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#### REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 a.m. Christian Education

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker  
Editor/Church Secretary - Brenda Spahr  
Organist - Colleen Jeffrey  
Sexton - Alma Lopez

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#### Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday, 5:30 pm meal, 6:30 pm service.

Good Friday @ St. Luke's Lutheran, 2315 I Street,

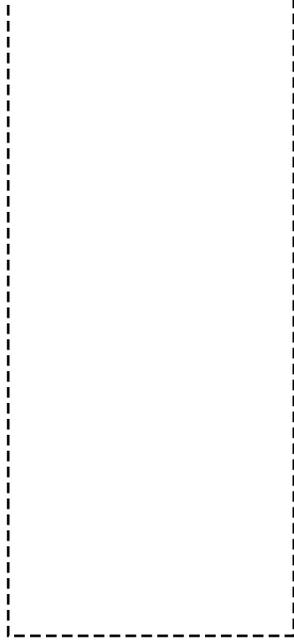
6:30 pm service.

Easter Sunrise, 6:30 am only.



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# THE GRACE MESSENGER

1889 - 2018



Inspired By Christ, it is our mission  
to share God's Word and Love in  
care and service to all.



## 2018 Council Members

Donna Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Tom Emery	Arlone Farber	Greg Hula
Marsha Moyer	Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr
Pastor Laaker		

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Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula      Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on March 20th. Council members shared their prayer concerns for individual's medical needs; individuals who have lost loved ones, unrest around the world, the violence that seems too commonplace and for favorable spring weather.

Devotions: Pastor led devotions from Isaiah 52:9 and Ephesians 2:8. The first speaks about the comforts of God through the good news and the second speaks about God's unconditional love for us all.

Visions for Ministry: Council discussed the Introduction and felt that the book will look into the many changes in community and churches. Some of the language can be challenging and that dictionaries are useful. Council are asked to read Chapter 1 in "We Are Here Now" by Patrick Keifert.

Committee Reports: Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Please continue to give generously.

Christian Education: Vicki will talk with Amanda regarding this summer's VBS program.

Evangelism/Outreach: Council received a thank you letter from St. Luke's for the support in their reading program partnership with Spring Lake Elementary School.

OTOC will hold their 9th annual Spring Fundraiser on March 24th at Kaneko, 1111 Jones Street. In support of the fundraiser, Grace will provide a basket for the silent auction.

Pastor has had one interview with an applicant, Peder Johnson, for the 2018-2019 Lutheran Volunteer Corps position. He has not learned if Peder was assigned to Grace.

AMMPARO (Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities) Grace has been encouraged to become a Welcoming Congregation, to be a positive presence for immigrating families going through the court systems. After a brief discussion the Council agreed to become a Welcoming Congregation.

Finance: Invitation to the Tri-Faith Initiative Dinner in Abraham's Tent will be held on Sunday, April 22nd from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. at the CenturyLink. An evening of laughter, fellowship and inspiration.

ELCA Reports both Form A and Form C (which report numbers of the congregation) have been filed for the year.

Property: The kitchen stove has been repaired and the clicking noise has stopped.

A boiler piece has been replaced by Leo's Heating. Insurance and state inspections are currently taking place and a new tag has been placed on the boiler.

Table Grace has asked for permission to park their new Food Trailer in our parking lot 2 to 3 times a week, with the knowledge that there are weekly events that happen and should an unplanned event happen they would have an additional site to park the new food trailer.

Service/Social Ministry: None.      Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: Council remains in agreement to hold the Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m.

Unfinished Business: Nebraska Synod has invited congregations to bring a block of wood to the assembly in Kearney in support of a "Foundation of A Cross" project.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Brenda brought attention to Creighton's event [Jewish – Palestinians equality with guest speaker Miko Peled] at St. John's Church on Tuesday, April 10th would conflict with our next council meeting and proposed the meeting be pushed back a week to April 17th to give council members the choice to attend this event. Council agreed.

Marsha will bring treats in April. Vicki closed in prayer at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Spahr, Secretary

*Continued...*



Our church year has reached its climax with Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Now we travel the path to the cross with him during Holy Week. Our celebration becomes complete when we arrive at the empty tomb on Easter morning. This year it is a bit of paradox with Easter falling on April 1, April fool's day. Oh, the foolishness of God's work among us.

Earlier this month, I was reading a daily devotional that uses selections from Henri Nouwen's writings. I was particularly struck by the one titled "Jesus Is God-Who-Suffers-with-Us." This is a portion of his work titled: Letters to Marc About Jesus.

He writes, "God sent Jesus to make free persons of us. He has chosen compassion as the way to freedom. That is a great deal more radical than you might at first imagine. It means that God wanted to liberate us, not by removing suffering from us, but by sharing it with us. Jesus is God-who-suffers-with-us. Over time, the word *sympathizing* has become a somewhat feeble way of expressing the reality of "suffering with" someone. Nowadays, when someone says: "I have sympathy for you," it has a rather distant ring about it. The feeling, at least for me, is of someone looking down from above. The word's original meaning of "suffering together with someone" has been partly lost. That's why I've opted for the word *compassion*. It's warmer, more intimate, and closer. It's taking part in the suffering of the other, being totally a fellow human being in suffering. . . .

"Jesus is the revelation of God's unending, unconditional love for us human beings. Everything that Jesus has done, said, and undergone is meant to show us that the love we most long for is given to us by God, not because we deserved it, but because God is a God of love."

As we celebrate Easter's message of God's love alive, may we recognize the ways that God grants to us have compassion with and for others. May our lives become living examples of God's compassion lived together with one another.

A Blessed Easter to one and all!

Pastor Laaker

## Stewardship Moment:

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection from the dead of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. On our behalf, Jesus willingly went to the cross to redeem us from sin and death. "*Greater love has no one than this shown that he lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). With the suffering and agony of the crucifixion, Jesus has "*destroyed the devil's work*" (1 John 3:8). In his resurrection, he has given us victory over sin and death. Alleluia, he is risen!

As we consider all that the Lord Jesus Christ did for us on the cross of Calvary and in his resurrection, we are compelled to love, honor, and serve him. The Apostle Paul wrote, "*And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again*" (2 Corinthians 5:15). Christ has redeemed us from sin and death, in order that we might be his own and serve him. As stewards, we respond to the love shown on Calvary because "love so amazing, so divine . . . demands my soul, my life, my all."

When we give faithfully of our time, talents, and treasures, we demonstrate our love for our heavenly Father. "*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*" (Romans 5:8).

May the Risen Christ fill our hearts with joy and our hands with generosity.

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Maundy Thursday, March 29th

Grace Lutheran  
5:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Service

Good Friday, March 30th

St. Luke's Lutheran  
2315 I Street  
6:30 pm

Sunrise Service

Easter Morning, April 1st  
Grace Lutheran ~ 6:30 a.m.  
Easter Breakfast prepared and served  
by the Moyer Family and Friends  
following Sunrise Service.  
St. Luke's Easter Service  
will be at 9:00 a.m.



EASTER SUNDAY

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

*Ephesians 6:18*



**Please keep in your prayers the individuals listed below who have health issues and concerns:**

Theresa Courtney  
Jayne Gustafson  
Jack Pablo McGill  
LaVonne Moss  
Pam Reents  
Dan Taylor  
The family of Larry Foreman



Andrew Edwards  
Carolyn Matson  
Sue Mize  
Don Olson  
Pauline Stechenfinger  
Urbano Vasquez



**Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Lutheran.**

Pray for the Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us. Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Damon Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church  
Bishop Brian Maas, Nebraska Synod  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange, John Boato and Charles Tuw are the elders for the Sudanese Worshiping Community.

*Let's encourage each other as we see God's hand in answering our prayers.*

**Pray for our Shut-in and Nursing Home resident:**

Mickey Andersen - Home  
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn



**Grace Quilters for  
Lutheran World Relief**

Monday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join a lively group of people and assemble amazing tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief organization. These quilts are delivered around the world to areas most in need of a little comfort. Please feel free to stop by check out the activity. Coffee break and joke time is 10:00 a.m.; another opportunity in fellowship with one another. No experience necessary!

**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**Prayer Service  
Wednesday  
April 18, 2018  
7:00 p.m.**

An inspiring and quiet experience in meditation, light music, and a deeper connection within God's presence, peace, and love.



**Grace Reads**

As Grace Lutheran continues their partnership with Liberty Elementary, there is a need to fulfill each classroom with readers! There is the opportunity for two readers on each day Grace representatives read at Liberty Elementary. One reader is needed for the first Wednesday of the month. If you are interested to share your talents by being a blessing and reading to a classroom at Liberty once or twice a month, please call the church office at 402-341-7730.



Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Metro East Spring Gathering, April 21, 2018  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

“Daughters of the Spirit” is the theme of the 2018 Spring Gatherings. 3 John 1:4 “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth”

Join with other women as we come together to renew friendships, make some new friends, meet some “daughters of the spirit” and hear our featured speaker, Wendy Andersen. Our tangible offering will be for Project Hope, which is located at the church, so you will also have a chance to meet their new director and tour their facilities. Registration begins at 8:30 and lunch will be catered by Table Grace Cafe.

Methodist Community Health Clinic  
& Kountze Memorial Food Pantry  
208 South 26th Avenue, Omaha, NE  
April 16, 2018, 10:00 am to noon



Learn more about Domestic Abuse, where you can get more information and what you can do about Domestic Abuse. Domestic violence can happen to anyone of any race, age, sexual orientation, religion, gender. It can happen to couples who are married, living together, or who are dating. Domestic violence affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels.

Also learn why are there health disparities? Health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities are often linked to social, economic or environmental disadvantages, such as lack of access to good jobs, unsafe neighborhoods and lack of affordable transportation options. These conditions are known as the social determinants of health.

For more information please call: 402-354-3198



## Birds on the Wing

Birds may be the most welcome harbingers of spring. Colorful to see, a delight to hear, birds lend grace and beauty to our surroundings and provide natural insect control. To make your residence or neighborhood an inviting sanctuary for birds, create places for them to nest, feed, drink, and wash. Here's some advice on birdhouses, feeders, and birdbaths:

**Birdhouses.** If suitable natural nesting habitats such as old trees are in short supply, build or buy a birdhouse and install it out of reach of cats, squirrels, and other predators.

**Feeders.** Commercial bird feeders are available in most hardware stores, but you can also make feeders out of plastic bottles or milk cartons that can be hung from safe places such as a clothesline. If you prefer to grow bird food, consider planting native wildflowers, shrubs, and sunflowers.



**Cultivated flowers** also are especially attractive to some birds, particularly goldfinches, house finches, juncos, white-throated sparrows, and hummingbirds.

**Bird Baths.** Birds are most comfortable with a rough-surfaced source of water about 2 feet wide, no more than 2 inches deep. A shallow dish or gently-sloping bowl placed right on the ground will do, as will a plastic or terra cotta plant dish or inverted metal trash lid. Put the bath out in the open, not close to shrubs or places where cats can hide. A thorny bush or protective brush pile may make the birds feel more secure.



*earthshare.org*



For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:10

- ✝ Thank you ESL tutors; Vicki, Arlone, Mary, and Amanda, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ✝ Thank you Greg, Janet, and Mary; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ✝ Thank you LaVonne, Eva, Marilyn, Donna and Mary for your continued dedication in creating a reflection of God's love and care in every quilt sent to support Lutheran World Relief.
- ✝ Thank you LaVonne, Marilyn, Gloria, Donna, and Ron, for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
- ✝ Thank you Ron, Donna and Brenda for taking care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
- ✝ Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Vicki, Oren, and Mary for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ✝ Thank you to all who share their time and talents with Liberty Elementary through the "Grace Reads" partnership.

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**Grace Lutheran Church**  
**ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes**  
**Saturdays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.**  
**402-341-7730**



Do you know anyone searching for the opportunity to learn the English language? Please direct them here at Grace. Every Saturday morning they would be greeted with a smile and very helpful tutors to start their education in one of the most difficult languages to learn as a second language.

### Visiting Nurse Association



VNA is looking for people interest in becoming Hospice volunteers. The Hospice Volunteer Education Class that is conducted by VNA Hospice, Methodist Hospice, CHI Health at Home Hospice, and Hospice House - The Josie Harper Residence will be taking place in March.

Hospice Volunteers are needed to provide companionship and support for individuals living with terminal illnesses and their families. Volunteers choose the hours they are able to serve and determine the geographical location in the metro Omaha/Council Bluffs and surrounding area. We are specifically looking for volunteer support during day time hours and those willing to do in-home visits.

Please call one of the following agencies to request an application. Space is limited.

- VNA Hospice: Celeste Feuerbach 402-930-4143
- Methodist Hospice: Roz Merrick 402-354-3200
- CHI Health at Home Hospice: Mary Pendell 402-989-8239
- Hospice House: Brittany Dymm 402-343-8600



Sunday School continues to meet every second and fourth Sunday of the month from 10:00 to 10:45 am.

Children ages 4 and up are invited and encouraged to learn through stories, discussions, crafts, games and fun.

Curriculum is shared from Spark House. Spark House has been supplying the little devotional booklets that have been available on the back table in the sanctuary.

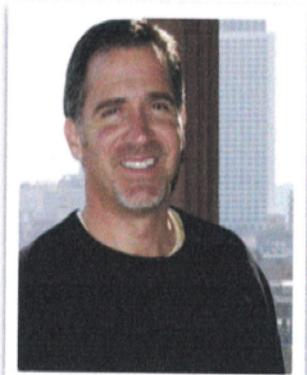
We look forward to sharing Sunday adventures.

Faithfully in Adventure!  
Brenda, Mary and Sandy

A JUST PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST DEMANDS THAT YOU HEAR  
"THE REST OF THE STORY"

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Tuesday, April 10th, 7 pm-9 pm**  
St. John's Church (in the sanctuary)  
on Creighton University campus



**Miko Peled**

Internationally known Jewish Israeli author of  
"The General's Son:  
Journey of an Israeli in Palestine"

and his new book -  
"Injustice, the Story of the Holy Land  
Foundation Five"

*Also speaking -*

Lincoln, NE. Wed. April 11  
Unitarian Church of Lincoln  
6300 A St.

Des Moines, IA, Thurs. April 12  
State Historical Museum of Iowa  
600 E Locust St.

Sponsored by the Nebraskans for Peace, NFP's Palestinian Rights Task Force, the Unitarian Church of Lincoln's  
Social Justice Committee, Des Moines' Middle East Peace Education Coalition

**Hear Miko Peled**

**Miko Peled is a writer and activist  
born and raised in Jerusalem. Driven  
by a personal family tragedy  
to explore Palestine, its people and  
their narrative,  
he writes and speaks about his  
transformative journey.**

**Although Miko had a unique vantage  
point to see the story of his beloved  
Israel, like most of us he grew to  
adulthood knowing only half the story,  
he had to reach out to see the other  
side, which is Palestine's.**

**Most of us only know half the story of  
Israel's founding and the present day  
situation in the Holy Land.**

**PLEASE COME HEAR  
"THE REST OF THE STORY"**

During Lent, Grace collected items each week to assemble 30 Personal Care Kits on Palm Sunday. The Personal Care Kits provide basic sanitation and hygiene items for families who have lost their belongings in some of nature's devastating disasters. These kits help individuals to stay healthy, clean, and preserve personal dignity.

Items collected in each Basket of Promise were:

2 Bars of Soap  
Bath Towel  
Toothbrush  
Combs  
Nail Clippers



Grace collected and assembled 38 Personal Care Kits to brighten the hope, faith, and future of an individual or a family through Lutheran World Relief.

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Nebraska Brass Concert  
Summer Sizzlin' Brass Selections  
Friday, May 11, 2018, 7:30 p.m.  
Grace Lutheran Church



Founded in 1987, the **Nebraska Brass** is one of the Midwest's most popular brass quintets. Audiences young and old enjoy the group's serious musicianship and light-hearted humor as they present a variety of music ranging from classical to popular, Dixieland, and jazz. The ensemble presents an annual series of five concerts in both Lincoln and Omaha, as well as five additional series concerts in other Nebraska communities. In addition, the Nebraska Brass participates in the touring programs of the Nebraska Arts Council and the Heartland Arts Fund, performing throughout the Midwest.

The **Nebraska Brass** is dedicated to preserving the great American tradition of brass music and to providing educational programs for young musicians to improve their musical skills. The **Nebraska Brass** commissions new compositions for brass ensemble and also provides an outlet for professional musicians to improve their skills while presenting a professional series of concerts of the highest quality for the citizens of Nebraska.

April 2018



- 1 - Brenda Spahr
- 8 - Terry Nielsen
- 15 - Mary Laaker
- 22 - Arlone Farber
- 29 - Greg Hula
- May 6 - Brenda Spahr



- 1 - Sarah Emery  
Eva Martin
- 5 - Emily Bauer
- 7 - Linda Helm
- 8 - Elizabeth Koka
- 14 - Thomas Emery
- 23 - Julia Traynor

April Acolytes

- 1 - Andrea Spahr  
and Vicki Cox
- 8 - Janet Hula
- 15 - Greg Hula
- 22 - Brenda Spahr
- 29 - Damien Rodriguez
- May 6 - Donna Adrian



Did we miss your birthday?  
Please contact the church  
office and let us know!

April Ushers

- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



April Greeters

- 1 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 8 - Vicki Cox and Gloria Moore
- 15 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr
- 22 - Bobby Stechenfinger and Ralph Fitle
- 29 - Loren and Marsha Moyer
- May 6 - Andrew Edwards and Mary Laaker



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



- 1 - Brenda Spahr in celebration of her Mom, Eva Martin's birthday.
- 8 - Charlotte and Ed Palcynski in celebration of their grandchildren, Lindsey, Sam and Joey's birthdays.
- 15 - Greg and Janet Hula in loving memory of Janet's Dad, Jim Costello.
- 22 - OPEN.
- 29 - Carolyn Matson in loving memory of her Mom, Ferne.
- May 6 - Andrew, Clay, Christi Edwards and Tracy Petrini in loving memory of their Mom, Charlotte Edwards.

Flower Pick-Up for April: Greg and Janet Hula

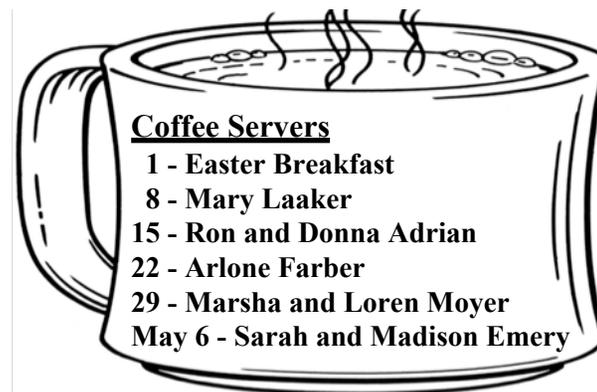


Backpack Program

- 1 - Mary Laaker in celebration of her daughter, Sarah and her grandson, Tommy's birthdays.
- 8 - Charlotte and Ed Palcynski in celebration of their grandchildren, Lindsey, Sam and Joey's birthdays.
- 15 - Vicki Cox in loving memory of her Mom, Eileen Morter.
- 22 - OPEN.
- 29 - Eva Martin in celebration of her granddaughter, Lydia's birthday.
- May 6 - OPEN.

Coffee Servers

- 1 - Easter Breakfast
- 8 - Mary Laaker
- 15 - Ron and Donna Adrian
- 22 - Arlone Farber
- 29 - Marsha and Loren Moyer
- May 6 - Sarah and Madison Emery



Have You Included  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Endowment Fund  
in Your Will?



A current, Remember the Church in Your Will, brochure has been placed on the back table in the sanctuary. Please pick up a free copy during your next worship time and consider Grace Lutheran a place for remembrance.

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Grace Lutheran Church has three additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds. Only a few moments of your time to download apps for TAGG - Together A Greater Good and when you

shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) Amazon will donate - Grace's unique link is: <https://smileamazon.com/ch/47-0667089>. Register your Bakers Plus card with Kroger and choose Grace Lutheran as your charitable choice! All of these opportunities will match a certain percentage of your purchases and direct those funds to Grace.

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Table Grace is continuing to working on their next chapter, the Mobile Grace Cafe - A Food Truck for All. The food truck program will allow them to reach many more neighborhoods within the Omaha Metro Area.

With your help we can have the first ever "Pay" What-You-Can food truck in Omaha.

To foster a healthy community by offering great food prepared and served in a graceful manner to anyone who walks up to the truck.

The food truck will be at its first event on April 12, 2018 at College of Saint Mary, 7000 Mercy Road.

The Salvation Army  
Kroc Center Food Pantry  
2825 Y Street, Omaha NE 68107



DOING THE  
MOST GOOD

Open every Wednesday  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

\*Documentation needed: Photo ID, social security cards or birth certificates for everyone in the household and mail dated within the past 30 days.\*

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#### Become a Member of the Columbus Park Neighborhood Association:

Monthly Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please call the church office, 402-341-7730.



Grace's Free Little Library continues to be used in the neighborhood on a regular basis and is now in need of additional books. Pre-school, 1st grade and 2nd grade books and periodicals seem to be the most popular items. If you have any of these items that you are willing to donate, please speak with Vicki or Arlone. Please continue your participation by stopping and browsing for an interesting book. Let's help spread the joy of imagination through reading a good book!



**Camp Preview Day for Families  
April 14, 2018**

Camp Preview Day for Families is a brand new retreat for families with young children from age four to eight. Come and bring your kids to Carol Joy Holling Camp for a short day of learning more about camp and everything it has to offer them. This day retreat will contain a full tour of camp including living quarters, dining areas, and of course the many activity hot spots! Programming will also include plenty of time to experience camp games and activities.

Cost per family - up to three members is \$15 and \$5 for each additional person. Cost includes meals and programming.

Visit [CJHCenter.org/Preview](http://CJHCenter.org/Preview) to learn more and register!

**Explore! Elementary Day Retreat  
April 21, 2018**

Discover the great presence of God in the outdoors as we dive into learning more about God's creation with a great group of youth. New activities every time!

Visit [CJHCenter.org/Explore](http://CJHCenter.org/Explore) to learn more and register!

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**Words of Wisdom**

“Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, ‘Relax, sweetheart, it’s just a bend, not the end!’”

“When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.”

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**‘We’re Getting Old’**

(The late humorist Jim Reed of Cotter, AR, a JN consulting editor who lived into his nineties, contributed this poem to JN shortly before he went to the Lord.)

*Just a line to say we’re living, That we’re not among the dead;  
Though we’re getting more forgetful, And more mixed up in the head.*

*For sometimes we can’t remember, When we stand at the foot of the stairs  
If we must go up for something, Or we’ve just come down from there.*

*And before the fridg’, so often, Our poor minds are filled with doubt,  
Have we just put food away, or Have we come to take some out.*

*And there are times when it’s dark out, With our night caps on our heads,  
We don’t know if we’re retiring, Or just getting out of bed.*

*So, if it’s our turn to write you, There’s no need in getting sore,  
We may think that we have written, And don’t want to be a bore.*

*So remember we do love you, And wish that you were here;  
But now, it’s nearly mail time, So, we must say, “Goodbye and Cheers.”*

*There we stood beside the mailbox, with two faces so very red,  
Instead of mailing you our letter, We had opened it instead.*

– Jim Reed

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**Words of Wisdom**

“Prayer is not a ‘spare wheel’ that you pull out when in trouble, but a ‘steering wheel’ that directs the right path throughout the journey.”

“All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it; they will not last forever. If going wrong, don’t worry; they can’t last long either.”

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# Easter Story

## Word Search

S C B M N E J E S U S C H R I S T  
 K A A P O D V G V A R E J O I C E  
 J R V M S P R A Y E R W C B V F S  
 Y N O I X I F I C U R C T R M L E  
 L A P C O I E B Q O X B B N O O L  
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### One-Liners

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“Humor preserves our sanity.”  
 ~ Charlie Chaplin

“Age is merely the number of years  
 the world has been enjoying you.”  
 ~ via Rise Samra, Saginaw, MI

“Humor is the affectionate communication of insight.”  
 ~ Leo Rosten

“The only people who still call hurricanes acts of God  
 are the people who write insurance policies.”  
 ~ Astrophysicist Neil Tyson

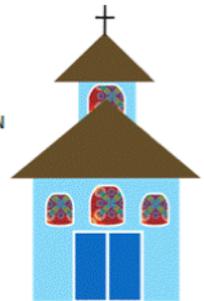
“Always cloak your sadness in a bolt of comedic cloth;  
 as long as you can laugh, you’ll never lose.”  
 ~ Jim Reed

“Kindness and a generous spirit go a long way -  
 and a sense of humor, it’s like medicine - very healing.”  
 ~ Max Irons

APOSTLES  
 BETRAYAL  
 CAVE  
 CHURCH  
 CROSS  
 CROWN  
 CRUCIFIXION  
 DISCIPLES  
 FAITH  
 GOOD FRIDAY

JESUS CHRIST  
 JUDAS  
 LAMB  
 LAST SUPPER  
 LENT  
 MARY  
 MIRACLE  
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