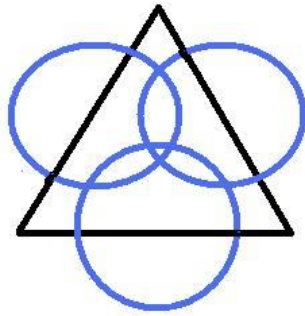


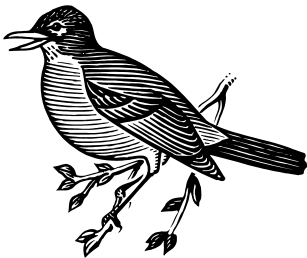
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A New Creation in Christ

"Therefore I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship" (Romans 12:1).

In 1779, Ned Lud of England and his followers, the Luddites, tried to reverse the Industrial Revolution by destroying the labor-saving machines and burning factories. Their efforts failed. The term "*Luddite*" now is used to describe someone who is backward technologically.

Just as strange and futile are other attempts to correct unwanted situations by using destruction. In Revelation 2:1-7 we read about the teachings and practices of a would-be religious sect called the Nicolaitans, especially active in the church at Ephesus. They agreed that human nature is admittedly evil and subject to sinful drives such as gluttony and immorality.

However, they said, the way to solve this is to exhaust the body by excessive eating and drinking and by the free exercise of sex. The solution of the Nicolaitans was to destroy these bodily sins through exhaustion. That

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Scrapbook Crop

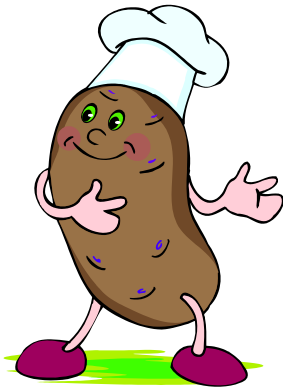
The 2-Day Scrapbook Crop is taking place on Friday, March 4th & Saturday, March 5th in the gym. It's a great time to get together with your family and friends, eat delicious homemade meals, and get some of your scrapbook projects caught up. The profit goes to the 7th & 8th grade educational trip to Washington D.C. this May. For more information or register for the crop, call Patsy Weiss at 686-2269 or e-mail me at pweiss363@gmail.com.



Bay County Right To Life

Bay County Right to Life is sponsoring an educational event entitled "Making Abortion Unthinkable-The Art of Pro-Life Persuasion." This one-day seminar will take place at St. Hyacinth's Parish Hall, 2307 S Monroe ST, Bay City, from 10 am until 3:30 pm on Saturday, April 2. A light lunch will be served. If you are prolife and would like assistance sharing your convictions with others in a persuasive and convincing manner this seminar is for YOU. Making Abortion Unthinkable is an excellent opportunity to expand your knowledge of abortion and ability to defend life. There is no charge to attend. Reservations are required and will be taken via email or phone: bay-countyrtl@gmail.com or 895-8481.

Baked Potato Supper



Ash Wednesday, the Trinity 7th & 8th grade students will be hosting a Baked Potato Supper with all the toppings. Dinner begins at 5:30p.m. before our church service. All money donated will go toward the 7th & 8th grade trip to Washington, D. C. this spring.

Stewardship Corner

Equipped to Do God's Will

The Holy Spirit shapes and molds us, His chosen people, through a lifelong process of sanctification so we can be people who seek to do God's will. He calls, gathers, enlightens, and keeps us in the one true faith. "...From the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit..." (2 Thessalonians 2:13b). St. Paul tells us that it is the Holy Spirit, Who, through Word and Sacrament, brings us to faith and preserves us in it. He gathers Christians together as one body and gives gifts to each believer so that all the members might be strengthened. Again we read the words of St. Paul: "Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good" (1 Corinthians 12:7). He enlightens us so that we can know what God's will is, and He equips us to do it. He guides and directs our paths and is with us each step of the way. He has called us out of darkness into God's light to declare His praises (1 Peter 2:9). God has chosen to create, redeem, and sanctify us "...in order that we might bear fruit to God" (Romans 7:4b).

Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for the opportunity You give me to be in service to You. Use me as Your channel of love, grace, and mercy. Forgive me when I fail to follow Your will. Amen.

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works about as well as when people try to correct economic problems by smashing the machines.

God has a better plan. He knows that human nature is sinful, that it will twist and bend its drives and appetites into all kinds of aberrations. But God does not want the body and mind destroyed for that reason. His solution is much more positive and constructive. He offers conversion, regeneration and rebirth. This comes about by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Gospel. Born anew is the sinner who repents and believes in Jesus Christ Savior, who gives us new spiritual life within.

Instead of destruction, there is now reconstruction; instead of deformation - transformation. Christians are the new creation in Christ. They serve God with renewed minds and bodies.

(Adapted from *Each Day with Jesus*)

- Pastor Sherry

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2011 Midweek Lenten Series

“Life Together”

Ash Wed., March 9 - “Life’s Better in My Hands!”

March 16 - “I’m Being True to Myself”

March 23 - “How Do I Know Who I Am?”

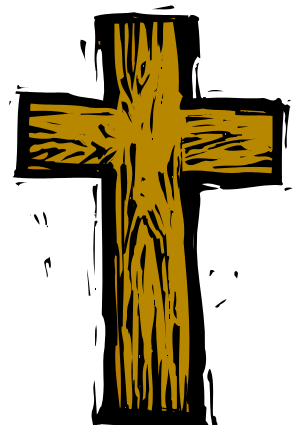
March 30 - “This Is It?”

April 6 - “How Can I Believe in a God Who Would ...”

April 13 - “In Need This... and This ... and This”

The series, “Life Together,” is based on Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s classic book: *Life Together* that describes the challenges of being the body of Christ in community. The series comes from Dr. Dale Meyer, President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, in collaboration with his students.

As in former years, some of the pastors of our Bay City Circuit will be presenting the series. Taking part along with Pastor Sherry will be Rev. Paul Theiss - St. Paul, Franken-lust, Rev. David Jung - St. John, Pinconning, and Rev. John Wernecke - Zion, Bay City. Services will be Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. Plan now to attend.



**IMPORTANT DATES
TO PLAN FOR :**

March 28-April 1:
Spring Break-
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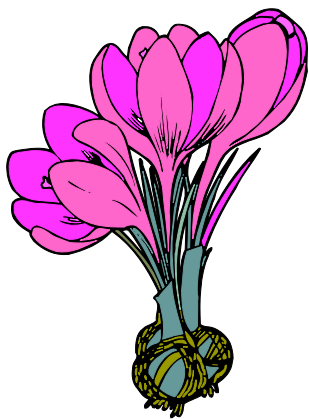
April 10:
Questioning Sunday
10:30 am Service

April 17:
Palm Sunday
Confirmation
10:30 am service

April 21:
Maundy Thursday

April 22:
Good Friday

April 23
EASTER

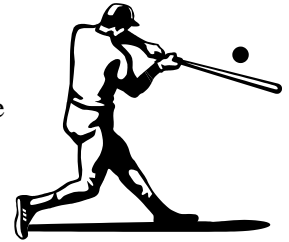


First
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March 20th

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LOONS BASEBALL

Mark your calendars: On June 28, 2011, the Athletic Boosters will have an outing to the Loons game in Midland. The tickets will be \$9.00 for box seats. We have 50 tickets available. June 28th is a special "Faith Night" and churches participating will be recognized.



More information will follow. Keep the date open and plan on joining us.

The Athletic Boosters

Camp Lu Lay Lea

The 2011 season of camp is arriving quickly. Lots of staff applications and a few camp registrations have arrived. We are still in need of a few more counselors. Both male and female, 18 or over who love working with children and would be a great Christian example for them. Pay is small but rewards are high.

For more information please go to our website www.campdulaylea.org or contact Bonnie LaLone at laloneb@yahoo.com.

VALLEY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

2010/2011

Second Quarter Honor Roll

3.75+

Grade 12:
Shelby Avery
Rachel Wegener

Grade 10:
Matthew Hurley
Abigail McMan

Grade 9:
Rachel Vogel
Ryan Weiss

3.25

Grade 12:
Cory Liberacki
Connor Peil

Grade 11:
Kyleigh Polzin

