Word to the Wives

1On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him. Luke 5:1–11

Calling of the First Apostles & the Great Catch of Fish

In Luke chapter five Jesus is teaching us how the mission and evangelism task of the church will be accomplished. He will send apostles and pastors into the world. They will catch men through the preaching of Christ and the Gospel and through the miracle that takes place in the waters of baptism. The fact
that Jesus used the miracle of the great catch of fish in connection with his calling of his first apostles was no coincidence. The work of missions is always miraculous.

Where are you in the story? Are you part of the crowd or are you one of the apostles? Sometimes preachers burden the faithful by telling them they must go out like Peter into the world and make disciples. So where are you in the story? Are you an apostle? Are you a pastor? Are you in the crowd? Yes, you are in the crowd whenever you gather with the church on the Lord’s Day to hear Jesus’ word and partake of his body and blood.

Where are you in the story? Since the first centuries, Christian preachers have recognized the analogy in the story. The boat is the church. The net is the preached Word of God. The sea is the sinful world filled with evil, chaos, fear, suffering, and death. The fishermen are apostles and pastors. The deep water points to the miracle of the Holy Spirit. Fish do not want to get caught. People do not “decide for Christ” as the revivalist preachers claim. Fish prefer to stay safely in the sea. But the sea is not really safe. Little fish get eaten by bigger fish and even the biggest, meanest fish eventually dies.

So where are you in the text? You are the fish. You have been brought into the boat by the net of the word of God and holy baptism. Now you are in the boat with Jesus. Here the analogy takes a wonderful turn. What do you do with fish when you catch them? You slice them up, cook them, and eat them up. The Fisherman who caught you, however, does just the opposite. He feeds you a meal that consists of himself—his divine body and blood.

Several months ago I was walking through the streets of Port au Prince, Haiti. The devastation from the massive earthquake was still making life miserable for the people. I walked past one of the tent cities that housed thousands of people in wretched conditions. Rain storms, then a hurricane, then a cholera epidemic, then political unrest—not to mention crime and
voodoo—left the people surviving day by day in fear and uncertainty.

Across the street from one tent city I came to the impressive Saint Pierre’s Cathedral, that is, “Saint Peter’s Cathedral.” Saturday evening mass was just beginning. The church was full. Since I couldn’t understand the sermon, which was preached in Creole, my eyes fixed upon the huge stained glass window above the altar. There was a large boat in which Jesus stood with outstretched arms. There Peter and the apostles were pulling in nets full of fish. The nets flowed down toward the floor, namely the altar and the congregation. Suddenly it dawned on me.

Where were the people of Haiti in the story of the miraculous catch? They had been brought into the church, into the boat, by the Gospel. This is the only place that is really safe. It is safe because they are here with Jesus. And the same is true for us.

We are not all called to be apostles and pastors. We are not all sent into the world to be missionaries. But now that we are safely in the boat, we want others to be here with us. So we bring our children to Holy Baptism and we teach them to pray and to confess Jesus. We pray for those living in darkness, that faithful missionaries would be prepared and sent to them. We live our lives in the vocation into which God has called us. This is where we give a daily and authentic witness to the spiritual joy and freedom we have living under Christ and the Gospel. Do we do enough? Never. So what does Jesus have to say to us today? “Don’t be afraid.” “Your sins are forgiven.”

—Dr. Timothy C. J. Quill

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The Malagasy Lutheran church has a rich and impressive history dating back to the arrival of the first Norwegian missionaries in the 1860’s. Since that time the Malagasy Lutheran Church has grown into a vibrant church of approximately four million members. Our Malagasy brothers and sisters want to be faithful Lutherans, holding fast to God’s Word and reaching out to the hurting neighbor in mercy. It has been my privilege to take four groups of CTS students to Madagascar on “Mercy Mission Expeditions” over the last few years under the sponsorship of LCMS World Relief and Human Care. We hope to schedule another trip in 2012.

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Our last trip (in 2009) was unique given the political unrest on the African island which has brought the country to the brink of civil war. While the group had to adjust travel plans due to rioting, we were enabled to see something of the reality of life in Madagascar.

While in Madagascar the cohort visited two tobys (villages of mercy unique to Madagascar), a leper colony, an orphanage, a school for the blind, two hospitals, an agricultural school and a seminary all operated by the Malagasy Lutheran Church. While in the central Malagasy city of Antsirabe, the CTS group worshipped at a Sunday morning service attended by nearly 3500 people. The group also witnessed a service of exorcism at a toby near Antsirabe. Exorcisms are a regular feature of pastoral care in Malagasy church life.

Rioting blocked the highway to Fianarantsoa, preventing...
the group from visiting the Good Samaritan Center for the Poor, a project supported by LCMS World Relief and Human with funds raised by the 2006 Mercy Mission Expedition. Nevertheless, this year’s group had many opportunities to see the church’s corporate work of mercy in action. It was exciting for them to tour the newly-completed pediatrics unit at the Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, which was constructed with a grant from LCMS World Relief and Human Care.

Two days were spent visiting the seminary in Antsirabe, where I gave a convocation lecture on “The Doctrine of Vocation in the Small Catechism.” The CTS students made a presentation of books to the seminary library purchased with funds from Student Association in Fort Wayne. Copies of Concordia: A Reader’s Edition of the Book of Concord and other theological books were presented to each of the Malagasy students as a gift from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Clerical shirts, vestments and communion ware from the CTS Clothing Bank were also distributed. Prof. Pless presented the seminary president, Rev. David Rakotonirina a gift of $1250.00 from Bethany Lutheran Church in Naper-ville, Illinois to assist the school. A day earlier the CTS group also delivered a gift of $1250.00 from Bethany Lutheran Church to the Lutheran orphanage in Antsirabe.

Each CTS group that goes to Madagascar selects a project to support after they return home. Students selected to go on the trip each pledge to make a minimum of ten presentations within a year of their return to the States. Past projects include the purchase of cows for the regional seminary, the construction of a kitchen at the Good Samaritan Center for the Poor, and assistance to a leper colony.

Seminarians Sam Jansen and Daniel Pezzica with a cow donated by one of the CTS Mercy Mission Teams to Madagascar.

CTS students and Prof. Pless with residents at a leper colony operated by the Malagasy Lutheran Church.
Upcoming SWA Events

**SWA Word Game Night**  
*Tuesday, July 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Luther Hall*

Grab your thinking caps and join us for SWA Word Game Night! We will be playing games like Scrabble, Bananagrams, and Boggle. If you have a favorite word game, please feel free to bring it. If you don't play word games, come for the fellowship. Refreshments and dictionaries will be provided.

**Craft Party**  
*Tuesday, July 26 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Luther Hall*

Bring along a project to work on while you snack and socialize. We will have a card making demonstration by DoRena Wirgau and you will be able to make your own card to take home. We will also have instructions and materials to make Beads for Sudan.

**Scavenger Hunt**  
*August 16, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Luther Hall*

**Back to School Kick Off**  
*August 30, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Luther Hall*

Save the Date for the  
*SWA 2011 Retreat! October 15*

We need your help!

We are in need of a Hospitality Committee Chairperson. Here’s what it includes:

When seminary families are blessed with the birth of a new baby or burdened by the loss of a loved one, the SWA Hospitality Committee responds with meals, light housekeeping or occasional child care services to help alleviate stress.

The designated chairperson simply contacts the family in need to coordinate date, time and location information and then initiates action by their committee of volunteers. If you have a gift for communication or organization, please consider sharing your talents to serve the members of our seminary community.

Please contact MacKenzie Ross at violoncellist21@juno.com or (970) 744-8650 if you are interested in helping out with this much-needed service. Thanks!

Campus Events

**Summer Chapel Schedule**  
*Monday–Friday, 7:10 a.m., Matins; Monday–Friday, 9:35 a.m., Morning Offices.*

There will be no afternoon or evening services during the summer.

**Seminary Playdate**  
*Tuesdays, 1 p.m. CTS Student Commons*

Tuesday afternoons various seminary families meet at the commons on campus for fun and socialization. We would love to have you join us!

**Summer Gemütlichkeit**  
*Fridays, 3:45-5:00 p.m. CTS Student Commons*
Free Community Events

Three Rivers Festival
July 8–16
Parade: Sat. July 9, 10 a.m.
Route: www.threeriversfestival.org/images/ParadeMap2011.pdf
Main Festival Schedule: www.threeriversfestival.org/events.php

Williams-Sonoma’s free Technique Classes
Jefferson Pointe Mall
2 pm on Sundays
Call in advance to reserve a spot:
From Scratch—Ice Cream
Sunday, July 10
Deconstructing Salad
Sunday, July 17
Farmers’ Market Meals
Sunday, July 24

Foellinger Theatre Summer Concert/Movie Series
Free Concerts
Knights on the Town/Alley Kats
Thursday, July 7 at 8:00 pm
38th Infantry Division Band
Friday, July 8 at 8:00 pm
Summit City Chorus
Sunday, July 17 at 2:30 pm
Fort Wayne Area Community Band
Tuesday, July 19 at 8:00 pm
Chadd Michaels and The Brat Pack
Thursday, July 21 at 8:00 pm

Free Movies
All movies are at 8:30 pm
Megamind, July 6
Despicable Me, July 13
How to Train Your Dragon, July 20
Nanny McPhee Returns, July 27
Toy Story 3, August 3

The Lifetime Sports Academy
June 14 – July 29
McMillen Park Pavilion just west of the pool (enter the park off Oxford)
The LSA provides FREE golf, tennis, and swimming lessons for local youths aged 8–18, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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No pre-registration is required. A pavilion program provides arts, crafts and organized games. Special activities such as soccer, softball and volleyball will be organized at various times throughout the week for children not participating in group lessons. Lunch is provided daily through Fort Wayne Community School summer lunch program.

For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 427-6000.

Fort Wayne Babywearing Group meeting  
Sat., July 16, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Shoaff Park Splash Pad

We'll meet at the playground/splash pad area to visit, try out carriers & help each other while older kids can play.

Bring a blanket to sit on, any carriers you'd like to try/share, and a lunch if you plan on staying long enough to picnic.

Splash Pads  
All of the City’s free splash pads will remain open through September 2010.

Splash pad hours are 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. daily through Labor Day.  
After Labor Day, splash pad hours will be noon – 8 p.m. daily.

Locations:  
   Buckner Park: 6114 Bass Road  
   McCormick Park: 2300 Raymond & Holly  
   Memorial Park: 2301 Maumee & Glasgow  
   Robert E. Meyers Park: Inside North Gate of Parkview Field on Jefferson Blvd.  
   Shoaff Park: 6401 St. Joe Rd.  
   Waynedale Park: 2900 Koons & Elzey

Children’s & Young Adults’ Summer Reading Program  
Monday, June 6, 2011 through Friday, July 29, 2011 at 6 p.m..

For children from birth to kids entering fifth grade. Those who have completed fifth grade or any older grades may join the Young Adult Summer Reading Program.

Go to your nearest Allen County Public Library to pick up your Time Sheet to record the number of minutes read. The Time Sheet has 3 levels. When a level is completed, go to any ACPL location and collect your gift.

Children’s Program Gifts:
   Level 1 Gift: Egg Shaker or Throw-yo Toy  
   Level 2 Gift: Tote Bag  
   Level 3 Gift: Book

Co-op Bagel Chips

4 bagels  
1/4 cup olive or canola oil  
2 tsp kosher salt, or to taste  
1 tsp dried rosemary or 1 Tbsp fresh (optional)

Preheat oven to 300° F.

Cut bagels in half across the diameter, turn cut side down and slice as thinly as possible.

In a large bowl, combine oil, salt, and herbs until well blended.

Add bagel pieces and toss to moisten. Add more oil as necessary.

Spread in one layer on a baking sheet and bake until golden brown and crispy. For best results, turn over during baking and watch carefully. Thinner slices may need to be removed earlier than thicker ones.

Enjoy with or without dip.

— from the editor
Pear and Dark Chocolate Crumble

8 pears, peeled, cored and cubed
grated zest and juice of 1 lemon
4 oz. good dark chocolate (e.g., Lindt 70%) roughly chopped

for the crumble
1 1/2 stick butter, chilled and diced
1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
1 cup old fashioned oats
1 cup sugar (preferably raw demerara)
1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

Preheat the oven to 350°F. Place the pears, lemon zest, and juice, and around 1/4 cup water into a large pan and heat gently for 10 minutes or until the pears are tender.

Meanwhile, with your fingers, rub the butter into the flour until it resembles breadcrumbs. Add the oats, sugar and ginger and stir through.

Spoon the pears, with a little of the juice, into an ovenproof dish. Scatter the chocolate over the top and then the crumble mixture. If you are worried about the crumble spilling out while it is bubbling away in the oven, you can place the dish on top of a baking sheet.

Bake for 25–30 minutes, until golden.

Serve warm, with vanilla ice cream. Or, you can bring the pear juice to a boil and reduce it by half. Chill and serve with extra thick cream and the reduced pear juice.

Recipe and photo courtesy of Rebecca Nichols. They appear on her blog, Bumbles & Light.

Free Community Events (cont.)

Young Adult Program Prizes:
Level 1: Backpack and TinCaps Voucher
Level 2: Book
Level 3: Choice of book or a ticket for chance to win one of 10 iPad2s

Storytime
Allen County Public Library
900 Library Plaza (downtown)
Children’s Services, Globe Room

Babies and Books (ages 0–2)
Fridays, 10 a.m.

Toddler Time (ages 1–3)
Fridays, 10:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Smart Start (ages 3–6)
Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.