

## HUGS, KISSES, and CONFIRMATION

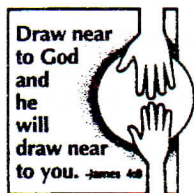
- Tracy Hamlin

My recollections of Confirmation are brief and scattered, and I guess I cannot blame this on age, since I have recently heard congregational members tell of events that happened over fifty years ago.

The distinguishing characteristic of my class was the amount of time we were actually in confirmation class. We were the "lucky" kids who went to confirmation classes for two and a half years, and were not confirmed until midway through our tenth grade year, on December 9, 1979. We had been through our eighth and ninth grade confirmation classes, and then Pastor Jim arrived in August of 1979. We were his first confirmation class at Mt. Zion, and after four months of study with him, we were finally confirmed.

As I think back to that time, I realize that what stands out in my mind the most is what is now one of Pastor Jim's "trademarks" during the actual confirmation service....in greeting us at the altar in front of the congregation, instead of a formal handshake for us ladies, he actually hugged us and kissed our cheeks! This was, at least for us, a first!

As far as my feelings, I consider confirmation a very special event that brought together thirteen kids from different schools and backgrounds and formed a lasting bond between them.



## QUILTING TIME

- Nan Sipe

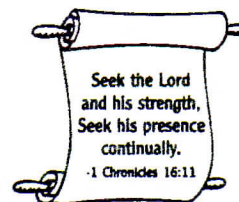
I remember in the 1930's the Women's Missionary Society would get together to quilt for different people and charge only \$1.50 per quilt. I still have two quilts that we quilted then. Wherever we met to quilt, we were served a well cooked dinner.

## SMELLER'S THE FELLER

- Harriet Bolick

When one of our Interns came, I was serving on the Internship Committee. The Intern asked, as a way to get to know the members, if they would tell something funny that had happened to them.

When it came Ethel Lail's turn, she said, "I slept with a goat." Everyone laughed. She went on to tell how the ladies of the church had attended an overnight at Camp Lutherock, and the grounds were being mowed by a goat. The goat had slept outside of her window and, smelling as goats do, she felt like she had slept with a goat!



## BIBLE SCHOOL OF THE AIR

- Eunice Wray

My story begins in 1944 when polio was raging and everyone was afraid their children would get this crippling disease. Although adults could get polio, it struck mainly at the children.

During the summer of 1944, in an attempt to stop this dread disease, children could not go out in public. We missed Sunday School and Bible School and all other occasions when children would be together.

Radio station WHKY in Hickory that summer broadcast "The Bible School of the Air." I remember listening to it each day. At that time, since we did not have a radio, I would go down to my sister Beulah's house and listen to the Bible School. Hymns were sung by members of the St. Stephen's Lutheran Girl's Choir. I was 8 years old at the time.

I have a certificate from "The Bible School of the Air" to show that I completed the course. The program was sponsored by the Lutheran Laymen's League and the instructors were Pastors Richard Lineberger, Roland Haase, Lynn Rittmann, Herman Scherer and Mr. Victor Brott.