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**REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS**

9:30 a.m. Christian Education  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service

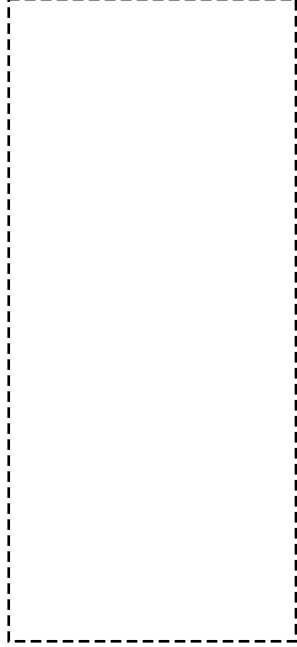
Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker  
Editor/Church Secretary - Brenda Spahr  
Organist - Colleen Jeffrey  
Sexton - Alma Lopez  
Families In Action - Virginia McGill  
Lutheran Volunteer Corp - Malachi Black

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# THE GRACE MESSENGER

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



## 2014 Council Members

Vicki Cox	Janet Hula
Andrew Edwards	Eva Martin
Sarah Emery	Loren Moyer
Arlone Farber	Charles Tuw
June Hilmer	Pastor Laaker
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Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula      Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

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The regular meeting of the Council was held on December 9th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: We pray for the continued recovery of those close to us: for Amanda & Juan as they prepare for some testing with Jericho. We pray for the families of Gloria Moore and Teresa / Norma Courtney as they work through the last stages of their lives, or grieve their recent losses. We pray for Ken Hilmer as he continues his tests and changing medications, and for Eva's granddaughter Desiree as she undergoes surgery. We pray for all those traveling for the holidays and for peace throughout the Country's recent strife and tension.

Pastor led devotions from Jeremiah 3:13 and Ephesians 1:4-5. The first speaks to us about how God will not neglect us, even though we may neglect God. God will hold us in everlasting and unfailing kindness. The second reminds us that all are welcome, there are no outsiders!

Visions for Ministry: The Council watched a video from Bishop Eaton regarding racism & criminal justice. With regard to our book, we are taking away the following thoughts: throw it at the wall and see what sticks. It's ok to try new things. Failure is a part of learning and growing. This does not, however, have to be the same as rejecting tradition. Change is hard, flexibility is hard. Let's work together!

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

Christian Education: No new report.

Evangelism/Outreach: Last Saturday was the Christmas Party with the ESL group. What a fun time! A motion was made and seconded and carried to reapply for a LVC Volunteer for 2015/16.

Finance: Endowment Board Report reported on planned distributions. Motion was made to ratify the distributions from the Disney Fund, seconded and carried.

*Continued...*

Property: Paul McGill repaired our basement North wall out of the kindness of his heart! Thanks Paul! Cesar Martinez will clean weekend snow from sidewalks. Basement step covers have been reglued. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the bid from Johnson Hardware to replace the front northeast entry doors.

Service/Social Ministry: OTOC Information – OTOC has accomplished some great things. Take a moment to look into OTOC and what it supports.

Support/Stewardship: Stewardship Moments – enjoyed the film series. Council will need to make a recommendation regarding the NE Synod 2015 Mission Share.

Worship: February 18 will begin Ash Wednesday.

Unfinished Business: Synod reauthorized the Sudanese ministry as a recognized Sudanese Worshipping Community.

New Business: No new report.

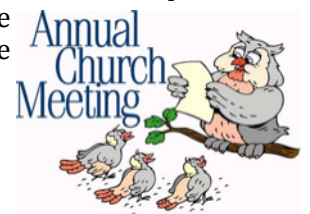
Announcements: Audit committee needs to be appointed. Gift cards to go to staff. Last Sunday of January will be our annual meeting. Janet will bring treats for our January meeting.



### Annual Report Time!

All committee and organization reports should submit their annual report summaries by January 13th. Annual reports will be ready for distribution on Sunday, January 18th, this is to allow plenty of time for all to make those long, long lists of questions everyone will be asking during the annual meeting on January 25th.

The potluck lunch will be held following worship service on Sunday, January 25th. Please bring a favorite dish to share, plates, silverware, and drinks will be provided. Please plan to stay after the meal and attend the meeting. Help make 2015 a year to remember!





Merry Christmas! Happy New Year! With the ending of one year and the beginning of another there are a myriad of expectations that accompany our thoughts and days.

On Christmas Eve, I suggested that the first Christmas was mired in a host of expectations. Expectations such that no one expected Christmas to come like this. This baby was from a poor family. His parentage was questionable. He wasn't born in a palace, but likely in a cave. He didn't grow up wearing royal robes; his daily garb was a contractor's apron. When he started preaching, he didn't advocate for people to grab their swords and attack their oppressors; instead, he told them to love their enemies, and pray for those who persecuted them. They expected a king who would rule from a throne, not die on a cross. For many in first-century Israel, the arrival of the first Christmas felt like a bait and switch -- not at all what they expected.

What are our expectations for the coming year? Will God surprise us in unexpected ways? How will we respond? Will we question the way God presents the opportunity to act? Will we be willing to act at all? Will we dismiss the possibility that God could appear in that form?

I am convinced that God is present in our community and comes in unexpected ways. As sons and daughters of the king, we are responsible to exemplify the love of God in our every day lives. Our task is to be alert and respond in whatever way the situation calls for.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve God with you. I am thankful for all the ways you support God's ministry through Grace Church. I am thankful for the ways you support and honor me. I am hope filled that God will meet us in our ministry efforts in 2015.

PS. Thank you for the special gift you gave to me at the close of the Christmas Eve service. I am grateful to be treated with such love.

Pastor Laaker

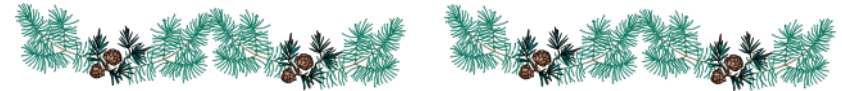
Grace Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for the gift cards. They will be put to good use as we enjoy the special treat of eating out.

Thank you for remembering us with your kindness and generosity. It's a pleasure serving as organist at Grace.

We wish you all a wonderful 2015!

Thanks again, Colleen, Eric, Elizabeth & Ian Jeffrey



Grace,

Thank you so much for the gift and opportunity to spend time with John and Andrea in such a festive way. We look forward to using the gift cards as a special treat.

It is a blessing to be part of the Grace Family, serving all, learning how to Live Generously and always continuing to grow as a child of God.

God's Blessings for 2015  
Brenda, John and Andrea

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### ***Christmas Mitten Tree***

It is that special time of year! The Christmas Mitten Tree will be displayed in the upper fellowship hall during the month of December.

As in past years, during the sales of this Christmas Season, consider adding a pair of mittens, gloves, scarf or any additional warm apparel to place on the mitten tree. Your gift will go to benefit shelters and pantries in the area.





*Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.*

*1 Kings 8:28*

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

**Individuals listed below have ongoing health issues and concerns:**

Andrew Edwards  
Ken Hilmer  
Carolyn Matson  
Robert Moss  
Cheryl Powley  
Margie Sutej  
Urbano Vasquez



James Harrahill  
David Hufford  
LaVonne Moss  
Don Olson  
Michael Squires  
Lori Vasquez



Norma Courtney (Arlone Farber's Mom.)  
Bob Hargis (Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer's son-in-law.)  
Christian Barajas (Samantha Trejo, Angela & Alex Everitt's brother.)  
Pam Reents (Close friend to many!)  
Dottie Hula (Greg Hula's Mom.)  
Roseanna Emery (Tom Emery's Mom.)  
Gema Wolde (Interfaith/Families in Action and friend to many!)

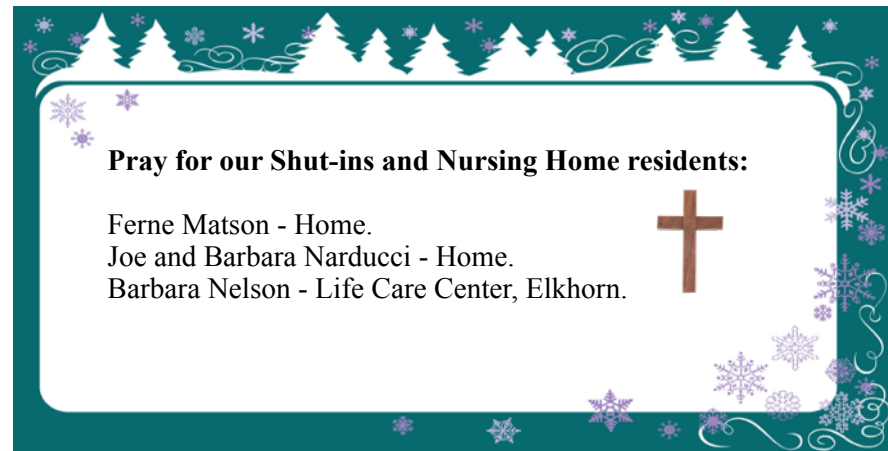
**Pray for wisdom for your Church Council here at Grace Lutheran Church.**

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 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 Worshipping Community.

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



**Pray for our Shut-ins and Nursing Home residents:**

Ferne Matson - Home.  
Joe and Barbara Narducci - Home.  
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn.



**Prayer Service  
Wednesday  
January 21, 2015  
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 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 is necessary!





## 25th Year for Souper Bowl Sunday!

Soup pots will once again grace the church doors on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 1st. Churches all across the nation will be collecting money and can foods for those who are hungry and hurting.

In 2014, 7,589 youth groups nationwide participated in the Souper Bowl of Caring and collected \$8,425,048 to share with various charities within the area items were collected in.

Please support Souper Bowl Sunday in this effort to "love our neighbors" by dropping your dollar or non-perishable food item in the soup pot on Sunday, February 1, 2015.

### Come to OTOC events in January have fun and learn about immigration

Join OTOC on Saturday, January 10 at 6:30 pm at Urban Abbey (10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson) for an entertaining evening of Mexican Bingo (Lotería), great Mexican food and conversation. For a donation of \$10 you can play Mexican bingo, win prizes and have fun to support the cause. On Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. come to Urban Abbey again to meet with OTOC leaders and JFON lawyer Shane Ellison to learn more about the Obama Administration program to defer deportation to over 4 million immigrants with ties to the US. Learn and grow at both events. Go to [OTOC.org](http://OTOC.org) for more information.



### Learn about proposed immigration reforms on January 15

Come Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 p.m. Urban Abbey (10<sup>th</sup> and Jackson) to meet with OTOC leaders and leading immigration lawyer Shane Ellison of Justice for Our Neighbors (JFON) to learn more about the Obama Administration program to defer deportation for over 4 million immigrants with ties to the US. Find out how this program will impact thousands of families in Omaha and Nebraska. Go to [OTOC.org](http://OTOC.org) for more information.

### Ushers Needed



The Usher Volunteer Group is in need of additional people to help participate during Sunday worship service. If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please speak with Andrew Edwards. Thank you!

**Arts For All** is a nonprofit arts education organization dedicated to making the arts available and affordable for all ages throughout Metro Omaha. In 2013 over 1,500 students participated in Arts For All's quality culturally-enriched programming.

Arts For All is a dynamic arts education program developed to be affordable for all. We provide quality culturally enriched classes that encourage personal growth.

Winter classes include some of the following: Piano, guitar, art, pottery, clay, choir, voice, violin, drums, flute, writing, dance, ballet, abstract, painting, teen film workshop and many more class choices. For additional information you can call 402-556-7821, see the flyer on the bulletin board or browse their website at [www.artsforallinc.com](http://www.artsforallinc.com).

Remember, we are putting the arts back in hearts.

Register soon, some classes begin January 12th.

### THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily,  
life is what we scream!"

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"If you sneeze when you're alone,  
should you 'God bless' yourself?"

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As this year comes to an end, we have much to reflect back upon and hopefully much to look forward to next year. Having completed a third of my time of service with Grace Lutheran Church, I have much to be thankful for as well as feel blessed to have been given this opportunity. The time we have spent together in worship, community, fellowship, and prayer have been enriching and nourishing. God's presence is surely in this place!



A challenge for the new year is to continue being led in God's vision for us as individuals and as a church. What is God calling you to do in 2015? How has God blessed and equipped you for the future that lies ahead? What real barriers and struggles await? There is much anticipation for the unknown future. We can imagine in part what lies in store, but can we see what we bring as well? As we await for the glory of the Lord to be unveiled in our lives, have we prepared for His coming? Advent has given us ample reason to watch and be expectant of the goodness that is yet to come, but have we been diligent to prepare and do what we can to advocate "God's kingdom come"? There is no time like the present to do and be ready.

I wish you all blessings this holiday season and extend well wishes for the upcoming year. May God shine in your life, direct your steps in His Will, and continue to reveal His presence even in the midst of your darkest and most trying times. Jesus came in the midst of great distress to give people hope. Let us be hopeful in this day and age as God prepares to do marvelous things in us and through us.

Malachi Black  
Community Outreach Associate  
Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Lutheran Volunteer Corps  
outreach@graceluth.com



*new beginnings  
new ideas  
new energy  
exciting and surprising*



And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

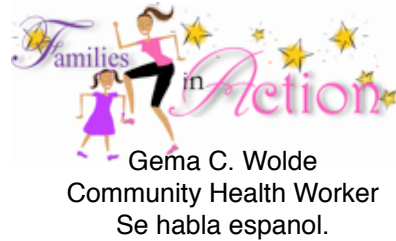
2 Corinthians 9:8

- ♥ Thank you to Marilyn and Jerry Van Ormer for their dedication in tending the plants in the entry way, they continue to thrive and look welcoming.
- ♥ Thank you to the Quilting crew; Marilyn, LaVonne, June, Eva, and sometimes Bob, for the weekly dedication and effort in creating quilts for the Lutheran World Relief Organization.
- ♥ Thank you to the ESL tutors; Malachi Black, Vicki Cox, Arlone Farber, Mary Laaker, and Amanda Vazquez, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ♥ Thank you to Jerry and Marilyn Van Ormer, and Greg and Janet Hula; who pick up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ♥ Thank you LaVonne, Bob, Marilyn, Jerry, and June for decorating the fellowship hall and sanctuary, you have done an awesome job!
- ♥ Thank you Janet, Greg, Andrew, Andrea, Brenda, and Eva for decorating the Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary!
- ♥ Thank you everyone who provided poinsettias this Christmas Season, the sanctuary looks beautiful with so many red and white plants!
- ♥ Thank you Donna, Vicki, Greg, and Janet for responding to the request for additional acolytes! You are all doing a great job!
- ♥ Thank you to the Newsletter Assembly crew; Marilyn, Jerry, LaVonne, Bob, Gloria, and June, it is always a treat to listen and join in the lively conversations!
- ♥ Thank you to Ron and Donna Adrian and Brenda Spahr who take care of the altar, and prepare the communion table.
- ♥ Thank you Alma for your dedication, efforts, and responsibility of cleaning this busy building, it looks fantastic!



Virginia McGill, MA  
Executive Director

[www.familiesinactionomaha.org](http://www.familiesinactionomaha.org)



Gema C. Wolde  
Community Health Worker  
Se habla español.



### Yuletide Wishes from Interfaith Health Service!



At IHS and Families in Action, we are grateful this Christmas season for all of our participants and partnerships in the community. We have grown in many different ways over the past year and are blessed to be part of the community and supported by so many partners, funders, volunteers and friends.

Thank you and Merry Christmas from Gema and Virginia and Kaela.

### ESL Christmas Party

Tutors (Amanda, Arlone, Malachi, Mary, and Vicki), students and their families enjoy an awesome Christmas celebration before their winter break. Classes will resume January 10th, meeting every Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. What a great reflection of God's love to both tutors and students in their weekly sessions of learning and growing together.



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**Lutheran South Pantry**  
**4401 South 23rd Street**  
**402-502-7070**

Items that clients cannot purchase with their food stamps are always appreciated: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Shaving Cream, Razors, Mouthwash (without alcohol), Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Can Openers, Diaper wipers, and Diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, 6 and pull-ups.

**We always need paper or plastic bags.**

### Buy Your 2015 God's Creation Calendar!

The Calendars Are Here! Calendars are open for everyone, if you would like to purchase a copy, please look for Donna or Brenda on Sunday mornings or call the church office at 402-341-7730.



Calendars include beautiful monthly scenic photography enhanced with inspiring Scriptures from the Holy Bible. High-quality, heavy-weight stock with gloss coated photo pages and ample space to write appointments and family events.

Same Great Price ~ Only \$5.00

January 2015



4 - Malachi Black  
11 - Margie Sutej  
18 - Brenda Spahr  
25 - Arlone Farber  
Feb. 1 - Greg Hula

#### January Alcolytes

4 - Janet Hula & Vicki Cox  
11 - Donna Adrian  
18 - Andrea Spahr  
25 - Greg Hula  
Feb. 1 - Brenda Spahr &  
Donna Adrian

#### January Ushers

Ron Adrian  
Jerry Van Ormer  
Vicki Cox  
Andrew Edwards



#### Ushers & Greeters



#### January Greeters

4 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr  
11 - Vicki Cox and Ralph Fitle  
18 - Andrew Edwards and Larry Foreman  
25 - Loren & Marsha Moyer  
Feb. 1 - Davena Garcia and Lori Vasquez



1 - Martina Mure  
Nenchi Ilka  
11 - Larry Foreman  
12 - Satta Lewa  
13 - J.P. Gammon  
Dige Dige  
20 - Jackie Costello  
23 - Theila Nyiwe  
26 - Janet Hula  
31 - Gerald Helm  
Bobby Stechenfinger

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



## Responsibility List



#### Altar Flowers

4 - OPEN.  
11 - OPEN.  
18 - OPEN.  
25 - Greg and Janet Hula, in honor of Jackie Costello and  
Janet Hula's birthdays.  
Feb. 1 - OPEN.

Flower Pick-Up for January  
Greg and Janet Hula

#### Backpack Program

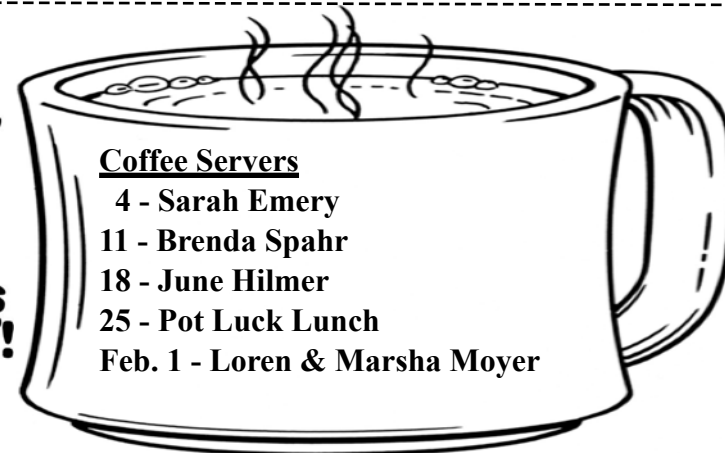
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Feb. 1 - OPEN.

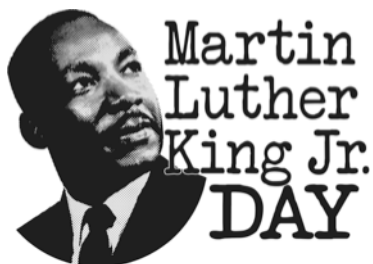
The 2015 Backpack Chart is now  
posted on the bulletin board, please  
reserve your weekly choice soon. Call  
the church office 402-341-7730 for  
your convenience as well.



#### Coffee Servers

4 - Sarah Emery  
11 - Brenda Spahr  
18 - June Hilmer  
25 - Pot Luck Lunch  
Feb. 1 - Loren & Marsha Moyer





The Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance  
31st Annual  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Service  
Sunday, January 18, 2015  
6:00 p.m.  
Salem Baptist Church  
3131 Lake Street, Omaha

Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Zan Holmes  
Pastor Emeritus St. Luke Community  
United Methodist Church, Dallas Texas

31st Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Luncheon  
Presented by Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance (IMA)  
Monday, January 19, 2015  
The Omaha Hilton Hotel, 10th & Cass Street

For additional information regarding the Unity Service please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board. To purchase tickets to the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Luncheon, please speak with Pastor Laaker.

"I Have a DReAm..."

"We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies."

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

PEACE PEACE PEACE



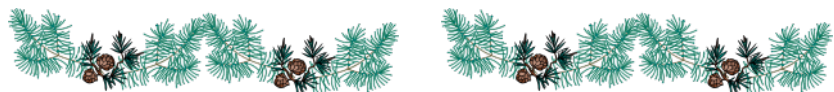
The season of Lent will be here in a blink of an eye! Maybe you are thinking of preparing and serving the Wednesday Night Lenten Supper. Ash Wednesday is on February 18th this year, right around the corner. Get together with friends and decide which Wednesday, what menu and watch the bulletin board for your opportunity to serve one another this Lenten season. Meals will be needed each Wednesday night beginning February 18th through March 25 and then Maundy Thursday, April 2nd finishing with Easter Breakfast on April 5th.

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: To find the lost; To heal the broken; To feed the hungry; To free the prisoner; To rebuild the nations; To bring peace among brothers and sisters; and To make music in the heart.

- Howard Thurman, *Asbury News*, Minneapolis, MN  
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Ready for this year's Annual Used Book Sale? Is your bookcase getting a little crowded? Why not donate some of your used books, DVDs, old VHS movies, puzzles, games, or CD's to sell at the used book sale. Please leave your appropriate materials in the box provided in the fellowship hall. The sale will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 18th. All proceeds will go toward new books, projects, or library supplies.





## I am a Christian

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I am not shouting that "I am clean living" I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need God's strength to carry on.

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it,

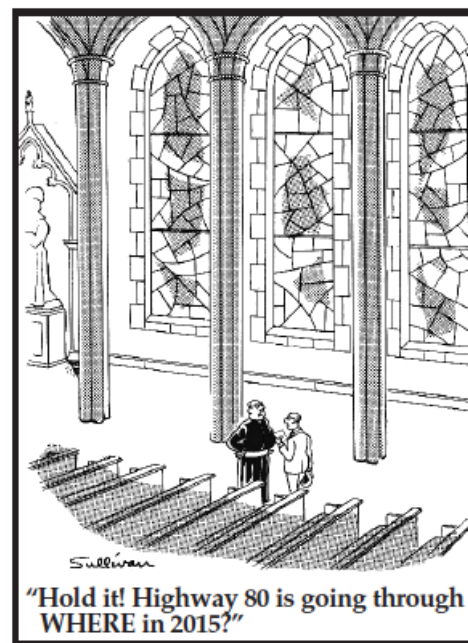
When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I still feel the sting of pain. I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say that "I am a Christian,"  
I'm not holier than thou. I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

~ Anonymous



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## A New Year's prayer

"May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes; not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path; not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead."

—Author unknown

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## God's kids say & do the funniest things

Agnes Fogg of St. Louis told of children from Lutheran churches in St. Louis County, including Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, getting acquainted with one another. One child was overheard asking another child: "What church do you go to?"

"Abiding Savior," the second child replied.

"Our Savior doesn't bite," the first child said.

- James A. Longe, St. Louis, MO

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## Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 232

Matt. 2:6-16

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## Fleeing To Egypt

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DEATH	COUNTRY
DREAM	FURIOUS
EGYPT	INCENSE
ESCAPE	JOSEPH
EXACT	MOTHER
FOUND	PROPHET
GIFTS	REALIZED
HEROD	REPORT
ISRAEL	ROUTE
JUDAH	RULER
KING	SEARCH
LORD	SECRETLY
MAGI	SHEPHERD
MARY	VICINITY
MYRRH	WARNED
STAR	WORSHIP

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

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## How to keep warm in church:

1. Rush to the front of the sanctuary. That will warm you up, and you'll avoid the draft in the back.
2. Invite your neighbors and friends, and sit 12 people to a pew.
3. Seat yourself near the pulpit. Hot air emits from that area.
4. Wear thermal underwear (in the appropriate liturgical colors, of course).
5. Wait for an unfamiliar hymn - and then watch the sparks fly!

- Rev. Pastor Dale Schoening, Bussey, IA

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