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#### REGULAR SUNDAY EVENTS

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

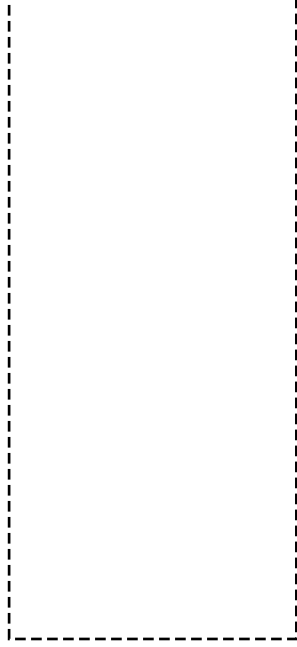
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# THE GRACE MESSENGER

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January 2019

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



## 2018 Council Members

Donna Adrian	Vicki Cox	Andrew Edwards
Tom Emery	Arlone Farber	Greg Hula
Marsha Moyer	Terry Nielsen	Brenda Spahr

Pastor Laaker

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Officers Serving the Congregation:

Financial: Janet Hula      Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

The regular meeting of the Council was held on December 11th. Council members shared their prayer concerns for individual's medical needs; for the family of Marilyn Neilsen; for wisdom with newly elected and re-elected politicians; for all military personnel unable to be home with family; a peaceful time in South Sudan; families trying to find a "new" normal after the Florida floods and California wildfires; safety for all the travelers this Christmas season; a warm place for the homeless; and Peace on Earth this Christmas!

Devotions: Pastor led devotions from Isaiah 49:13 and 1 Corinthians 1:30. The first reminds us of the song, "Joy to the World" and finding comfort during times of mourning. The second reminds us of God's guidance and wisdom, the Word made flesh, Love has come.

Visions for Ministry: Council discussed a handout titled "The Christ Child Within" and a reading from Luke 10:1-12. We see the Christ Child in a caring touch and listening to those in need through many of the ministries within and through Grace. The kindness you see in one another, for example, the Kindness Packets that were given from three Bellevue Elementary schools to be shared with Liberty Elementary. All of this reminds us to have our eyes, ears and hearts more open to God's presence in our daily lives; that the Kingdom of God is near. Council will be reading "Baptized For This Moment" by Steven Paul Bouman for 2019.

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

Christian Education: Brenda gave a "Words on Wednesday" report on the activities that were held here at Grace on December 5th. Class listened to the story of Mary and Joseph as they traveled to Bethlehem and then the class made Advent Wreaths to take home and share with their families. A quick meeting before the meal led to the decision to hold classes at Bethel on January 9th. Classes on February 6th will be held at St. Matthew's. Classes will resume in May here at Grace with a celebration to be determined.

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The Sunday morning class has been practicing "Away in a Manger" and "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and they will sing during service on December 23rd.

Evangelism/Outreach: Vicki has spoken with Diane from Crossroads and Grace is on the schedule for February 17th and October 13th. There is a need for transportation volunteers; Colleen will be able to play music for the service. Arlone will apply for Thrivent funds. A meeting later in January will be held for additional discussions.

Council has decided to reapply for a Lutheran Volunteer Corp person for 2019 through 2020.

The ESL experienced a lovely Christmas party; all in attendance celebrated with plenty of games, crafts, food, laughter and fellowship!

The alley is covered in ice making deliveries for the pantry challenging! Any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. One good thing, warmer weather is on the way.

Finance: The grant requested from Immanuel Vision Foundation will arrive later this week.

Council ratified the distribution of Disney funds listed in the Endowment Report.

Council designated Pastor's stated 2019 housing allowance to be the same as that which was received in 2018.

Property: Thermostat was set to cool this past Sunday, as a reminder the air conditioner vents have been sealed off for the winter, if the vents are turned on this will result in burning out the motors.

Service/Social Ministry: None.

Support/Stewardship: Fall Stewardship Campaign "Transformed by Faith, Grace and Love." Commitment cards that were turned in and totals from faithful givers were shared and discussed as part of the budget preparation.

Worship: Christmas Eve Services will be at 4:30 here at Grace and 6:30 at St. Luke's, invite family and friends to join in the celebration.

Lenten Services will be similar to last year with a side note Trinity Lutheran has asked to be a part of this shared services. There will be a joint service with all congregations involved on Good Friday!

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Unfinished Business: Healthy Shared Ministry Event in Kearney on November 30th through December 1st. This event was shortened due to inclement weather. The event will be placed on the Synod website soon and it would be a good thing to watch; some of things in discussion are already taking place at Grace.

New Business: Arlone and Brenda agreed to be part of the Nominating Committee for 2019 and will actively search for a third. The Audit Committee will be formed in January.

Vicki will be donating some extra books from ESL to the Pantry and the Lending Library.

Announcements: Bishop Eaton has a 4-minute Christmas Message on the ELCA website, all are invited to take a moment to watch.

Mary accompanied the Min Thu family Mom to an open house at Restoring Dignity to look for extra items donated during the family resettlement that took place this past fall.

**If you were involved in any group event, please write a report for the Annual Report.**

Vicki will bring treats in January. Terry closed in prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Spahr, Secretary



Merry Christmas! As I began my Christmas morning, I was reading a devotional from Henri Nouwen titled "We Are Not Alone." He writes: God came to us because God wanted to join us on the road, to listen to our story, and to help us realize that we are not walking in circles but moving toward the house of peace and joy. This is the great mystery of Christmas that continues to give us comfort and consolation: we are not alone on our journey. The God of love who gave us life sent his only Son to be with us at all times and in all places, so that we never have to feel lost in our struggles but always can trust that God walks with us.

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He goes on to say: The challenge is to let God be who God wants to be. A part of us clings to our aloneness and does not allow God to touch us where we are most in pain. Often we hide from God precisely those places in ourselves where we feel guilty, ashamed, confused and lost. Thus we do not give God a chance to be with us where we feel most alone.

He ends by saying: Christmas is the renewed invitation not to be afraid and to let God – whose love is greater than our own hearts and minds can comprehend – be our companion.

Christmas is a special time to focus on the attending presence of God. I do a lot of walking and as I walk I find it refreshing to be alone. At the same time, I also find it refreshing that I am not alone because God walks with me.

This has been a wonderful year. God has surprised me in numerous ways. I am grateful that I get to serve as your pastor. I find your love and care to be delightful gifts. I find the challenges that shape and form us to be a reminder of the Spirit.

As we enter a new year, may we be comforted by God's presence. May we experience the gentle touch of God's love in our journey through the new year.

Pastor Laaker

PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Thank You!

Once again, you surprise me with your abundant kindness. Thank you for your gifts, cards and prayers. I am deeply honored to be so highly regarded. May God bless you as you continue to be such a blessing to me and our family.

Pastor Laaker

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:**

Theresa Courtney  
Carolyn Matson  
Sue Mize  
LaVonne Moss  
Pam Reents  
Pauline Stechenfinger  
Urbano Vasquez



Andrew Edwards  
Jack Pablo McGill  
Gloria Moore  
Oren Powley  
Ken Spahr  
Dan Taylor



**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 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.*

**Pray for our Shut-in and Nursing Home resident:**

Mickey Andersen - 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 9:30 a.m.; another opportunity for fellowship with one another. No experience necessary!

**COFFEE  
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us!



**Grace Reads**



As Grace Lutheran continues its partnership with Liberty Elementary, there is a need to fulfill each classroom with readers! There is the opportunity for two readers on each day Grace representatives read at Liberty Elementary. Two readers are needed on the first, second and third Tuesday and Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested to share your talents by being a blessing and reading to a classroom at Liberty once or twice a month; Tuesday reading at 12:20pm and Wednesday reading at 3:05pm. A sign-up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board, if you have any questions, please call the church office at 402-341-7730.

**Christmas Mitten Tree**

It is that special time of year! The Christmas Mitten Tree will be displayed in the upper fellowship hall until the early part of January.

You still have a short amount of time to place a pair of mittens, gloves, a scarf or any additional warm apparel on the mitten tree. Your gift will go to benefit those in need through shelters and pantries in the area.










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; 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 LaVonne, June, Eva, Marilyn, Donna and Mary 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, Marilyn, Gloria, June, Donna, and Ron, 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, Oren, and Mary for greeting everyone on Sunday mornings.

 Thank you to all who share their time and talents with Liberty Elementary through the "Grace Reads" partnership.

 Thank you to all Loaves and Fishes Pantry Volunteers; for delivering food items on Sunday mornings, unloading and putting foods items away until Monday mornings, getting everything ready for Mondays and in greeting and serving all with smiles, care and love!

Friends, contributions, postmarked by December 31, will be posted as received in 2018. Contributions postmarked January 1 and following will be posted as gifts received in 2019.

## Transformed by Grace, Faith and Love

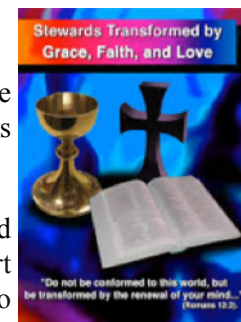
We were challenged by this theme as we considered the ways God leads us to be good stewards of God's abundant care.

As we approach the new year, 2019, let us be reminded of this unique quality of God. It's that quality in the heart of God that causes God not to deal with us according to our sins, or to retaliate against us according to our iniquities. It is God's faithfulness to us, even when we are not faithful. In fact, it is what love must always be when it meets the unlovely, the weak, the inadequate, the undeserving, and the despicable. God is willing to respond to need without reference to merit. It is unmerited favor.

God's grace pours out love, kindness, favor to all who will trust in God. You don't have to earn it. You just have to be in relationship with God to receive God's grace.

We most need God's grace when we become aware of aspects in our lives we know are wrong—things like: poor decisions, habits, behavior that we are ashamed of, areas we want God to change, but where we may fear God's condemnation. If we have received Christ into our hearts, we have been declared His own, forgiven, and now under His grace. It is His grace that frees us and changes us.

This transformation leads to lives lived in faith and love. May this transformation continue to shape and form us as our efforts of stewardship evolve in 2019.



Arts For All, Inc (AFA) serves thousands of local students each year, many of whom would not otherwise have opportunities to receive arts education. Arts education positively impacts the lives of our children by helping to develop critical thinking, problem solving, resourcefulness, teamwork, and many other skills. An investment in the arts is an investment in the future of our community. The Spring Schedule is now available at [artsforallinc.com](http://artsforallinc.com), classes are \$10.00 per class. If you have any questions, please call 402-556-7821. A schedule has been posted on the bulletin board.



**Grace Lutheran Church  
ESL Christmas Party  
December 9th**

Tutors (Amanda, Arlone, Mary, and Vicki), students and their families enjoy an awesome Christmas celebration before their winter break. Time for games, crafts, food, fellowship and laughter!

Classes will resume January 12th, meeting every Saturday morning at 9:30 am. What a great reflection of God's love to both tutors and students in the weekly sessions of continued learning, growing and building relationships together!



**Grace Sunday School News**

Sunday School singing during worship service on December 23rd. Everyone performed beautifully, great job Jonah, Jackson, Charlie, Kyler, Elena, Tommy, Madison and Jadyn (Jericho is hiding behind Jadyn!)

The regular Grace Sunday School classes continue to meet every second and fourth Sunday each month. Classes in January will be on the 13th and 27th at 10:00 am. Children age 4 through 6th grade are welcome!



Thank you to Greg, Janet and Andrew, way to show your Christmas Spirit! The decorations in the sanctuary and throughout the building have helped bring the Christmas Spirit to all who enter! Thanks to Alma and Sally who have also help decorate in additional areas throughout the building!

Thank you for the Christmas gift cards! The opportunity to spend family time out is always hilarious! The good news of Christmas is not found under the tree, but in the hearts of those who worship Jesus.

Merry Christmas!  
John, Brenda & Andrea Spahr



## Loaves and Fishes Pantry

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North Door (Parking Lot Door)  
Opens at 9:45 am

Pantry is Open 10:00 - 11:00 am  
Every Monday

Variety of fresh foods donated by  
Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.

*All are served with love and care.*



**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.**

Grace Lutheran Church has three additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds. Only a few moments of your time to download apps for TAGG - Together A Greater Good and when you shop at smile.amazon.com Amazon will donate - Grace's unique link is: <https://smileamazon.com/ch/47-0667089>. Register your Bakers Plus card with Kroger and choose Grace Lutheran as your charitable choice! All of these opportunities will match a certain percentage of your purchases and direct those funds to Grace.



## Christian Education Opportunity!! WOW (Word on Wednesday)



St. Luke's/Grace, St. Matthew's, Bethel, and Augustana are combining to offer a new program for the children and young people of our congregations on the first Wednesday of each month.

Children from Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited. Supper will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm and classes will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 pm.

Word on Wednesdays (WOW!) classes will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church on Wednesday, January 9th.

What an awesome opportunity to grow in faith and meet new friends! If you have any questions, please see Brenda Spahr at Grace or Connie Tefft at St. Luke's.



### Confirmation Classes

We continue to participate in a combined Confirmation Class with Bethel, St. Matthew and Augustana. January classes will be held at Bethel Lutheran Church beginning on January 9th, 6:30 pm.

### Martin Luther Quotes

Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.

Christ ought to be preached with this goal in mind ~ that we might be moved to faith in him so that he is not just a distant historical figure but actually Christ for you and me.

*shared by notable-quotes.com*





## ANNUAL MEETING

**Grace Lutheran Annual Meeting  
Sunday, January 27th**

Following worship service on January 27th, stay and enjoy a potluck lunch and fellowship!

The Annual Meeting will take place following the potluck lunch. Everyone is encouraged to attend, hear all the events and activities from 2018, and help make decisions for 2019!

Did you participate in an event that happened here or through Grace? Consider writing a report to be placed in the Annual Report. Please have your reports into the office by January 15th. Thank you.



Consider preparing a new recipe or bring an old favorite to share for the potluck luncheon! A great time to enjoy fellowship and conversation with one another.

For one week on Sunday, February 3rd Grace Worship Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Grace will return to their regular worship times on February 10th.

The Council made the decision last year to make this a yearly occurrence in order to accommodate St. Luke's annual meeting.



**8th Annual Empyrean Trail Run  
Saturday, January 12, 2019**

This fun run winds through wooded trails, over rolling hills and even over frozen creek beds around the grounds at Carol Joy Holling Camp. The funds raised help support our Campership program, which allows all children to come to camp no matter their financial situation.

In 2018, over 400 kids received financial assistance to attend camp.

Registration fee is \$40 for the 1 mile walk and 5K run and \$50 for the 10K race. Check-in is at 9:00 a.m., with the run starting promptly at 11:00 a.m. Upon completion, runners will enjoy a delicious Lazlo's catered lunch, including a sandwich and soup combo, amazing empyrean beer and a free giveaway item.

If you have any questions, please contact Heather Abbott by email at [HAbbott@NLOM.org](mailto:HAbbott@NLOM.org) or by phone at 402-944-2544.

### Interested in Becoming a Hospice Volunteer?

CHI Health at Home Hospice, VNA Hospice, and Hospice House would like to invite you to consider becoming a hospice volunteer. Caring and compassionate people are needed to help provide companionship and support for individuals living with a terminal illness and their families. Upcoming classes are on February 21st, 26th, and 28th, 2019. Space is limited. For additional information or to request an application, please call one of the following agencies below:

CHI Health at Home Hospice: Mary Pendell 402-898-8239  
or online at [www.chihealth.com/home-care](http://www.chihealth.com/home-care)

VNA Hospice: Celeste Sully Feuerbach 402-930-4143  
or online at [www.thevnacares.org](http://www.thevnacares.org)

Hospice House: Taylor Romeo 402-343-8600  
or online at [www.hospicehouseomaha.org](http://www.hospicehouseomaha.org)



January 2019

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

6 - Arlone Farber  
13 - Mary Laaker  
20 - Brenda Spahr  
27 - Greg Hula  
Feb. 3 - Terry Nielsen

## January BIRTHDAYS

1 - Martina Mure  
Nenchi Ilka  
12 - Satta Lewa  
13 - Joel Gammon  
Dige Dige  
23 - Theila Nyiwe  
26 - Janet Hula  
31 - Gerald Helm  
Bobby Stechenfinger

## January Acolytes

6 - Greg Hula  
13 - Janet Hula  
20 - Andrea Spahr  
27 - Damien Rodriguez  
Feb. 3 - Donna Adrian



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

## USHERS

Vicki Cox  
Oren Powley  
Andrew Edwards



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

6 - Greg and Janet Hula  
13 - Tom and Sarah Emery  
20 - Mary Laaker and Madison Emery  
27 - Ralph Fitle and Andrew Edwards  
Feb. 3 - Loren and Marsha Moyer



## Responsibility List

### Altar Flowers



6 - OPEN.  
13 - OPEN.  
20 - OPEN.  
27 - OPEN.  
Feb. 3 - OPEN.

The 2019 Flower 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.

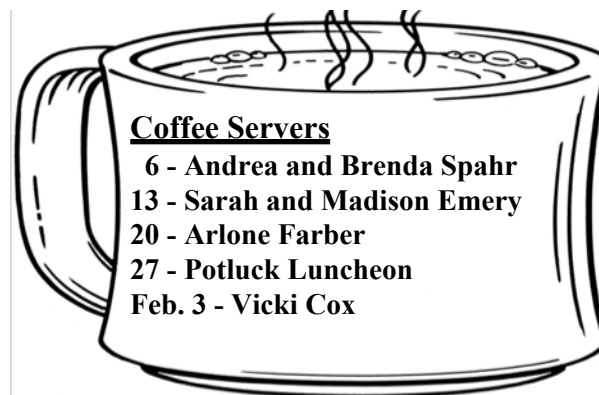
Flower Pick-Up for January:



### Backpack Program

6 - OPEN.  
13 - OPEN.  
20 - OPEN.  
27 - OPEN.  
Feb. 3 - OPEN.

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### Coffee Servers

6 - Andrea and Brenda Spahr  
13 - Sarah and Madison Emery  
20 - Arlone Farber  
27 - Potluck Luncheon  
Feb. 3 - Vicki Cox



## Nebraska Campus Ministries

"Please join us on Sunday afternoon, February 17, from 3:00 - 5:30 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church on 93rd and Dodge for EVENSONG. This is the annual celebration highlighting Lutheran Campus Ministry in the Omaha metro colleges and universities. You can enjoy some wonderful food and beverages, take part in our silent auction, and join us for a student-led worship service of Holden Evening Prayer. Your choir or your individual musicians can join other singers for special music. For more information call Campus Pastor Jim Holthus at 218-760-2028 and leave a short message."

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"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.

## Souper Bowl of Caring



The 29th Annual Souper Bowl is Sunday, February 3rd, we plan to highlight the work and ministry of the Lutheran Pantry in the Omaha area. You are invited to participate and bring a special collection that includes canned goods, paper products (toilet paper), or personal care items to donate to the ministry efforts to serve those in need within our community.

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.

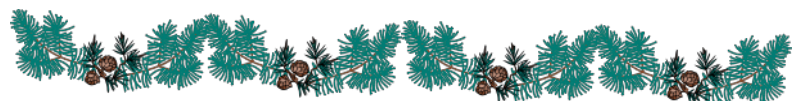
- Howard Thurman, *Asbury News*, Minneapolis, MN  
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*Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year*

## 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."

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# THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Jeff and Bil Keane



"...and just so you know, I had a very good day today, so I'd like more of the same tomorrow."

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

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## Bible Wordsearch

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Matt.21:16-30

## The Fig Tree

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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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