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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

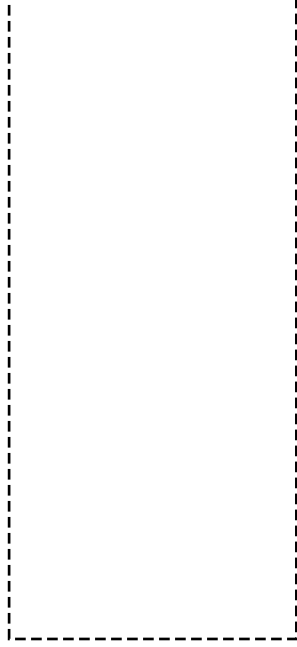
Sexton - Alma Lopez

Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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



2017 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Ralph Fittle	Greg Hula	Marsha Moyer
Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez
Pastor Laaker		

Officers Serving the Congregation:		
Financial: Janet Hula	Treasurer: Ralph Fittle	

The regular meeting of the Council was held on February 14th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for members and friends with health conditions, immigrants and refugees, and for the leadership of our country.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Nehemiah 9:6 and Romans 11:36. The first tells us that God created everything in heaven and on earth. The second reminds us that all things are possible through God.

Committee Reports: Reports were received from the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer. Gifting comes with leading generously.

Christian Education: Do we want to do Vacation Bible School again this year? We should begin conversation about this so we have time to prepare. It would be a good opportunity to engage some of the new families with young children that attended during Christmas.

Evangelism/Outreach: We provided lunch for the staff at Liberty on Tuesday, January 24th. It was very successful and the staff was very appreciative. The Grace Reads program has been incredibly successful and has made such an impact on the kids' lives. A meeting will be held following church Sunday, February 19, to discuss issues that are important to us, and that information will be relayed to OTOC to influence action teams. We will be putting together a Gardening Basket to provide for OTOC's Spring silent auction, so if anyone is interested in providing an item for the basket, they are welcome to do so.

Finance: David Hufford's son, John, sent a \$5000 check from David's estate requesting that it be used for ministry, not for a memorial item. Bank of America credit card that we've used for years does not provide any perks; whereas, First National Bank has sent us information on a credit card that earns rewards points for purchases. The Council was in agreement that Pastor should pursue a new card with First National Bank.

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We have updated our biennial report to the State at a cost of \$20. Vanco, the electronic giving system, has upped their fees; however, they are still minimal in comparison to credit card fees or other options. We will continue to accept electronic payments and cover the fees to ensure we continue to receive those scheduled transactions.

Property: Snow removal has gone smoothly this winter.

Service/Social Ministry: Habitat for Humanity had its coalition kickoff event. Neighbors South will begin its work in August and hoping to complete the work in December. We will continue the conversation around prison ministry and whether or not we want to be involved.

Support/Stewardship: None.

Worship: Ash Wednesday begins in a couple of weeks on the first Wednesday in March. We will be trying out a new approach this year combining the meal and service/conversation at the same time. St. Luke's will host Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday. Good Friday will be at Grace. Services for Easter Sunday will be 6:30 am at Grace and 9:00 am at St. Luke's.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: Pastor will be working on the ELCA Report.

Announcements: Pastor will be in Florida in March for his usual continuing education program. Malachi will bring treats in March.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

Don't forget to set your
alarm clock ahead one hour
on March 11th before
you go to bed.
If you are here early,
please make the coffee!





As we conclude the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the Transfiguration of Christ. The Transfiguration of **Christ** is the culminating point of His public life, as His **Baptism** is its starting point, and His **Ascension** its end. Moreover, the gospel writers have related this glorious event in detail.

Following this celebration, we enter the season of Lent. We begin with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday was traditionally observed as the beginning of 40 days of fasting (this did not include Sundays) to coincide with Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

Our mid-week focus for the five Wednesdays following Ash Wednesday will happen under the theme "We Are Church." This is the first of four convictions about the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) presented by Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton. We will explore – the overall theme "We Are Church" and the four classic "marks of the church" as confessed in the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed of 381 AD (commonly known as the "Nicene Creed"), which are as follows: "We Are One," "We Are Holy," "We Are Catholic," and "We Are Apostolic." Jürgen Moltmann treats these marks in three ways: as "statements of faith" (characteristics of the church derived from the character of Christ himself), "statements of hope" (signs of God's promised future breaking into our world through the church), and "statements of action" (goals for our life together as the church, or, as Ted Peters describes them, "dispositions of moral resolve that should characterize the various members of the body of Christ." (Moltmann, 338; Peters, 304) Through this study, we hope to invite conversation about how we are called to live together as church in light of who we are in Christ and who we are becoming by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Here is a brief summary of each week beginning March 8:

"We Are Church." The church is a gathering of people. "The church is the historical arc between two terminals, Easter and the consummation. The church has been given the charge of bringing light to the world in this period while we await the full shining glory of God when even the sun will be surpassed in radiance. In the partial darkness of the present aeon, however, we must push on, following the path that the lamp of God's word illumines, a word made audible in the church's preaching, made visible in the celebration of the sacraments, and made tangible in the ministry of reconciling love." (Peters, 267)

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"We Are One: in Christ." Unity is not uniformity. "The unity of the church is not primarily the unity of her members, but the unity of Christ who acts upon them all, in all places and at all times. Consequently the unity of the church lies in his uniting activity. The result of his gathering activity is the unity of believers in Christ (Galatians 3:28) and their unity of mind in the Spirit (Ephesians 4:1)."

"We Are Holy." Holiness isn't just sinlessness. "The holiness of the church is not initially the holiness of her members or her cultic assemblies; it is the holiness of the Christ who acts upon sinners. Christ sanctifies his church by justifying it. Consequently the holiness of the church lies in his sanctifying activity. The result of his justifying activity is 'the communion of saints.'" (Moltmann, 338)

"We Are Catholic." We are a small piece of the bigger picture. The catholicity of the church is not initially her spatial extent or the fact that she is in principle open to the world; it is the limitless lordship of Christ, to whom 'all authority is given in heaven and on earth'. Where, and so far as, Christ rules, there, consequently, the church is to be found. She acquires her openness to the world in the breadth of his rule. 'She is catholic on the strength of the catholicity of her Lord, which is imputed to her.' (Moltmann, 338)

"We Are Apostolic." We build on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. [The church's] 'apostolic character' is also to be understood in the framework of the mission of Christ and the Spirit. Founded by Christ's apostles in the Spirit, her charge is the apostolate in the world." (Moltmann, 338)

Our evening meal, conversation and worship time will be combined into one event around our dinner tables. Plan now to attend. March 1, Ash Wednesday (traditional observance) at St. Luke's, March 8, Midweek at Grace, March 15, Midweek at St. Luke's, March 22, Midweek at Grace, March 29, Midweek at St. Luke's, April 5, Midweek at Grace.

Pastor Laaker



IN OUR
Thoughts and Prayers

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

Ephesians 6:18

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

Ron Adrian
Theresa Courtney
Jayne Gustafson
Ken Hilmer
Jack Pablo McGill
Don Olson
Pam Reents
Dan Taylor
Marilyn Van Ormer



Mickey Andersen
Andrew Edwards
James Harrahill
Carolyn Matson
LaVonne Moss
Linda Pafford
Brian Sutej
Jerry Van Ormer
Urbano Vasquez



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

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

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

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. David Nange, John Boato and Charles Tuv 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.



**Grace Quilters for
Lutheran World Relief**

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



Grace Lutheran Church
ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes
Saturdays 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
402-341-7730

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

Geezer Questions

Questions and answers at a forum of the Canadian Association of Retired People:

Question: Where can single men over the age of 60 find younger women who are interested in them?

Answer: Try a bookstore, under "Fiction."

Question: As people age, do they sleep more soundly?

Answer: Yes, but usually in the afternoon.

Question: What is the most common remark made by 60-plus-year olds when they enter antique stores?

Answer: "Gosh, I remember these!"

*~ via Rev. Bud Frimoth, Portland, OR
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Stewardship Moment

The material that we have used for the last three years for our Fall Stewardship Emphasis comes from the company Reimagine. The definition of stewardship that we use at Reimagine is: Trusting in the promises of God, to deploy the gifts and resources of God, to accomplish the mission of God for the glory of God.

Jack Alexander writes: I want to share with you the thinking behind our definition. Stewardship, at its foundation, is trusting in God to do what He says He will do. God has given us thousands of promises in Scripture. One day, I thought “if Bank of America gave me a \$1 million letter of credit, it would be an asset on my personal balance sheet.” God’s credit worthiness cannot even be compared to a bank, but how many Christians do not see His promises to us as an asset every bit as real as the letter of credit?

For 20 years, I worked for a billionaire. He and I started two companies together, which I ran. I found, as time passed, that I was comfortable taking greater risks – greater than I would have taken if it was my money. Having a billionaire backing me made me brave and the companies flourished beyond our wildest imaginations. *That experience changed my life.*

Now think about that in terms of stewardship. My billionaire partner paled in comparison with my God. I don’t know if you can relate, but I have often been limited because of a scarcity mindset. I was raised in a situation without a dad or resources, and we often didn’t have enough. As an adult, I found that no matter how much money I had, it never seemed like enough. Fear of running out or not having enough limited me and stunted my stewardship. **But as I began to see God more clearly, my faith grew.** I began to take greater and greater Kingdom risks with time, relationships and resources for His glory.

Knowing God makes me brave.

We want to teach people to be like the wiseman by building on a rock foundation of faith in God so that the rest of life is solid. When we steward our resources, relationships, time, energy – all of our lives as a gift from God to be used in serving God – joy follows. Any definition of stewardship that doesn’t include your whole-life is lacking.

How might each of us be willing to take Kingdom risks knowing our God stands solidly for us?



The season of Lent and the opportunity to serve one another is here! Maybe you are thinking of preparing and serving the Wednesday Night Lenten Supper. Get together with friends and decide which Wednesday, what menu and which organization will benefit from the dinner

proceeds; then sign up on the flyer posted on the bulletin board. Meals will be needed on the following Wednesday nights; March 8th, March 22nd, April 5th and finishing with Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 16th.



Meals and Services held at St. Luke’s Lutheran,
2315 I Street will be the following dates:

March 1st, Ash Wednesday,
March 15th and the 29th
and
Maundy Thursday, April 13th.

Early First Communion Class

Pastor Laaker will offer an Early First Communion Class following worship and fellowship on Sundays, March 26, April 5 and April 12.



Parents, if you have a child you would like to participate, please speak with Pastor Laaker. We want to make it possible for children to participate in weekly communion following these classes.

Each class will last approximately one hour. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. Bring a sack lunch and we will begin after fellowship time on those Sundays.



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

Ephesians 2:10

- ♥ Thank you ESL tutors; Malachi, Vicki, Arlone, Mary, and Amanda, for making connections with the students willing to learn and form friendships.
- ♥ Thank you Greg, Janet and Mary; who take turns picking up altar flowers every Sunday morning.
- ♥ Thank you June, LaVonne, Eva, and Marilyn for your continued dedication in creating a reflection of God's love and care in every quilt sent to support Lutheran World Relief.
- ♥ Thank you LaVonne, Gloria, Donna, Ron, Eva, and Malachi for your dedication and help in assembling the monthly Grace Messenger!
- ♥ Thank you Ron, Donna and Brenda for taking care of the altar, and preparing the communion table.
- ♥ Thank you to all ushers, Andrew, Vicki, Larry, Mary, and Malachi for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.
- ♥ Thank you to all the Grace readers who participate in reading books and growing imaginations to both 2nd and 3rd grade students at Liberty Elementary School.

Recently Grace Lutheran Church has received a number of thank you letters for donations made from the Endowment Funds.

Lutheran World Relief, Oaks Indian Mission, Siena/Francis House, Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, Table Grace Cafe, South Omaha Community Care Council, Together, Inc., Arts For All, Inc., and Stephen Center

Grace Lutheran Church is blessed to be a reflection of God's love through these gifts that enable these organizations to continue their ministry efforts!



This season of Lent, we will walk with people around the world afflicted by war, displacement and poverty by collecting and assembling Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits.

During Lent, Grace will be collecting items each week to assemble 30 Personal Care Kits on Palm Sunday, April 9th following worship services. The Personal Care Kits provide basic sanitation and hygiene items for families who have lost their belongings in some of nature's devastating disasters. These kits help individuals to stay healthy, clean, and preserve personal dignity.

Items needed to complete a Basket of Promise are:

- March 5th Bar of Soap (4 to 5 oz., any brand, in original wrapping).
- March 12th Bath Towels (light-weight, maximum 52" x 27", dark color recommended).
- March 19th Toothbrushes (adult size, in original packaging).
- March 26th Combs.
- April 2nd Nail Clippers (metal, attached file optional).
- April 9th A Second Bar of Soap.

You can be a part of this Lenten journey and bring an item or two and brighten the hope, faith, and future of an individual or a family through Lutheran World Relief.



Souper Bowl of Caring

The game has been played, a new champion team received a trophy, commercials were judged and the halftime show a conversation starter. Did your team win? Grace Lutheran was a winning recipient of 76 canned food items, 82 rolls of toilet paper and \$166.70 in cash donations. Your generous gifts benefitted people served through Lutheran Pantry South.



March 2017



- 5 - Mary Laaker
- 12 - Terry Nielsen
- 19 - Greg Hula
- 26 - Arlone Farber
- Apr. 2 - Margie Sutej

- 9 - Andrew Edwards
- 12 - Mary Laaker
- Carolyn Matson
- 13 - Ken Hilmer
- 14 - Suata Lewa
- 17 - Jaden Mabe
- 19 - Craig Helm
- 21 - Catlin Cuffe
- 22 - Marsha Moyer
- Regina Lewa
- 24 - Esahia Nyiwe
- 27 - Abigail Hegarty

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



March Acolytes

- 5 - Janet Hula
- 12 - Vicki Cox
- 19 - Damien Rodriguez
- 26 - Andrea Spahr
- Apr. 2 - Greg Hula

March Ushers

- Larry Foreman
- Mary Laaker
- Andrew Edwards

Ushers & Greeters



March Greeters

- 5 - Vicki Cox and Gloria Moore
- 12 - Eva Martin and Andrea Spahr
- 19 - Greg and Janet Hula
- 26 - Bobby Stechenfinger & Andrew Edwards
- Apr. 2 - Mary Laaker and Sarah Emery



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers



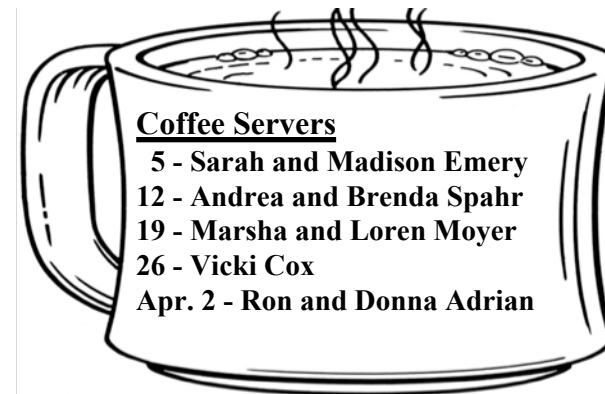
- 5 - June Hilmer in celebration of her husband, Ken's birthday.
- 12 - Pastor and Mary Laaker in celebration of their Wedding Anniversary.
- 19 - OPEN.
- 26 - Ron and Donna Adrian in celebration of their granddaughter, Madelyn's birthday.
- Apr. 2 - Arlone Farber Praising Glory to God.

Flower Pick-Up for March:



Backpack Program

- 5 - Ralph Fitle for awareness of those struggling with hunger issues.
- 12 - Ralph Fitle for awareness of those struggling with hunger issues.
- 19 - Ralph Fitle for awareness of those struggling with hunger issues.
- 26 - Arlone Farber for awareness of those struggling with hunger issues.
- April 2 - Vicki Cox in celebration of her grandson, Garrick's birthday.



Coffee Servers

- 5 - Sarah and Madison Emery
- 12 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
- 19 - Marsha and Loren Moyer
- 26 - Vicki Cox
- Apr. 2 - Ron and Donna Adrian





What do we look forward to for ourselves and our community this year? What actionable resolutions will we diligently seek out? Too often we focus on what large entities can do for the common person, and forget about the strength and versatility of the community and individual. When we strive to do good in the life of others, we lessen the hold that ego has over us. The very practice of selflessness combats large scale injustices.

Injustice feeds off the evil intentions of people. We must ask ourselves why we do what we do. What purpose or end goal do we hope for with our actions, or lack thereof? We can be active, passive, or proactive in our actions. Even when we do nothing, we give consent to the forces that currently prevail in the world.

There is a connection between love and ego. Love implores us to be selfless; ego requires us to feed the selfish desires we embody. Typically, love compels us to see a more positive side even when a situation is negative. When we act in love, we step into an identity of willingness to go beyond our own desires. While ego is neither inherently evil nor bad, acting in ego does inherently go against the ideal of acting selflessly. This identity aspect can be quite adversarial to an identity infused with a love ethic.

Perhaps a key to living a healthy life is being present and active in the world. One cannot worry too much about the past or future or be overly neglectful of either and maintain a healthy orientation for long. Both love and ego can be very vibrant, necessary ways to experience life. We must find balance from within and hold tightly to the nurturing elements that can build up our communal selves wholly. It is at times necessary to seek what one desires in life. It is always wise to seek what one's community needs.

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Reformation 500

BOOKSTORE

Prepare for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

St. Luke's will be hosting a bookstore from March 19th through April 1st. Be sure and stop by the table and take a look at the books. There will be an order blank on the table so you can order any of the resources displayed.

The bookstore sale will be on display at Grace Lutheran Church on Wednesday, March 22nd to share in this Reformation event.

Prepare for the 500th anniversary of the Reformation

Educate in the history of the Reformation, Martin Luther's writings, and their impact on Christianity today.

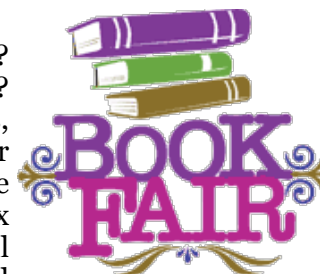


Get free resources and free shipping.

Special savings for your congregation.

St. Luke's and Grace will receive up to 50% off and free shipping on the curated selection of books for purchase during the Bookstore sale!

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, March 1st. All proceeds will go toward new books, projects, or library supplies.



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.



Electronic Giving is a convenient, consistent way to help our church year round.

Consider scheduling a recurring electronic contribution today. It's easy! You will no longer need to write out checks and prepare envelopes every week. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, your electronic contributions will continue to be received on an uninterrupted basis.

Get started today! Ask for an authorization form in the church office.

Donations

Like to make a donation to Grace but all you have is your credit or debit card? You can now with our iPad and Square reader. The Square reader is a hand held device that has the mobile capacity to swipe your card. Ask an usher to provide this unique experience for you.



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



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



Grace's Free Little Library is on display outside in the front island of the parking lot! Stop on by and browse for an interesting book! If you have any books for all ages you would like to contribute to the outdoor library or have any questions regarding this continuing adventure, please speak with Malachi. Let's help spread the joy of imagination through reading a good book!

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How to Waste Less Food

Did you know that Americans spend \$90 billion each year on food that never gets eaten? That 40% of our food ends up in the trash instead of our stomachs? Those are just two of the sobering statistics from an NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council) report.

Luckily, it doesn't have to be this way. The United Kingdom cut down their food waste by 18% in just five years through better awareness. And you can too, with these tips from NRDC:

Shop Wisely. Plan meals, use shopping lists, buy from bulk bins, and avoid impulse buys. Don't succumb to marketing tricks that lead you to buy more food than you need, particularly for perishable items.

Buy Funny Fruit. Many fruits and vegetables are thrown out because their size, shape, or color are not "right". Buying these perfectly good funny fruit, at the farmer's market or elsewhere, utilizes food that might otherwise go to waste.

Learn When Food Goes Bad. "Sell-by" and "use-by" dates are not federally regulated and do not indicate safety, except on certain baby foods. Rather, they are manufacturer suggestions for peak quality. Most foods can be safely consumed well after their use-by dates.

Mine Your Fridge. Websites such as www.lovefoodhatewaste.com can help you get creative with recipes to use up anything that might go bad soon.

Use Your Freezer. Frozen foods remain safe indefinitely. Freeze fresh produce and leftovers if you won't have the chance to eat them before they go bad.

Request Smaller Portions. Restaurants will often provide half-portions upon request at reduced prices.

Eat Leftovers. Ask your restaurant to pack up your extras so you can eat them later. Freeze them if you don't want to eat immediately. Only about half of Americans take leftovers home from restaurants.

Donate. Non-perishable and unspoiled perishable food can be donated to local food banks, soup kitchens, pantries, and shelters. Local and national programs frequently offer free pick-up and provide reusable containers to donors.

green tips from earthshare.org

Omaha Together One Community Eighth Annual Spring Fundraiser

Celebrating Community

Kaneko (New Location!)
1111 Jones Street, Omaha
Saturday, April 1, 2017
6:00 - 9:30 p.m.



Silent Auction, Cash Bar
Appetizers, Dessert
Live Music



Tickets: \$25 (\$30 at the door)
For tickets call: 402-344-4401



Visiting Nurse Association

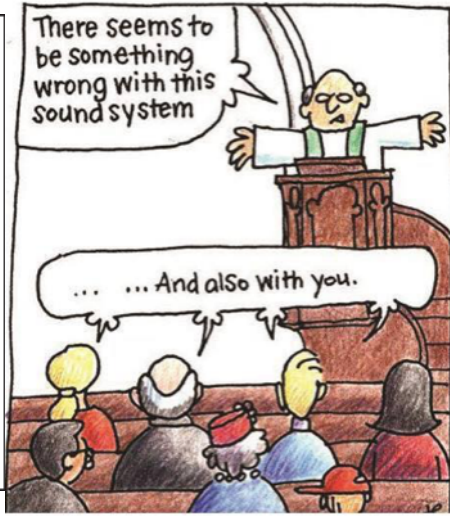


VNA is looking for people interested in becoming Hospice volunteers. The Hospice Volunteer Education Class that is conducted by VNA Hospice, CHI Health at Home Hospice, and Hospice House - The Josie Harper Residence will be taking place in March.

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

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

VNA Hospice: Celeste Sully Feuerbach 402-930-4143
CHI Health at Home Hospice: Mary Pendell 402-898-8239
Hospice House: Janita Hoffmann 402-343-8600



Community leaders had gathered at a luncheon to pay tribute to one of the city's first businesses, which was celebrating its 75th anniversary. The firm's top executives were the guests of honor.

The emcee extolled the history and contributions of the firm to the community. He finally pointed out that the many years had proved the soundness of this particular business and the verity of its products.

"Seventy-five years is a long time," he concluded. "Is there anyone else present who represents an enterprise that's been in existence longer than that?"

"I have that honor, sir," said the local pastor, smiling.

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An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the doctor and the doctor said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really please that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

*~ via George Goldtrap, Ormand-by-the-Sea, FL
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Names for Jesus



Alpha and Omega	Jesus	Rabbi
Bread of Life	King of Kings	Rabboni
Chief Cornerstone	Lamb of God	Savior
Chief Shepherd	Lord	Son of David
Christ	Lord of Glory	Son of God
Good Shepherd	Lord of Lords	Son of Man
High Priest	Mediator	Word
Immanuel	Prophet	

