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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.**

May 2011



THE
GRACE
MESSENGER



2011 Council Members

Titus Duli	Andrew Edwards	Arlone Farber	Ralph Fitle
David Hufford	Greg Hula	Carolyn Matson	Ernie Olson
Samantha Trejo	Pastor Laaker		

Officers Serving the Congregation but not on Council:

Financial Secretary: Janet Hula Treasurer: Margie Sutej

The regular meeting of the Council was held on April 12. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: we pray for the town of Mapleton, Iowa, as they recently had a tornado that destroyed 60% of their community, but sing praises of thanksgiving for minimal injuries and no loss of life; we pray for the nation of Japan that has been faced heavy loss of life and destruction following a major earthquake; we pray for Phil Minino, who has lung cancer, a brain tumor, and a fractured hip; we pray for fellow Grace member, Ken Hilmer, as he is having eye surgery; we pray for the countries of Sudan, Libya, and others who are experiencing political unrest; we pray for an end to the violence in our own city that affects not only victims and their families, but so many innocent people; we pray for Sue Rose, who is undergoing radiation and chemotherapy for lung cancer; we pray for our shut-in's, Barbara Nelson, Barb Narducci, and Mae Lane; we sing praises of thanksgiving for Kevin Courtney, as his strength is slowly returning after his treatment of colon cancer; we sing praises of thanksgiving for David Hufford and the rest of the Nebraska Synod travelers for returning home safely from their trip in the Middle East; we pray for Jerry Wiebelhaus, who is diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease; we pray for Alice Morgan, who has a staph infection of her blood; we pray for Alice Gillett, who has pneumonia; we pray for John Hassel, who has had a pacemaker implanted; we pray for the millions of people across the nation that are unemployed, including our own fellow member, Titus Duli; we pray for all people suffering from physical and emotional trauma caused by natural disasters; we pray for the needs of our Sudanese brothers and sisters; we pray for the safety of armed service personnel, police and patrol officers; and as we count our many blessings, we pray for the poor, the hungry, the homeless, and the oppressed.

Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker reading the selected verses of Jeremiah 31:10 and Romans 4:21 from the "Daily Texts." Jeremiah gives encouragement to those being scattered in different directions. All people will be comforted by God's love and be gathered together, much like a Shepherd gathers his flock. Romans also tells us of God's encouragement. Paul had great faith and was fully convinced that God would keep his promises to the people of Israel.

Visions for Ministry: The Council continued their discussion on the book titled, "Leadership in Congregations." There are so many significant changes going on in congregations and churches in this day and age, we have to have "open" attitudes and a good sense of humor, which are necessary tools in keeping relationships open and working. There will always be criticism, but we must find ways to make it constructive. We cannot just sit around waiting for something to happen; we need to act on the changes that are happening around us now.

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

Christian Education: Anna Ernst has been involved in discussions with a few other Lutheran Churches; hosted by St. Matthew's, on youth serving Omaha. This is an effort to bring together youth and staff for ministries in South Omaha. This effort is for a week of service this summer. The dates for VBS have been set as June 26-30.

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Evangelism/Outreach: There was a walk in the neighborhood on May 2nd. This walk was focused on building awareness as a neighbor to neighbors around us. There will be a second walk planned by Anna Ernst and there will be a sign up sheet for anyone wishing to join the walk. In reflection, we would like to explore ways of partnering together for common causes. "Family Fun Night" will be on May 15th at the Church, hosted by Anna Ernst. On May 17th, the Council is invited to welcome the kids and their parents who will be involved in the "Kids at Work" Program this year. A light supper will be served at approximately 6:30 p.m. A reminder, that on April 16th, from 6:00-9:30 p.m., OTOC is hosting "OTOC 2011." This is a celebration of art, music, and community. Pastor Laaker is selling tickets for \$20.00 to anyone who is looking for some good, clean fun. This event will be held at the Hot Shops Art Center, located at 1301 Nicholas. The Christian band, "Lost and Found", will be at Shepherd of the Hills on Thursday, April 14th, located at 60th and Redick.

Finance: Pastor Laaker reported that Habitat for Humanity verified that the Olson house on the north side of the Church could not be moved by them. The Olson family is aware that the house will probably be torn down. Purchase agreements have been given to both property owners to review. At this point, no further contact has been received from the property owners to the south of the Church.

Property: The Articles of Incorporation have been redone to comply with Nebraska regulations. New batteries will be put in the exit signs before the inspection is due.

Service/Social Ministry: Habitat for Humanity will start a house build at 1519 South 27th Street on June 10th.

Support/Stewardship: The Gideons sent a thank-you note for the 115.00 that was collected from the congregation.

Worship: The last mid-week Lenten service will be on April 13th. There will be two Easter Services at the Church. The first one is 6:30 a.m. and the second one is at 10:30 a.m. The Moyer's will be hosting the breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

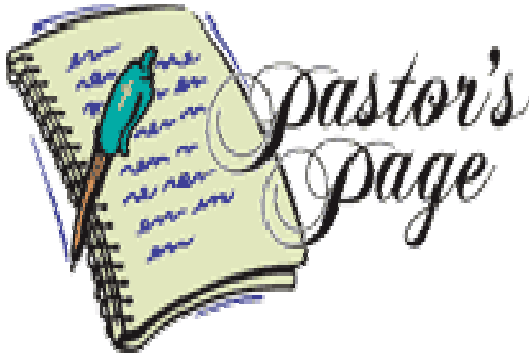
Unfinished Business: One more person is needed to go to the Nebraska Synod Assembly during the first weekend in June. The meeting is titled, "Faith 2 Grow." David Hufford has agreed to be a voting member, but another person is needed.

New Business: The Church is in need of purchasing a new Risograph machine. Pastor Laaker has obtained different bids and presented a proposal to the Council. Pastor Laaker received a letter from the Coram Deo Church looking for space that would be large enough for 500 adults and 120 children. Pastor Laaker will call them back if he knows of a place that would be large enough. The Council reviewed a written security/privacy policy, which has been suggested by the ELCA. The policy was adopted.

Announcements: Ernie Olson will bring treats and lead the closing prayer for our May 2011 Council meeting. Pastor Laaker is to be recognized by the United Way as one of the top five volunteers in the community. David Hufford has written a poem that came in third place and will be published in the "Writer's Digest."

**It takes forty people to lead someone to Christ.
The first thirty-nine think they did nothing; the
last one thinks he did everything.
~ Billy Graham**





We have just journeyed through our Lenten season and now have celebrated the joyful good news of Easter. Throughout Lent, during our mid-week services, we heard how “Faith Is” an important part of peoples’ lives. We heard how faith informs, encourages and sustains. As we enter this Easter season, change is all around us. Now only the change from death to life, as evidenced in spring flowers, greening grass, budding trees, resurrection from the dead by Jesus but also change in our lives as the Spirit of God moves within us.

Change is never easy. Mark Twain once said that “the only person who likes change is a wet baby.” But change is necessary, perpetual, and a sign of growth. Without openness to change, decay sets in and death lurks in the shadows. Martin Luther said that the Word of God, whenever it comes, comes to change and renew the world.

In our Sunday morning scriptures over the next few weeks, we will hear about change. On Easter, we heard that Peter had a big change. He said, “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.” This is a big change for Peter. He was schooled as a Jew. This was an exclusive faith community. For him to see God’s work open and inclusive was a big change.

The women on that first Easter morning went to the tomb expecting to find a corpse. When they arrived, they were met by an angel who told them that the dead one they expected to find was no longer dead but alive. How do you change death to life? They were afraid and joyful at the same time. The change that they experienced was in the meeting of the risen Christ. Their fear becomes overwhelming joy. He is risen!

The disciples experience change when Jesus shows up in their midst. They are behind locked doors and Jesus appears. They experience the change of hearts captured by fear of those who carried out the execution to hearts filled with the Holy Spirit willing and able to share the good news about this one, this Christ, who is risen and lives. Those two disciples on the road will say, did not our hearts burn within us while he was talking to us. This one that is resurrected has the power to recreate hope in our lives.

I have experienced change in my life. Yes, I’ve gone from younger to older. I expect that change. The change that I didn’t expect has been in the way God has influenced my understanding of poverty and wealth. This has not been an easy change or a miraculous quick change. It has been a process that God has been working on me in these last ten years or so. I used to think that I was poor in material means. As I looked around, lots of folks had more things, received more in income, and were recognized as models of influence. I wanted to be like them. I wanted to have more. But God placed me here and has kept me here on this side of the city. Here God has changed my heart and my mind. God has shown me the poverty of my wealth. God has shown me the wealth of poverty in the people I supervise and serve. Now my heart is broken for my brothers and sisters who struggle to make ends meet but find joy in caring for one another. My heart is broken for my brothers and sisters who have so much that they are captured by the need to hold onto all their things and in so doing experience fear and loss.

God has changed me. I now want to be in relationship with those who have less because I want their joy to infect me. I want to express my outrage at those who make policy decisions that mistakenly believe that pooling more and more resources into the hands of a few will bring about change and uplift for the many.

My faith is changing me. I wonder what faith is doing for you?

Pastor Laaker



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

Those we pray for named below are members unless otherwise specified:

- ◆ Andrew Edwards - Doing dialysis a couple times a week until a kidney can be found.
- ◆ Mae Lane - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Ken Hilmer - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ La Vonne Moss - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Ferne Matson - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Barbara Nelson - as she recovers from a stroke.
- ◆ Barbara Narducci - as she continues to recover from her fall.
- ◆ Margie Sutej - Ongoing health issues.
- ◆ Brian Sutej - Ongoing health issues. (Margie's husband)
- ◆ Rose Heesacker - as she receives chemotherapy for colon cancer treatment. (June Hilmer's sister.)
- ◆ Linda Garlie - Ongoing therapy from burns and skin grafting surgeries. Linda is now home! (Aunt of members, Brenda and Andrea Spahr, Family of member Eva Martin.)
- ◆ Bradley Collett - Hospitalized, treatments for blood clots. (Kids At Work Participant)

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

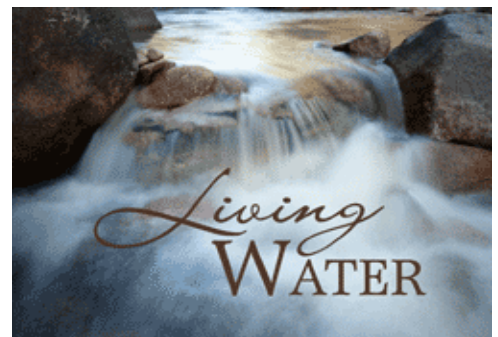
Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod

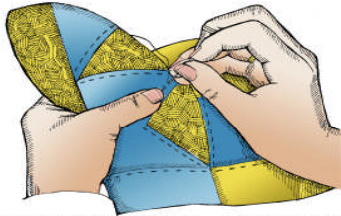
Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

- ◆ 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.*

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master. Had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher. Had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer. Had no army, yet kings feared Him. He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world. He committed no crime, yet they crucified Him. He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today. Patrick Moore.





QUILTING GROUP

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 Women of Omaha will meet
May 10, 2011 for a 12:00 Luncheon At
Bethel Lutheran Church
1312 South 45th Street.

Program: Westside Choral Group

Project: Monetary/Holy Cross Lutheran Pantry

Reservations By: May 8, 2011
To

Mardelle Gocek - 402-292-1328

Luncheon: \$6.00 COME JOIN US



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*



Wednesday Night

May 18, 2011

7:00 p.m.

Candle light Prayer Service
for Confession,
Meditation and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church.

People of all faiths welcome!

God's kids say the funniest things

On Mother's Day in a Baton Rouge (LA) church,
the pastor in the children's sermon asked the
kids:

"On Mother's Day, if your mother asks you to do
something for her and you are watching a movie,
are on the computer, or just playing with friends,
what do you do?" The instantaneous response
was, "You put it on pause."

—Columnist Smiley Anders
Baton Rouge (LA) Advocate



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

Games, Crafts, and Fun Geared for Elementary Kids!

Free!

Director, Anna Ernst



How many times have you stood up for yourself? Expressed your opinion, not in an argumentative or pressuring way, but in a way that says to the world, “I have feelings about this, I value those feelings and myself, and I want to share those feelings with you”? When was the last time you did that?

Sometimes I have a very hard time standing up for myself. Though I have been working forty hours a week for social justice since last August and loving it, sometimes the fear and anxiety I see in myself or others makes me want to give up. Maybe I should just stay in bed and pull the covers over my head, because nothing I say or do is really going to make a difference anyway. I'm just one person.

One Grace congregation member, greeting at the door on Palm Sunday, was just one person doing what she could do – warmly, lovingly, genuinely welcoming neighbors into worship. We are definitely blessed by members such as Louise – one person among many who show God's love to others.

Jesus was one person, too, who had a hard time standing up as he was being whipped and beaten on his way to the cross, carrying the burden of our sin. But when Easter Sunday morning came and the angel rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb, he wasn't there anymore! He was standing up, risen, because sins had been forgiven, to announce life, peace and love. Death could not and would not keep him in the grave, and it won't keep us there either. Alleluia! Hallelujah! Hooray!

So, what can we do? How can we stand up for ourselves? How can we brush away the dead branches of fear and anxiety from our hearts, roll the stone away, and say “I am here, world, and I want to love you as Jesus loves you”?

As I write, the lot where the new Habitat for Humanity house is to be built this summer at 1519 South 27th Street (a three-minute walk away from Grace) is being prepared. What a wonderful opportunity for us to do what we each can do - together! This summer, on Fridays and Saturdays working, serving food and/or praying for the build, and during VBS and our time with the Kids at Work, we can stand up, throw open our doors and our hearts to the summer air, and let the love of the risen Christ shine in and out of us in our church and in our neighborhood. What a joy it will be to stand up with you!

I'm SO excited to spend my summer at Grace and in the neighborhood. I'm also excited to let you know that I am captaining “Team Lily” for the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Nebraska Walk on Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 am at Elmwood Park. If you would like to sponsor and/or join me on the walk, you can go to <http://www.nami.org/namiwalks11/NEB/teamlily>. (If you would prefer not to donate online, you can give me a check made out to “NAMI Nebraska”.) You can also find information about the NAMI Nebraska walk on the bulletin board in the upper fellowship hall. Thanks!

Anna Ernst playing violin during the Lost and Found Concert on April 14, 2011.



Family Fun Night on Friday, May 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Fellowship Hall, open to the congregation and the community! Just like last time, there will be pizza, games, and a movie. See Anna with any questions!

"Helping Hands"

Working Together in God's service



Project Hope

The Theme for May is Personal Care Items:
Deodorant, Bathroom Tissue, Shampoo, etc.

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

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

We always need paper or plastic bags.



- ◆ Thank you to Jack Williams for his dedication in tending to the plants in the entry way, they continue to look welcoming.
- ◆ Thank you to Donna Adrian, Mary Laaker, Tom and Sarah Emery and Vicki Cox for their on-going care in the nursery during Sunday morning worship service.
- ◆ Thank you to Bob Moss, Jerry Van Ormer, and Ernie Olson for their continuing efforts to maintain the church with any projects that need to be completed.
- ◆ Thank you to LaVonne Moss, Norma Olson, June Hilmer, Eva Martin and Marilyn Van Ormer for their wonderful quilting work each Monday morning for Lutheran World Relief. The quilts are made out of old polyester clothing. The creations designed from those materials are truly works of art!
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who prepared, and served the Lenten Dinners and Easter Breakfast. They have been greatly appreciated.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who helped decorate the sanctuary with Easter Lilies, the flowers smell so full of spring!



Happening in the Library!

Used Books, etc. Sale Complete!

The Library collected \$55.00 during the sale! Thanks to all who donated and made purchases.

What should the library do next, you ask? It's time for the annual summer reading contest! Only one thing missing, well a couple of things, a theme and readers! Watch for additional announcements pertaining to these and other interesting questions.

Is the library missing a book you would like to read? Please let Brenda, Donna, Eva, or Carolyn know and one of us will put it on a list for our next book shopping spree.

Kids At Work 2011

Preparation for Kids at Work 2011 has begun!

Kids at Work is a summer youth work program that partners parents, kids and Grace Lutheran to teach various work skills, saving money and responsibility.



Time to remember all the fun of last summer and create additional fun for summer 2011! Please return your contracts soon to enroll in the program. The Welcome Dinner will be Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Would you like to support kids in a good start by learning how to save money and develop good work skills? If you are an adult with a bit of time to help as a team leader, contact Brenda Spahr at 341-7730.



8th Annual Lutheran Service Corps Charity Golf Tournament Monday, May 16, 2011 Oak Hills Country Club

If you or anyone you know might be interested in putting together a group or if you are interested in supporting Lutheran Service Corps, please contact: Heather Abbott 402-250-3599 hmdavis626@msn.com or Bill Davis 402-598-5883 bill_e_davis@msn.com.



Free Trash Dump!

Columbus Neighborhood Clean Up

May 21, 2011 Only
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
NO EARLY DROP OFFS!!

Drop Off Site for Columbus Park

22nd and Leavenworth - Omaha, NE

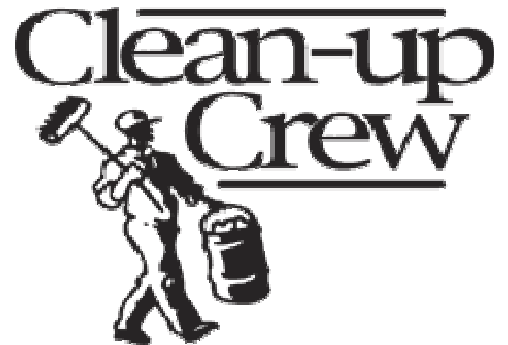
No Chemicals No Batteries No Concrete

(Appliances, Tires and Yard Waste drop off sites listed below)

Trash pick up service is available for seniors and physically challenged. Call Stephen Stout at 402-341-7020 to be placed on the list.

If you have a pick up truck and/or can volunteer to help either at the drop off site or in the trucks, please call Stephen as soon as possible.

We will need help with distributing flyers, running the concession stand, picking up bulky items for the elderly, and unloading the steady stream of vehicles that come in.



A partnership between Lutheran World Relief, Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries, and Nebraska Synodical Women of the ELCA to make 8,000 School Kits.

Grace Lutheran Church is being asked to donate 600 ball point pens.

Items will be delivered to Camp Carol Joy Holling near Ashland by May 25th.

A Basket will be at the back of the sanctuary for your pen donations!

Thank you for your participation in this ingathering!

News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church



Rev. Dr. Damon Laaker was awarded the Leota G. Norton Community Service Award by the United Way of the Midlands. He was recognized for 27 years of service ministering to the officers and members of the public through the Omaha Police Department, including the delicate task of delivering death notifications to family members. Pastor Laaker trains new chaplains and manages the 24-hour scheduling for the service. Pastor Laaker has been the Senior Chaplain for the Omaha Police Department for fifteen years. The Norton award is named for a longtime United Way volunteer.

Way to go Pastor!

Loren Moyer was recently awarded the **Outstanding Building Partner** from Habitat for Humanity for his work with Neighbors South Coalition. For the last twelve years Loren has dedicated each summer to being an instrumental part of helping to building not only homes for families; but also helping to accomplish dreams and a new beginnings for families in need. Loren is a wonderful partner.

Great Job Loren!



**Grace Lutheran Church
has been invited to attend
Julia's Commencement Ceremony at
Douglas County West Community
High School
On Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Additional Information is on
the bulletin board.**

Congratulations Julia!



Virginia McGill
Director

Gema C. Wolde
Community Health Worker
Se habla español.

April was National Poetry Month! To honor this, along with our amazing programs within Interfaith Health Service and Latinas in Action, a few of Amigas in Action participants met with me during March and the beginning of April to write a poem that reflects our organization and programs.

I submitted this original work, limited to 8 lines by foundation guidelines, to the CTK National Foundation with the hope of garnering substantial grant support for Interfaith. Over 1,500 nonprofits from around the world submitted poems for the 2011 Heart and Soul Grant Awards Program. Each and every poem was inspirational and warmly reflected valuable work. The CTK Foundation notified me that though we reached the semi-finals in the contest, our poem did not receive a cash grant.

All of our Amigas in Action and Latinas in Action participants, volunteers and staff are to be commended for their efforts, creativity and participation in programs that inspired the poem and summary. They are all winners!

LATINAS IN ACTION

By: Maria R. 1st year student, South High School, Michelle N. 2nd year South High School edited by Virginia M.

Families: Learn, sew,
Splash, dance, create, all grow

Unity, Community
We Are One

Children: Play, song
Sweat, craft, design, all belong

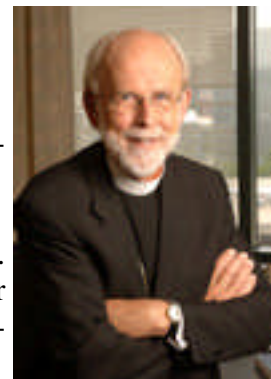
Community, Unity
We Are One



Table Grace Café

A new café at 1611 ½ Farnam Street is officially open to the public! This is a unique café, “Nourishing Hungry Bodies and Souls’. Everyone, regardless of economic status, is hungry in some way. TGC will provide quality food in a graceful manner to anyone who walks through the door, and give people a chance to help each other in a very hands-on, person-to-person way. Pay what you can, what you want to, or what you feel your meal experience at TGC is worth. No set prices. Come see us Monday through Saturday from 11am - 2pm. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Simone at 402-706-3065.

Presiding Bishop Mark S. Hanson
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. (Matthew 28:8)

Mary Magdalene and Mary walked to Jesus' grave, expecting to find death. It's understandable. Images of violence filled their minds. Thoughts of their vulnerability and mortality deadened their spirits. Death had become the defining story of their lives.

Instead of death, the women met a resurrection messenger who said, "He is not here: for he has been raised, as he said." As they hurried to tell others, the risen Jesus met them. They were changed. Now resurrection, not death, would define their lives.

Jesus lives! Now resurrection, not death, defines our lives. Jesus continues to meet you in resurrection messengers, just as Jesus met me in Pastor Josephus Livenson Lauvanus, president of the Lutheran Church of Haiti. As we walked through the ruins and rubble that lie in the aftermath of Haiti's earthquake, Pastor Livenson Lauvanus proclaimed, "We will not be defined by rubble, but by restoration, for we are a people of the resurrection."

Baptized into Jesus' death and raised to newness of life we, too, are people of the resurrection. We, too, are resurrection messengers. We, too, are about God's work of restoration.

The world aches to hear the message we have to tell. Sing with joy! Jesus lives! We are a people of the resurrection.



Meeting the Mission: Pennies for S.W.I.M. (St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Valley)

The Sunday School kids at St. Mark's in Valley collected 300,000 pennies over a four-month period as part of "Pennies to SWIM" in an effort to buy a water purification system to help those overseas without fresh water.

The purification unit was purchased through Safe Water International Ministries, an organization that distributes the technology to areas in need worldwide. The unit itself is a ready-to-use device that purifies enough water to meet the needs of a village of 1,000 people.

The St. Mark's kids used a five-gallon water jug to collect the pennies. They sought donations, raked leaves, among other things, to earn the pennies. One young man reportedly cleaned his parents' car out each night for change to give to the program.

Now that the jug has been filled once, the kids at St. Mark's have expressed a desire to start over and fill it again.

From the book *Live and Learn and Pass It On*

I have learned that I don't feel my age as long as I focus on my dreams instead of my regrets. ☺ Age 83



Inherit the Mirth by Cuyler Black



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Special Days at Grace Lutheran Church

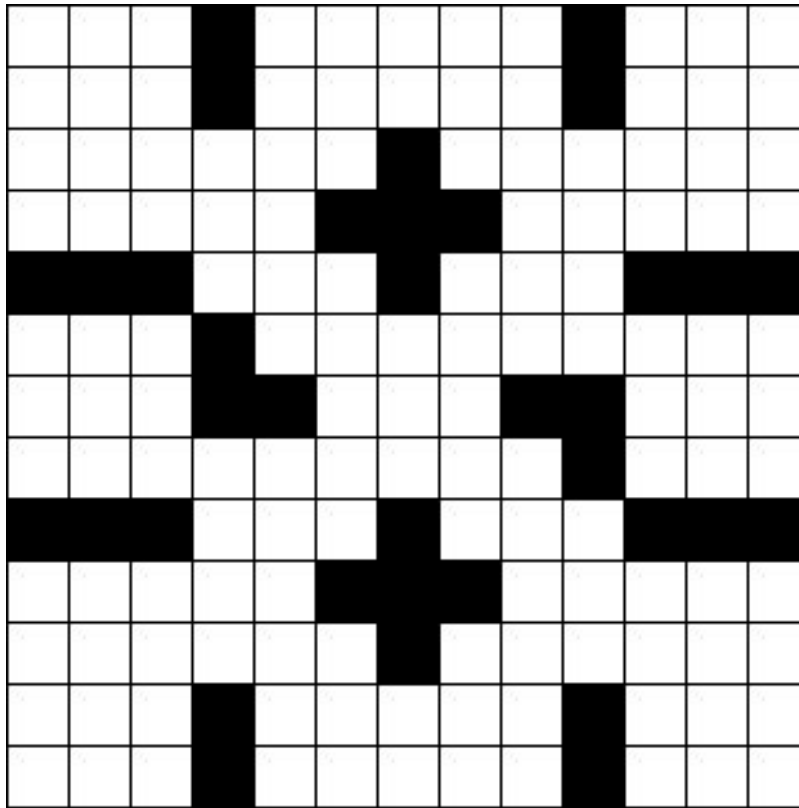
May 1 - May Day!
May 8 - Mother's Day.
May 10 - Church Council Meeting.
May 11 - Photographers Club.
May 13 - Family Fun Night.
May 17 - Kids At Work Welcome Dinner.
May 18 - Prayer Service.
May 25 - Photographers Club.
May 30 - Memorial Day.



Fr. Michael Taras Miles of St. John the Baptist Church in Belfield, ND, passed along this item from a column by Joyce McDowell in the diocesan newspaper of Bismarck, ND:

A first-grade teacher collected old, well-known proverbs. She gave each child in her class the first half of a proverb and asked the child to finish the proverb. These are some of the answers she got:

- ◆ "Better to be safe than... punch a fifth-grader."
- ◆ "It's always darkest before...daylight savings time."
- ◆ "Strike while the... bug is close."
- ◆ "Never underestimate the power of... termites."
- ◆ "You can lead a horse to water but... how?"
- ◆ "Don't bite the hand that... looks dirty."
- ◆ "No news is... impossible."
- ◆ "You can't teach an old dog new... math."
- ◆ "Love all, trust... me."
- ◆ "The pen is mightier than the... pigs."
- ◆ "A penny saved is... not much."
- ◆ "Laugh and the whole world laughs with you, cry and... you have to blow your nose."
- ◆ "Children should be seen and not... spanked or grounded."
- ◆ "When the blind lead the blind... get out of the way."
- ◆ "There is no fool like... Aunt Edie."



Fill-in Puzzle No. 59

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| 2 letters. | GOB | TOW | 5 letters. | RATHER |
| | GO | ITO | | SIMEON |
| | IS | ITS | 4 letters. | TOHIDE |
| | | JOB | AMNO | WASHED |
| 3 letters. | KEY | BEDS | HEWHO | |
| | AIR | LIE | EASE | MINDS |
| | ALL | LOG | HOLE | NOSES |
| | AMI | MEN | INAT | ONTOP |
| | ARE | NEW | ITIN | ORISA |
| | ASI | ORI | JOHN | RAGED |
| | ATE | OWE | MEON | SMOTE |
| | BED | PEN | NIGH | WEIGH |
| | CAN | RAM | ONLY | |
| | DOG | ROB | OWED | 6 letters. |
| | EAT | ROD | SING | ASAMAD |
| | GAD | SET | WEAK | NOARAB |
| | GEM | SEW | WRAP | ONAPOT |
| | | | | OTHERS |

THE FAMILY CIRCUS



"I've learned that every day you should reach out and touch someone. People love a warm hug, or just a friendly pat on the back."

—Maya Angelou

"You should save it for later.
Mommy is outside."

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