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## **Love Notes**



Did you know butterfly bushes are not just for butterflies? A wide variety of insects and birds make use of their fragrant and highly nutritious flower nectar. Of particular note are; of course, Monarch butterflies and hummingbirds! Did

you know that both of these species spend their winters a very long, long way from our neighborhood? Hummingbirds winter in Central America and Monarch butterflies winter in a very small area of the highlands of Central Mexico – that’s right, Mexico! Millions of them will assemble in an area the size of Allegany County!

Now; you may be wondering, “How does this pertain to Lutheran Love”? Here’s why...the juvenile hummingbirds find their way to Central America with the help of other adults in their population. I think this kind of makes sense and what a lovely thought! BUT ALL of the adult Monarch butterflies in the early fall die after laying their last eggs. Those caterpillars that we see as butterflies in the fall make their way to Mexico NEVER HAVING BEEN THERE BEFORE! Now THAT should certainly inspire you to think about God’s work taking place all around us in our lives and the lives of hummingbirds and these tiny Monarch butterflies.

As you plan the spot in your garden to place your new butterfly bush, think about how your efforts to participate in God’s miracles will benefit these special lovely creatures around us. So you see; Lutheran Love cares for even the tiny insects and birds in our lives, and I think that is very special!

A Reflection from Bill Cihlar

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The WELCA ladies say thank you to everyone who helped with the spaghetti dinner last evening. Please enjoy the little gifts of cookies and fresh Italian bread from our generous supply’.

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WHO holds the title of “Greatest Artist of All Time”? Let’s see, is it one of the renowned classic Masters? Famous names such as Rembrandt, Picasso, or others certainly come to mind. How about some local artists? We all know someone whose talent is legendary.

But what about an artist that can mesmerize all of us with a single stroke of a season? That’s right, that artist’s name is God!

The beauty of this fall season is a lovely representation of God's work that all of us can appreciate. So, take a moment in these next few days and reflect upon this lovely work of art that God has given us. I think this might just be a "Masterpiece"

A reflection from Bill Cihlar





God's loving family increases by four. On a beautiful October day with the trees full of glorious fall colors, the Drummond/Jefts family and friends gathered on Rocky Gaps' sandy beach. Hayden, Jackson, Silas, and Malachi were joyously Baptized in the cold clear lake water. After the children playfully splashed in the water, Pastor Sally poured 3 shell-fulls of cold water on each boy's head. Silas was delighted to pour water on Pastor Sally's head in remembrance of her Baptism. It was too windy to light the Baptismal candles nonetheless each child of God received the Cross of Christ on their forehead marking them as incorporated into the crucified and risen body of Jesus. It was an absolutely wonderful event!