



Mindful of the importance of questions to remind us that we do not know everything and that some things are worth thinking about and sharing with one another repeatedly, there are a couple of questions for the bulletin this week.

There is a marked question box on the credenza in the gathering space. Feel free to write a question, ask for a clarification or a resource to seek out for your own research.

Question 2: Why is everyone a Christian but only a few people go to a Christian church (like we go to a Catholic church)?

The word Christian means “follower of Christ”. We learn this word from the Acts of the Apostles, 26:11. It was first used to identify the followers of Jesus in the city of Antioch in Syria. This term does not apply to everyone. There are Jewish people, Buddhist and Islamic and Hindu people. In fact, most of the world is not Christian.

The places where Christian people gather for worship are called “churches”. Non-Christian people gather in places called temples, mosques, synagogues. The reason for the word “church” when talking about Christians is because of what happens in a church: the assembly for worship of God.

Catholic churches are distinct from other Christian places of worship and that is indicated by a red burning lamp/candle. This signifies that the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is there in a tabernacle. The Sacrament of Jesus’ Body and Blood is kept there for Holy Communion to the sick or dying, for prayer and adoration of the presence of Jesus and for Holy Communion at Mass when necessary.

Question 3: How did God create different races?

In the Bible, some people say, that the explanation is found in Genesis, the first book of the Bible, when the people attempted to build a great tower all the way into the sky and thus to where God

lives. God cast confusion among them by multiplying the number of languages so that they could no longer understand one another.

Whether this is accurate or not, the question could be re-phrased in the following way: How did God provide for human beings no matter where they first appeared or where they moved to? One of the ways that God provided was the color of skin – darker skin color where the sun is more direct and protection is essential against damage, lighter color where the sun is less direct and the body needs to process light differently. There are the matters of environment, food production and procurement, language, customs, skills and technology to manage the environment as well as interaction skills with the environment and neighboring peoples.

In the midst of all of these variables God planted an intuited awareness of His presence and power and purpose. So, no matter the differences among the peoples of the earth there is a fundamental attraction beyond this world and beyond human history. This is the root meaning of the word “religion” – to bind back. God makes us what we are and when we use all that we have been given we discover who we are – called to live for our Creator by sharing and caring for one another. Since we have Jesus He binds us to Himself for God’s sake and our salvation.

LADIES GUILD SOUP SUPPER

The annual Ladies Guild Soup Supper will be held on October 14th this year. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend with your family and friends. This is the only fund raising event held by the Ladies Guild to provide the funds for the scholarships we give to our youth and the other charitable things we provide. Sign-up sheets will be out this weekend at the back of the church or you may use Sign-up Genius at: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignup/20F0B4DAAAB2DA5F49-soup1>. Questions? Contact Karen Schmidt (402-253-2575) or Danette Thibault (402-490-2614).