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SEPTEMBER SUNDAY EVENTS
9:30 am. Worship Service
Grace Lutheran, 1326 S 26th Street

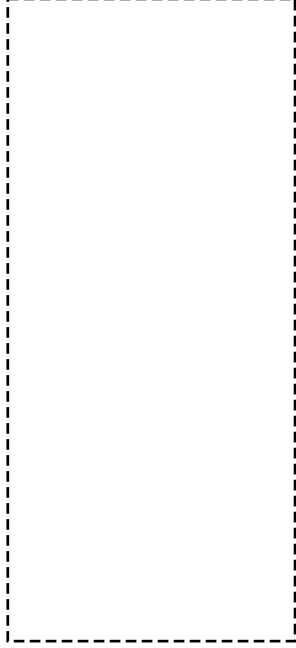
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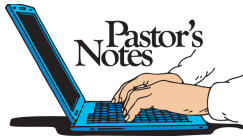
 September 

September Worship Services
will be held at Grace Lutheran,
1326 S 26th Street



With love to reach out, to serve,
to welcome all in the name of
our Lord Jesus.

Connect with us on the web: stlukesomaha.org
graceluth.com



As we prepare to enter the final months of 2023, it is time to think and act on the manner in which we choose to support the ministry that Christ invites us in partnership. Charles Lane in his small book, “Ask, Thank, Tell,” says his hope for this effort is to “provide a way for all congregations to move to a healthier place, a place where stewardship is grounded in God’s Word, not simply the needs of the congregation; a place where giving is an act of discipleship, not a duty of membership; a place where money is talked about openly and honestly; a place where faithful giving is an important part of faithful lives.”

A few of us met and decided to use as a template for our stewardship campaign the three-month approach that connects to the Nebraska Synod’s 2023 “Go And . . .” series focus. So, our September focus will be more about “telling” what we as disciples do or may be called to do. Our October focus will be more about asking for ideas, input and contributions to both be a part of the ministry and work we offer with our time, strength and passion. Our November focus will be largely about saying thank you.

In summary, the focus will be outlined as follows:

- 1) September, **Go and ... Serve with Your Neighbor**: share the way God’s work is happening and is made possible through you and the congregation.
- 2) October, **Go and ... Ask**: what are the ways we can serve God and all that God has entrusted to us with gifts, strengths, time, talents, assets, etc.
- 3) November, **Go and ... Be Honest**: And Give Thanks!

I would invite you to think about the ways you might be engaged in this effort. Maybe you have a story to tell about the way you experience God’s work in your life or the life of someone you know. Maybe you have some ideas about how you and we can serve God and all that God has placed before us. Maybe you have a special way of giving thanks that might enrich our appreciation of God’s goodness. Don’t be shy. Please be willing to act on your discipleship with Christ.

Continued....

May we discover the many ways that generosity has led us to a deeper relationship with Christ.

Pastor Laaker



St. Luke’s 2023 Council Members

Steve Braun	Annette Chipman	Frank Durham
Cindy Fleming	John Kolb	Dave Ruffner
Molly Sedlacek	Connie Tefft	Pastor Laaker

Officers Serving the Congregation:

Treasurer: Nancy Klusaw

Financial Secretary & Memorial/Special Gifts: Rose Marie Lad

Council Meeting Notes, August 10, 2023

Devotions: Pastor Laaker led devotions from Daily Texts – Habakkuk 2:4 and James 1:21. How do we become aware of God’s greatness?

Agenda: Agenda adopted by motion.

Minutes of July 13, 2023, meeting accepted by motion.

Minutes of the August 6, 2023 Special Congregational Meeting accepted by motion.

Book Study: Chapter 10 and 11 of **Clear, Calm, and Connected** were discussed. Chapter 12 and 13 will be discussed next month.

Unfinished Business:

1. Roof Repair update – See Building and Grounds.
2. Canopy South update – For clarification purposes: The “old” funeral home property is owned by Canopy South. They are leasing the projected “new” building to Nebraska Work Force Development.

Reports:

Pastor’s Report – A written report was provided. Diane Hayes, a retired organist from St. Mary’s, will play for us on August 20. Pastor accompanied Barnabas Dyedi to his interview as he prepares to enter the ELCA Candidacy to become a Lutheran Pastor.

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President's Report – A written report was provided. Tours of St. Luke's will begin August 13. Nancy Klusaw and Brenda Spahr are working together to produce a combined newsletter.

Treasurer/Finance Report – A written report was provided.

Financial Secretary's Report – A written report was provided.

Memorial Fund Report – A written report was provided.

Building and Grounds Report – An oral report was given. McKinnis Roofing continues to work with the insurance company regarding the roof repair.

Evangelism – An oral report was given.

Fellowship – An oral report was given. Sunday donuts and coffee is going well.

Stewardship – Pastor gave an oral report. This year we will focus on the theme "Go And...." for September, October, and November.

Parish Education – No report. Sara Pahl-Ramirez will continue to prepare articles for the newsletter.

Social Ministry – Pastor shared the article "Ten on the Tenth" which celebrates a decade of "God's Work, Our Hands" service in our communities.

Worship and Music – Dan Ruffner gave an oral report. Hymns have been selected for the next three months. Conversation was shared regarding communion being offered at the altar rail and pilgrim line.

New Business:

1. Worship plan updates – Monthly worship will continue to alternate between Grace and St. Luke's until further notice.
2. Tours of St. Luke's will begin on Sunday, August 13, 2023.

The next Council Meeting: Thursday, September 14, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with prayer at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Tefft, Secretary



And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

2 Corinthians 9:14

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

Vicki Cox
Richard Krambeck
Carolyn Matson
Marilyn Van Ormer



June Hilmer
Samuel Mantzaris
Pam Reents



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 Scott Johnson, Nebraska Synod
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Charles Tuw and Moses Loda 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:

Richard Burney - Omaha Nursing
Vicki Cox - Home
Barbara Nelson - Life Care Center, Elkhorn
Dee Nielsen - Peyton, CO
Rev. Terry Nielsen - Echo Hills
Jeri Swanson - Hillcrest Estates
Marilyn Van Ormer - Home
Doris Westman - Hillcrest Estates

Dolores Castro - Home
Arline Henni - Heritage at Legacy



All of our homebound enjoy receiving mail, if you would like to brighten their day, please call the church office for any addresses you need. Blessings!



Grace 2023 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Sarah Emery	Arlone Farber
Ralph Fitle	Greg Hula	Eva Martin
Brenda Spahr	Pastor Laaker	

Officers Serving the Congregation:		
Financial Secretary: Janet Hula		Treasurer: Ralph Fitle

Council Meeting Notes, August 8, 2023

Call to Order Sarah called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Gathering of Prayers We ask for prayers for individuals with relationships to council members. We also pray for the school year; for teachers, school staff, students and parents, we pray for all travelers, for victims of floods, wildfires, ongoing global conflicts and for tensions in the US to ease.

Devotions Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker, reading the selected verses in the “Daily Texts” from Jeremiah 31:14 and 1 Peter 4:10. The first verse reminds us of God’s abundance and love and that we are to give or share with one another and the second reminds us to share our unique gifts from God with one another.

Visions for Ministry Do I Stay Christian? by Brian McLaren
Council discussed Chapters 13 & 14. Interests in the two chapters include that we all strive for the common good; in daily struggles we are not to judge one another; continue to struggle in keeping the tiny embers of faith sparking, participate in the healing and reconciling faith thus renewed. Earth has been in existence for billions of years and we may think we are the most creative, but only in our little blink of time. We are constantly in motion, evolving. Read chapters 15/16 for next month.

Minutes The minutes of the regular July 2023 meeting of the council were accepted as printed.

Financial Secretary’s Report The report of the Financial Secretary, Janet Hula, was presented and accepted by motion.

Treasurer’s Report The report of the Treasurer, Ralph Fitle, was presented and accepted by motion.

Mission Share The monthly Mission Share contribution and the San Andres contribution were both made in July – ending with 100% of our pledge for both.

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Committee Reports

Christian Education Confirmation classes will begin online in September, with two students participating.

Evangelism/Outreach Barnabas Dyedi continues his interview process in Aurora, NE on August 18th, as part of Barnabas’ entry into the Nebraska Synod Candidacy Program.

It will soon be one year since David Nange’s passing, therefore, there will be a special service on Saturday, September 16th .

The NE Synod Newsletter highlighted the efforts of Grace/St. Luke’s to share the “Go And...” Emphasis and reprinted the photo of the shoes.

Finance Pastor shared Thank You Notes recently received from recipients of Endowment funds.

Council has been asked to put on their thinking caps on how we may serve the community to submit a grant through the Immanuel Vision Foundation, due September 30th this year.

Property We have 4 phones delivered from Ooma Phone Services.
The new Little Library unit is almost ready for delivery and installation.

Service/Social Ministry Pastor received a request from James Heesacker to use Grace for a Funeral Luncheon. James is one of June Hilmer’s nephews.
Pastor is inviting all to participate in this year’s “We Walk” on September 10th in unity with Tri-Faith Initiative, the goal would be a little group representing Grace & St. Luke’s.

Teachers are preparing a reading list for this year’s reading program “Grace Reads” and we are looking for readers!

Pastor has been informed that the renters across the alley have moved out and the owner is selling the house.

Support/Stewardship Fall Emphasis will be “Go and....Serve, Ask, Be Honest”. Serve will be highlighted in September, Ask in October and Be Honest in November. How can we be engaged and how we respond with one another in relationship through Christ.

Worship None. / **New Business** None.

Unfinished Business Robert Foresman called the office, met with Pastor, and donated a Historical Book which has copywrite of 1918 and signed by Luther M. Kuhns, Grace’s first Pastor.

Announcements Greg’s niece, Anne is getting married.
Arlone will prepare a prayer for next month.

Adjournment The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Spahr, Secretary



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 Mary for your weekly dedication running the recording equipment every Sunday during worship service.

Thank you Ron & Donna Adrian, Deb Ludwig and Brenda Spahr for taking care of the altar, and preparing communion.

Thanks to everyone that helped with worship services during the month of August. It is much appreciated.

Thank you Janet, Andrea, Ethan, Bob, Connie and Nancy, for your faithful dedication in helping assemble the monthly combined newsletter!

Thank you to all those that help keep both church grounds neat by picking up trash around the churches.

Thank you Alma for keeping both Grace and St. Luke's clean and so welcoming to everyone who enters.

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!

Path Assist, now available in your area, connects you to the resources you need to be healthy and improve the quality of your life. The Path Assist program is designed to help you confidently navigate local health and social service resources and advocate for your needs. The goal of Path Assist is to help you address issues like housing, food, transportation, access to medicine, isolation, and more before they become serious problems. Path Assist is a free program, you can sign up on their website at: www.path-assist.com/gethelp or call 402-265-6551.

**PATH
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Bread For Life
September 24, 2023
Noon - 3:00 pm
Shepherd of the Hills Fellowship Hall
6201 N 60th Street
402-453-7649

Project Hope, Inc. Food & Clothing Pantry invites you to Our 5th Annual Bread for Life Event and Fundraiser. This year our fundraiser will be held at our Project Hope location at 6201 N 60th Street. You will have the opportunity to tour our food and clothing pantries.

Your support and contributions will enable us to meet our goals and improve conditions in our community. Your generous donation will fund our mission to feed and cloth people in need.

Join Our Mission

*We are called to feed and clothe God's people in need.
We believe nutritious food contributes to good health.
We value people with love, hope, compassion and dignity.*

Helping Neighbors ~ Improving Lives ~ Spreading Blessings

In support of our Stewardship Emphasis for September's "Go And...Serve Your Neighbor" The Stewardship Team is inviting all to join in the joy of cleaning up the surrounding areas of both Grace and St. Luke's. We will meet after worship service on September 17th at Grace and target a section in the alley and no Poppleton Street. Following service on October 1st we will target sections around St. Luke's.



Please speak with one of the Stewardship Team: Pastor Laaker, Nancy Klusaw, Connie Tefft, Janet Hula, and Brenda Spahr if you have questions or would like to join in the clean up. All are invited to wear their yard work clothing, bring your hats, gloves, hand tools, and any additional items you may use. Remember to stay hydrated, bring your water bottles! Garbage bags will be provided.



Register for United We Walk 2023!

Sunday, September 10, 2023
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tri-Faith Commons,
13136 Faith Plaza (132 & Pacific)

Bring your whole self, bring your team, and experience community!

Following a successful inaugural year with 2,200+ participants, Tri-Faith Initiative is thrilled to host the second annual United We Walk fundraiser — a 1-mile loop around the Tri-Faith Commons near 132nd and Pacific streets — on Sunday, September 10.

Funds raised for United We Walk directly benefit Tri-Faith's mission of cultivating inclusive environments that advance interfaith relationships and understanding.

HERE'S WHAT ATTENDEES CAN EXPECT:

- A 1-mile loop around the Tri-Faith Commons near 132nd and Pacific streets
- A colorful array of musical, poetry, and dance performances
- Open houses of the Tri-Faith Center, Temple Israel, Countryside Community Church, and American Muslim Institute
- A community fair featuring organizations contributing to a more inclusive Omaha
- Food trucks and family-friendly activities across the Commons that encourage learning and community-building across differences
- An immersive youth art project on Abraham's Bridge

Form your team and bring your banners, signs, t-shirts, etc. to proudly express the joy of your organizations, affiliations, identities, and communities!

A group is being formed to be a presence and walk the walk for United We Walk 2023 at the Tri-Faith Commons! All are welcome to join, please speak with Pastor Laaker if you are interested in being a part of reflecting God's love for all.



3 – Wendy Rhode
5 – Jessica Noah
8 – Jeanette Kalasky
8 – Sara Pahl-Ramirez
11 – Karen Martin
13 – Caleb Noah
20 – Tyler Olbrey
26 – Susan Burney
26 – Doris Westman

St. Luke's



3 – Robert & Nancy Klusaw
23 – Douglas & Vicki Hall

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

Happy Birthday in faith! May blessings be upon you! On your birthday, remember that you were wonderfully made by God and rejoice in God's love. You are so blessed to be you and to share the amazing love of Jesus on your birthday! May God bless this day with more love than your heart can hold.

St. Luke's Mary Circle will meet on Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 9:30 am in the Educational Unit for fellowship and Bible Study. Rose Marie Lad will have devotions, Nancy Klusaw the lesson and Deb Ludwig will serve as hostess. Everyone is welcome to come join in the learning, conversation and refreshments.



"Mom," a small girl asked, "how come men don't ever go to heaven?"
"Of course men go to heaven," her mother replied. "Why do you ask that?"
"Because all the angels I've ever seen don't have whiskers," the child said.
"That's because most men get to heaven by a close shave," the mother said.

~ Msgr. Arthur Tonne,
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Sunday, September 10, 2023



**God's work.
Our hands.**

Fish and Chips Food Drive

(Goldfish and Potato Chips)

In partnership, St. Luke's and Grace
will collect bags of Goldfish and Potato Chips
which will be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Pantry at Grace.

Bring your donations to church on September 3 and 10.

If you prefer to make a monetary donation,
a member of the "Our Hands" team will shop for you.
Please mail your donation to the church office and
state that it is for the Fish and Chips project.

*God's Work Our Hands Sunday is an opportunity to celebrate
who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America -
one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbors.*

Chip Chip Hooray! Thanks for participating!

Lutheran Women of Omaha
Tuesday, September 12, 2023
12:00 Noon



Join us at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 6201 N. 60th Street

Cost: \$7.00

Guest speaker is Deidre Rivera with Project Houseworks. Free will
offering will be directed to Project Houseworks.

Call Mardelle Gocek at 402-292-1328 by Sunday, September 10, to
reserve your seat.



1 - Terry Nielsen
3 - Munna Lewa
5 - Lealen Costanzo
7 - Ronald Andersen
13 - Loren Moyer
23 - Katelyn Bauer
28 - Damien Rodriguez



14 - Ron & Donna Adrian
24 - John & Brenda Spahr
26 - Greg & Janet Hula
30 - Juan & Amanda Vazquez

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

Pastor Laaker will be teaching Confirmation
classes beginning in September. If you have
a young person entering the 7th or 8th
grade who is interested in attending classes,
please speak with Pastor Laaker.



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above) * Book an Event nhbs.cc/book.

BIBLE STUDY

How is a carbon footprint related to the Gospel? An odd question, yes, but real and important. God loves each of us personally, patiently, persistently, and forever. As humans, we break our relationship with God; we sin. Jesus lived our life and died our death to reunite us with God, a totally free gift of undeserved grace.

Yes, we affirm, but "carbon footprint"? A carbon footprint is the total amount of greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide (CO₂) and methane, produced by our actions, usually expressed as tons per year. The carbon footprint for an average adult in the U.S.A is about sixteen tons per year. Globally, the average is about four tons per year. For starters, I breathe out CO₂ every minute that I live. My daily choices affect how much more I produce. Let's look at examples:

1. I could heat a bowl of split pea soup for lunch, and eat a slice of bread with it. I could also pick greens outside, cooking them on my gas stove. OR I could drive to Burger King for a Whopper and fries. Either choice puts greenhouse gases in the air. However, driving a car burns gasoline, but staying home does not. Either lunch requires heat from a stove. Also, raising a head of beef requires more energy inputs than growing peas for soup and grain for bread. Ergo, the second option increases my carbon footprint more than the first.

2. I washed a load of towels in cold water. (Yes, they do get clean!) I could hang them outside to dry, or I could toss them into my electric dryer for sixty minutes. The second choice raises my carbon footprint more than the first.

Why does this matter? Well, the Earth keeps getting hotter and dryer. Too much CO₂ in the air pushes up the heat faster, helping cause droughts, wildfires, bigger, worse storms, melting glaciers, and raising sea levels. When I make choices that put more CO₂ in the air, I add to the problem. When I make alternate choices, I lessen the problem.

So, back to the Gospel. Can I look up CO₂ in a concordance to find scriptural advice about it? Nope. It's not in there! What if I try "carbon footprint"? Sorry, no. Maybe "climate change"? Nada. Then how do I figure out energy use in line with the Gospel? Like every other question, it comes down to : Jesus. Specifically, we look at the life Jesus lived, the death he died, and how he unites us with the Holy One, ourselves, and each other in Himself - the Body of Christ. (We could also ASK him!) Jesus loves us, reintroduces us to Love, and gives us reason to love, to live life to the glory of God! If we reduce our carbon footprint by reducing our energy use, in order to protect ourselves, others, and the Earth, we act in love. God's reign on earth becomes a little more real each day. So go out there and love like crazy!

Sara welcomes ideas and questions at 402-686-1693.



October 1, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 pm
Carol Joy Holling Camp
Ashland, NE

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. ~ 1 Peter 4:1

Raising up lay leaders and clergy is a top priority for all of us in the Nebraska Synod. When we say "leaders" we are talking about disciples who serve on council, musicians, worship assistants, faith formation specialists, servant project workers, pastors, parish ministry associates (PMAs) and deacons.

Together with Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries and Nebraska Lutheran Campus Ministry, the Nebraska Synod ELCA's goal is to integrate IDEA - Invite, Discern, Excite, Act - in our work as the church.

The IDEA team would like to invite the best "inviters" from your congregation to the IDEA kickoff event! This training is for those who notice gifts and talents, are not afraid to ask others to get involved, and are good at finding the right place for each person to be involved. Resources, idea sharing, and yummy snacks are included.

Please register by September 15th to:
sunni@nebraskasynod.org

God's kids say & do the funniest things

Risa Samra of Saginaw, MI, a retired teacher herself, passed along some questions and students' answers that drive teachers bonkers and into early retirement:

Question: "What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?"
Answer: "Unusual names."

Question: "The race of people know as Malays come from which country?"
Answer: "Malaria."

Question: "What is a fibula?"
Answer: "A little lie."

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Grace Lutheran and St. Luke's have some additional ways that you could contribute without spending any out of pocket funds.

Take a few moments of your time to download the app for **TAGG - Together A Greater Good**; they partner with several community business. Take a snapshot of your receipt and some businesses will donate 5% to a charity of your choice ~ either St. Luke's or Grace.

Register your **Bakers Plus card** with Kroger and choose Grace or St. Luke's as your charitable choice!

Ronald McDonald House: Save your pop tabs. They use the proceeds to pay the utilities. A box is provided in the back of the sanctuary for the tabs. Our most recent contribution of pop tabs brings our total to 129,000.

Eye Glasses. Do you have old eye glasses that you no longer use? A box is located in the back of the sanctuary to place them. They will be given to the Lion's Club to be used for individuals in need.

The United Nations World Food Programme recently warned that acute food insecurity has reached an unprecedented high, affecting a record 349 million people — up from 135 million in 2019. That is a shocking statistic. ELCA World Hunger partners here in the United States and around the world are telling us about the financial strain caused by the rising hunger crisis, and we come to you humbly, **asking for a donation.**



Through ELCA World Hunger you support families as they address root causes of hunger and poverty through such multifaceted solutions as education, agricultural training and microloans for women. Our faith calls us to be in relationship with our neighbors, and that is what makes your partnership so important.



Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Grace Lutheran Church
1326 South 26th Street
402-341-7730

**Pantry is Open 10:00 - 11:00 am
Every Monday ~ Even Holidays!**

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

The Pantry continues to reach out to those in need on a weekly basis. Clients of the Loaves and Fishes Pantry are asked to park along Poppleton Street. Participants are then directed through the alley to pick up prepared sacks and bags of much needed food items. **The Pantry is in need of clean plastic grocery bags and paper grocery sacks!** Please continue to keep the Pantry and all the work that is done in your prayers. *All are served with love and care.*

Do you know of a family or individual in need of food assistance?
Please share the Pantry information with them.

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



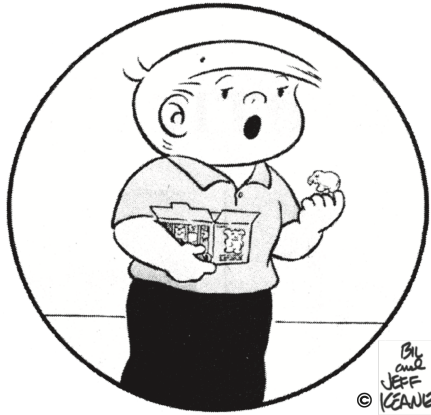
Items that clients cannot purchase with their food stamps are always appreciated: Dish Soap, Kleenex, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrush and toothpaste, Feminine hygiene products, Hair products (combs, brushes, picks), Bathroom tissue, Shampoo, Dry Laundry Soap, Hand Sanitizer, Diaper wipes, and Diapers, especially sizes 6 and pull-ups.

We always need paper or plastic bags.

Sign outside St. Anne's by the Fields Episcopal Church, Akeny, IA:

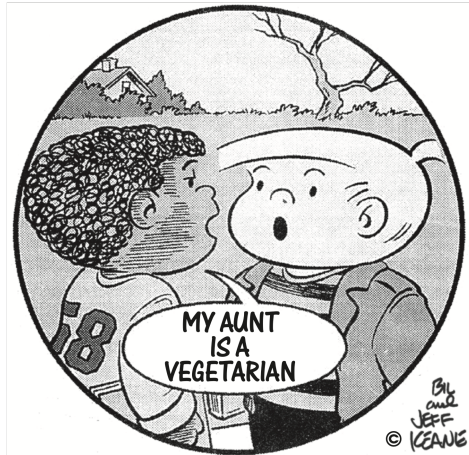
"Autumn leaves, Jesus doesn't!"

~via Rev. Dale Schoening, Madrid, IA
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"Are vegetarians allowed to eat animal crackers?"

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"A vegetable doctor?"

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A missionary heard about a native who had five wives.
"You are violating a law of God," the missionary told the native.

"So you must go and tell four of those women they can no longer live here or consider you their husband."

The native thought a few moments, then said:
"I wil wait here. You tell 'em."

~ Rev. Tal Bonham

During his 1846 campaign for Congress, Abraham Lincoln attended a revival service. The evangelist called on all who wished to go to heaven to stand up. Everyone rose, except Lincoln.

The evangelist then called for all to stand up who did not want to go to hell.

"I am grieved," the evangelist said, "to see Abe Lincoln back there unmoved by my appeals. If he doesn't want to go to heaven and doesn't want to go to hell, will he tell us where he wants to go?"

Lincoln got up slowly from his chair and said, "I'm going to Congress."

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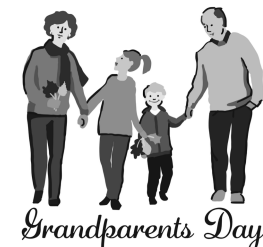
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Appreciate	Baking	Caring	Celebrate	Cookies
Family	Fun	Gift	Grandchild	Grandma
Grandpa	Heritage	Holidays	Honor	House
Hug	I LOVE YOU	Joy	Laugh	Maternal
Memories	Mimi	Papa	Paternal	Play
Read	Recognize	Relative	Respect	Stories
Tradition	Visit	Walk		

"The simplest toy, one which even the youngest child can operate, is called a grandparent."

~Sam Levenson



Grandparents Day