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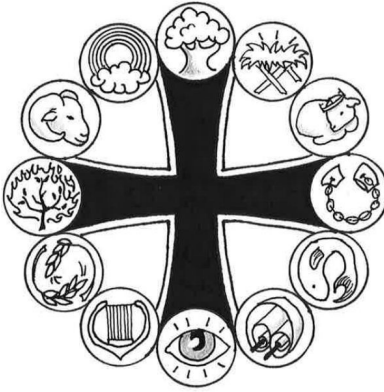
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## Prominent People of the Bible

### Noah



*“I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish My covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you.” (Genesis 6:17-19)*

In the 1980’s a rock group by the name of R.E.M. sang a catchy song called, “It’s the End of the World As We Know It.”

Could you imagine Noah singing a song like this? I don’t think so. God told him that he was going to send a huge flood to cover the earth, but God also told him to build an ark. The future of humanity and the animal kingdom was going to be placed in that one box. The ark meant the hope of rescue to Noah but also the reminder of death to come.

Harold Camping predicted that the end of the world was going to come in 2011. Many others are now misreading the Mayan calendar to predict that the end of the world will be in 2012. This has caused many to have “end of the world” parties in their neighborhoods. It has become a running joke. Nobody takes it seriously any more.

God’s Word describes that there will be an end to this world. Jesus predicted that He will come again in the clouds with His holy angels, but Jesus didn’t say when He will come.

Noah built a boat out of wood to save his family. God sent Jesus to die on a piece of wood to save us from our sins. This wood of the cross has room for much more than eight people. The cross is an ark of God’s grace and forgiveness that has enough room for all the people of the world. God wants us all to come aboard through faith in what Jesus did for us.

When Christians focus on the cross and resurrection of Jesus, they don’t worry themselves about when the end is coming or try to decipher everything that happens in the world. They don’t panic. They don’t try to build an ark, because the “ark” has been built by Jesus’ death for the sins of the world. They just believe in God’s promise in Christ, and they want the world to take Him seriously and believe. It is a message of hope and salvation for all to hear.

It is like the R.E.M. song goes, “It’s the end of the world as we know it” and trusting in Jesus, that’s just fine.



#### Graphic for Noah: *Rainbow*

The rainbow was God’s symbol of His promise to Noah and all people that He would never destroy the Earth again by a flood. The Rainbow is an abiding symbol of God’s faithfulness.

More information is located online at [WhatAboutJesus.com](http://WhatAboutJesus.com). Look for the *What About ... Prominent People* link.

**WELCOME TO OUR BROOKLYN BRIDGE FAMILIES** whom we are adding to our monthly newsletter circulation this month! We are excited about having nearly 50 preschool families participating in our school! Immediately below is something we are pleased to offer our church members and households of the community. It would be of special value to young families that have many years ahead of them!:

**Heart in Focus Seminar, Fri-Sat, Feb. 17-18, Brooklyn Lutheran, \$20 per household:** In these difficult times, many people find themselves having financial problems. We are offering a very valuable and timely help through this seminar. Approached from a Biblical viewpoint, we will study what God says about ourselves and our finances to keep our hearts in the proper focus. This seminar will include practical advice regarding reducing and eliminating credit card debt, along with retirement planning, and developing a financial plan for your household. Signup is on table by bulletin board in Commons and on preschool sign in/out table.

**\$1,000 upgrade in office technology** was approved by the Council. This will include a new office computer, color inkjet printer or laser printer, better networking between our three workers' computers and all printers. Funds for this will come from \$1,491 in Thrivent Choice money that BLC policy holders designated for our church during 2011. We thank Thrivent Insurance Company and all members who made possible these funds.

#### **February Worship Themes (10am each Sunday)**

Last three weeks: "Proclaimers of the Gospel" series – 2/5 – Mark 1:29-39

"The Disciples: Sought, Followed, Proclaimed....."

2/12 – Mark 1:40-45

"A Leper: Proclaimed News that Wasn't THE Good News."

2/19 (Transfiguration Sunday) – Mark 9:2-9

"Listen To The Father's Proclamation!"

#### **Four week Sunday Lenten Series:**

***God's Covenants Speak Grace!***

2/26 – Genesis 9:8-15

"God's Covenants in a Rainbow and a Cross"

*\*Join us for focused and faith-inspiring worship!*

#### ***Inviting MORMONS To Hear The True Gospel:***

"Truth In Love Ministry" (TILM) President Rev. Mark Cares will speak at our church 7pm, Sunday, February 12. He will demonstrate to us why Mormonism is not Christian and tell about an effort to reach one million Mormons with the Gospel.

#### **Lent begins with Ash Wednesday – February 22<sup>nd</sup>!**

***6pm Fellowship Supper***

***7pm Worship***

\*Our theme for the six Wednesday evening, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Services is "***See My Cross***"

Feb. 22-Ash Wednesday—"Put Your Sword Away!"

Feb. 29—"It's God's Plan From Beginning to End!"

March 7—"It's No Secret!"

March 14—"Shed No Tears for Jesus!"

March 21—"Our King is Crucified!"

March 28—"Glory Be to Jesus!"

April 5-Maundy Thursday—

***"Receive the Blessings of the Cross!"***

April 6-Good Friday—"Jesus Died Willingly!"

April 8-Easter—"Peace and Life Are Yours"

#### **School of Outreach Seminar:**

***8:30am – 3pm, Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, Burnsville, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

Join President Mike Boyd, Evangelism Elder David Gadowski, and Pastor Holub for this study to develop/enrich friendship evangelism, congregation identity, welcoming worship, and assimilation of new members!

Former Brooklyn Lutheran pastor **Michael Mulinix** was diagnosed Monday, January 23rd - to have contracted throat cancer. The 61 year-old faces both chemo and radiation treatments over the next months. His wife, Elaine, is in poor health. Mike has been doing most of the cooking. It has been hard on her with Mike gone all day. The couple has someone come in to do much of the cleaning.

In recent years Mike has been employed at Earle Brown retirement living center as one of their activity directors. Please keep them both in your prayers.

#### ***Save these Dates!:***

\*Sunday, February 5, 11:15am, Annual Church Meeting.

\*Saturday, March 3, 9am to mid-afternoon, Minnesota District **Church Leaders Seminar**, Belle Plaine. Rev. James Huebner, pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, WI, and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of WELS, will be the keynote inspirational speaker. Workshops for numerous areas of congregational ministry will also be offered.

**NHL Hockey:** Lutheran Night with the Minnesota Wild (vs Los Angeles Kings) Tuesday, February 28, 6:30pm. \$48 upper level side tickets for \$29– sponsored by Thrivent. Sign up today on Commons table, or call by end of Tuesday. Tickets may be ordered mid-week.