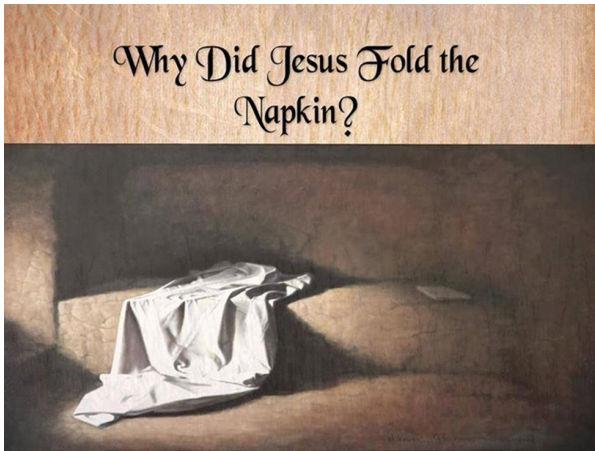


Samuel Lutheran Church

Newsletter April 2024



Why Did Jesus Fold the Napkin?

The Gospel of John tells us that the napkin, which was placed over the face of Jesus, was not just thrown aside like the grave clothes. The Bible takes an entire verse to tell us that the napkin was neatly folded, and was placed separate from the grave clothes

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put Him!”

*“So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth (napkin) that had been around Jesus’ head. **The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.**”*

John 20:1-7

Is That important? Absolutely!

Is it significant? Yes!

In order to understand the significance of the folded napkin, you have to understand a little bit about Hebrew tradition of that day. The folded napkin had to do with the Master and Servant, and every Jewish boy knew this tradition. When the servant set the dinner table for the master, he made sure that it was exactly the way the master wanted it. The table was furnished perfectly, and then the servant would wait, just out of sight, until the master had finished eating, and the servant would not dare touch that table, until the master was finished. Now as the master was done eating, he would rise from the table, wipe his fingers, his mouth, and clean his beard, and would wad up that napkin and toss it onto the table. The servant would then know to clear the table. For in those days, the wadded napkin meant, “I’m done.” But, if the master got up from the table, folded his napkin and then laid it beside his plate, the servant would not dare touch the table, because. . .the folded napkin meant, “I’m coming back!”

Jesus is coming back!!!



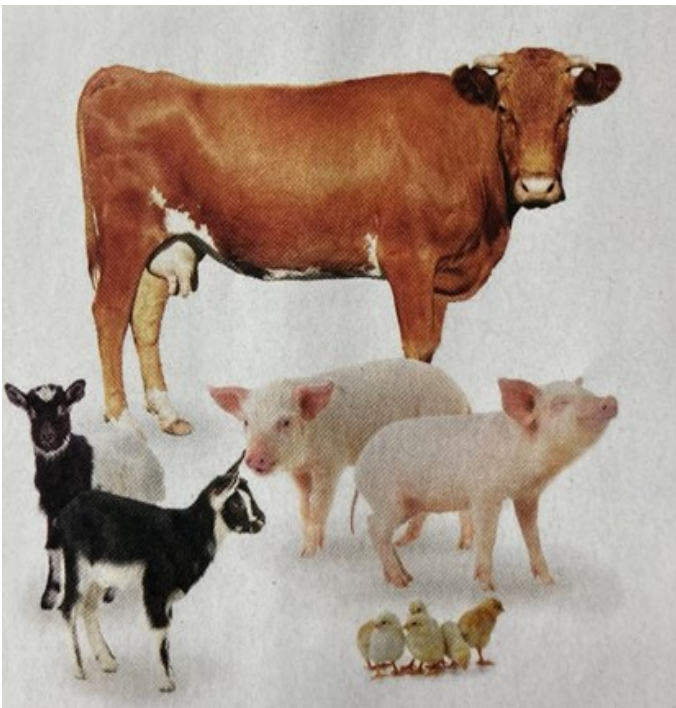
Children's and Adult
Sunday School 10:00am
All Are Welcome

Samuel Lutheran Church Little Disciples

Quarters4Christ

The Sunday School Kids would like to thank you for your help
in this year's mission project.

The kids have collected **QUARTERS** from the members of the
congregation during worship each Children's Sunday.



The Mission project for this year is to
buy a **Family farm**

The money collected will help a family
break the cycle of hunger and poverty
— for good.

A cow, a couple goats, a dozen chicks,
two pigs, farming tools, seeds and
agricultural training will create a world
of opportunity for a family living in
poverty. With eggs, milk and meat to
eat and sell, and tools and training
to increase the harvest,
this gift can make a big difference.

**Thank you in joining us as we do God's work in Christ's name
in the lives of those around world.**

**The Little Disciples will continue to collect quarters in
April and May to reach their goal of \$700**

The NALC is Growing!



THE NORTH AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH IS NOW

500

CONGREGATIONS STRONG!

*When the NALC
was formed in 2010,
it began with 17
charter congregations.*

*This month,
The NALC grew to 500
congregations!*

SAMUEL BIRTHDAYS

10th~ Jenny Contreras

11th~ Jeff Coltvet

19th~ Jessica McClelland

24th~ Cash Morgan

27th~ Drew Dooley

30th~ Lindsay Morgan



April SLCW

*Wednesday, April 3
Meeting and Bible Study
at 10:00am*

*Wednesday, April 17
Bible Study at 10am*

Quilting
Every Tuesday
9:00am
Coffee Fellowship
10:00am



KINSHIP RADIO'S
2024 DAY FOR WOMEN

**Love be the
Loudest**

HEARING GOD'S VOICE ABOVE THE NOISE

APRIL 13, 2024

DOORS OPEN AT 7:15AM | STARTS AT 8:30AM

HOSANNA LUTHERAN CHURCH
105 HOSANNA DR, MANKATO, MN

featuring main speaker:
Ginny Owens!
Singer/Songwriter, Author,
Speaker, Laughter Enthusiast




\$40 for the day includes:
Mini Sessions, Lunch, Worship Music, & More!

REGISTRATION OPENS MARCH 18TH
KINSHIPRADIO.ORG OR 1-800-810-5559

HE IS RISEN
Forgiven
For God so Loved the World
LAMB of God
love

He is Risen Indeed
CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

HALLELUJAH
Eternal Life
Redeemer
my savior




**Have you ever wanted to
Experience the
Sight & Sound Theatre?
Here is a great opportunity**

The Riviera Theatre in Emmetsburg has purchased the rights to show the inspirational stories from the bible as depicted by the famous Sight and Sound Theatre in Branson, Missouri.

These productions will be shown every Sunday night beginning at 5:00pm

There is no cost to attend, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Moses March 31– April 28

Joseph May 5—May 26

Queen Esther June 2 - June 30

BRING THEM TO CHURCH

Saturate their lives with the Word of God.

Even if they lay on the floor. Even if they need 437 goldfish and a sucker to be quiet.

Even if you stand in the back swaying back and forth holding them. Even when it's

hard. Even when your row looks like a small hurricane just came through.

Bring them to church.

Let them see you worship.

Let them see you pray.

Let them see you running toward the Savior

... because if they don't see and learn these things from you,

who are they going to learn them from?

The world will teach them it's not a priority. The world will teach them it's okay not

to pick up their Bibles. The world will direct them so far off course, confuse them,

and misinform them that just being "good" is enough.

The world won't teach them about Jesus. That's our job.

Bring them to church.



Proverbs 22:6 says,
"Train up a child in the way he should go;
even when he is old
he will not depart from it."

Teaching kids is a huge responsibility. We must take it seriously and do it well. Prepare well, speak truth, and remember they are God's children first.