

Children's sermon: October 4, 2009
"Lutheran Olympics"

Kids ... are you excited about Chicago getting the Olympics????
Ooooooops!!!! ----- they didn't get it!@!! ... oh, well ...

There is one more chance for Chicago and the other cities ----- the upcoming LUTHERAN OLYMPICS.
Yes ... it is a festive competition.
Now ... what do you need to get the Olympics? ... love? ... goodness? ... the right spirit????
Well ... it seems that what matters most is MONEY!!

Let's look at the cities wanting to host the LUTHERAN OLYMPICS:
*Yes, Tokyo. Look inside the Tokyo bucket ... they have lots of money.
*There is Madrid ----- they have lots of money, too.
*Same with Rio ... and Chicago ---- they all have MONEY!!

Well ... there is one city left.
The little city of "Love-ville."
Let's look.
I don't see any money in here ... just a KEY!!

I wonder what this key is for. Let me try something ... let's see if this key fits inside your heart.
Ah ---- ha!!!!!!
It fits in your heart.
It fits in yours.
It fits in mine.
THIS IS THE KEY TO OUR HEARTS ... and the reason it fits is:
This key is full of LOVE.
Just like the Beatles song we just heard: "All you need is love."

My friends ... it's time to re-capture what the "Olympic spirit" really is ----- it's about
peace, and competition, and getting along, doing your best, loving one another!!

So, I have for you ----- your very own key.
It's the key to your heart.
It's the key to each other's heart.
It's the key to life ... and Jesus reminds us of this everyday:
GIVE EACH DAY YOUR BEST ... LOVE ONE ANOTHER ...
RESPECT EACH OTHER.

The key.
The Olympic spirit.
And the Lutheran Olympic Games go to ----- LOVE-VILLE.