# God Had a Plan Before Time Began

A recent newspaper article began, "People may take the necessity and existence of clothing for granted . . . But it all had to start somewhere."

The article then cited archaeological discoveries in Contrebandiers Cave in Morocco which they believed dated back tens of thousands of years. Their research yielded tools made from animal bones which they believed to be "the oldest-known evidence for clothing in the archaeological record" as the tools were used to skin foxes, jackals and wildcats. Of particular interest were spatulate tools with broad, rounded ends. Similar tools are used to prepare pelts today, because they effectively remove connective tissues without damaging the pelt.

Numerous assumptions were sprinkled throughout the article—the dates they believed these tools were used, that people first appeared in Africa, that humans had begun making clothing thousands of years before the date of the Morocco artifacts—and so on.

Nowhere do the researchers indicate that they had read our Creator's very own Word for infallible, irrefutable evidence of the origin of man and why he began to wear clothing. "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth . . . God created man in his own image . . . male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:1, 27). But Adam and Eve sinned, "And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons . . . Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them" (Genesis 3:7, 21).

Today we wear clothing for practical reasons—modesty, warmth and protection, for example—or for self-expression or cultural reasons. But Adam and Eve clothed themselves with fig leaves to cover their shame when they sinned, and God in His mercy gave them better covering for their bodies and, in foretelling Jesus' victory over Satan, for their sins (Genesis 3:15).

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### Kulm Baptist Church

March 10, 2024

## The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His Faithful love endures forever. Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others He has redeemed you from your enemies. For He has gathered the exiles from many lands, from east and west, from north and south."

Psalm 107:1-3

Welcome and Announcements
Praise and Prayer Requests
Greet One Another
"As We Gather"
#146 "I Worship You, Almighty God"
#147 "How Great Thou Art"
\*\*\*Congregation Be Seated\*\*\*

Pray of Thanks, and for Tithes and Offerings #308 "There Is A Redeemer"

> Scripture Reading and Sermon "The Verdict on Jesus" Luke 23:1-12

#235 "Take the Name of Jesus With You"

Benediction

#### Sunday, March 10

9:30 am Sunday School

10:30 am Worship Service

10:50 am Facebook Live

2:00 pm Love to sing and share the goodness of God? Come join our Community Choir at Zion Lutheran Church. Any questions? Call Marvel (701-830-9513)

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#### Tuesday, March 12

WAFFL meeting at the Kulm Uptown Café, 5:30 appetizers, 6:00 pm dinner. Come have a fun evening! All ladies are welcome!

#### Wednesday, March 13

1:00 pm Funeral for Wilbert Kramlich at the Kulm Assembly of God Church.

#### Monday, March 18

9:30 am Ministry Board Monthly Meeting at Kulm Baptist.

If anyone can not attend the Sunday worship services but would like a bulletin contact Darnella and she will send you one.

#### **Upcoming Events**

March 29, Good Friday service will be at the Lutheran Church at 6:30 pm and the Community breakfast will be Sunday from 7:30 am to 9:00 am at the Community Center.

#### **Prayer Requests & Praises**

Remember those who have been ill, or have lost loved ones, or have emotional and stress related issues, keep all in prayer.

If you know of any announcements or information you would like in the bulletin contact Pastor or Sue, thank you!