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REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

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

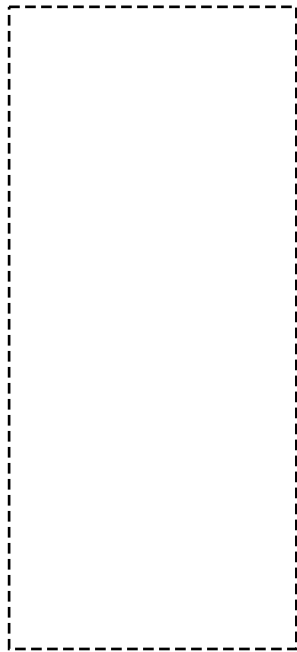
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Organist - Colleen Jeffrey
Sexton - Alma Lopez
Community Outreach - Malachi Black

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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 Fitle	Greg Hula	Marsha Moyer
Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr	Amanda Vazquez
Pastor Laaker		

Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on March 14th. The Council members shared their prayer concerns for members and friends, our country with upcoming international conflicts and for tolerance and kindness throughout our country and the world.

Pastor Laaker led devotions from Isaiah 25:4 and Romans 8:35,37. The first describes someone Isaiah has encountered who provides refuge and shelter from the storms of life. The second reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love - it is enough to sustain us.

Visions for Ministry: Our book study on "The Agile Church" discusses the role of the church in an innovative society. How do we become comfortable with taking risks, accepting mistakes, and learning and growing from those experiences? How can we reach a society that is increasingly turning away from the traditional structure of the church? We have to be willing to step outside of our typical framework and transform the way we reach out to others. Success doesn't happen without failure first. Read through chapter two of The Agile Church for next month.

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

Christian Education: Move forward with planning a one-day VBS event.

Evangelism/Outreach: OTOC is selling tickets to their Spring fundraiser. Vicki spearheaded a gift basket that was donated for their silent auction.

May 1st is the OTOC Accountability Forum with the mayoral and other candidates running for office.

Finance: We have received our new credit card and started using it already. Endowment Board met earlier this month. The Council ratified the allocations proposed from the Disney Endowment.

Property: The vending machine has quit running. Heartland Refrigeration looked at the machine and said the compressor isn't working, and estimated costs at close to \$1,000. There is a company in St. Louis that sells refurbished machines. We are looking at one that would dispense both cans and bottles.

Service/Social Ministry: None.

Support/Stewardship: We will continue to provide individualized offering envelopes. Electronic giving forms are available for anyone who wants to set that up.

Worship: ELCA has a door hanger design for churches to use to let people/neighbors know about our Easter service.

Unfinished Business: Synod assembly is coming up June 1st-3rd in Kearney. Early registration ends Friday, March 17th, so if you're interested please let Pastor know ASAP. Pastor is interested in feedback on the Lenten mid-week services. Malachi will lead the Lenten mid-week service next week when Pastor is out of town. We will look at getting involved in the Crossroads Prison Ministry with preparing a meal prior to their service. There are about 25-30 inmates that go to a church, plus families, totals close to 50-60. Services are Sundays at 6 pm and dinners are served around 7:15 pm. Vicki will create a sign-up sheet to gauge interest and we will go from there.

New Business: We have provided information for the ladies who attend our ESL class on Saturdays about their rights in regards to ICE. Justice for our Neighbors provides great information to help undocumented immigrants.

Announcements: Pastor will be in Florida this month for his usual continuing education program. Marsha will bring treats in April.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 9:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

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I have begun reading a book titled: "Teaching a Fish to Walk" by Peter Steinke. Peter was a student of Dr. Edwin Friedman. Dr. Steinke has been writing for years about the way anxiety affects the functioning of the church.

Dr. Friedman is quoted as saying, "Challenge is the basic context of health and survival of a person, of the family, of a religious organization – or even often

entire species." Both councils of Grace and St. Luke's have been reading books by authors that address the massive shifts in society. Authors have described how this has created adaptive challenges for congregations.

Dr. Steinke urges churches to use change and conflict as opportunities for learning. He says that what we are experiencing is a disruption in life with intensifying anxiety, doubling complexity that now draws question marks around accepted practices.

So, we look for new leaders because there are significant misgivings about traditional leaders. This leads us to look for new messianic figures, "the odd or flamboyant, the smooth soothsayer with rich remedies and puffed-up promises, the iconoclasts, the psychic, or any numinous-like evangelist." This is not unlike stories that shape our religious heritage. Recall, if you will, the story of the Exodus. The people longed for a leader that would free them from bondage in Egypt. Once Moses appeared on the scene and was able to negotiate their release and they were living freely in the desert, they became dissatisfied with Moses and sought new.

This makes me wonder about our current circumstances. We have been witnessing the decline of participation within our established structures of the church. Anxiety accompanies our efforts to shore up the supports. We turn to quick fix programs that often leave feeling more anxious because they didn't fulfill on the promises.

Dr. Steinke drawing upon the work of Dr. Murray Bowen and Dr. Edwin Friedman goes on to say that our universe is made up of systems in which the parts mutually influence one another. He says that to think systems is to think in a special way:

- Seeing the relationships that exist between discrete parts;
- Knowing that things only exist in relationship to other things;
- Recognizing that the whole cannot be understood by studying independent parts;

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- Understanding that nothing is influenced in one direction, as in cause-and-effect thinking;
- Acknowledging that behavior is mutually influential and maintained.

He goes to describe how Jesus introduced a new vision and a new ethic. Jesus recognized that relationships were key in people's lives and so his healing practices restored relationships and his welcoming of those pushed aside repaired relationships.

I wonder, if as followers of Jesus, we might be up to the adaptive challenge of finding ways to build relationships that follow God's desire for making things whole and holy. I invite you to walk along with me as we seek to manage our anxiety and imagine and explore ways to be more Christ like in our communities of faith.

Pastor Laaker

Early First Communion Class

Pastor Laaker will offer an Early First Communion Class following worship and fellowship on April 2nd and April 9th.



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.

**THIS
EASTER**
*there is a place
for you here*



Grace will be distributing Easter Door Hangers throughout the surrounding neighborhood in an effort to invite all God's People to celebrate the Risen Christ! All volunteers are welcome to join this community effort on Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 a.m. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 402-341-7730.

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
Urbano Vasquez



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



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

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

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

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

**COFFEE
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



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.

The Annual Used Book Sale will continue until Easter Sunday, April 16th. Take time to browse, discover and add new treasures for your household. A few items look brand new and would make wonderful gifts for any upcoming events. All proceeds will go toward new books, projects, or library supplies.





Earthkeeping

Stewardship Moment

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established, what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? [Yet] ... you have given them dominion over the works of your hands. Psalm 8:3-4, 6a

Earthkeeping is a term being used by many people of faith to describe the nature of our responsibility to care for creation. It springs from our wonder, awe, and gratitude for God's wisdom, creativity, and blessings that fill the natural world. It also grows out of our dismay and concern for the degradations and "groaning" of God's good creation.

Faithful earthkeeping involves extending the justice, peace, reconciliation, hope, and love of Christ to all creation. In caring for the Earth, we also deepen our relationship with God and with one another, making our faith more alive and relevant, in and to a broken world.

How might our stewardship of the earth be important for this time?

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.

**BASKETS
OF PROMISE**

During Lent, Grace has been 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 included in each Basket of Promise are:

2 Bars of Soap; Bath Towels; Toothbrushes; Combs; and Nail Clippers.

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.



Palm Sunday, April 9th
9:00 a.m. Conversations
11:00 a.m. Worship with Palms



Maundy Thursday, April 13th
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
2315 I Street
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 p.m. Service

Last year St. Luke's attended Grace's Maundy Thursday Service and Grace attended St. Luke's Good Friday Service. This year we will switch and Grace will join St. Luke's for the Maundy Thursday Service. St. Luke's is invited to attend Grace's Good Friday Service.

Good Friday,
April 14th
Grace Lutheran
7:00 pm



Sunrise Service
Easter Morning, April 16th
Grace Lutheran ~ 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast prepared and served
by the Moyer Family and Friends
following Sunrise Service.
St. Luke's Easter Service
at 9:00 a.m.





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.

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.



Free Trash Dump! **Columbus Park Neighborhood Clean Up**

April 29, 2017

9:00am – 2:00pm Only

No early Drop Offs!

St. Vincent DePaul

Thrift-Store Parking Lot

2101 Leavenworth Street

No Chemicals

Paint cans accepted if the lid is off and the paint is dry in the can.

No Concrete

Metal: We are accepting iron, steel, brass, aluminum and car parts.

Tires: We are accepting tires.

Batteries: We are accepting batteries.

Appliances: Must be taken to South High School 4519 South 24th St.

Yard Waste: Must be taken to River City Recycling: 6030 South 60th St.

Please consider donating your usable items to St. Vincent DePaul.

Trash pick up service is available for seniors and physically challenged.

Call Seth at (402)699-5364 to be placed on the list.

Volunteers are needed:

To help pick things up for people in need.

To help serve at the drop off sight. Call (402)699-5364 for details.

Please pick up the trash in front of your own house or back alley.

Pop, Hot dogs, Cookies and Chips will be sold:

Proceeds go to benefit the
Columbus Park Neighborhood Association



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

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

April 2017



2 - Margie Sutej
9 - Brenda Spahr
16 - Terry Nielsen
23 - Mary Laaker
30 - Greg Hula
May 7 - Arlone Farber



1 - Sarah Emery
Eva Martin
5 - Emily Bauer
7 - Linda Helm
13 - Samuel Mantzaris
14 - Thomas Emery
23 - Julia Traynor
27 - Barbara Narducci
28 - Ferne Matson

April Alcolytes

2 - Greg Hula
9 - Donna Adrian
16 - Damien Rodriguez
and Vicki Cox
23 - Janet Hula
30 - Brenda Spahr
May 7 - Andrea Spahr



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

April Ushers

Vicki Cox
Malachi Black
Andrew Edwards



April Greeters

2 - Ron and Donna Adrian
9 - Mary Laaker and Sarah Emery
16 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr
23 - Ralph Fitle and Larry Foreman
30 - Gloria Moore and Vicki Cox
May 7 - Loren and Marsha Moyer



Responsibility List

Altar Flowers

2 - Arlone Farber Praising Glory to God.
9 - OPEN.
16 - Loren and Marsha Moyer in loving memory of Marsha's
parents, Ernest and Emily Mommsen.
23 - OPEN.
30 - OPEN.
May 7 - Andrew, Christie, Clay Edwards and Tracy Petrini in loving
memory of their Mom, Charlotte Edwards.

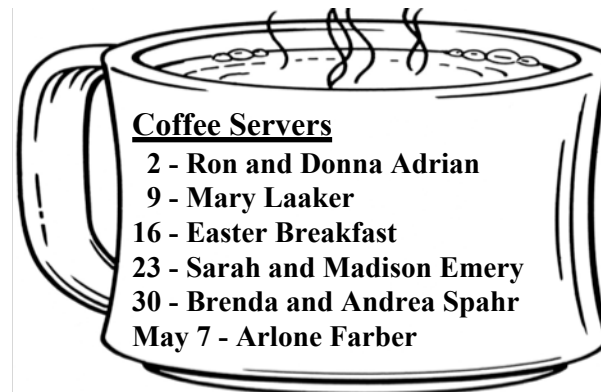


Flower Pick-Up for April: Eva Martin



Backpack Program

2 - Vicki Cox in celebration of her grandson, Garrick's birthday.
9 - Eva Martin in celebration of her wonderful sister, Betty's
birthday.
16 - Charlotte Palczynski for awareness of those struggling with
hunger issues.
23 - Brenda Spahr for awareness of those struggling with hunger
issues.
30 - OPEN.
May 7 - OPEN.



Coffee Servers

2 - Ron and Donna Adrian
9 - Mary Laaker
16 - Easter Breakfast
23 - Sarah and Madison Emery
30 - Brenda and Andrea Spahr
May 7 - Arlone Farber





Lent is often known as the time in which we give up something as a measure of sacrifice for forty days. People seek a deeper connection spiritually with the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made.

As we approach the Easter celebration, consider what habit or consistent habit or behavioral change we can make to draw us closer to God. Entering into the Spring season should be a time of new growth, revived life, and a changed mentality. We should boldly and confidently march forward with the full anticipation of the Holy Spirit's empowerment in our lives.

Our spiritual growth, connection, and development should be a continual process that is witnessed throughout our lives. While the Lenten season challenges us to focus more intensely on the humility of the Sacrificial Lamb, surely we must be encouraged outside of the Lenten season to carry on the ethical values of grace, love, and mercy.

Actively seeking the Spirit means that as we grow in our faith, our behaviors, understandings, and habits shift. We develop new levels of insight, seek a deeper sense of purpose, and dare to live more boldly in the ethic of the Gospel. How do we see ourselves as transformed by the work of the cross, redeemed by the power that overcame the grave, and called by the eternal promises of the Almighty?

The Holy Spirit works a change agent: a vibrant, moving force which interrupts the very essence and flow of life. Its effectual work is neither altered by nor dependent on us, but we are an illuminating rod to the Spirit's Presence. This means our actions are purpose driven to demonstrate to others God's Presence, Plan, and Power on the earth. How do we invoke the Holy Spirit in our lives through this Lenten season and throughout the year? Are we simply on a forty day faith growing cycle, or are we continually seeking ways to connect deeper? Just as grave could not hold the Savior, let not our tendencies of complacency, anxiety and doubt trap our spiritual ability to blossom into the garden of wellness and hope that God envisions for us.

Malachi Black
Community Outreach Associate
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At the Council meeting on March 14th, Malachi informed us of the work being done through Crossroads Connection of Omaha. It is a "Christian community of faith in support of prisoners, those released, and their families because God's grace is extended to all. It works to bridge the gap from being in the penal system to helping former inmates

find their way back into society through caring support of Christ's follower's." Malachi has been active with the group and has under gone training as a volunteer.

They offer a Sunday evening church service every week with a meal following the service. Numerous churches throughout Omaha, Bellevue and Fort Calhoun are involved. As a congregation we have been asked if we would like to participate in the program. It can be in different ways: preparing and serving a meal at another church or donating money to help cover the cost of the food that is served.

The Mustard Seed statement from Crossroads:

Based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed, Crossroads' effect on our participants usually starts small but often grows to huge proportions.

According to Mark 4:30-32, the mustard seed is the smallest seed in the world, but once it is planted, it grows larger than any garden plant. This is a reminder to our participants that spiritual growth comes in very small steps, but over time these steps can produce great growth in their lives. They can participate in the kingdom of God through small expressions of love and service when the opportunities present themselves. A smile, a strong handshake, a word of encouragement, a phone call, a comforting hug, a helping hand, a financial contribution, changing a flat tire, attending worship services, praying - - all of these acts are them planting mustard seeds.

After attending three worship services we give mustard seed tokens of encouragement to participants to remind them how God's kingdom works. These tokens have the Crossroads logo on one side, and a mustard seed with the words, "Take this mustard seed and grow." The mustard seed token is a reminder to all that their old life is behind them and they are growing in the faith and in their relationship to God to make a better future.

As a congregation do we want to plant a mustard seed? A sign up sheet is posted on the Grace bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with Malachi.

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.



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.



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



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!

Signs and Wonders *JoyfulNoiseletter.com*

Outside sign at St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Madrid, IA:
"Souled out, Kneeling room only."
~ via Rev. Dale Schoening, Woodward, IA

Sign outside Church of God of Prophecy:
"Every day above ground is a good one."
~ via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL

Sign outside Taylorsville (MD) United Methodist Church:
"iPod, iPad, try I PRAY."
~ via Lorene Irving, Lutherville Timonium, MD



How to Become a Citizen Naturalist

It doesn't take a science degree to help conservationists in your region monitor wildlife and undertake other important duties for ecosystem health. Citizen science, a practice through which members of the public assist scientists' research, is growing in popularity, spawning conferences, school programs, publications and more.

Do you want to learn more about the wildlife in your area and contribute vital knowledge for its protection? Become a citizen naturalist! Here's how:

Make a list of your interests. Are you a birdwatcher who wants to share your discoveries with the world? Do you love to kayak? Do you like getting outside in the winter? Cataloging your interests will help you identify an appropriate opportunity.

Reach out. Contact your local university, conservation nonprofit, cooperative extension or government office to find out what research opportunities are available to the public.

Learn your wildlife. Do you know how to tell the difference between the mating calls of a green frog and those of a bull frog? Before hitting the field, citizen scientists usually receive training on how to identify targeted species.

Start counting. Audubon's Great Backyard Bird Count, National Geographic's BioBlitz and FrogWatch USA are some popular citizen science surveys that give researchers a better picture of animal populations. The National Wildlife Federation has a more complete list of opportunities.

Go mobile. New digital technologies have made it easier than ever to track the wildlife around you. Apps like Leafsnap and iNaturalist let you record species sightings on your mobile device.

Analyze. Citizen scientists don't just collect data: they can also help analyze it. Try it from the convenience of the web by taking a few minutes to count creatures on the sea floor or identify recorded whale songs through Zooniverse.

Pass it on. Children can make a difference too! Share your passion for nature with the kids in your life by browsing the free lesson plans and ideas from the National Environmental Education Foundation or starting a schoolyard bioblitz.

green tips from earthshare.org

Rev. Wilkins' sermon was titled "Praising God in Laughter," and the congregation sang the following hymn titled, "The Merry Folk of Jesus," with the words composed by Wilkins to the 1835 music of "Lead On, O King Eternal" by Henry T. Smart:

The Merry Folk of Jesus

*The merry folk of Jesus
Have something new to say
For some it may surprise you,
But some will say, "Hooray."
The message is that Jesus
Enjoyed humor, too,
And found it often helpful
With things he had to do.*

*As one of God's creations,
The gift of humor's good,
Brings light into our darkness,
Helps us do things we should.
And God himself's our champion;
His humor is first-rate,
He helps us see what's funny,
And lets us share the trait.*

*When we allow God's Spirit
To lead us on our way,
He'll help us see those moments
Which come to us each day,
Where human imperfections
Create a scene of mirth.
He'll help us share our laughter
And bless our friends on earth.*

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"...gonna find out who's naughty and nice - the Easter Bunny's comin' to town..."

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"I want this to be a good day, Mommy. Is this the right side of the bed for me to get up on?"

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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: Why should 60-plus-year-old people use valet parking?

Answer: Valets don't forget where they park a car.

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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Easter Word Search

P	I	E	R	C	E	D	S
I	A	S	L	R	U	R	P
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S	N	Q	F	Z	V	I	Y
O	O	S	L	S	O	E	F
K	Z	O	U	K	H	J	R
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ANGELS

APOSTLES

BETRAYAL

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SON OF GOD

SPEAR

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