



the word

Mark Your Calendar

4/1

April Fool's Day

4/8

Matins & Muffins/Panera

4/9

Pioneer Orienteering

4/11

Culver's Night

4/14

Pioneer Meeting

4/16

Fine Arts Festival

4/17

8th Grade Examination

4/22

Lifeline Screening - Eagan

4/23

Pioneer Orienteering

4/24

8th Grade Confirmation

4/25

NO SCHOOL

4/28

Pioneer Meeting

4/30

Blood Drive - Eagan

No Lone Rangers!

By Mark Kom

Hope is incredibly important to human beings. Without hope it's tough to keep going. With hope we can endure most anything. I want to talk about the fellowship that we have with fellow Christians. Hebrews 10 tells us that this fellowship encourages and gives us hope. Christianity is not for lone rangers; God brings us into a church family.

In a world that keeps moving faster and faster the "lone ranger" mentality gets stronger and stronger. Historians tell us that this attitude has been building for a long time. In the 1950's there was still a corporate culture, a culture in which people saw themselves as part of groups. In the 1960's that started to change. There was a cynicism and a feeling that authority was bad. Institutions — whether that was the government, church, or business — took on a bad connotation. The 1970's have been called the "me generation"; a big shift was underway. The 1980's brought us the "inner child" and a stronger focus on taking care of ourselves. A catchword of the 1990's was "cocooning"; the perfect Friday night no longer involved friends and extended family but rather a VCR, a pizza, and the living room couch. These days when we ask people what they are going to do after work or on the weekend so many answer, "I'm going to go home and be by myself." or "Nothing. Absolutely nothing." Certainly there's nothing wrong with spending a quiet evening at home; we need solitude at certain times. Yet there are some dangerous cultural forces that cause us to pull away from deep relationships with other people. That's certainly what the devil wants. The devil loves to isolate and separate us because he can then weaken us more easily. If he can approach us "one on one" he has a better chance to fill us with his lies.

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Hebrews 10 (vv.23-25) is counter cultural. We read: *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.* This is something we need to do together: *Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess.* The all-important hope that we have is spelled out in the verse just before that: let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

Our hope comes from the forgiveness Jesus won for us. Our hope is the full assurance of faith; the Savior who made salvation possible is our Good Shepherd in this life and the next.

That's why it's so important for us to hold unswervingly to the hope we have; we need to remind each other of this rock-solid hope. Later in that section from Hebrews 10 it says this: *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* We come to church to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper. We also come to church to encourage each other. This "meeting together" goes further than worship services. It includes church meetings, fellowship activities, having people over to our homes, going out to eat together and even visits on the telephone. This time together is prime-time for mutual encouragement in the Lord. The key is to actually encourage each other when we spend time together. We can ask each other how things are going ... and then answer honestly. We can tell each other that we are praying about specific things in the other person's life. We can share a favorite Bible passage or relate an example of God working in our lives. That's how our Christian hope stays strong and vibrant.

Our Christian fellowship isn't only designed to give us hope. The writer to the Hebrews said: *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.* What a great verse! We are supposed to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. I'm not a horse but I have to imagine that spurs hurt a little bit. God wants us to do some poking and prodding so that we stay active in doing the Lord's work. That might mean telling someone that there is a gift that they aren't using in the Lord's Kingdom. That might mean confronting someone who is wasting huge amounts of time and energy in meaningless pursuits. That might mean pushing someone to take a step forward in faith as they serve the Lord. That's really hard to do these days ... but it's so important. How are you going to accept that

spurring when you are on the receiving end? God wants us to take these words very seriously and to consider the advice and encouragement of our fellow Christians.

Don't misunderstand me, though. I said that we are supposed to be spurs, not burs. A bur is a sharp object that can get under the saddle of a horse and cause constant, nagging pain. God doesn't want us to nag our fellow Christians or to cause them pain. Being a spur is different. A spur might wound a bit ... but it's done out of love for the person and for God's Kingdom. Being a spur shows that we care about the other person fulfilling God's purpose for them.

Time spent with fellow Christians is precious. It builds relationships that will literally last forever. The author of the book of Hebrews understood that well. That's why he wrote, *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another — and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* Indeed, let us encourage one another!

Pinewood Derby Winners

Speed – 1st Isaiah Otterstatter, 2nd Chase Schindeldecker, 3rd Brady Schindeldecker
Craft – 1st Makenna Wallace, 2nd Madelyn Wallace, 3rd Jermaine Prince

District Derby Winners
In the girls 3rd grade and older division Makenna Wallace took 1st and Madelyn Wallace took 2nd. Makenna Wallaces' "pool table" car was awarded the people's choice award. Isaiah Otterstatter's car placed 5th in his age group. All three cars will be sent to the national Derby at Watertown, WI.



ASK THE PASTOR



Q When Paul preached all over the empire, in what languages did he preach?

A Chances are good he preached in the three main languages of the

Roman empire. Aramaic was the common language in Israel, Greek and Latin were also common languages throughout the Roman empire.

Q How many languages did the apostles know?

A That depended on the Apostle. Paul was educated. He probably knew Hebrew, Latin, Greek, and Aramaic. The other Apostles weren't as educated. Being from Israel, they all probably spoke Aramaic. Although, some of them were probably familiar with Greek and even some Latin as well.

Q If the common language was Aramaic, why was the entire New Testament written in Greek?

A This is a great question. Corinth was a Grecian city, so you would expect Paul to write in Greek to them. However, the writer to the Hebrews is really

addressing as his audience Jewish converts, so you would think he would write in Hebrew. But he doesn't. He writes in Greek. So...why? There are a few reasons why it makes sense that all of the New Testament is written in Greek.

1) The Septuagint: This was the Greek translation of the Old Testament and we know was completed by 132 BC, but possibly even earlier. Most Jews would be more familiar with the Greek translation of the Old Testament, the Septuagint, than the Hebrew.

2) The lingua franca: Although the common language in Palestine was Aramaic, the common language around the world was actually Greek.

3) Hellenization: As Americanization would be the spread of American influence, so Hellenization is the spread of Greek influence. The period of Hellenization really took off in the time of Alexander the Great. For this reason Greek was very common throughout the whole Greco-Roman Empire. Ultimately, if God wanted a good shot at making his word accessible to as many people as possible, Greek would have been the best choice.

"Ender's Game" by Orson Scott Card

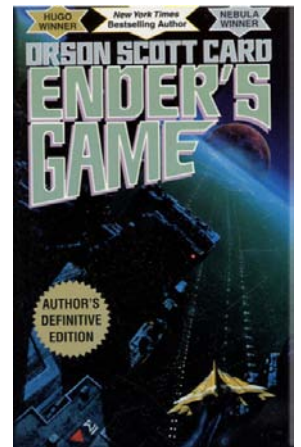
Review by Rachel Stokke

Ender's Game is one of those books you will pass by in the library because it is thick and looks too long. Trust me though, time will not be a problem, you will fly through this book.

Andrew Wiggins aka Ender, the main character in the book, is separated from his family before he is even seven years old because of the special skill set he possesses. He is sent to a place called the Battle School, where he and hundreds of other kids are training to fight space creatures who had previously attacked Earth - and will likely do so again. Ender excels at the school, and he quickly moves through the ranks to become one of the leaders.

In this excellently written book, Card shows just how easy it is to ruthlessly play other people and highlights the importance and difficulty of integrity. The fight between compassion and cruelty is also very prevalent throughout the book. Card shows the importance and necessity of friendship in his character's relationships.

Even if you aren't into the sci-fi fantasy, I encourage you to read this book as the quality of the writing and the themes in it are astounding. Ender's Game is an extremely well written book which takes you for a twist at the end, and throughout all of it keeps you wanting to read more.



How Do You *FEEL* About Your Bible?

Written and illustrated by Lucas Boehm

If you use an electronic version of the Bible and not an actual book, then this suggestion doesn't apply to you. Stop reading here.

Have you considered that the use of a different, physical bible might possibly kick-start your personal bible reading and spiritual growth? Here is where I am coming from. In the summer of 2006 I picked up a new bible for myself.

In less than seven years I'd thoughtfully read through the entire bible twice and have almost done it two more times since getting it. Please don't get me wrong, I don't say this to brag, it simply led me to pause and ask, "Why, in nearly 20 years of adulthood, had I never been able to read the whole bible even once and then 'suddenly' been able to do it twice in a fraction of the time?" Aside from the fact that perhaps reading God's word encourages more of the same (duh!), there possibly is a more "practical" answer – a bible just "fits" right!

My bible fits me in two ways. For one the *physical* book was right for me; it looked cool, was a practical size to carry, and it's soft pleather felt great to handle and open. Just like a great pair of shoes or a well-made tool, this bible feels good. You see, since confirmation I'd had the traditional hardcover concordance, a great study tool given to me as a gift from my grandpa, but I may have resented carrying that heavy, bulky book around. That version must've weighed about 25 pounds! (Actually, I just weighed one – it came in just under 5 pounds in case you're wondering.) A book is a physical, tactile object and it should feel right if you are going to use it regularly.

This bible has fit me *mentally* in the unique features it has. There are three different plans for guided reading. One plan includes all the books with all the chapters and a box for each (except for 2 chapters that the editors missed). I found that putting an "x" in the check boxes spurred

motivation. The reading guides also are not straight through the Bible, but take different paths through the scripture. The additional notes found throughout this bible give insight and thought provoking questions to consider and apply to my life. These make it a very practical study bible. This bible is different in that it connects the Old Testament *ahead* to the New Testament, so when I'm reading the Old Testament it is more clearly connected

to the New. Most bibles seem to just refer back to the Old Testament when quoted by the writers of the New Testament. Lastly, my bible doesn't have a concordance, so when I have come across ideas or concepts that I want to link together, I have had to search them out and write them down. Which leads to a final point, that my bible has become my notebook/journal and even sketchbook. I'd encourage you to mark your Bible up too, write in it, draw in it, circle, underline, add arrows and footnotes and doodles - make it yours! Write your notes from Bible classes and sermons in your Bible where you can see and refer to them again and again. As a "visual learner" my bible has become filled with so many questions, ideas, themes and images that have come to mind over the years. I want to take it everywhere in hopes that there may be some new insight

to consider and record. My bible has become a cherished part of my faith and growth as a person and I hope yours is too.

Now I have only one problem with my bible... it's so beat up that it doesn't quite feel and fit me as well anymore. It certainly doesn't look cool with its peeled fake leather and duck tape reinforcement! It's hard to leave something so familiar and start over. That said, I think I will take my own advice and try something new. The new NIV translation has been calling me, especially since we've been incorporating it into services at Crown of Life. Now if I can just find one in my favorite color...



Blessed is the One

Third Grade Learns About the Land Down Under

On a very cold winter day, the third graders dressed-up in their Australian summer clothes and spent some time learning about the country of Australia.



Here are some "Fun Facts" that they found interesting:

- Australia is an island, a country, and a continent
- Aborigines are the native Australian people
- Some of the first European settlers to Australia were British prisoners
- Australia is entirely in the southern hemisphere and is often times called the "Land Down Under"
- Near the center of the Outback is a huge red rock called Ayers Rock or Uluru
- The Great Barrier Reef is the largest coral reef in the world
- Australia is home to so many unique and interesting animals such as the platypus, koala, kangaroo, dingos, emu, wombats, and wallabies
- "Waltzing Matilda" is a fun song to sing
- It would be great to see and swim in Lake Hillier. It is totally PINK!!!
- It was interesting to try out some Australian expressions and words such as "g'day mate!" and "having a barbie".
- Vegemite is used like peanut butter, but it is really, really salty!
- Someday we would all like to go visit Australia and see it for ourselves!



Pinocchio a big success!

What a wonderful show the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders performed. If you missed it you will have to wait for next springs performance. It will be the lower grades' turn....I wonder what they will do?

4th grade experiments with SHAPE

An object with two dimensions, height and width. It may be geometric (circle, square, rectangle, etc.) or abstract.



Eggsalent Easter!

Our Easter Egg Hunts at each campus went very smoothly again this year thanks again to all the volunteers! To everyone who supported the community outreach event, THANK YOU! Whether you supported us with your prayers, donations or time, thank you for making this year's Easter Egg Hunt a success.



400+

PEOPLE THROUGH
CROWN OF LIFE'S
DOORS



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 Families interested in Crown of Life on account of the Easter Egg Hunt

REPORTS

Welcome New Members!



Adam and Jenna Petersen – Gracelynn is 5, Ethan is 3 and Owen was born on February 13th. We moved to Inver Grove Heights in the summer of 2013. Adam is currently a Regional Manager for Winmark Corporation in Minneapolis and Jenna works for Cigna in Eden Prairie as a Clinical Operations Manager.

New members not pictured – Dan Giegstead

FORUM UPDATE – 2nd Pastor Call Forum Feedback

Of the 4 groups – 3 preferred to call another full-time pastor, 1 group was mixed with a portion wanting to be sure pastoral duties matched current skills... then fill in the gaps with appropriate staff. All groups expressed interest in freeing up current staff from home-bound visits and worship coordinator tasks. The Elders and Council will review the feedback and bring a recommendation to a future Congregational meeting.

TREASURER – Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/16

February ended the fiscal year to date (FYTD) with \$1,006,085 in total income with expected budget income to be \$1,044,040 (\$37,955 *below budget*). Expenses (FYTD) were \$1,012,782 which gave us a FYTD of a negative \$6,697. We owe \$81,621 to our special funds account to keep our bills paid up to date. Clear the Path contributions as of 2-29-2016 totaled \$546,988 which were paid directly to reduce our loan balance to \$942,000. Direct questions to PerryAbel@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS

- Andrew David Osland son of Gregory Osland and Tiffany Schreifels on March 3 with Pastor Kom.
- Owen Thomas Petersen son of Adam and Jenna Petersen on March 3 with Pastor Kom.

APRIL 2016

Friday, April 1

Good Samaritan

NO BUS

8:15 am Matins

Saturday, April 2

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 3

8:00 am Worship WSP

9:00 am Worship EGN

9:15 am Bible Study/Sunday

School WSP

10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, April 4

6:30 pm Worship WSP

7:00 pm Mary/Martha - EGN

Tuesday, April 5

6:30 pm Handbell rehearsal

7:00 pm Evangelism

7:00 pm Technology Team

Wednesday, April 6

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Public School Confirmation
Class EGN

8:00 pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, April 7

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

Friday, April 8

8:00 am Matins & Muffins/ Panera

Saturday, April 9

9:30 am Handbell Rehearsal

12:00 pm Pioneer Orienteering

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 10

Praise Service

8:00 am Handbells-WSP

Worship WSP

9:00 am Worship EGN

Choristers Sing EGN

9:15 am Bible Study/Sunday

School WSP

10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, April 11

Culver's Night

6:30 pm Worship WSP

7:00 pm Fellowship

7:30 pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, April 12

9:00 am Mom's Time-EGN

6:30 pm Education

Properties

7:00 pm Stewardship

Wednesday, April 13

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

6:30 pm Public School Confirmation

Class EGN

Thursday, April 14

1:00 pm Circle C - WSP

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

6:30 pm Pioneer Meeting WSP

7:00 pm Elders-WSP

Friday, April 15

8:15 am Matins

Saturday, April 16

Fine Arts Festival

9:30 am Handbell Reh-moving

equip to EGN

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 17

8:00 am Worship WSP

9:00 am Handbells-EGN

Worship EGN

9:00 am 8th GRADE EXAMINATION

WSP

10:30 am Worship WSP

Monday, April 18

6:30 pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, April 19

7:00 pm Council

Wednesday, April 20

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Public School Confirmation

Class EGN

Thursday, April 21

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

6:30 pm Riverview Cemetery- WSP

Friday, April 22

Lifeline Screening-EGN

8:15 am Matins

Saturday, April 23

Pioneer National Pine Car Derby

11:00 am Pioneer-Orienteering

5:00 pm Worship EGN

Sunday, April 24

8:00 am Worship WSP

9:00 am Worship EGN

9:15 am Bible Study/Sunday

School WSP

10:30 am Worship WSP

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION

Monday, April 25

NO SCHOOL - JB Day

2:30 pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service

6:30 pm Worship WSP

7:00 pm Youth & Adult Education

Tuesday, April 26

9:00 am Mom's Time-EGN

6:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 pm Bible Class EGN

Thursday, April 28

2:30 pm Southview Sr. Living Service

6:30 pm Pioneer Meeting WSP

Friday, April 29

NO BUS

8:15 am Matins

Saturday, April 30

9:00 am Blood Drive-EGN

5:00 pm Worship EGN

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Ava Caauwe | 8 Betty Jane Becker | 15 Wesley Shaw | 24 Ellie-Rose Cenicerros |
| Alexander Tillman | Paige Belfield | 16 Julie Fischbach | Donna Herbison |
| Mark Tourville | Linda Bethke | 17 Michelle Kom | Lauren Myrlie |
| 2 Laura Gibson | Lauren Wolfrath | Abigail Miller | Steve Petermann |
| Megan Kom | 9 Rachel Boehm | 18 Kathlene Herold | 25 Kari Marzinske |
| Eric Rahn Lemmer | Anthyan Lopez | 19 Linda Haberkorn | Wendy Miller |
| Wayne Lorenz | Daniel Redner | Beverly Knippenberg | 27 Margaret-Anne |
| Cassandra Panek | 10 Noah Aumann | Shane M. Myrlie | Cadwallader |
| 3 Barbara Berthiaume | Jeanne Steffen | 20 Sophia Nichols | Carole Constable |
| Jordan Carlson | 11 Adrian Garcia | 21 Rodney Herbison | Brent D. Hoeft |
| John Fenske | 12 Kim Ahlman | Chase Klocow | 28 Michael Dohrn |
| Delores Frisch | Joseph Jensen | Jeremy Miller | Donald McLean |
| Gina Myrlie | Judith Myrlie | Jude Rich | 29 Sharon Johnson |
| 4 Samuel Footh | 13 Deven Frieese | 22 Doris Jensen | Orlin Myrlie |
| 5 CJ Fischer | Scott Hunter | Britany Staab | 30 Bethany Ohm |
| Tyler Monson | Jennifer Traynor | 23 Elizabeth Isebrand | Neil Olson |
| 6 Nancy Kuehl | 14 Sandra Enger | Dale Krueger | |
| 7 John Gahr | Tristan Hulse | Isabella Marrier | |
| | Paige Seidl | Eric Montgomery | |

One in Christ (Synod Campaign) – Our Synod is running a campaign right now to help eliminate our synodical debt. It runs through June. If you are interested in contributing an offering toward this effort, just look for the brochure in the information areas at each campus.

JUST FOR FUN

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WORD SEARCH

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CHILD	KANGAROO
GREEK	BIBLE
LANGUAGE	EASTER
ENDER	EGYPT
EGGSALENT	ENCOURAGE
REEF	PINECAR

WORD SCRAMBLE

GREENCUAO

MKIGDON

VANATILOS

ANSWERS TO MARCH PUZZELS:

QUTOEFALL – Every good and perfect gift is from above coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights

WORD SCRAMBLE – Wounded, Easter Egg, Owls, Registration

MOVIE REVIEW

“The Young Messiah”

Reviewed by Jim Pasbrig

“The Young Messiah” depicts seven year old Jesus and his family as they flee the Roman Centurion who was assigned by Herod to capture him. The story line is Biblically accurate with the exception of the young Jesus raising a bird and man from the dead. One strong point is the excellent choice of actors. Jesus, Mary, Joseph, the Roman Centurion, and Satan are all portrayed well. The movie is based on the book “Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt” by Anne Rice. It received an average rating of A-, I would give it an A as it was factual and very interesting. Two note worthy elements were the depiction of Satan and the interaction between Jesus and his brother James. There are gory scenes, crucifixion is not G rated. I recommend the movie to COL members.



Please direct ideas, questions or comments about this issue to ZacharyPudlo@crownoflifemn.org



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