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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

9:00 A.M. Christian Education

10:30 A.M. Worship Service

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker

Editor/Church Secretary – Brenda Spahr

Organist - Lynda Laird

Sexton - Brian Sutej/Titus Duli

Interfaith Health Ministries - Virginia McGill

Lutheran Volunteer - Anna Ernst

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

February 2011



THE GRACE MESSENGER



2011 Council Members

Greg Hula
Arlone Farber
Ernest Olson

Andrew Edwards
Ralph Fitle
Samantha Trejo
Pastor Laaker

Carolyn Matson

Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula

Treasurer: Margie Sutej

Special Thanks to the outgoing 2010 Council members, for their ministry to Grace Church. Thank you for your service.

The regular meeting of the Council was held on January 13. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: we pray for Sandy Fitzgerald and Rick Moore as they struggling with health concerns; we pray for all the victims and their families at the recent tragedy of Millard South High School, grieving for the people that were killed and hopeful for the injured; we are ever reminded to pray that all people would try to get along, have understanding when some individuals are hurting and need help, and to be respectful and tolerant of each other; we pray for Kevin Courtney, as he is struggling with side effects from chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer; we pray for our shut-in's, Barbara Nelson, Barb Narducci, and Mae Lane; we pray for Todd, who recently underwent a lung transplant; we pray for Gwen Grady, as she is undergoing chemotherapy for pancreatic cancer; we pray for Pastor Houfek's daughter-in-law, as she recovers from an accident; we pray for Rod Hamilton, who lost his dog in a house fire; we pray for Dave Smith of western Nebraska, as he is undergoing chemotherapy for his cancer; we pray for safe travel for Angela and Benhi Khabeb as they start their journey to Delphos, Ohio and pray for Angela's "new" congregation to embrace her as she begins ministry; we pray for people suffering from damages caused by natural disasters, especially in the flooded areas of the countries, Brazil and Australia; we pray for the needs of our Sudanese brothers and sisters; we pray for the safety of armed service personnel, police and patrol officers, who protect each one of us; and as we count our many blessings, we pray for the poor, the hungry, and the homeless that they will have shelter, food, and water.

Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses of Psalm 21:13 and Luke 13:13 from the "Daily Texts." These verses are good reminders to all of us to always look for ways to praise God. God is so amazing-we need to sing praises of thanksgiving. God always finds a time and a way for all of us.

Visions for Ministry: The Council wrapped up their discussion on "Radical Welcome." We were reminded to keep an open mind and to treasure the experience we have in front of us. We must continue to be willing to move ahead, no matter how hard it is to do at times, to be alert and give the "uncertain" a try.

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

Christian Education: No new report.

Evangelism/Outreach: No new report.

Council Minutes...

Finance: A motion was made by the Council to present the 2011 budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting. A motion was passed to have Pastor Laaker present the opportunity to purchase the properties that are for sale on the north and south of the Church. The property on the north is more “pressing” at the moment, as that residence is vacant.

Property: Please thank Larry Foreman for cleaning our sidewalks during our “several” snow-falls.

Service/Social Ministry: No new report.

Support/Stewardship: Brenda Spahr, our new Church secretary, is working on the Annual Report. The report will be available on Sunday, January 23rd.

Worship: We were pleased by the turn-out at our Christmas Eve service.

Unfinished Business: The Nominating Committee is “recruiting” nominees to fill the open three spots on the Council. Once again, we thank our out-going Council of Vicki Cox, Gloria Moore and David Nange for fulfilling their duties. The Audit Committee will review the books before the Annual Meeting.

New Business: The Council will be in charge of the congregational pot-luck dinner on Sunday, January 30th, the day of the Annual Meeting. The congregation is asked to bring food to share. Drinks and bread will be furnished. The Council will meet with Pastor Laaker for a short time after the meeting.

Announcements: The Lutheran Men will be meeting on February 12th. If anyone is interested, contact Greg Hula.

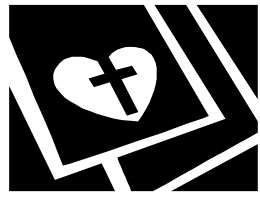
Greg Hula will bring treats and lead the closing pray for our February 2011 Council meeting.



Grace under pressure. During his sermon one Sunday morning, a pastor's five-year-old son suddenly entered the church, started making loud beeps and noises like a car without a muffler, then “drove” down the center aisle toward his father.

The pastor stopped his sermon, pointed at his son, and commanded, “Luke, park the car immediately beside your mother in that front pew, turn off the ignition, and hand her the keys.”

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FROM THE PASTOR

I've done a good bit of thinking lately about the way in which I practice welcome and relationships. I like to think that I welcome all people with the same openness and genuine interest in each one. However, I catch myself differentiating between people I have met before and those who I meet for the first time. I also find myself valuing some people more and others less.

I was cleaning a spot on my desk recently and encountered this reflection. It has caused me to think more intentionally. I offer it for your reflection.

"A group of alumni, highly established in their careers, were talking at a reunion and decided to go visit their old university professor, now retired. During their visit, the conversation soon turned into complaints about stress in their work and lives.

"Offering his guests coffee, the professor went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and an assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some plain-looking, some expensive, some exquisite – telling them to help themselves to the coffee.

"When all the alumni had a cup of coffee in hand, the professor said, 'Notice that all the nice-looking, expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the plain and cheap ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for yourselves, that is the source of your problems and stress. Be assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases, it is just more expensive, and, in some cases, even hides what we drink.

"What all of you really wanted was coffee, not the cup, but you consciously went for the best cups, and then you began eyeing each other's cups.

"Now consider this: Life is the coffee; your job, money, and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain life. The type of cup one has does not define, nor change, the quality of life a person lives. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us.'

"God makes the coffee, man chooses the cups. The happiest people don't have the best of everything. They just make the best of everything.

"Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Enjoy your coffee!"

Lord, help me make the best of everything and everyone I meet.

Pastor Laaker

The ABC's of praising God

"Amazing, Beloved, Caring, Dynamic, Eternal, Forgiving, Gracious, Holy, Ideal, Joyful, Kind, Loving, Magnificent, Noble, Omniscient, Praiseworthy, Quick, Righteous, Satisfying, True, Unlimited, Vital, Wonderful, Extraordinary, Yearning, Zestful."

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—via Pastor Denny Brake
Raleigh, NC



Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends

*"The prayer of a person living right with God
is something powerful to be reckoned with."*

James 5:16b

- ◆ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found. (member)
- ◆ Mae Lane - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ◆ Ken Hilmer - As he struggles with health issues. (member)
- ◆ La Vonne Moss - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ◆ Ferne Matson - Ongoing health issues. (member)
- ◆ Barbara Nelson - as she recovers from a stroke. (member)
- ◆ Barbara Narducci - as she continues to recovers from her fall. (member)
- ◆ Martina Botho - As she recovers from burns and skin grafting surgery. (member)
- ◆ Brian and Margie Sutej - as he recovers from a broken leg. (member)

Pray for our Shut - ins and Nursing Home residents:

Mae Lane - St Joe Villa.

Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.

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

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 Laaker

Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

- ◆ Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Titus Duli, David Nange 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.*

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve...
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.
I asked for health, that I might do great things...
I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.
I asked for riches, that I might be happy...
I was given poverty, that I might be wise.
I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men...
I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life...
I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for...
But everything that I hoped for.
Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered...
I am among all men most richly blessed. Amen.



*Found in the clothing of an
unknown Civil War soldier.*



Quilting on Mondays! at 9:00 a.m.

If you have the morning free, drop by and help cut squares and tie quilt tops on to the backs.

Coffee break is at 10:00 a.m.



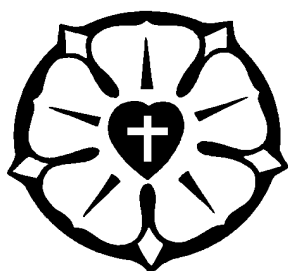
Lutheran Men in Mission “Step Forward, Serve the Lord”

Lutheran Men in Mission will be holding their annual gathering February 12, at Bethany Lutheran Church in Omaha. The theme for this year’s gathering is “Step Forward, Serve the Lord.” Todd Brown, former UNL football player, will be the featured speaker. The day begins with registration at 9:00 a.m. and is scheduled to conclude around 4:00 p.m. There is no registration fee, but a \$6.00 donation to cover the cost of lunch is suggested.

*The 2011 Flower Chart has been posted
on the bulletin board
outside the church office.*

• F L O W E R C H A R T •

We **still** need volunteers to sign up each month to pick up the flowers for the altar. Sign up on the Flower Chart if you are willing to help with this task. The flowers need to be picked up before 10:00 a.m. each Sunday morning at the Hy-Vee at 50th and Center. The church is billed so you will not need to pay for them at the time of pick up. Contact Marilyn Van Ormer or Joe Narducci for more details.



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Happening in the Library!

Donate your used books

The Library Board is collecting used books, videos, CD's and cassettes in good condition as a fund-raiser for the Library during Lent.

A sale table will be set up in the Upper Fellowship Hall beginning on Ash Wednesday. Stop by the table and browse any time. This is a self-serve sale. A container for the proceeds will be placed on the table along with the merchandise for sale.

Why not use this opportunity to pass on materials collecting dust on your shelves at home to help provide money to buy new books for the library or stop by and pick up a good used book at a GREAT value!

Ten Things Children Should Know About Prayer

1. **Prayer is communication.** It can be spoken or silent. It can be a song or a story. I can be a picture or a dance.
2. **Prayer can be done as often as you like.** Every week. Every day. Every hour.
3. **Prayer can be done however you want.** There's no right or wrong way to pray.
4. **Prayer can be shared, but doesn't have to be.** It can be done alone or with a favorite toy. It can be done with friends, family or pets.
5. **Prayer can be done anywhere.** It can be done in your room or at the kitchen table. It can be done out in your yard, at the park or even at the zoo.
6. **Prayer can be done in any mood.** You can be happy, sad, angry, scared or confused when you pray.
7. **Prayer can be for yourself or someone else.** If you know someone who could use a little help - add them to your prayers.
8. **Prayer doesn't need a certain structure, length or specific words.** Whatever words you use, long or short, however your prayer come out is fine.
9. **Prayer doesn't need a special occasion.** There are certain prayers appropriate to special occasions, but you don't need to wait for a special time to pray.
10. **Prayer doesn't have to be a request.** It can also be used to give thanks for what you have already received. "Thank you" is a perfect prayer.

Sale

The Library Board
still has a few
2011 Scripture Calendars!
Special Closeout Price

\$3.00 each

Contact the church office
to purchase yours today!

Susan Taylor Brown is the author of the children's picture book, *Can I Pray With My Eyes Open?* (ISBN 0786803282). Many children wonder about prayer. This nondenominational, multicultural book offers answers. Whether angry or alone or playing with friends, every child is assured that they can pray when, where and how they want - and they will always be heard.

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

Games, Crafts, and Fun Geared for Elementary Kids!

Free!

Director, Anna Ernst



This month marks the halfway point of my year of service with Lutheran Volunteer Corps, so I have recently been reflecting on what I have learned and worked on so far.

One of the most important things I have learned is that Omaha is such a great city! It makes me sad that a) I couldn't have told you much of anything about it this time a year ago and b) if I tell someone who lives east of Ohio that I am living in Omaha this year, I often get blank stares and/or the questions "Where's that again?" or "What's in Omaha?" My housemates and I love the farmer's market, walking around the Old Market, restaurants and bars like Blue Line Coffee, McFoster's and the Crescent Moon, and the Omaha Public Libraries. We are looking forward to the College World Series. I have joined the YMCA, and though I haven't made it to the Henry Doorly Zoo yet, I loved seeing the Joslyn Art Museum and the Boys Town Campus. Finally, I am so glad that I have gotten to learn more about the histories and many cultures that have circulated through North and South Omaha over the past two centuries.



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I am going to do my best to make the rest of my year of service as useful to my two congregations as it can possibly be. With regards to both congregations, I want to give you as many community outreach "idea seeds" as possible, so that you can think about what seeds will grow best in your hearts, and your next LVC Volunteer is able to work with you to plan a really fruitful garden. In the next few months, I hope that, with regards to my work at Grace, you will see me in conversation with Titus, David and Moses about our future and relationship with the Sudanese congregation, determining the future of our after-school program with current participant parents and other neighbors, and continuing to work with you on other ways to connect our church building and congregation to the neighborhood in which it is located.

Soon, I plan on introducing some new visuals, ideas and ways to serve. Stay tuned, and as always, if you have ANY ideas, questions, or concerns to share with me, please don't hesitate to let me know!

Thank you
Anna Ernst
Lutheran Volunteer



"Helping Hands"

Working Together in God's service

Project Hope

The Theme for February is Can Openers/Soup or Stew.

These are things our clients can not purchase with their food stamps.

Diapers	Dish soap	Bar soap
Deodorant	Toothbrush and toothpaste	
Mouthwash (without alcohol)	Feminine hygiene products	
Hair products (combs, brushes, picks)	Shaving Cream	
Razors	Dry Laundry Soap	Bathroom tissue
Kleenex		

We always need paper or plastic bags.

Can You Spare a Buck or Two?

Our youth will hold soup pots at church doors on
Souper Bowl Sunday
February 6, 2011



They will join young people in churches all across the country to collect money for those who are hungry and hurting.

All of the money collected is donated to a charity selected by the participant. None of the money is sent to Souper Bowl headquarters. Organizers only ask that each participant report their collection so national totals can be determined and announced.

Our church will donate the Souper Bowl collection to the Lutheran Pantry.

Please support the youth of our church in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar in the soup pot on February 6, 2011.

Mitten Tree Project Brings Winter Warmth to those in Need

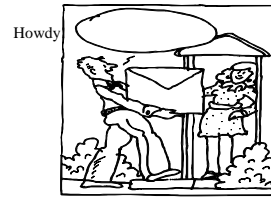
The Mitten Tree Project concluded in January, bringing in over 100 gloves, scarves, hats and other winter accessories. All the items collected have been donated to local shelters and agencies for distribution. Thank you to all the people of the congregation who donated items to help keep others warm. Many items were handmade.

Your Warm Hearts and Generous Hands Collected:

25 Hats	6 Slippers
35 Pairs of Mittens or Gloves	4 Ear Muffs or Head Bans
8 Scarves	



Community News



Child Saving Institute - New Class

The Child Saving Institute is excited to announce two new Parent Education classes. The 10-week sessions, available during the day or in the evening, are beneficial for parents looking for new skills and strategies for effective parenting.

The program will begin on Wednesday, February 2 from 10 a.m. to noon and also on Thursday, February 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The program will meet at The Child Saving Institute located at 4545 Dodge Street. The cost for the 10-week classes is \$75.00

Any questions or additional information please call Stacey B. Nelson at (402) 504-3681.

Hearthland Walk for Warmth

Fourth Annual Walk for Warmth, February 25, 2011 at Turner Park, 3110 Farnam Street. The walk benefits local energy assistance programs. For additional information or volunteer opportunities please visit volunteersolutions.org to call Raeanna Kuzma, Unity Way of the Midlands at 522-7933.



Community Dance

Benefit for
Omaha Habitat for Humanity

First United Methodist Church
7020 Cass St. in Cary Hall

Saturday, February 19, 2011
7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Live Music by
Rivertown String Band
Squares, reels, waltzes

No experience necessary
&
No partner necessary

Eric Manley, Caller

Suggested Donation
\$7.00 per person

Refreshments served.

Friendly Reminder!
Beginning February 1, 2011
it will be mandatory to
use the 10 digit phone
system in Omaha.





To All Women in our Congregation!

We have an amazing opportunity for you to join
with us in serving our lord with ZEAL

On April 9, 2011, the Women of the Metro East Conference will gather at Kountze memorial Lutheran Church in Omaha for our Spring Gathering. Our theme for the day is "Serve With Zeal" and we have been planning "zealously" for a day of service and friendship.

During that day, we will be making kits for the Healthy Family Centers of Lutheran Family services and learning about the services of this Nebraska Synod agency. Each kit will begin with tying a fleece blanket, and everyone has the skills to do this. The blanket will then be wrapped around a collection of items needed for a child under the age of five. All of these kits will then be used in the Healthy Family centers where families come for help in learning skills to properly raise and nourish their children.

We will open with registration and coffee at 8:30 a.m. and our programming starts at 9:00 a.m. The day will close at 3:00 p.m. with devotions and a dedication of the kits. Registration is \$15.00 that includes lunch. This is a great opportunity to help provide needed items for the children served by LFS, a day for you to Serve with Zeal. The benefit for you is a day spent with friends, making new friends, visiting, laughing, hugging, enjoying the bonds of Christian togetherness and the opportunity to serve our Lord.

Metro East Conference

Saturday, April 9, 2011

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church

Omaha

Registration materials will be mailed. Plan now to attend.

Bring friends, sisters, aunts, neighbors, cousins - bring a whole van full.

We'll be there to welcome you!

Any additional questions or information please call Shirley Splittgerber, Conference Coordinator at 402-896-1787 or e-mail at shirley58@cox.net.

Wild Women Retreat

Jail Break

It's time to break free from your chains! We all have them. self-doubt. emotional burdens. chaos and stress. Through study, prayer, friendship and fun, the Wild Women Retreat will give you the tools you need to live a free life in Christ. Bring your friends for a weekend of relaxation, pampering and lots of laughs at this women-only retreat! Set Friday, March 11, through Sunday, March 13th as your retreat away. Held at the Swanson Center at Carol Joy Holling Center in Ashland, NE. Questions, call 1-888-656-6254 or www.caroljoyholling.org or the bulletin board in the Upper Fellowship Hall.

Through the Bible in a Year - 2011

January		
1	Lk 5:27-39	Gen 1-2 Ps 1
2	Lk 6:1-26	Gen 3-5 Ps 2
3	Lk 6:27-49	Gen 6-7 Ps 3
4	Lk 7:1-17	Gen 8-10 Ps 4
5	Lk 7:18-50	Gen 11 Ps 5
6	Lk 8:1-25	Gen 12 Ps 6
7	Lk 8:26-56	Gen 13-14 Ps 7
8	Lk 9:1-27	Gen 15 Ps 8
9	Lk 9:28-62	Gen 16 Ps 9
10	Lk 10:1-20	Gen 17 Ps 10
11	Lk 10:21-42	Gen 18 Ps 11
12	Lk 11:1-28	Gen 19 Ps 12
13	Lk 11:29-54	Gen 20 Ps 13
14	Lk 12:1-31	Gen 21 Ps 14
15	Lk 12:32-59	Gen 22 Ps 15
16	Lk 13:1-17	Gen 23 Ps 16
17	Lk 13:18-35	Gen 24 Ps 17
18	Lk 14:1-24	Gen 25 Ps 18
19	Lk 14:25-35	Gen 26 Ps 19
20	Lk 15	Gen 27:1-45 Ps 20
21	Lk 16	Gen 27:46-28:22 Ps 21
22	Lk 17	Gen 29:1-30 Ps 22
23	Lk 18:1-17	Gen 29:31-30:43 Ps 23
24	Lk 18:18-43	Gen 31 Ps 24
25	Lk 19:1-27	Gen 32-33 Ps 25
26	Lk 19:28-48	Gen 34 Ps 26
27	Lk 20:1-26	Gen 35-36 Ps 27
28	Lk 20:27-47	Gen 37 Ps 28
29	Lk 21	Gen 38 Ps 29
30	Lk 22:1-38	Gen 39 Ps 30
31	Lk 22:39-71	Gen 40 Ps 31

February		
1	Lk 23:1-25	Gen 41 Ps 32
2	Lk 23:26-56	Gen 42 Ps 33
3	Lk 24:1-12	Gen 43 Ps 34
4	Lk 24:13-53	Gen 44 Ps 35
5	Hb 1	Gen 45:1-46:27 Ps 36
6	Hb 2	Gen 46:28-47:31 Ps 37
7	Hb 3:1-4:13	Gen 48 Ps 38
8	Hb 4:14-6:12	Gen 49-50 Ps 39
9	Hb 6:13-20	Ex 1-2 Ps 40
10	Hb 7	Ex 3-4 Ps 41
11	Hb 8	Ex 5:1-6:27 Pr 1
12	Hb 9:1-22	Ex 6:28-8:32 Pr 2
13	Hb 9:23-10:18	Ex 9-10 Pr 3
14	Hb 10:19-39	Ex 11-12 Pr 4
15	Hb 11:1-22	Ex 13-14 Pr 5
16	Hb 11:23-40	Ex 15 Pr 6:1-7:5
17	Hb 12	Ex 16-17 Pr 7:6-27
18	Hb 13	Ex 18-19 Pr 8
19	Mt 1	Ex 20-21 Pr 9
20	Mt 2	Ex 22-23 Pr 10
21	Mt 3	Ex 24 Pr 11
22	Mt 4	Ex 25-27 Pr 12
23	Mt 5:1-20	Ex 28-29 Pr 13
24	Mt 5:21-48	Ex 30-32 Pr 14
25	Mt 6:1-18	Ex 33-34 Pr 15
26	Mt 6:19-34	Ex 35-36 Pr 16
27	Mt 7	Ex 37-38 Pr 17
28	Mt 8:1-13	Ex 39-40 Pr 18

March			
1	Mt 8:14-34	Lev 1-2	Pr 19
2	Mt 9:1-17	Lev 3-4	Pr 20
3	Mt 9:18-38	Lev 5-6	Pr 21
4	Mt 10:1-25	Lev 7-8	Pr 22
5	Mt 10:26-42	Lev 9-10	Pr 23
6	Mt 11:1-19	Lev 11-12	Pr 24
7	Mt 11:20-30	Lev 13	Pr 25
8	Mt 12:1-21	Lev 14	Pr 26
9	Mt 12:22-50	Lev 15-16	Pr 27
10	Mt 13:1-23	Lev 17-18	Pr 28
11	Mt 13:24-58	Lev 19	Pr 29
12	Mt 14:1-21	Lev 20-21	Pr 30
13	Mt 14:22-36	Lev 22-23	Pr 31
14	Mt 15:1-20	Lev 24-25	Ecc 1:1-11
15	Mt 15:21-39	Lev 26-27	Ecc 1:12-2:26
16	Mt 16	Num 1-2	Ecc 3:1-15
17	Mt 17	Num 3-4	Ecc 3:16-4:16
18	Mt 18:1-20	Num 5-6	Ecc 5
19	Mt 18:21-35	Num 7-8	Ecc 6
20	Mt 19:1-15	Num 9-10	Ecc 7
21	Mt 19:16-30	Num 11-12	Ecc 8
22	Mt 20:1-16	Num 13-14	Ecc 9:1-12
23	Mt 20:17-34	Num 15-16	Ecc 9:13-10:20
24	Mt 21:1-27	Num 17-18	Ecc 11:1-8
25	Mt 21:28-46	Num 19-20	Ecc 11:9-12:14
26	Mt 22:1-22	Num 21	SS 1:1-2:7
27	Mt 22:23-46	Num 22:1-40	SS 2:8-3:5
28	Mt 23:1-12	Nm 22:41-23:26	SS 3:6-5:1
29	Mt 23:13-39	Nm 23:27-24:25	SS 5:2-6:3
30	Mt 24:1-31	Num 25-27	SS 6:4-8:4
31	Mt 24:32-51	Num 28-29	SS 8:5-14

April			
1	Mt 25:1-30	Num 30-31	Job 1
2	Mt 25:31-46	Num 32-34	Job 2
3	Mt 26:1-25	Num 35-36	Job 3
4	Mt 26:26-46	Deut 1-2	Job 4
5	Mt 26:47-75	Deut 3-4	Job 5
6	Mt 27:1-31	Deut 5-6	Job 6
7	Mt 27:32-66	Deut 7-8	Job 7
8	Mt 28	Deut 9-10	Job 8
9	Acts 1	Deut 11-12	Job 9
10	Acts 2:1-13	Deut 13-14	Job 10
11	Acts 2:14-47	Deut 15-16	Job 11
12	Acts 3	Deut 17-18	Job 12
13	Acts 4:1-22	Deut 19-20	Job 13
14	Acts 4:23-37	Deut 21-22	Job 14
15	Acts 5:1-16	Deut 23-24	Job 15
16	Acts 5:17-42	Deut 25-27	Job 16
17	Acts 6	Deut 28	Job 17
18	Acts 7:1-22	Deut 29-30	Job 18
19	Acts 7:23-8:1	Deut 31-32	Job 19
20	Acts 8:1-25	Deut 33-34	Job 20
21	Acts 8:26-40	Josh 1-2	Job 21
22	Acts 9:1-25	Josh 3:1-5:1	Job 22
23	Acts 9:26-43	Josh 5:2-6:27	Job 23
24	Acts 10:1-33	Josh 7-8	Job 24
25	Acts 10:34-48	Josh 9-10	Job 25
26	Acts 11:1-18	Josh 11-12	Job 26
27	Acts 11:19-30	Josh 13-14	Job 27
28	Acts 12	Josh 15-17	Job 28
29	Acts 13:1-25	Josh 18-19	Job 29
30	Acts 13:26-52	Josh 20-21	Job 30

May			
1	Acts 14	Josh 22	Job 31
2	Acts 15:1-21	Josh 23-24	Job 32
3	Acts 15:22-41	Judges 1	Job 33
4	Acts 16:1-15	Judges 2-3	Job 34
5	Acts 16:16-40	Judges 4-5	Job 35
6	Acts 17:1-15	Judges 6	Job 36
7	Acts 17:16-34	Judges 7-8	Job 37
8	Acts 18	Judges 9	Job 38
9	Acts 19:1-20	Judges 10:1-11:33	Job 39
10	Acts 19:21-41	Judges 11:34-12:15	Job 40
11	Acts 20:1-16	Judges 13	Job 41
12	Acts 20:17-38	Judges 14-15	Job 42
13	Acts 21:1-36	Judges 16	Ps 42
14	Acts 21:37-22:29	Judges 17-18	Ps 43
15	Acts 22:30-23:22	Judges 19	Ps 44
16	Acts 23:23-24:9	Judges 20	Ps 45
17	Acts 24:10-27	Judges 21	Ps 46
18	Acts 25	Ruth 1-2	Ps 47
19	Acts 26:1-18	Ruth 3-4	Ps 48
20	Acts 26:19-32	1 Sam 1:1-2:10	Ps 49
21	Acts 27:1-12	1 Sam 2:11-36	Ps 50
22	Acts 27:13-44	1 Sam 3	Ps 51
23	Acts 28:1-16	1 Sam 4-5	Ps 52
24	Acts 28:17-31	1 Sam 6-7	Ps 53
25	Rom 1:1-15	1 Sam 8	Ps 54
26	Rom 1:16-32	1 Sam 9:1-10:16	Ps 55
27	Rom 2:1-3:8	1 Sam 10:17-11:15	Ps 56
28	Rom 3:9-31	1 Sam 12	Ps 57
29	Rom 4	1 Sam 13	Ps 58
30	Rom 5	1 Sam 14	Ps 59
31	Rom 6	1 Sam 15	Ps 60

June			
1	Rom 7	1 Sam 16	Ps 61
2	Rom 8	1 Sam 17:1-54	Ps 62
3	Rom 9:1-29	1 Sam 17:55-18:30	Ps 63
4	Rom 9:30-10:21	1 Sam 19	Ps 64
5	Rom 11:1-24	1 Sam 20	Ps 65
6	Rom 11:25-36	1 Sam 21-22	Ps 66
7	Rom 12	1 Sam 23-24	Ps 67
8	Rom 13	1 Sam 25	Ps 68
9	Rom 14	1 Sam 26	Ps 69
10	Rom 15:1-13	1 Sam 27-28	Ps 70
11	Rom 15:14-33	1 Sam 29-31	Ps 71
12	Rom 16	2 Sam 1	Ps 72
13	Mk 1:1-20	2 Sam 2:1-3:1	Dn 1
14	Mk 1:21-45	2 Sam 3:2-39	Dn 2:1-23
15	Mk 2	2 Sam 4-5	Dn 2:24-49
16	Mk 3:1-19	2 Sam 6	Dn 3
17	Mk 3:20-35	2 Sam 7-8	Dn 4
18	Mk 4:1-20	2 Sam 9-10	Dn 5
19	Mk 4:21-41	2 Sam 11-12	Dn 6
20	Mk 5:1-20	2 Sam 13	Dn 7
21	Mk 5:21-43	2 Sam 14	Dn 8
22	Mk 6:1-29	2 Sam 15	Dn 9
23	Mk 6:30-56	2 Sam 16	Dn 10:1-21
24	Mk 7:1-13	2 Sam 17	Dn 11:1-19
25	Mk 7:14-37	2 Sam 18	Dn 11:20-45
26	Mk 8:1-21	2 Sam 19	Dn 12
27	Mk 8:22-9:1	2 Sam 20-21	Hos 1:1-2:1
28	Mk 9:2-50	2 Sam 22	Hos 2:2-23
29	Mk 10:1-31	2 Sam 23	Hos 3
30	Mk 10:32-52	2 Sam 24	Hos 4:1-11

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Jeremiah=Jer	Lamentations=Lam	Ezekiel=Ez	Dn=Dn	Hosea=Hos	Joel	Amos	Obadiah=Obad
Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Habakkuk=Hbk	Zephaniah=Zep	Haggai	Zechariah	Malachi=Mal
New Testament	Matthew=Mt	Mark	Luke=Lk	John=Jhn	Acts	Romans=Rom	1 Corinthians=1 Co
2 Corinthians=2 Co	Galatians=Gal	Ephesians=Eph	Philippians=Phil	Colossians=Col	1 Thessalonians=1Thes	2 Thessalonians=2Thes	1 Timothy=1 Tim
2 Timothy=2 Tim	Titus	Philemon	Hebrews	James	1 Peter	2 Peter	1 John=1 Jhn
2 John=2 Jhn	3 John=3 Jhn	Jude	Revelation=Rev				

Through the Bible in a Year - 2011

July			
1	Mrk 11:1-14	1 Kngs 1	Hos 4:1-5:4
2	Mrk 11:15-33	1 Kngs 2	Hos 5:5-15
3	Mrk 12:1-27	1 Kngs 3	Hos 6:1-7:2
4	Mrk 12:28-44	1 Kngs 4-5	Hos 7:3-16
5	Mrk 13:1-13	1 Kngs 6	Hos 8
6	Mrk 13:14-37	1 Kngs 7	Hos 9:1-16
7	Mrk 14:1-31	1 Kngs 8	Hos 9:17-10:15
8	Mrk 14:32-72	1 Kngs 9	Hos 11:1-11
9	Mrk 15:1-20	1 Kngs 10	Hos 11:12-12:14
10	Mrk 15:21-47	1 Kngs 11	Hos 13
11	Mrk 16	1 Kngs 12:1-31	Hos 14
12	1 Co 1:1-17	1 Kngs 12:32-13:34	Joel 1
13	1 Co 1:18-31	1 Kngs 14	Joel 2:1-11
14	1 Co 2	1 Kngs 15:1-32	Joel 2:12-32
15	1 Co 3	1 Kngs 15:33-16:34	Joel 3
16	1 Co 4	1 Kngs 17	Amos 1
17	1 Co 5	1 Kngs 18	Amos 2:1-3:2
18	1 Co 6	1 Kngs 19	Amos 3:3-4:3
19	1 Co 7:1-24	1 Kngs 20	Amos 4:4-13
20	1 Co 7:25-40	1 Kngs 21	Amos 5
21	1 Co 8	1 Kngs 22	Amos 6
22	1 Co 9	2 Kngs 1-2	Amos 7
23	1 Co 10	2 Kngs 3	Amos 8
24	1 Co 11:1-16	2 Kngs 4	Amos 9
25	1 Co 11:17-34	2 Kngs 5	Obad 1
26	1 Co 12	2 Kngs 6:1-7:2	Jonah 1
27	1 Co 13	2 Kngs 7:3-20	Jonah 2
28	1 Co 14:1-25	2 Kngs 8	Jonah 3
29	1 Co 14:26-40	2 Kngs 9	Jonah 4
30	1 Co 15:1-34	2 Kngs 10	Micah 1
31	1 Co 15:35-58	2 Kngs 11	Micah 2

September			
1	Jhn 9:1-23	2 Chr 6	Mal 2:17-3:18
2	Jhn 9:24-41	2 Chr 7	Mal 4
3	Jhn 10:1-21	2 Chr 8	Ps 73
4	Jhn 10:22-42	2 Chr 9	Ps 74
5	Jhn 11:1-27	2 Chr 10-11	Ps 75
6	Jhn 11:28-57	2 Chr 12-13	Ps 76
7	Jhn 12:1-26	2 Chr 14-15	Ps 77
8	Jhn 12:27-50	2 Chr 16-17	Ps 78:1-20
9	Jhn 13:1-20	2 Chr 18	Ps 78:21-37
10	Jhn 13:21-38	2 Chr 19	Ps 78:38-55
11	Jhn 14:1-14	2 Chr 20:1-21:1	Ps 78:56-72
12	Jhn 14:15-31	2 Chr 21:2-22:12	Ps 79
13	Jhn 15:1-16:4a	2 Chr 23	Ps 80
14	Jhn 16:4b-33	2 Chr 24	Ps 81
15	Jhn 17	2 Chr 25	Ps 82
16	Jhn 18:1-18	2 Chr 26	Ps 83
17	Jhn 18:19-38	2 Chr 27-28	Ps 84
18	Jhn 18:38b-19:16	2 Chr 29	Ps 85
19	Jhn 19:16-42	2 Chr 30	Ps 86
20	Jhn 20:1-18	2 Chr 31	Ps 87
21	Jhn 20:19-31	2 Chr 32	Ps 88
22	Jhn 21	2 Chr 33	Ps 89:1-18
23	1 Jhn 1	2 Chr 34	Ps 89:19-37
24	1 Jhn 2	2 Chr 35	Ps 89:38-52
25	1 Jhn 3	2 Chr 36	Ps 90
26	1 Jhn 4	Ezra 1-2	Ps 91
27	1 Jhn 5	Ezra 3-4	Ps 92
28	2 Jhn	Ezra 5-6	Ps 93
29	3 Jhn	Ezra 7-8	Ps 94
30	Jude	Ezra 9-10	Ps 95

November			
1	1 Tim 3	Isaiah 36-37	Ps 119:97-120
2	1 Tim 4	Isaiah 38-39	Ps 119:121-144
3	1 Tim 5:1-22	Jer 1-2	Ps 119:145-176
4	1 Tim 5:23-6:21	Jer 3-4	Ps 120
5	2 Tim 1	Jer 5-6	Ps 121
6	2 Tim 2	Jer 7-8	Ps 122
7	2 Tim 3	Jer 9-10	Ps 123
8	2 Tim 4	Jer 11-12	Ps 124
9	Titus 1	Jer 13-14	Ps 125
10	Titus 2	Jer 15-16	Ps 126
11	Titus 3	Jer 17-18	Ps 127
12	Philemon	Jer 19-20	Ps 128
13	James 1	Jer 21-22	Ps 129
14	James 2	Jer 23-24	Ps 130
15	James 3	Jer 25-26	Ps 131
16	James 4	Jer 27-28	Ps 132
17	James 5	Jer 29-30	Ps 133
18	1 Peter 1	Jer 31-32	Ps 134
19	1 Peter 2	Jer 33-34	Ps 135
20	1 Peter 3	Jer 35-36	Ps 136
21	1 Peter 4	Jer 37-38	Ps 137
22	1 Peter 5	Jer 39-40	Ps 138
23	2 Peter 1	Jer 41-42	Ps 139
24	2 Peter 2	Jer 43-44	Ps 140
25	2 Peter 3	Jer 45-46	Ps 141
26	Gal 1	Jer 47-48	Ps 142
27	Gal 2	Jer 49-50	Ps 143
28	Gal 3:1-18	Jer 51-52	Ps 144
29	Gal 3:19-4:20	Lam 1-2	Ps 145
30	Gal 4:21-31	Lam 3-4	Ps 146

August			
1	1 Co 16	2 Kngs 12-13	Micah 3
2	2 Co 1:1-2:4	2 Kngs 14	Micah 4:1-5:1
3	2 Co 2:5-3:18	2 Kngs 15-16	Micah 5:2-15
4	2 Co 4:1-5:10	2 Kngs 17	Micah 6
5	2 Co 5:11-6:13	2 Kngs 18	Micah 7
6	2 Co 6:14-7:16	2 Kngs 19	Nahum 1
7	2 Co 8	2 Kngs 20-21	Nahum 2
8	2 Co 9	2 Kngs 22:1-23:35	Nahum 3
9	2 Co 10	2 Kngs 23:36-24:20	Hbk 1
10	2 Co 11	2 Kngs 25	Hbk 2
11	2 Co 12	1 Chr 1-2	Hbk 3
12	2 Co 13	1 Chr 3-4	Zep 1
13	Jhn 1:1-18	1 Chr 5-6	Zep 2
14	Jhn 1:19-34	1 Chr 7-8	Zep 3
15	Jhn 1:35-51	1 Chr 9	Haggai 1-2
16	Jhn 2	1 Chr 10-11	Zechariah 1
17	Jhn 3:1-21	1 Chr 12	Zechariah 2
18	Jhn 3:22-36	1 Chr 13-14	Zechariah 3
19	Jhn 4:1-26	1 Chr 15:1-16:6	Zechariah 4
20	Jhn 4:27-42	1 Chr 16:7-43	Zechariah 5
21	Jhn 4:43-54	1 Chr 17	Zechariah 6
22	Jhn 5:1-18	1 Chr 18-19	Zechariah 7
23	Jhn 5:19-47	1 Chr 20:1-22:1	Zechariah 8
24	Jhn 6:1-21	1 Chr 22:2-23:32	Zechariah 9
25	Jhn 6:22-59	1 Chr 24	Zechariah 10
26	Jhn 6:60-71	1 Chr 25-26	Zechariah 11
27	Jhn 7:1-24	1 Chr 27-28	Zechariah 12
28	Jhn 7:25-52	1 Chr 29	Zechariah 13
29	Jhn 8:1-20	2 Chr 1:1-2:16	Zechariah 14
30	Jhn 8:21-47	2 Chr 2:17-5:1	Mal 1:1-2:9
31	Jhn 8:48-59	2 Chr 5:2-14	Mal 2:10-16

October			
1	Rev 1	Neh 1-2	Ps 96
2	Rev 2	Neh 3	Ps 97
3	Rev 3	Neh 4	Ps 98
4	Rev 4	Neh 5:1-7:4	Ps 99
5	Rev 5	Neh 7:5-8:12	Ps 100
6	Rev 6	Neh 8:13-9:37	Ps 101
7	Rev 7	Neh 9:38-10:39	Ps 102
8	Rev 8	Neh 11	Ps 103
9	Rev 9	Neh 12	Ps 104:1-23
10	Rev 10	Neh 13	Ps 104:24-35
11	Rev 11	Esther 1	Ps 105:1-25
12	Rev 12	Esther 2	Ps 105:26-45
13	Rev 13	Esther 3-4	Ps 106:1-23
14	Rev 14	Esther 5:1-6:13	Ps 106:24-48
15	Rev 15	Esther 6:14-8:17	Ps 107:1-22
16	Rev 16	Esther 9-10	Ps 107:23-43
17	Rev 17	Isaiah 1-2	Ps 108
18	Rev 18	Isaiah 3-4	Ps 109:1-19
19	Rev 19	Isaiah 5-6	Ps 109:20-31
20	Rev 20	Isaiah 7-8	Ps 110
21	Rev 21-22	Isaiah 9-10	Ps 111
22	1 Thes 1	Isaiah 11-13	Ps 112
23	1 Thes 2:1-16	Isaiah 14-16	Ps 113
24	1 Thes 2:17-3:13	Isaiah 17-19	Ps 114
25	1 Thes 4	Isaiah 20-22	Ps 115
26	1 Thes 5	Isaiah 23-24	Ps 116
27	2 Thes 1	Isaiah 25-26	Ps 117
28	2 Thes 2	Isaiah 27-28	Ps 118
29	2 Thes 3	Isaiah 29-30	Ps 119:1-32
30	1 Tim 1	Isaiah 31-33	Ps 119:33-64
31	1 Tim 2	Isaiah 34-35	Ps 119:65-96

December			
1	Gal 5:1-15	Lam 5	Ps 147
2	Gal 5:16-26	Ez 1	Ps 148
3	Gal 6	Ez 2-3	Ps 149
4	Eph 1	Ez 4-5	Ps 150
5	Eph 2	Ez 6-7	Isaiah 40
6	Eph 3	Ez 8-9	Isaiah 41
7	Eph 4:1-16	Ez 10-11	Isaiah 42
8	Eph 4:17-32	Ez 12-13	Isaiah 43
9	Eph 5:1-20	Ez 14-15	Isaiah 44
10	Eph 5:21-33	Ez 16	Isaiah 45
11	Eph 6	Ez 17	Isaiah 46
12	Phil 1:1-11	Ez 18	Isaiah 47
13	Phil 1:12-30	Ez 19	Isaiah 48
14	Phil 2:1-11	Ez 20	Isaiah 49
15	Phil 2:12-30	Ez 21-22	Isaiah 50
16	Phil 3	Ez 23	Isaiah 51
17	Phil 4	Ez 24	Isaiah 52
18	Col 1:1-23	Ez 25-26	Isaiah 53
19	Col 1:24-2:19	Ez 27-28	Isaiah 54
20	Col 2:20-3:17	Ez 29-30	Isaiah 55
21	Col 3:18-4:18	Ez 31-32	Isaiah 56
22	Lk 1:1-25	Ez 33	Isaiah 57
23	Lk 1:26-56	Ez 34	Isaiah 58
24	Lk 1:57-80	Ez 35-36	Isaiah 59
25	Lk 2:1-20	Ez 37	Isaiah 60
26	Lk 2:21-52	Ez 38-39	Isaiah 61
27	Lk 3:1-20	Ez 40-41	Isaiah 62
28	Lk 3:21-38	Ez 42-43	Isaiah 63
29	Lk 4:1-30	Ez 44-45	Isaiah 64
30	Lk 4:31-44	Ez 46-47	Isaiah 65
31	Lk 5:1-26	Ez 48	Isaiah 66

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News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church



The following is part of a letter sent to Gertrude, from Thelma Harrahill's family.

As many of you know, this has been a sad year for our family with the recent loss of Karen's mother, Thelma. Since she had lived with us for 3 1/2 years, she leaves quite a void in our hearts and daily lives...but as Jasmine so aptly said, "I'm not crying for granny, she's up there dancing' with grandpa now and she hasn't been able to dance in years!"



What we've learned! (1) God is good-all the time. (2) Love your family-tell them. Hold'em close when you can, pray for them when you can't. (3) Mend your fences while you still can. Dump the grudges, swallow your pride-life is too short!

We continue to pray for Karen's sister, Diane. She is battling a difficult form of leukemia. (AML) She shows remarkable strength after undergoing 5 rounds of chemotherapy. She has a lot of good Irish fight in her, Praise God!

To Members of Grace Lutheran Church:

From the heart. I wish to thank everyone who remembered Barbara by signing her Christmas card. That was a beautiful thing to do. Thank you so much and God bless each and every one of you.

Joseph L. Narducci



Thank you to everyone who cleared the snow from the walkways, etc. Even the abdominal snow man was here clearing the snow away!

Stay close to God's Word as;
It will not return empty, but will accomplish what He desires.

(Isa 55:11)



Virginia McGill
Director

Gabriella Ortiz, Assistant
Douglas County Health Department
Se habla español.

Amigos in Action/Interfaith Health Participant Honored Within Omaha Public Schools

This month, Alondra, one of our Amigos in Action participants, was honored by Field Club School in receiving a Winner's Circle Award. Alondra is in 4th grade at Field Club and has been part of Interfaith's Amigos in Action program for a year. Alondra attends Amigos in Action each Wednesday and Friday evening with her older brother and her younger sister and baby brother. She shares that she enjoys Amigos in Action because it is fun and that she enjoys making new friends, working on art projects, or sometimes, getting help on her homework if it seems too challenging for her.

Alondra invited me to attend her Award day at Field Club since her mom and dad would be working and unable to attend. Along with 14 other students from Field Club, Alondra was recognized with a Gold Medal and Winner's Circle Award for her outstanding work in reading, social studies and writing. I was extremely honored to witness the ceremony and was thrilled to share in the day by meeting Alondra's classmates, teacher, and seeing her classroom decorated in her honor.

Alondra was understandably proud of her accomplishments and award! She shares that she works hard in school and never misses any homework assignments. Alondra wants to keep on getting good grades and hopes that her study habits will serve her well in middle school, high school and college. She is not sure whether she would like to be a designer, an architect or a lawyer in the future, but no matter what she does, I have no doubt that she will excel!

I am grateful that so many elementary, middle school and high school students, like Alondra and her siblings, have found a program that is welcoming and inspiring within Amigos in Action. Gema and I meet regularly with parents and children to get feedback on what is working well within Amigos in Action and are always fine-tuning new ideas, games, art projects, team building exercises, sports, to engage our participants and help them get to know each other.

Alondra's mom, Maria, shared with me that she is very pleased that her suggestions for programming have met with such positive responses and have been incorporated into our evening programs. Her experience as a parent within Amigos in Action is that her opinions are valued and taken seriously. She also shared how much Alondra has opened up within Amigos in Action and that she believes the group is helping her daughter's self-esteem and re-enforcing leadership and study skills.

Thank you for your support in keeping all of our Interfaith participants and programs in your hearts and prayers. We look forward to celebrating many more accomplishments and milestones together in this New Year!

Virginia McGill, Interfaith Health Service

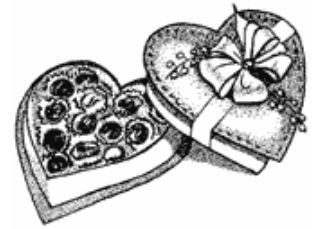
Valentine's Day 'love'

Kids' definition of "love" on Valentine's Day in Sunday school, via Lowell Yoder, Holland, OH:

"Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other."
—Herbert, 6

"There are two kinds of love. Our love. God's love. But God makes both of them."
—Mary, 5

"If you want to love better, you should start with a friend you hate."
—Jimmy, 7



Pecan Pie Muffins

- 2/3 cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup flour
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup pecans chopped

Bake at 350 degrees for 17 – 20 minutes.

Lovingly submitted by LaVonne Moss

'Thumbs-up Jesus'

In the fellowship hall of St. Mary Roman Catholic Church in Coventry, CT, hangs a poster-size print of "The Risen Christ by the Sea," which many parishioners have come to call "Thumbs-up Jesus."

Parishioner Carol-Lynn Miller explained: "He is always there with His broad contagious smile, welcoming those who enter church.

"When the painting was first seen from across the room, someone remarked that Jesus looked like He is giving a 'thumbs-up' on His right hand while holding a fishing net. So ever since, many people refer to Him as "Thumbs-up Jesus.'"

Fr. Victor Chaker is the church pastor.



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"One reason George Washington stood up in that boat crossing the Delaware was because every time he sat down somebody handed him an oar."

—Jim Reed
Cotter, AR

FEBRUARY

- ◆ named after the Latin term “februum,” which means purification.
- ◆ The birthstone is amethyst.
- ◆ The flower is primrose or violet
- ◆ February begins on the same day of the week as March and November in a common year (non-leap year) and on the same day of the week as August in a leap year

Happy Groundhog Day!

The Groundhog Carol

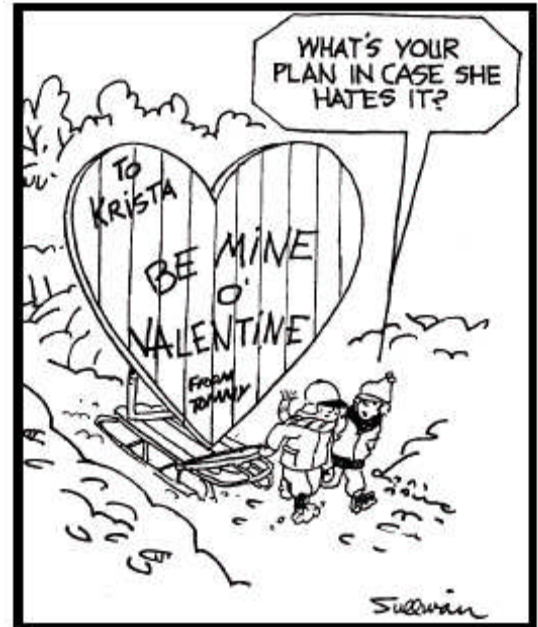
To the tune of

“It Came Upon A Midnight Clear”



It CAME upON a GROUND Hog Day,
That GLORious RITual
OOOOOLLLLLDDDDDD.
We WAIT to HEAR a MARmot SAY,
How LONG it's GONna stay COOOOLLLLLDDDDDD!
Peace ON the FARM, this GROUND Hog Day,
We eat soup and SIIINNGGG and DANCE....
For ONCE the GROUND Hog is UP for
GOOOODDDDD,
He'll EAT up ALL of your PLAAAANNNTTTTTTS!

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A professor at West Virginia University sent the following questions-and-answers from student exams to Rev. Dr. Bert Coffman of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Grafton, WV:

Question: “Explain why phosphorous trichloride (PCT_3) is polar.”

Answer: “God made it that way.”

Question: “Briefly explain what hard water is.”

Answer: “Ice.”

Question: “Name one of the early Romans’ greatest achievements.”

Answer: “Learning to speak Latin.”

Question: “What is Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?”

Answer: “He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes.”

Question: “Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?”

Answer: “At the bottom.”

Valentine’s Day love letters

From Mark Twain to Olivia Langdon (1869):

“For I do love you, Livy... as the dew loves the flowers; as the birds love the sunshine; as the wavelets love the breeze; as mothers love their first-born; as memory loves old faces; as the yearning tides love the moon; as the angels love the pure in heart.”

From Winston Churchill to Clementine Churchill (1935):

“Time passes so swiftly, but is it not joyous to see how great and growing is the treasure we have gathered together, amid the storms and stresses of so many eventful and, to millions, tragic and terrible years?”

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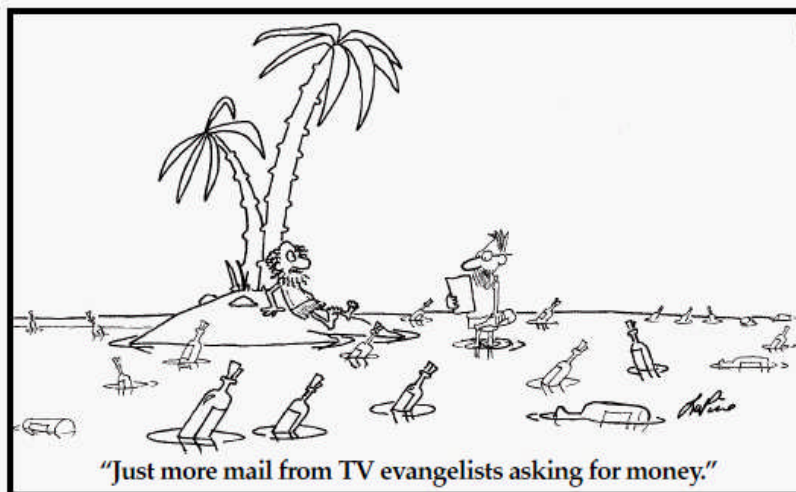
The Large Sheet

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 N I R E C N A R T G R E T E P
 N O M I S H O S T A Y I N G M
 C L L E F C P R A Y K N O W N

ANIMALS	NOON
BIRDS	OPENED
CORNERS	PETER
DOWN	PRAY
EARTH	REPTILES
EATEN	ROOF
FELL	SHEET
FOUND	SIMON
GOD	SPIRIT
HEAVEN	SPOKE
HOUSE	STAYING
HUNGRY	STILL
IMPURE	STOPPED
JOURNEY	THINKING
KINDS	TIMES
KNOWN	TRANCE
LARGE	UNCLEAN
MEAL	VISION
MEANING	VOICE
	CORNELIUS
	WONDERING

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

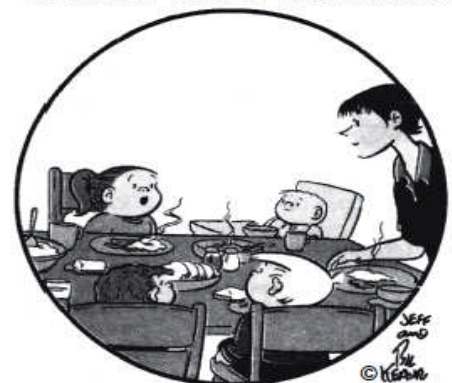
Psalm 57



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