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Welcome,

The days are getting longer and warmer. Soon it will be time to think about the first camp out of the year. Our Train always camped at the end of April. You could actually see the leaves sprouting on the trees and the wild flowers would be in full bloom. The woodland wild flowers must bloom and make their seed before the trees grow their leaves. Once the trees are green, the forest floor grows darker and it would be too late for the flowers to produce seed.

God's world works in miraculous ways. As the flowers burst forth, think of Jesus bursting forth from the grave and bringing us salvation. This is another one of God's miraculous plans for you and me.

Happy Easter

Dick



PIONEER PRAYER

Jesus, help our eyes to see
Our salvation earned by Thee.

Jesus, help our ears to hear
Calls for help from far and near.

Jesus, help our feet to go
In the way that Thou wilt show.

Jesus, help our hands to do
All things loving, kind and true.

Jesus, may we helpful be
Growing every day like Thee.

Amen

FROM THE **computer** OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



It's **SPRING!!** At least it was two days ago. Yesterday it was back to winter and today it seems to be moving toward spring again. Maybe that's why they call it spring since you seem to spring warmer then spring colder and then spring back again.

The seasons are one of the nice things about living in the upper Midwest of the United States. Our weather is never boring (though at times I wish it was). It constantly seems to change. We go from warm rain to sunshine to cold with snow flurries, all within a day. During the summer we can have terrible wind and rain storms followed by beautiful sunshine and nice warm air. In fall we get the nice comfortable days with the cool (and sometimes cold) nights and then once in a while a sneak peak of the coming winter. In winter we can have warm days when you want to take off your coat and cold days when you almost can't find enough clothes to put on. We also find warm days when the snow melts followed by days of snow that is measured in feet not inches. Proof of that is our back yard was completely covered around Christmas. My grandchildren all went sledding on Christmas day. About a week later our back yard and the hill they were sledding on was bare and you could see the grass. A couple of weeks later we got 2 feet of snow and this morning you could see the back yard again.

I'm not sure which is my favorite season. It has changed over the years. When I was younger I liked winter a lot. Now that I am older and have to shovel snow I'm not so sure. I know I

like summer but not when it is too hot. I also like fall and spring at different times.

How about you? Do you have a favorite season of the year? Write to me and tell me about it. I will have a gift for anyone who writes. If you also send a picture of you in your favorite season I'll add a second gift. You can send your note and picture to me by e-mail at: executivedirector@lutheranpioneers.org or you can send it by regular mail to me at:

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Have a great Spring and we will talk to you again in summer.

In the **FALL** issue of the *Wagon Train News* we had a little contest and asked who has moved the most? The winner of the **FALL** contest of "Places I've Lived" is: **Paul Johnson of Train 221.**

He's lived in: 1. Martin, Michigan
2. Swan Lane, Janesville, Wisconsin and
3. 326 N Washington Street, Janesville, WI.

Congratulations to Paul and I HOPE YOU ENJOY YOUR PRIZE - a Pioneer flashlight.

Dale

March Madness

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.” (2 Cor. 5:21)

As I write this, we are now officially into what we call “March Madness.” What is that? It’s the end of the basketball season in general, both on the high school and college levels, but more for the college level. It’s called that because it’s time for the basketball tournaments. In high school everyone plays, until each division crowns a champion, and in the NCAA level 68 teams begin until one team is crowned the champion.

Perhaps the exciting and also saddening part of these tournaments is that it is one and done.

It’s one loss and you go home. There are no three out of five or four out of seven series in these tournaments. Such a format makes for an exciting tournament, but you also know that one loss means you are done!

Imagine if that were true in the game of life? How impossible would that be for you and I if God simply said, “One sin and you are done! One sin and you are out!” We wouldn’t stand a chance, would we? That’s because we are born sinful, but also because we also commit sins daily! What a blessing the message of Lent really is! Yes, we are saddened by the thought of our sinfulness, the guilt of sin tugs at our hearts constantly, but passages like the one above remind us what God did to fix our problem, how Jesus came to save us from the punishment of our sin and gives us reason to live each day in the warmth of His forgiveness, in the comfort of His righteousness over us, and in the joy and thankfulness that we can show as we live to praise and serve Him.

Can we tire of hearing the Lenten message? I hope not because it’s so needed and so important and so hopeful. I think we’ve all been blamed for something we haven’t done. I think we’ve also gotten off the hook because someone took the

blame for us. That’s what Jesus did for us. He took the blame for our sins and we were let off the hook. God gave us Jesus’ perfection/righteousness in exchange for our sins! What should have been “one and done” isn’t because of God’s love and Jesus taking the punishment for us.

Treasure this truth! Thank God for it every day! Look forward to the championship trophy of eternal life in heaven because of it!

Another thought: “March Madness” might also be a term that we apply to the earthquake/tsunami aftermath that happened in Japan.

The death toll continues to rise, now predicted to reach well over 18,000 people. If you’ve seen the pictures, you would agree they are hard to watch.



Might we simply consider them another sign of the end times of our world? Might God be sending us a wake up call to be ready for when life on earth or in our own life ends? If so, remember the message of Lent. Remember how God gave his sinless Son, our sins, so that we might wear his holiness, covering our sins and stepping right into heaven when our life is over.

You are wearing that righteousness. Know anyone who isn’t, who is missing faith in Jesus as their Savior? Tell them the passage above, tell them in your own words! Let the Holy Spirit do the rest! Take the “madness” out of the sin in one’s life by quieting them with the wonderful and soothing message of their Savior. A peaceful Lent to you all!

Rev. David Rockhoff

A Mind Game

This is strange...can you figure it out?

Are you the 2% or 98% of the population?

Follow the instructions! NO PEEKING AHEAD!

Do the following exercise, guaranteed to raise an eyebrow.

There's no trick or surprise.

Just follow these instructions, and answer the questions one at a time and as quickly as you can!

Again, as quickly as you can but don't advance until you've done each of them ... really.

Now, continue, but don't go too fast, you might miss something).

**Think of a number from 1 to 10
Multiply that number by 9**

**If the number is a 2-digit number, add the digits together
Now subtract 5**

Determine which letter in the alphabet corresponds to the number you ended up with

(example: 1=a, 2=B, 3=c, etc.)

Think of a country that starts with that letter

Remember the last letter of the name of that country

Think of the name of an animal that starts with that letter

Remember the last letter in the name of that animal

Think of the name of a fruit that starts with that letter

Go to page 25 For a BIG Surprise!

Let's Go Fishing - For a Laugh!

Which fish can perform operations?
A Sturgeon!

What fish goes up the river at 100 mph?
A motor pike!

How could the dolphin afford to buy a house?
He pawned everything!

What do you call a fish with no eyes?
Fsh!

What do you get from a bad-tempered shark?
As far away as possible!

What happened to the shark who swallowed a bunch of keys?
He got lockjaw!



Where do fish wash?
In a river basin!

What fish only swims at night?
A starfish!

How do fish go into business?
The start on a small scale!

Which fish go to heaven when they die?
Angelfish!

What is the best way to communicate with a fish?
Drop it a line!

Where are most fish found?
Between the head and the tail!





Let's Talk About Worms

HI,
BOYS!

Before I go into my main story I would like to share with you some history.

Let's talk about my life as a youth about the same age that you are. My birthdays began in the year 1930. At that time our country, in fact most of the world was in the midst of what became to be known as the **GREAT DEPRESSION**. My birth father died right after I was born and I never got to see or know him, although I do have photographs of him. Than when I was seven years old my mom met and married a wonderful man, John. I loved the man dearly and called him Pa. Because of this Great Depression Pa, who was a machinist, was laid off from Harley Dividson the motorcycle maker. well being laid off was great for me because living in Milwaukee and being so close to Lake Michigan we went fishing just about every day. Why we would up, at the break of dawn, gather our fishing poles and bait, and walk to Lake Michigan, which was quite a walk from our home. We would fish for perch and use earth worms or, if my Pa earned some money doing odd jobs for our landlord, we would buy minnows from vendors on the street bordering the Milwaukee River. If he was



offered a ride to Moose Lake, a small, inland lake, he would take me along and we would fish for bluegill, crappie and sunfish using red worms we had found at a compost heap at a near by city park.

Now **THE REST OF THE**

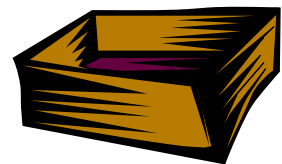
STORY - EARTH WORMS

I learned all about hunting for earth worms from my PA. Some people call them night crawlers. We caught them and stored them in a special made box in our basement. Some times we would give some of our extra worms to our neighbors.

We had to have same advanced planning. We had to convince Mom that it was alright to keep the 'night crawlers' in the house. My Mom agreed to let us store the worms in the "special box" we had made and keep them in a cool, dark store room in our basement where our furnace was. This is where my Pa would store the garden vegetables, potatoes, onions, beets, and kohlrabi along with his crock of sauerkraut. And of course my Mom would store her jars of canned goods there also. Now I really felt great that I was helping us with the worms and related fish catching, through this difficult time until my Pa was called back to work.

Next we had the build a special box to keeping the earth worms in.

We lived next door to a small grocery store and some of the fruit items would be delivered in small wooden boxes. We asked the grocer and he said o.k. So we built the box with hammer and nails.



Then we needed filler for the box. We already had garden soil, but my Pa wanted to make a special mix with good soil from our garden, some cut up newspaper (not this new kind of stuff that they print on now), and from pure lake water, not that city made stuff.

This **home made** earth worm mix with the old style print news paper and 'raw' Lake Michigan water that we brought home in an old fashioned minnow bucket was made my responsibility to keep just right as to dampness and to feeding the night crawlers with a slight dusting of oat meal flakes. Do you know that back then Lake Michigan water was so pure that when we went fishing, we could drink it right from the lake using a can with a string attached. We could drop the can into the lake where we fished, outside of the harbor at McKinley beach on the government pier, and quick bring it up for a very cold drink no matter how hot it was out side.

After a fishing season, my Pa would have me dump this special worm mix soil into our garden. Early next spring I would mix up another batch. We did this because neither of us every gave any thought to going ice fishing. We were spring, summer, and fall fishermen.

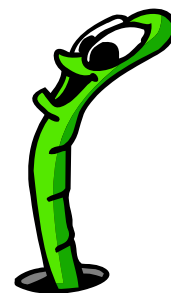
Suppose you want to go on a night crawler hunt. Maybe you'd like to study them or catch them for fishing bait, as I did. You can. There are three parts to hunting these big worms.



The first part is to know where they live. Where? A night crawler is found where the soil is moist. My Pa would give me responsibility of sprinkling the lawn. My younger sister liked this because she could enjoy my spraying her as she ran around through the **spray**. I made certain I gave our back yard a good soaking. You could also give your neighborhood park a try. When should you start your search? Try a warm, humid evening after you have sprinkled or had a light rain. You will have to wait until its dark, and take a flashlight. You will likely find the night crawlers an the surface, partly out of their burrows.

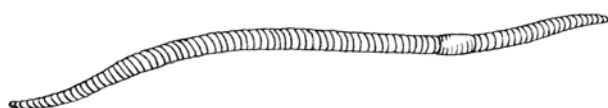
The second problem is how to catch them. They have built-in warning systems to protect themselves. Here's how that safety system works: You spot a night crawler with your flashlight. You run to snatch it.

ZIP!. It goes down into its burrow. HOW CAN IT DO THIS? A worm has neither eyes nor ears, so how did it know you where there? You probably triggered one or two alarms in its warning system. One alarm is set off by sensing changes in light.



Your flashlight gave the worm a warning. YOU CAN FOOL IT BY placing a red plastic lens over the end of your flash light. The worm is not sensitive to red light, but you eyes are able to see things when you use s red light. The second alarm is tripped by your running. A night crawler's body can feel the ground's slightest vibration. If you tiptoe you will have a better chance of success. The next time you see a robin just watch them. They sit very still and look and listen and wait. Then, in a flash, he strikes and has nice, juicy lunch.

Usually a night crawler lies only partway out of its **burrow**. If you pull hard, chances are you'll get only a piece of it. Don't worry God has created some thing that is unique. A night crawlers body has about 150 rings called segments and each of these segment rings has four double rows of bristles or hooks; two rows underneath and one on each side. That's 8 bristly hooks on each segment. They like small **anchors** and they grip in the walls of the burrow, (Sort of like that Velcro stuff that is used on your shoes or to keep a pocket closed.) These bristles also help the night crawler move around on the ground or grass.



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The night crawler will play tug-of-war with you by holding onto the sides of the burrow with these bristly hooks. If it has 150 segments, that's 1000 little feet holding fast against the burrow. Grasp it with your whole fist, and pull firmly" and steadily until it tires and gives up.

Here's another trick for keeping your worms alive after you've caught than. Carry a can of damp soil with you while you hunt than. Later you can add wet leaves or leaf mold for the worms to munch. Remember, if you plan to fish, you'll have better luck with live bait.



If you just plan to study than, you'll want to return than to the soil. Worms

leave castings. These are those little curly heaps of subsoil that are great fertilizers for grass etc. These castings that worms leave behind are bits of unused worm food that make the soil rich for new plants to grow. This story, 'How to Unearth Earth Worms', reminds us that God is at work every where in Nature from the lowliest to the highest form of life. So, let us not look over this marvelous creature that God created for us to use to give us good soil from clay **and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.** Genesis 1:25



How About A Word Search?

There are 17 words in Tom's story that are in green ink and underlined. Try to find them all and high-light them in the Word Search on the right.

When you find them all, send them I to Lutheran Pioneers and receive a swell prize.

Two winners will be drawn from the correct entries. *Tom*

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Deadline for entry in the "Buckaroo Word Search SPRING Contest is May 31, 2011". Please send this form to: Lutheran Pioneers; P. O. Box 651 Burlington, WI 53105-0651. You may also fax your completed puzzle to 262-767-9787 or scan it and e-mail it to: lpoffice@tds.net

Name: _____ Age _____ Train # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Church _____ E-Mail address (optional) _____

All this talk about
Fishing and things,
sure makes me
hungry.

Here is a favorite snack
from back when I was
a Buckaroo leader.

WORM DIRT CAKE

- 1 to 1 1/4 lb. pkg. Oreo cookies
- 1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup powdered sugar
- 3 cups milk
- 1 (12 oz.) tub Cool Whip (can use chocolate)
- 2 (3 1/2 oz.) pkg. instant vanilla or chocolate pudding
- 1/2 tsp. vanilla
- 4 gummy worms and/or other critters



You'll receive many appreciative compliments from your guests such as "Ewww, that's gross!"

Crush Oreos. Put 1/3 of the crushed Oreos into a new, clean flower pot. Set aside.

Mix butter, cream cheese and sugar and vanilla together. Set aside.

Combine milk and pudding mix. Fold Cool Whip into the pudding.

Fold together pudding mixture and butter-cream cheese mixture.

Layer this mixture (about 1/3 of it) onto the crumbled cookies in the pot. Next, add another layer of the pudding mixture, then another layer of cookie crumbs, continuing until all ingredients are used.

When you are finished, sprinkle a handful of "gummy worms" on the top. Do not put the worms inside the cake. They will cause the mixture to melt. If you have a toy (clean) garden trowel, a plastic daisy, or some edible flowers, these can also be used creatively to embellish the presentation.

Chill in refrigerator for 3 to 4 hours before serving.

DISPLAYING YOUR PINE CAR

I hope that you had a successful Pine Car derby year. If you have been building Pine Cars for a number of years have you ever looked back at the first one you built? Maybe you haven't thought about displaying the cars. Well here is a chance for you to put your hard work on display. After a couple of years it will be interesting to look back at what you have done and see how they have improved, or maybe not.

We are having a special sale on our Pine Car Display Stands. You can order one for this year or as many as you may need for all of your cars. Prices shown will be good through April 30, 2011.



Here is the information on the stand:

The Pine Car Display Stand includes a prefinished base, metal car holder and the needed screws. It holds one car on an angle and there is room to place a piece of tape or metal tag on the front identifying the year of the car. The support holder mounts to the bottom of the Pine Car.

Regular cost for the stand is \$5.75 plus shipping (approximately \$1.75). Until April 30 we are offering free shipping. In addition, if your Train is currently active with its fees paid you will receive an additional 10% off the cost along with the free shipping.

You can order by:

Calling our office at 262-767-9787

E-mailing us at: office@lutheranpioneers.org

Going to the LP Store on our web site at: www.lutheranpioneers.org.

When we receive your order we will invoice you directly or your parents can pay by credit card when they order.

If you have a number of cars already we would love to have a picture of all of them along with your picture and some information about yourself. We can put it in upcoming issues of the Wagon Train News and let others see what you have done in the past. You might even give some future builders ideas.

CAMP LP LOOKING AT GOD'S THINGS

Looking for something for you and your friends to do this summer? Why not join Paul and others at the 2011 Camp LP?



This summer we are going to spend time looking at and participating in some of God's Things. We will be:

Doing paddling Things.

Looking at what's inside these Things?

Picturing Things.

Fishing Things.

Throwing Things.

Finding Things.

Things in God's Creation.

And lots of other Things.

2011 Camp LP is a week of fun filled activities, good food and the opportunity to make new friends. Camp will be held July 24-30 at Pine Ridge Campground near Waldo, WI. (Guess you will need to find out "Where's Waldo.")

For more information on Camp LP and for registration forms go to the Lutheran Pioneer Web Site at www.lutheranpioneers.org. Once there click on the Adventure Activities logo and then on the Camp LP logo. That will give you the list of links to choose from.

If you aren't sure about some of the items listed, contact the Lutheran Pioneer Office at office@lutheranpioneers.org and we will be happy to answer the questions.

We sure would love to have you and your friends (they don't have to be in a Lutheran Pioneer Train) join us for the week.

Subject: Dealing With a Teenage Son

A teenage boy had just passed his driving test and inquired of his father as to when they could discuss his use of the car.



His father said he'd make a deal: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.'

The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you have been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut.'

The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair...and there's even strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.'



Your going to love the Dad's reply:

---- his father replied, 'Did you also notice they all walked everywhere they went?'

GODS WILD OUTDOORS

with Woodie Woods

Hey tenderfoots, this here's Woodie Woods!

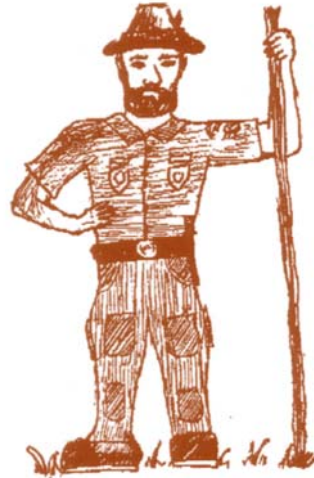


Have you ever seen a bat? Some people are afraid of them, but God made them for a special purpose. Bats really stand out in the animal world. They are the only mammals that can fly, and they live much of their lives hanging upside down. Most species are only active at night, dusk and dawn, spending their days in dark caves. God has given bats unique features that let them find their way (and their prey) in complete darkness.

Most bat species are not only harmless to humans, but are actually beneficial. Insect eating bats are by far the best bug-killers on the planet. The little brown bat, one of the most common North American bat species, can catch and eat as many as 1,200 mosquitoes in one hour. The famous colony of Mexican free-tail bats that lives underneath the Congress Avenue Bridge in Austin, Texas, will eat up to 30,000 pounds of insects in a single night. A Mexican free-tail colony in Bracken Cave, Texas, containing more than 20 million bats, will eat roughly 200 tons of insects in a night. These bats, and many other species, feed on insects that destroy crops, providing an invaluable service to farmers.



Bats are also beneficial as plant-pollinators. Many species, particularly in the tropical rainforest, feed on plant nectar, gathering



pollen on their bodies as they feed. When they fly away, they spread the pollen, helping the plant disperse its seed. Bats are major pollinators of many plants used by humans, including bananas, figs, mangoes, cashews and agave.

God has given bats a flexible wing, which allows for greater maneuverability. Bats can position their wings into different shapes, changing the degree and direction of lift very quickly. This lets them weave and dive in the air like no other animal, giving them a distinct advantage in hunting prey. This is crucial to a bat's survival, because their main prey are small, quick-moving insects. The task of hunting is made even more difficult for bats because they are only active at night, dusk and dawn. Bats avoid the fierce flying predators that are active in the daytime by being active at night, and also take advantage of the abundance of insect species that are active at night.

To help them find their prey in the dark, God has given most bats a remarkable navigation system called echolocation. To understand how echolocation works, imagine an "echo canyon." If you stand on the edge of a canyon and shout "hello," you'll hear your own voice coming back to you an instant later.

The rock face on the opposite side of the



canyon deflects the air-pressure energy of the sound wave so that it begins moving in the opposite direction, heading back to you. In an area where atmospheric air pressure and air composition is constant, sound waves always move at the same speed. If you knew the speed of sound in the area, and you had a very precise stopwatch, you could use sound to determine the distance across the canyon.

Bats make sounds the same way we do, by moving air past their vibrating vocal chords. Some bats emit the sounds from their mouth, which they hold open as they fly. Others emit sound through their nose. It's not fully understood how the bat's sound production works, but scientists believe that the strange nose structure found in some bats serves to focus the noise for more accurate pin-pointing of insects and other prey.

In the case of most bats, the echolocation sound has an extremely high pitch -- so high that it is beyond the human hearing range. A bat emits a sound wave and listens carefully to the echoes that return to it. The bat's brain processes the returning information the same way we processed our shouting sound using a stopwatch and calculator. By determining how long it takes a noise to return, the bat's brain figures out how far away an object is. The bat can also determine where the object is, how big it is and in what direction it is moving. The bat can tell if an insect is to the right or left by comparing when the sound reaches its right ear to when the sound reaches its left ear

Bats zip around, catching bugs all night. For the other half of the day, during daylight hours, bats lead a completely different life. A bat will pass the time hanging upside down from a secluded spot, such

as the roof of a cave, the underside of a bridge or the inside of a hollowed-out tree. Hanging upside down is also a great way to hide from danger. During the hours when most predators are active (particularly birds of prey), bats congregate where few animals would think to look and most can't reach. This allows them to hide from the world until night comes again. There's also little competition for these roosting spots, as other flying animals don't have the ability to hang upside down. Most bat species will roost in the same location every night, joining a large colony of bats that cluster together for warmth and security. In some cases, when a bat is ill and cannot hunt for its own food, other bats from the colony will bring food back to it.

There are a couple of different reasons why bats roost this way. First of all, it puts them in an ideal position for takeoff. Unlike birds, bats can't launch themselves into the air from the ground. Their wings don't produce enough lift to take off from a dead stop, and their hind legs are so small and underdeveloped that they can't run to build up the necessary takeoff speed. Instead, they use their front claws to climb to a high spot, and then fall into flight. By sleeping upside down in a high location, they are all set to launch if they need to escape the roost.



There are more than 1,000 bat species in the world, making them one of the most prevalent orders of mammals. In fact, more than a quarter of the total number of mammal species are species of bat. Bats vary considerably in size and appearance. The smallest bat, the bumble-bee bat, has a wingspan of about 6 inches (15 cm), while the largest bat, the Malayan flying fox, can have a wingspan as wide as 6 feet (1.8 m). Apart from their leathery wings, most bats look a lot like other mammals, with

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large eyes, small ears and extended snouts.

Bats are some of the most amazing animals God has created. Following this article are some bat house plans and some tips on how you can attract these amazing animals.

Well I reckon that's all fer now! May your portages be short...and the breezes gentle on your back!

Until next time, this is **Woodie Woods** say'n see ya in God's great gift, the wild outdoors!

Let's Make a Bat House !

Materials Needed (makes 1)

- 1/4 sheet (2' x 4') 1/2" cdx (outdoor grade) plywood
- One piece 1" x 2" (3/4" x 1 3/4" finished) x 8' pine (furring strip)
- 20-30 1 1/4" coated deck or exterior-grade Phillips screws
- One pint black, water-based stain, exterior-grade
- One pint water-based primer, exterior-grade
- One quart flat water-based paint or stain, exterior-grade
- One tube paintable latex caulk
- 1" x 3" x 28" board for roof (optional, but highly recommended)
- Black asphalt shingles or galvanized metal (optional)
- 6-10 7/8" roofing nails (optional)

Recommended Tools

- table saw or handsaw
- caulking gun
- variable speed reversing drill
- Paintbrushes
- Phillips bit for drill
- tape measure or yardstick
- scissors (optional)
- staple gun (optional)

Construction Procedure

1. Measure and cut plywood into three pieces:
 - 26 1/2" x 24"
 - 16 1/2" x 24"
 - 5" x 24"



2. Roughen inside of backboard and landing area by cutting horizontal grooves with sharp object or saw. Space grooves about 1/2" apart, cutting 1/16" to 1/32" deep.
3. Apply two coats of black, water-based stain to interior surfaces. Do not use paint, as it will fill grooves, making them unusable.
4. Measure and cut furring into one 24" and two 20 1/4" pieces.
5. Attach furring strips to back, caulking first. Start with 24" piece at top. Roosting chamber will be 3/4" wide (front to back).
6. Attach front to furring strips, top piece first (don't forget to caulk). Leave 1/2" vent space between top and bottom front pieces.
7. Caulk around all outside joints to further seal roosting chamber.
8. Attach a 1" x 3" x 28" board to the top as a roof, if desired (optional, but highly recommended).
9. Paint or stain exterior three times (use primer for first coat).
10. Cover roof with shingles or galvanized metal (optional).

Optional Modifications to the Small Economy Bat House

1. Wider bat houses can be built for larger colonies. Be sure to adjust dimensions for back and front pieces and ceiling strip. A 3/4" support spacer may be required in the center of the roosting chamber for bat houses over 24" wide to prevent warping.
2. Two bat houses can be placed back to back, mounted on poles. Before assembly, a horizontal 3/4" slot should be cut in the back of

each house about 9" from the bottom edge of the back piece to permit movement of bats between houses. Two pieces of wood, 1" x 4" x 4 1/4", screwed horizontally to each side, will join the two boxes. To provide additional roosting space, leave a 3/4" space between the two houses, and roughen the wood surfaces or cover the back of each with plastic mesh. (Do not cover the rear exit slots; see item 4 below).

One 1" x 4" x 34" vertical piece attached to each side over the horizontal pieces blocks light, but allows bats and air to enter. A galvanized metal roof, covering both houses, protects the center roosting area from rain. Eaves should be about 3" in southern areas and about 1 1/2" in the north.

- Ventilation may not be necessary in cold climates. In this case, the front should be a single piece 23" long. **Smaller bat houses like this one will be less successful in cool climates. However, those mounted on buildings gain heat faster, maintain thermal stability better and are more likely to attract bats.**
- Durable plastic mesh can be substituted for roughening to provide footholds for bats. Attach one 20" x 22 1/2" piece to backboard after staining interior, but prior to assembly.

Placement of Bat house

- Mount the bat house at least 12-15 feet above the ground. It can be hung from or placed on wooden or masonry structures, which are free from branches or power lines.
- The bat house must receive eight hours of sun and face South or Southeast.
- The bat house provides safety from predators and should be placed in proximity to food and water.

Choosing a Color

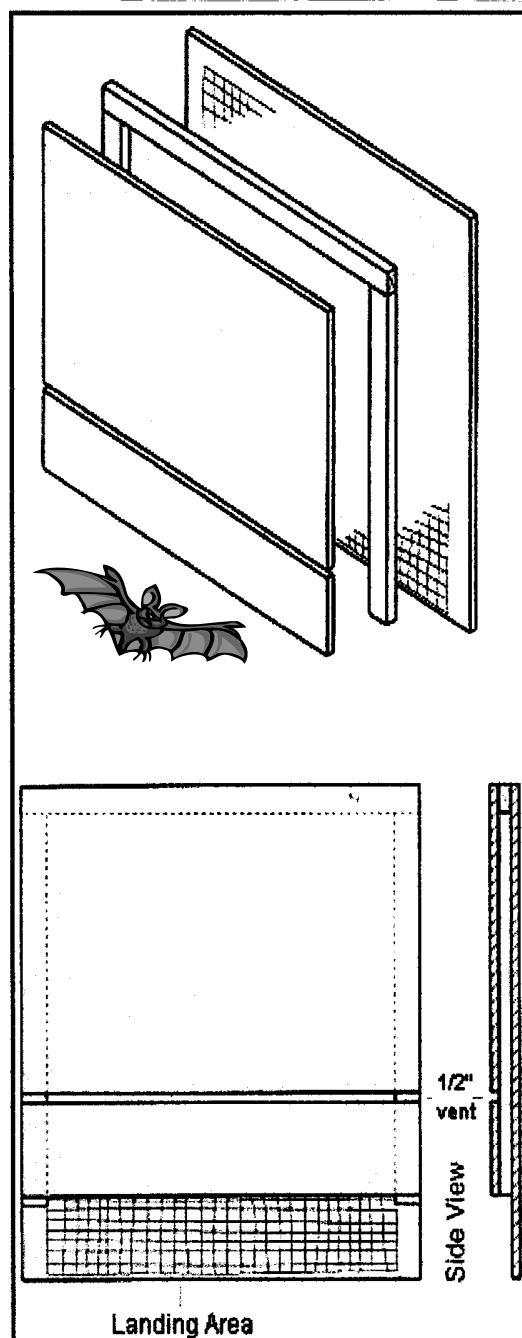
An important factor for obtaining a high occupancy rate for your bat house is the temperature of the structure. The bat house must be kept warm and dark colored paint will help to achieve the necessary temperature. Thus, the color you choose will depend on the climate you live in.

Dark Green- Less than 100 degrees in July
Light Stain- 100 degrees or greater in July .

Special Offer From Lutheran Pioneers

If any Train decides to build a Bat House AND sends a picture to Lutheran Pioneers P. O. Box 651 Burlington, WI 53105-0651 your Train will receive a special gift.

Include a paragraph about your project and receive an EXTRA Special Gift



25th Anniversary of the Lutheran Pioneer National Bike Trip August 7 to 13, 2011

The Lutheran Pioneer National Bike Trip celebrated its 24th Annual Trip in 2010. Over the years many boys and men have traveled the back roads of southeastern Wisconsin observing the scenic wonder that our Lord has given us to enjoy. There have been over 130 bikers who have enjoyed the Trip and together they have pedaled over 150,000 miles. Why do they keep coming back? Here are some of the reason this year's Bikers have given: "The Scenery, I think it is inspiring", "The Friendships that I have made on previous Trips", "I really enjoy spending a week away from the rush of the city", "The daily devotions mean a lot to me", "I like to bike!"

This August the Bikers will be heading out from Burlington for the 25th time.

This is an adventure like none other!

Imagine biking from town to town across the beautiful scenery of Southeast Wisconsin. Enjoying great meals. We even have ice cream for breakfast!

If you have never taken a "bike trip" you are in for a great adventure.

If you hold an activity and people return to do it again the following year, it MUST be worthwhile. This I know!



30 bikers have been on this TRIP 5 times
16 bikers have been on this TRIP 10 times
August of 2011 can be your turn!





2010 National Bike Trip Log



Sunday August 1st, 2011

Nine bikers and the sag driver left Burlington this morning for the 24th Annual Lutheran Boy Pioneer Bike Trip. We headed northwest for Jefferson. Even though this is my 11th Bike trip it seemed we traveled roads I had never been on before. We rode past the Rolling Hills Elementary School which described the terrain very well. We rolled into Jefferson about 5:00 P.M. The Pastor met us at the door and opened the school for our use. We had a special meal made by Dick's Future Son-in-law Michael. The devotion this evening shared the news of God's Grace being ours.



Cribbage Anyone?

Two old guys beat two young buys in cribbage. Bed time now. More Tomorrow.

Chuck Beitlich
Train #713

Monday August 2nd, 2011

Specially sweet and sugary Cinnamon Bread French Toast greeted our sore muscles as we began our second day of the trip. An easy ride led us to Aztalan State Park where we viewed the



Some of the guys pose the reconstructed fort at Aztalan Park

rendition of what the area looked like 500 years ago. By that time our bodies were showing the usual 2nd day tiredness. When we reached lunch at Rock Lake in Lake Mills, two young bikers met us and put us to shame. They were carrying all their gear and biking from Hastings, MN to Chicago, IL and back. We invited them to lunch and even sent some extra Cinnamon Bread French Toast along with them for a high energy snack.

Duly humbled we ground our way to Marshal Where Jim Kletzman from Columbus, WI met us with the traditional watermelon. All day long clouds threatened but no rain fell. In order to get our 50 miles in we headed west out of Marshal, finding new roads to ride through very remote countryside. About 5:30 P.M. we arrived at Zion Lutheran School in Columbus. Our good friend and fellow biker John met us there as well as superb accommodations in air conditioned comfort. Beef Stroganoff topped off our day of fun and enjoyment. And of course, the old man beat the young shipper snappers a cribbage.

Mike Loescher

Tuesday August 3rd, 2011

This morning we woke up in nice comfortable air conditioning. Because of registration for Columbus school we were deferred from sleeping in the gym and slept in a classroom. This was nice because of there being a smart board in the classroom we would watch out DVD's on the big screen. We had pancakes like usual, but oddly enough we didn't have ice cream on top. We left Columbus on the same road we came in and I soon realized today was going to be more humid than yesterday. Cruising out of there at 17 mph Tim and I stopped to wait up for directions but were quickly consumed by mosquitoes and were in the road again. We eventually rode into Keyeser and I got a Klondike bar and had to eat it quick because of the heat.



Mike and Dick show off their new Keyeser shirts

We met a man there whose life sounded as adventurous as Michaels. A few miles up to road the Pimple Hill Challenge took two morons AKA Tim & Steve and made two tired moron out of them. I, Steve, personally took on one challenge because I had seen it done for 3 years already without doing it myself. It really wasn't as bad as I thought it would be.

After departing from Pimple Hill we rode into



Ralph celebrates being the first one to reach the top of Pimple Hill

Lodi and fed Susie the duck. Who we could pick out by her white feathers ? from the other brown feathered ducks. I fed them using 10 cents worth of corn (from a vending machine) and they graciously gobbled it up. We then moved on to a park and fed ourselves finishing the French toast from yesterday's breakfast and tanking up for our mount climbing in the afternoon. After lunch we rode to Merrimac to cross on the ferry and then to go on to make our way toward Devil's Lake Park. The climb into the park seems to get easier and easier each year even with the higher humidity. We made some really good time because we were taking our break by the lake at 3:30. At our stop some of our adults tried some different drinks and were greatly refreshed by them.

Leaving Devil's Lake at 5:00 my legs were a little stiff after sitting for over an hour and a half. But I conquered the switchbacks and soon cruised down into Baraboo. The road into town was newly paved and a real treat. We passed the Circus World Museum on our way to St. John School. Once we arrived at the school the new principle was pleased to tell us that we could use the kitchen. This made life a little easier and we enjoyed some hamburger helper. After supper, more cribbage and the "old men" again took on and took down the "young whipper snappers". This time with the help of Jim. And now that it is past 11:30 I should

really get my rest for tomorrow's big day at My. Olympus.

Steven Van Alstine
St. Pauls Church
Howards Grove, WI

Wednesday August 4th, 2010

Where to start? I guess the best would be why



Waiting in the wave pool for the BIG ONE!

this is my first day on the trip. Was it that I couldn't get off work? No. Was it that I didn't want to be with the guys? No. The truth is that God chose to keep me at home. He allowed a kidney stone to leave my kidney last Wednesday and get stuck on the way out. Over the last two years, I made two trips to the emergency room and one to the doctor's office. I had IV pain medication and at the ER and narcotic prescription pills at home. I could not safely drive, work, or ride a bike. So I stayed home, prayed, got some yard work done (no power tools). Last night I finished up the fifth liter of water to drink and went to pay the rent. I was rewarded with a 2.5 mm stone in the strainer my doctor gave me to use for my urine. I took pictures and my wife will drop it off at the doctor for tests. I don't know what took the bikers so long but we met them at Mt. Olympus before



Some of us went to see the Steam Train

11:00 A.M. It was a good day and I told the owner of the park about the bike trip when I met him in the wave pool. He was having a birthday party. I am still tired and concerned about how strong I'll be tomorrow, my first riding day. The forecast is for a tail wind and reason to thank God! I will spend tomorrow praying, chatting and spreading the work to all I meet along the way. My plan is to place a geo-caches when we stop for lunch. We'll see how it goes. No cribbage so far and I have to go dry the dishes

Paul Soucy - Mayville Train #641



2010 Bike Trip photo Paul has not arrived yet

An E-mail from Paul

Hey Zack,

I just had to write and tell you the good news. I won a trophy in our Lutheran Pioneer Train Pine Car Race. I couldn't believe it but boy was my car fast. I get to go to the District Derby and if I do well there I will get to go to the International Derby. I think we'll go to that derby no matter what happens at the District. It's always fun to go to the International since grandpa is there and for some reason we always get some kind of gift from the Lutheran Pioneer Store.

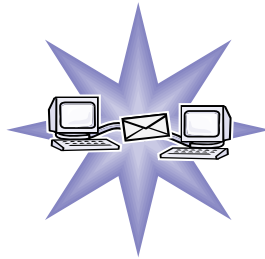
How is your Rubber Band Dragster coming. Last time we talked you said you would be building one this year for your race. If you can take a picture of it and send it to me that would be great. I will get you a picture of my car.

I hear your sister Caitlyn built a car for her Lutheran Girl Pioneer race. I also heard that grandma and grandpa are going to be at the race. I hope they make it to my District race too. I hope your sister does well and gets a trophy too. I'll bet her car is pretty but not as fast as mine.

I have to go now, mom is calling me for supper. Good luck on your race and tell Caitlyn that I hope she has good luck too. Your cousin, **Paul**

Pine Car Display Stand My grandson called the other night to tell me that he had won a trophy in the speed category of their local Train Pinecar Derby. Like any good grandpa I thought of something to give him as a reward for a job well done. He is getting a Pine Car Display Stand to show off his car once he is done racing. I hope this will be the beginning of a nice collection of cars.

Dale



An E-mail from Zack

Hey Paul,

Way to go with your car. I can't wait to see a picture of it. You are right Caitlyn's car is really nice looking but it isn't real fast. She was working to make it look nice and not too fastest car. Oh yeah, grandma and grandpa are going to be here for her race.

My Rubber Band Dragster is almost done. I really worked on doing a good job painting it. Our Buckaroo Leader, Mr. B. does some neat stuff for our race. He makes Driver's License for each of us with our picture on them. He also makes pit crew passes for each of us and our dad or other helper. That means only two of us can go near the car so none of the little kids can touch them. We also have awards for all different categories.

Everyone ends up with some type of award.

Boy did we have a neat meeting the other night. Mr. B had maps of our area of the city. He had marked some spots with an X and told us we had to find those spots and write down what we found there. We were split into about 5 groups with Lassos, Boots and Saddles in each group. Oh yeah, we also had a couple of leaders with us. They said it was in case we got lost. Our group found all the spots on the map and were the first ones back to the church. It was a fun activity. When we got back we made no bake cookies and then got to eat them along with some milk.

At our next meeting we are going to make cookies again. This time we are making them for the school cookie sale. We are donating everything we earn and they will use the money to help the kids who go to that school. We do get to eat the broken cookies and we make some extra ones for us.

That's it for now. We are having tacos for supper tonight. I love tacos so I don't want to be late.

Your cousin, **Zack**

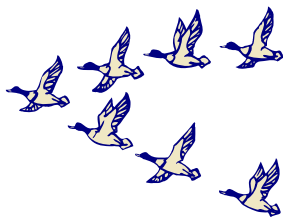
The MIGRATION OF GOD'S CREATURES

Spring and fall bring about the migration of many birds, animals, insects and even fish. A lot of those go from Canada and Northern United States to our southern States and Mexico and Central America. Some only go from higher elevations to lower elevations in search of food and places to raise their young. It is amazing that our Creator has built in an instinct in them to move themselves around so they can survive.

If you really pay attention, you can see different birds visiting your back yards as they migrate north or south depending the time of the year. Some of these are the little humming bird, the robin, and the many different finches.

And I could go on and name many that do pass through on their twice yearly migration. I would like to focus on one that we have all seen or heard and that is the **Canadian Goose**

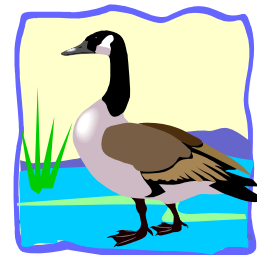
In spring and fall we see the familiar V formation of the geese as they move from area to area and their honking as they fly overhead. They have several routes they take from Canada to the southern US and even to Mexico. And one of them goes right through Wisconsin.



Canadian Geese are large birds 20 to 50 inches long and a wing span of 50 to 68 inches. You can identify them for their long black neck with a black head and bill. There is a white cheek and throat area and under tail area. Their back and top feathers are brown with a light brown almost white breast and belly area. Their legs and web feet are black. They are called “honkers” and that is probably because of the sound they make.

They do cover a lot of our United States and live around ponds, rivers and lakes. They even spend time in many city park areas and even on golf courses. This “snowbird” is even seen in Arizona in the middle of the desert near manmade lakes. Some geese have adapted and live in some areas year around.

They mate for life and build their nests with grass and plant material and line it with feather down (some of their feathers). Those nests are typically on the ground along shorelines and around islands, but they have been known to build nests in some city settings.



Their eggs are laid as soon as there is open water and snow free sites for the nests. They lay about 5 to 7 eggs (but could go up to 12). It takes a day to lay each egg. The male guards the nesting area and can become very aggressive if you get too close. It takes about a month for the eggs to hatch. The baby geese (goslings) peck their way through the shell and are able to swim immediately. Both adults accompany the goslings on their swims. They also look like young ducklings at birth, then become fuzzy gray birds until they have grown their flight feathers and look like smaller versions of the adults. They are nine to ten weeks old at this time.

They eat water vegetation, grass, roots and young sprouts. They also like grain and corn from farming areas.

The main enemy of geese are humans. They also have a few natural enemies such as arctic fox, bald eagles, owls and falcons. That would be mainly on the goslings.

When they are ready, the adults lead the young geese to their winter area and every year thereafter they can find their own way back and forth.

Watch and listen for these creatures as they head back north to start their migration cycle over again.

Matthew 6: 26 “*Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*”

The Canadian goose is a perfect example of what the Lord Jesus meant.

**Until next time,
Bald Eagle**



The Forgetting Hat

Chapter 14

The Forgetting Hat

Full Circle.



It hadn't been a good day. Phi Phi, my wife of 2 years, was a pregnant as she could be and was not a happy camper. I was doing my usual goofing off routine that always seemed to work for her. Whenever she was down and out I could put some vegetables in my ears or tickle her or make a stupid joke and she would respond. Soon we would be laughing again and all would be well. But today it didn't work.



We were driving along in the car, an old Plymouth, when she started to get sick. It might have had something to do with the way I drove over those railroad tracks and down the embankment on the far side. We always did that, hoping that it would bring our unborn child to make its way out of its Mom and into the world. She was already two weeks late and the weather was hot. She was really miserable. And now, she got sick in the car.

I guess I made some kind of gross noise. The smell was pretty bad. She turned to me with fire in her eyes and said, "Shut up! This is all your fault!"

"Wait a minute," I said in my defense. "You always liked going over those tracks as fast as we can!"

"Yea, but not when I'm about to pop with your baby!"

"Hey, it isn't my fault that you're late!" I said. "I'm just trying to make the time pass and get

In **Chapter 1** we met Danny and his sister Bess. We were also introduced to the *Forgetting Hat* which is a reminder of how God forgives and forgets our sins.

In **Chapter 2** we learned some more about Danny and Bess. Then there was the hilarious "Rutabaga Story." Chapter 2 closed with Bess in the hospital

In **Chapter 3** we met Danny's friend Bruce and his Sunday School Teacher, Mrs. Faulk.

Chapter 4. We learned that Bess was very sick.. Danny prayed for her, but she still didn't get well..

Chapter 5 showed us that God sometimes says, "No" to our prayers and Beth went to live with Him in heaven.

In **Chapter 6** we meet Danny's new dog Fritz and, as the chapter closes, we learn that Danny will soon have two new sisters.

In **Chapter 7** of *The Forgetting Hat*. We heard the story of Jesus calming the storm and how He put our needs first.

Chapter 8 of *The Forgetting Hat* finally introduced Danny's new sisters, Li and Sim.

Chapter 9 was titled "Getting to Know You," and we got to really meet Danny's new sisters Li and Sim

Chapter 10. Li and Sim are Baptized and Danny gets into trouble, as only he can.

Chapter 11: More adventures with Li and Sim. There was a big snow ball fight and we learned from Jesus that: "*Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me;*" from Mark 9:37

Chapter 12 was about getting ready for Christmas and the "Big Surprise", **Disney Land.**

Chapter 13. The Big Surprise turns into a Big Disappointment—chickenpox !

this baby born."

"Oh, cut it out. You think you have it rough. You should try carrying this thing around for 9 months. I can't help it if I'm sick. Just get me home."

After that nothing I said could help. We went home and I cleaned the car up without a word of complaining. I didn't want to lose my head. I tried to make supper but she wasn't hungry. I popped some microwave popcorn and went to watch TV. She went off to our bedroom and cried.

We only had a small black and white TV which had a pretty snowy picture. We didn't have much to our name, only a couple pieces of old furniture and a kitchen table, but we were usually happy. We had just moved to a new house, our first house, and we were still unpacking boxes as we had time. And so, instead of watching a snowy baseball game on our little TV, I decided to go to the basement and unpack some more of our items.



One thing we did have was a brand new, Apple II computer. This was really something for us. In my line of work I often brought work home from the office and I could use the capabilities of this new technological marvel. I unpacked it from its box and put it up on some old crates we had from the milk-man. I turned it on and listened to it whiz and buzz. I put in the system disk, a 5 1/4 inch floppy disk which "booted" the computer. When it was all done booting, I pulled the disk out and put in the disk with the word processor on. This was really something. You could type away and if you made a mistake you just typed over it again. And when it was all done you could print your document out on a dot matrix printer just the way it looked on the screen. As a child I could remember my Father bringing home cards which were punched by the big computer down at his work. Mom would often make Christmas

wreaths out of them. Now the power of that big computer that Dad had always worked on was contained in this little computer sitting on my milk crates.

That reminded me of days gone by, of my youth, when Dad would come home from work and Mom would be there, cooking in the kitchen. I could still smell the hamburgers frying and hear my Mom yelling at me to get my school work done. I could remember Li and Sim, my sisters. We grew up together, the three of us in the same grade because they were adopted. I could remember them giggling and talking together and how they looked up to me for help. I could even, just a little, remember Bess.

I sat down and turned on the computer and listened to it boot up. Then I put in the disk with the word processor on it and typed in the command at the DOS prompt. Soon the Menu came up and I chose number 1 which read "Type/Edit." And then I remembered and as I remembered, I typed.



I typed about our youth, our adolescence, about our good days and bad days. I remembered little glimpses of pictures which flooded through my mind. I remembered our old house. I remembered Elm Park School and my teachers. I remembered, oh yeah, most of all I remembered Dad and his stories. And I remembered "**The Hat.**"



I was jerked out of my pleasant thoughts by the sound of the toilet flushing upstairs. Boy, those were the days! Days when we didn't have such big worries like pregnant wives and babies to take care of. Phi Phi was a good wife and I loved her lots. But sometimes it was hard to get along with her. I wasn't proud of myself and how I had made her upset with me today,

but sometimes I didn't know what to do to make her happy. And I was worried. She was already two weeks late and it seemed like there was no sign the baby was coming. The doctor had told her to be patient, but that didn't make her any happier with him that she was with me.

Back in the good old days we would have a cure for this. We would just get out "**The Forgetting Hat**" and talk about a Bible story and everything would be ok. Let's see, where did I put that old hat? I got up from my work and started rummaging through my old stuff. Some of this stuff hadn't been unpacked since before my college days. I found my old high school diploma. I found my old yearbooks and started looking at the pictures. But where was the hat? Finally I found it, crumpled up and stuffed in the bottom of a box under some old books and model airplanes. I pulled it out and headed upstairs. One more try.



I tip toed into our room. Phi Phi was lying there on the bed with tears running down her face. I sat down gingerly on the edge of the bed as she grimaced. It was definitely not a good hair day. So what I did next even surprised me. I took that old hat, which had gathered a bunch of dust over the years, reached over her and put it on her head. With her lying there on that bed I was suddenly reminded of another time, when Bess was very sick, when I put it on her head. And as she tried to push it off I said, "Phi Phi, just wait a minute. I want to tell you a story."

"When Adam and Eve first sinned in the Garden of Eden God gave them a promise that a Savior would come to rescue them and the Savior would be one of Eve's seed or children. And

they remembered how good life had been in the Garden, with God's presence, with their perfect life and perfect world. And they wanted, so badly, to have it back again. So they waited for the Savior to come."

"God finally sent them a son. When that happened they naturally thought that this was the Savior. In naming him "Cain" in their language it sounded like they were expecting Cain to bring them back into the Garden. But Cain turned out to be the one who murdered his own brother. And it would take thousands of years yet for that Savior to come. It's a good thing that Adam and Eve didn't know how long it would take. First the Flood would come, then Abraham and Moses and Israel and all kinds of dark and evil days and years. But the Savior would come. That was for sure. And as long as they had the promise of a Savior, they could make it through."

"Our baby will come too. Only God knows when. It will come. But what is important for us to remember is that God loves us, you, me and the baby. And He will take care of all of this in His time and when He wants it for our good. The important thing is that we have a Savior."

"When I was a kid this old hat was my sister's. It belonged to Bess. And we called it '**The Forgetting Hat**' because it reminded all of us that God forgets our sins. I'm sorry I made you upset today. I'm sorry you are feeling so badly. But I know that God forgets our sins so I'm asking you to forget mine and yours too. When we put this hat on we were able to forget and to let God take care of things."

"And besides, it looks kind of good on you," I unwisely added.

The End

Our short story, *The Forgetting Hat*,
was printed through special permission
from the author: Danny Kohler



This concludes our presentation of *The Forgetting Hat*.
 It's 14 chapters have been a part of the Wagon Train News for the past 3 1/2 years.
 I am sure that many of you have thoroughly enjoyed the adventures of Danny
 and his family and hearing how God forgets your sins.

If there is interest,



I will contact the author for permission to re run The Forgetting Hat and
 give you a chance to read the chapters that you may have missed.

You may contact me at: dickb@execpc.com **Dick**

Answer to Mind Game from page 5

Are you thinking of a Kangaroo in Denmark eating an Orange ?

I told you this was FREAKY!! If not, you're among the 2% of the population whose minds are
 different enough to think of something else. 98% of people will answer with kangaroos
 in Denmark with the color orange when given this exercise. .

Now

Can you tell me **WHY** this puzzle is so accurate?

Contact me at dickb@execpc.com
 And I will send you a special gift.

More Fish Tails

How does an octopus go to war?
 Well-armed!



Where do you find a down-and-out octopus?
 On squid row!

What did the boy octopus say to the girl octopus?
 I wanna hold you hand, hand, hand, hand, hand, hand,
 hand, hand!

Who held the baby octopus to ransom?
 Squidnappers!

Who has eight guns and terrorizes the ocean?
 Billy the Squid!

What's the coldest fish in the sea?
 A blue whale!



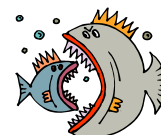
What did the sardine call the submarine?
 A can of people!

What's the difference between a fish and a piano?
 You can't tuna fish!

What kind of fish goes well with ice-cream?
 Jellyfish!

Why is a fish easy to weigh?
 Because it has its own scales!

Why are dolphins cleverer than humans?
 Within 3 hours they can train a man to stand at the side of
 a pool and feed them fish!



Why are gold fish orange?
 The water makes them rusty!

Train # 22 Pioneer Klondike Derby

The Pioneers of Train 22 and Caravan 20 held a Klondike Derby On March 6, 2011 in Kenosha, WI. The competition went very well, and the teams executed their outdoor skills, demonstrating their preparation and skills. Again this year, as in the past couple of years, we had the girls or Caravan 20 participate with us... we enjoyed having them participate in the competition!!!



Log Cutting

The derby teams had the opportunity to utilize their skills in many different



Lashing a tri-pod



River Crossing

events, among which were fire building, knot tying, hypothermia rescue, log cutting, lashing, hill-side rescue, and navigating through a difficult compass course. Each of the sled teams had to load-up their sleds with only those items that they needed to complete the events, and earned points based on how well they performed each of the events. Both teams performed well, and everyone agreed that it was a fun event.

After the derby events were complete, we all had a chance for fellowship back at Friedens Lutheran Church and School in Kenosha, WI. We followed the event by a lunch hosted by the Pioneer leaders from Friedens in Kenosha.

Thanks need to go out to the Pioneer leaders from Friedens in Kenosha for their hosting of the event. In summary, we were all truly blessed with a great derby and wonderful fellowship.

Jim Tenyer
Train Master, Train 22
Friedens/Kenosha

Max's First Deer

Max Keese, 13, shot his first deer Monday evening November 22nd at 4:15 PM. It is a beautiful 12 point buck Max and his dad first saw the buck about 75 yards west of their stand, but were not ready and did not get a shot. After some grumbling and chastising of themselves, they thought the deer might take a trail that would bring it about 30 yards south of their stand and into a shooting lane. While repositioning for that possibility, sure enough, the deer walked across the lane. Again, no shots were fired as both Max and his dad were caught off guard. They were pretty mad at themselves now, but both were ready if the buck would cross one more shooting lane, this one looking to the southeast. As hoped, the deer crossed the opening and Max was able to get a shot.

At the spot the deer was standing at the shot, Max and his dad looked for signs of a hit. They did not find any blood, but did find white hair which they knew would have come from the deer's belly area. The concern was whether the shot would be far enough forward to hit the heart or liver, or too far back and thereby hitting the stomach. A heart or liver shot is good, and the deer will usually die very quickly. A stomach shot is bad as it can a long time for the deer to die. No hunter wants that to happen.

Max and his dad decided to walk back to their cabin and get flashlights to help them see any blood. While walking back, Max spotted the deer dead and lying next to a tree.

After a prayer of thanks to God, the work began. Max's dad showed him

how to field dress the buck and told him that he would get to do his next deer himself. They He will have a shoulder mount of the deer done so he can be reminded of this day for years to come. Max's dad told him that he may never shoot a deer like this the rest of his life and that Max's dad has been hunting for almost 40 years and has yet to shoot a buck like this one! All Glory to God for this special moment in a young mans life!

Kevin M. Keese



Max is a former Pioneer from Train 95 in Lake Geneva . His mom is the book-keeper at Lutheran Pioneers and his dad was the Trainmaster at Train 95 and I think Kevin is on the board at Oakridge. I know they camp there during the summer.

Making a Covered Wagon Wren House



(Top left): Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster, watching Hunter Thomas (Buckaroo) drill



(Top right): Hunter & his wagon birdhouse- *front view*
 (Bottom right): Zachary Kubasta with his wagon birdhouse
 (Bottom left): Hunter with his wagon birdhouse- *side view*



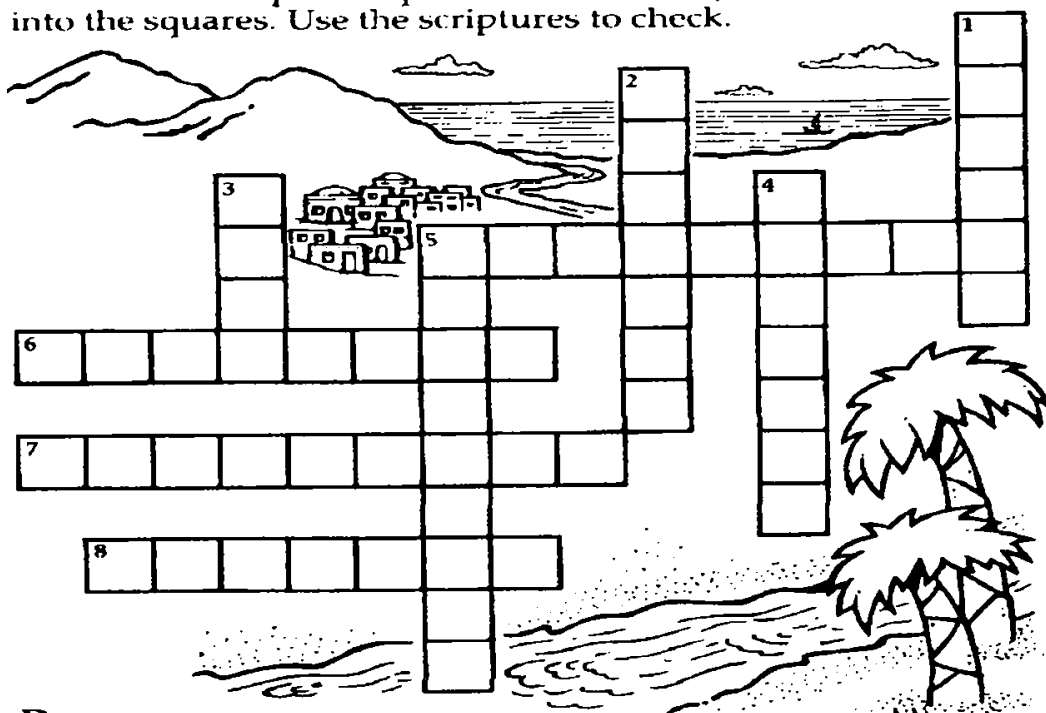
Train 123 News

In November, the Pioneers and Buckaroos made covered wagon birdhouses for their parents for Christmas. Kevin Bohn, Trainmaster, cut out the pieces before the meeting. The pattern for the birdhouses was found in an old Pioneer book, "Pioneer Projects: Project Potpourri," published in 1977. The tin used on the roof can be found any place that carries roofing supplies. We cut it with tin shears. We used pressure treated wood, so we didn't stain or paint them.

SPRING Contest for Recruits, Campers and Frontiersmen

Places In Jesus' life

Find these important places in the life of Jesus. Fit them into the squares. Use the scriptures to check.



Down

1. The river where Jesus was baptized. (Matthew 3:13)
2. Where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. (John 11:1)
3. Where the first miracle was performed. (John 2:11)
4. Where Jesus called Philip to follow him. (John 1:43)
5. Where Jesus was born. (Luke 2:4)

Across

5. Where Jesus fed the 5000. (Luke 9:10)
6. Where Jesus grew up. (Luke 2:39)
7. Where Jesus went to the temple at age 12. (Luke 2:41)
8. Where Jesus talked to Zacchaeus. (Luke 19:1)

Deadline for entry in the **"PIONEER Bible Search SPRING Contest is May 31, 2011.**

Please send this form to: Lutheran Pioneers; P. O. Box 651 Burlington, WI 53105-0651. You may also fax your completed puzzle to **262-767-9787** or scan it and e-mail it to: **lpoffice@tds.net**

Name: _____ Age _____ Train # _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Church _____ E-Mail address (optional) _____



2011

Adventure Activities



International Pinecar Derby

Date: Saturday, April 16, 2011

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church
Wisconsin Rapids, WI

Participants: Open to top 6 finishers in speed and craft divisions in District Derbies. If no District Derby is held top 2 speed and craft cars from Trains are eligible to enter

Cost: Fee is usually paid by District

For more information: www.lutheranpioneers.org.

Voyageur Canoe Trip

Tentative Dates: June 10-17, 2011

Location: Boundary Waters Canoe Area of Northern Minnesota.

Reservations due: May 15

Participants: Men and boys age 13 and up.

Approximate Cost: \$225 for members of active Trains and former Voyageurs
\$275 for non-members.

For more information : www.lutheranpioneers.org.



Ranger Backpacking Trip

Dates: July 10 to 15, 2011

Location: San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

Reservations due: June 1

Participants: Men and boys 15 and up

Approximate Cost: \$225 for members of active Trains and former Rangers
\$275 for non-members.

For more information : www.lutheranpioneers.org.



Camp L P

Dates: July 24 to 30, 2011

Location: Pine Ridge Camp Ground
Plymouth, WI.

Reservations due: July 15, 2011

Participants: Campers completed 3rd grade
Jr. Leaders confirmed and previous campers

Cost: \$160 for members and former campers

\$190 for non-members

\$80 for Jr. Leaders

No cost for adult leaders serving on staff

For more information : www.lutheranpioneers.org.



25th Anniversary National Bike Trip



Dates: August 7 to 13, 2011

Location: Back roads of Southeastern Wisconsin
Beginning in Burlington, WI

Reservations due: June 30

Participants: Men and boys 7th grade and up

Cost: \$120 until June 30 for members and former bikers

\$145 after June 30 for members and former bikers

\$150 until June 30 for nonmembers

\$175 after June 30 for non-members

More information: www.lutheranpioneers.org.



2011 LUTHERAN PIONEER ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

All Activities are open to Lutheran Pioneer members and leaders.

Non members are welcome to attend as space permits

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____ TRAIN # _____ CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____ PARENT'S SIGNATURE (under 18) _____

Please send me additional information and a registration form for each of the following Adventure Activities:

___ **Voyageur Canoe Trip - June 10-17, 2011**

___ **Ranger Backpacking Trip – July 10-15, 2011**

___ **Camp LP - July 24-30, 2011**

___ **25th Anniversary Bike Trip – August 7-13, 2011**

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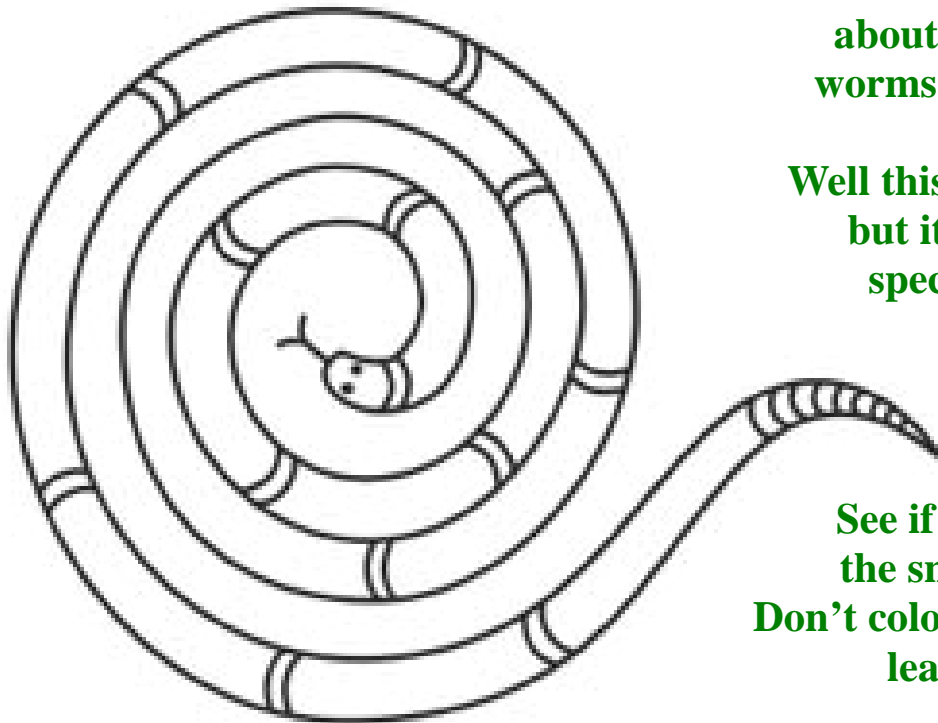
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**We had a good story
about fishing and
worms from Tom P.**

**Well this isn't a worm,
but it is a pretty
special snake.**

**See if you can color
the snake GREEN.
Don't color the background;
leave it white.**

I bet you can't do it!