its “open weekend” last year. CERN's scientific clout is publicly credited with creating the World Wide Web in the late eighties and early nineties.

Dr. Sharma went on to talk about *Angels and Demons'* portrayal of antimatter. Far from being, as the film claims, a fancy new discovery, antimatter has been hanging around in the brains of scientists since 1928; its existence was experimentally validated four years later. Dr Sharma explained antimatter's behavior using an analogy with Tom Hanks: if we had Tom Hanks, and he met the Anti-Tom Hanks, they would annihilate each other and give off an enormous amount of energy. The film is correct in that CERN's LHC does, in fact, create antimatter, and also that enough antimatter (that is, about a quarter of a gram) could destroy Rome. However, the LHC produces only 2 nanograms of antimatter each year, so it would take 125 million years to stockpile the Rome-destroying amount.

Dan Brown made a huge mistake using “bad” science in this book, because now everyone who believed the Da Vinci Code to be true will know what a screwball thinker he really is. Don't even ask me about the “God particle”. I do not intend to see the movie, but only because I don't enjoy science fiction (even though Tom Hanks and I have the same birthday). If you do, please enjoy it as just that, fiction. And don't forget the popcorn.

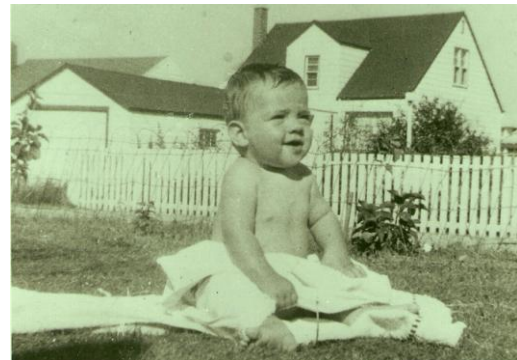
*It looks as though
summer has
finally arrived . . .*

*Who is this
sunbathing beauty?*

*The answer will be in
The next issue . . .*



*Wowee! Did you recognize
this sunbathing beauty?
You guessed it . . .
He's Roger Lapointe!*



Noah, after the flood subsided, opened the doors of The Ark and released the animals. All living things rushed to freedom, except two snakes who lingered in a corner. "Why don't you go forth and multiply?" asked Noah in a stern voice. "We can't," moaned one. "We're adders!"

A water bearer had two large pots, each hung on the end of a pole which he carried across his neck. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water at the end of the long walk from the stream to the master's house, the cracked pot arrived only half full. For a full two years this went on daily, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots full of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its accomplishments, perfect to the end for which it was made. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was able to accomplish only half of what it had been made to do. After two years of what it perceived to be a bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream. "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologize to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?"

"I have been able, for these past two years, to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to your masters house. Because of my flaws, you have to do all of this work, and you don't get full value from your efforts." The pot said.

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and in his compassion he said, "As we return to the masters house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path."

Indeed, as they went up the hill, the old cracked pot took notice of the sun warming the beautiful wild flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it some. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad because it had leaked out half its load, and so again the pot apologized to the bearer for its failure.

The bearer said to the pot, "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of your path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw, and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back from the stream, you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house."

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We are all cracked pots. But if we will allow it, the Lord will use our flaws to grace the Father's table. In God's great economy, nothing goes to waste. Don't be afraid of your flaws. Acknowledge them, and you too can be the cause of beauty