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FEBRUARY SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 am. Worship Service

Grace Lutheran, 1326 Street

Pastor - Rev. Dr. Damon D. Laaker
Editor/Church Secretary Grace - Brenda Spahr
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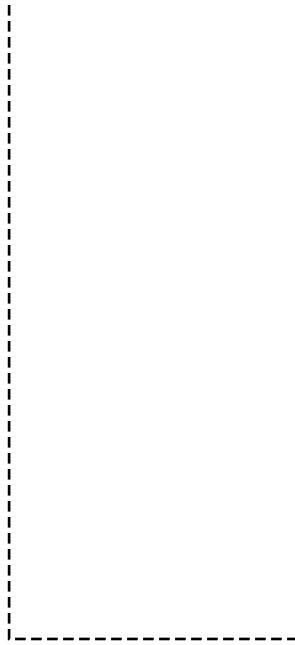
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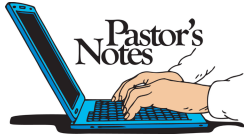

F E B R U A R Y

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



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

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



We have now held our annual meetings and set the mission plans. One of the things that we have not put in our plans is the opportunity to intentionally advocate on behalf of others. Each year our State Senators submit bills to be considered by the Legislature. Some are helpful and some are not.

We have two wonderful non-profit organizations, Voices for Children (voicesforchildren.com) and Nebraska Appleseed (neappleseed.org), who review the legislative bills and make recommendations for action.

So, for example, Voices for Children sent the following: This next week we encourage you to comment or testify in support of LB 952, which would allow qualified children across Nebraska increased food access during the summer months. The bill would require our state Department of Health and Human Services to enter the federal program. An estimated 150,000 or more Nebraska children qualify for the summer-EBT, which gives families with children an extra \$120 to purchase food during the months school is not in session.

The bill was introduced by Senator Day and cosponsored by a bipartisan group of senators. Senator Aguilar identified it this week as his legislative priority bill, which means if voted out of committee it will get a debate on the floor. Thank you to Senator Day, Senator Aguilar, and all the senators supporting this legislation to fight child hunger during the summer!

A second example is: Keep your eyes on floor debate on Senator Walz's LB 285, a carryover bill from last year that would maximize school uptake of the federal Community Eligibility Provision which allows schools to feed all students free lunch without administrative barriers, if the school is located in a low-income zipcode. The bill has been placed on the legislative agenda and could be debated early next week. We will be there in the lobby to support it, ensuring all students are nourished and ready to learn!

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I would encourage you to consider connecting with your State Senator and express your thoughts on each of these bills. If you don't know your Senator's email or phone number you can find that information at <http://www.nebraskalegislature.gov/>

It is important for us to advocate on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves. Our efforts to provide for our children is in keeping with Jesus' admonition to the disciples to "let the children come to me." I hope you will consider advocating on behalf of Nebraska's children.

Pastor Laaker



Souper Bowl of Caring

In 1990, a simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat" was delivered to a small youth group at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC led by Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time.

This gave birth to an idea. Why not harness the energy and enthusiasm of Super Bowl weekend, a time when people come together for football, food and fun, to unite the nation for a higher good? Individuals and groups could collect dollars in soup pots and canned food for those in need and send every dollar and food donation DIRECTLY to a local charity of THEIR choice.

That was 1990. Since then, Tackle Hunger, with its signature Souper Bowl of Caring event has become a national, grass-roots, youth-inspired movement where ordinary people are doing extraordinary good. Over \$193 MILLION in dollars and food has been generated while benefiting thousands of soup kitchens, food banks, meal programs and other hunger-relief charities in local communities.

Sunday, February 11th, we will be collecting food items in support of the "Tackle Hunger - Souper Bowl of Caring". All food items will be donated to the Loaves and Fishes Pantry and their ongoing services to those in need in the neighborhood and surrounding community.



Grace 2024 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 - January 15, 2024

Call to Order Sarah called the meeting to order at 2:42 p.m.

Gathering of Prayers We ask for prayers in support of individuals. We also pray for peace between Israel and Palestine; Russia and Ukraine and peace for all conflicts happening globally, for individuals working outside during these subzero temperatures, and for milder weather.

Devotions Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker, reading the selected verses in the “*Daily Texts*” from Psalm 147:11 and Romans 8:15. The first reading reminds us that our fear is overshadowed by God’s love and that there is comfort in knowing God’s steadfast love. The second reminds us that outside of our bondage in fear, we are invited into God’s loving embrace.

Visions for Ministry Do I Stay Christian? by Brian McLaren
Council did not hold a discussion. Council looks forward to reading and discussing chapters 23, 24 and beyond for next month.

Minutes The minutes of the regular December 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 December – ending with 100% of our pledge for both.

Committee Reports

Christian Education Nancy is beginning to talk with folks regarding Vacation Bible School for summer 2024.

Evangelism/Outreach Grace has been approved to sponsor two meals for Crossroads Connection for both April 7th and September 15th.

Finance First National Bank is moving their Safe Deposit Boxes with that move there is a chance we will save on the cost of Grace’s Safe Deposit Box. Council approved the Housing Allowance Resolution for Pastor Laaker. Council reviewed a proposed 2024 Budget and it will be presented for adoption at the Annual Mtg.

Property None.

Service/Social Ministry Pastor will connect with LFS to schedule a day and time for the Well Box pick up.

One of Mary Thompson’s daughters may be willing to fulfill a portion of leadership for pantry as well as Tom Emery’s sister, Meri White. Meri White will be present at the pantry both Sunday and Monday mornings to experience the pantry during busy times.

Immanuel Vision Foundation “Enhancement Elements for Educators” has so far provided 20 cases of Kleenex, 15 cases of sanitizer wipes, 12 boxes of pencils, 2 outdoor trash cans, and miscellaneous sports balls.

Whole Foods sent notice to Loaves and Fishes pantry regarding a gift of \$2,799.12 for participation in a fundraiser event.

Lutheran Service Corps will give Grace a gift in an unknown amount for being one of the work sites during their organization’s time of serving the Omaha area.

Support/Stewardship Fourth Quarter giving statements will be distributed after the Annual Report is completed.

Worship Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14th, we will have a meal before service. The first two Wednesdays in Lent will be held at Grace and the Wednesdays in March (6, 13, & 20) will be at St. Luke’s. Each week will be the opportunity for share in a simple meal with fellowship and discussion surrounding this year’s theme of “Go And...”

Unfinished Business Annual Meeting will be held January 28th following worship service. Annual Report will be ready for distribution on January 21st. Brenda and Ralph have fulfilled their Council terms and Greg has fulfilled his term on the Endowment Board; Council discussed Nominees to fill the four spots on Council and the one spot on the Endowment Board for 2024. Sarah, Nancy, and Brenda will schedule a meeting to discuss the emails from Pastor Heidi Wallace after the Annual Meetings.

New Business Council discussed individuals to serve on the Audit Committee.

Adjournment The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 4:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Brenda Spahr, Secretary

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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 at Grace and St. Luke's 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 and St. Luke's 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 Worshiping 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:

Dolores Castro - Home
Vicki Cox - Home
Richard Krambeck - Trinity Villiage, Papillion
Dee Nielsen - Peyton, CO
Rev. Terry Nielsen - Echo Hills
Jeri Swanson - Hillcrest Estates
Marilyn Van Ormer - Home
Doris Westman - Hillcrest Estates



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!



Lent provides us an opportunity to dig deeper into the how and why as Christ walks with us. We will continue to use the Nebraska Synod "Go and..." journey and seek to respond to all that God in Christ has done, will do, and promises to do for us.

We will gather for a simple meal at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 14, for Ash Wednesday. The service will follow our meal at 6:30 pm.

The five weeks that follow will include a simple meal and then a conversation with the following stories:

- February 21: Jesus with the Woman at the Well
- February 28: Jesus with Zacchaeus
- March 6: Jesus' story about the Good Samaritan
- March 13: Observations from the Temple – Turning Over the Tables and/or Giving Two Coins
- March 20: The Road to Emmaus

Our Maundy Thursday service and meal will be like Ash Wednesday's time.

I hope you will consider attending each of these opportunities to deepen your relationship with Christ.

Stewardship

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - **Lamentations 3:22-23**

This verse reminds us that the mercies that we receive from God include the time, talents and treasures of our lives. Since we can count on God's mercies being new every morning, we can be free to utilize our time, our talents and our financial resources in ways that model God's generosity. How might you be a model of God's faithfulness?



Pastor Laaker



St. Luke's 2024 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 - January 11, 2024

Frank Durham called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Devotions: Pastor Laaker led devotions from Daily Texts

Isaiah 48:10 I have tested you in the furnace of adversity.

Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer.

Agenda: John Kolb moved; Annette Chipman seconded to accept the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Minutes of December 14, 2023, meeting: Dave Ruffner moved; Steve Braun seconded to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Book Study: Chapter 20 and Epilogue on **Clear, Calm, and Collected** were discussed.

Unfinished Business:

1. Annual reports due January 17, 2024.
2. Canopy South – Frank Durham contacted them this past week and is waiting for a callback.

Reports:

Pastor's Report – A written report was provided.

Presidents Report – A written report was provided.

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 – McKinnis Roofing will be going over the itemized account from Brotherhood Mutual. Steve Braun and John Kolb changed out the light bulbs on the sign on 24th Street.

Evangelism – An oral report was given. Sign on 24th Street continues to be changed.

Fellowship – Discussion on Lent dinners.

Stewardship – Discussion on updating the offering envelopes – will discuss further next month.

Parish Education – No report. Sara Pahl-Ramirez continues to prepare the article for the newsletter.

Social Ministry – No report.

Worship and Music – An oral report was given. The next committee meeting is Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

John moved; Annette seconded, to accept the reports. Motion carried.

New Business:

1. 2024 Budget proposal was presented. It will be brought to the Annual Meeting for adoption.
2. Housing Allowance: Steve moved; John seconded to provide the same as in 2023. Motion carried.
3. Council nominees will be needed for the four open spots beginning in February 2024.

The next Council Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.

The meeting closed with prayer at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Klusaw (On behalf of Connie Tefft)



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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, and Brenda Spahr for taking care of the altar, and preparing communion.

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

Thank you Bob and Connie Malik for taking the December Newsletter to the Post Office and for setting up tables for the South Omaha Community Care Council.

Thank you Janet Hula, Bob & Connie Malik, Rose Marie Lad, Eva Martin, John Spahr and Ron & Donna Adrian for your faithful dedication in helping assemble the monthly 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!

Dear Grace Lutheran Church,

On behalf of Liberty, I would like to express our deepest gratitude for the thoughtful and generous donation of wipes, tissues, and toys. Your support is truly invaluable and plays a crucial role in enhancing the school culture and students' overall school experience.

We understand that these items may seem small, but they have a significant impact on the daily school lives of our students!

Thank You - Maria Perez-Mozaz, Principal at Liberty.



Grace's

6 – Joseph Koka

8 – Dustin Andersen

Brenda Spahr

9 – Destiny Perales

10 – Jackson Vazquez

25 – Graham Moyer

26 – Sandy Nielsen

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.

God's kids say & do the funniest things

A little girl asked her grandpa: "Grandpa, did God make you?" The grandfather replied: "Yes, God made me."

"Did God make me, too?" She asked.

"Yes, He did," her grandpa answered.

The little girl went to a mirror and studied her reflection for a few minutes, then looked closely at her grandfather. "You know, Grandpa," she said, "God's doing a lot better job lately."

~ via Bill Swetmon, Plano, TX

A little girl in New York recited the Lord's Prayer as follows: ".....and lead us not into Penn Station..."

~ via Nella G. Bouma, Grandville, MI

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There is an overstock of old folding chairs in the basement at Grace Lutheran Church. Anyone in need of a few extra chairs, please speak with Pastor Laaker.



BIBLE STUDY

This meditation, the last of a short series focused on the psalms, looks at Psalm 138, a hymn of thanksgiving and praise for God's goodness. (OK, Psalms 148 and 150 may outstrip for being 100% praise, but this one is right up there with the best!)

As I sit here ready to write, I know that we are all surrounded by mounds of snow, and we feel the bitter cold. The excitement leading up to Christmas has passed. Many folks bear the weight of mid-January gray-sky "blahs", bills are coming due, and some families face hunger by the end of the month. Personally, I notice the headache and sore throat of "maybe coming down with something", as well as sore muscles from shoveling the driveway. Two more inches of snow anticipated soon, and a low tire pressure alert lit up today on my dashboard! Is this any time to sing thanks and praise to God?

Well, sure it is! We don't need to feel grateful and awestruck to praise God. We include praise in our worship service every Sunday, don't we? And it's right that we do, because God is so good, and so good **to** us, every day. I am reminded of that by the words "steadfast love" in verse three of the psalm. In the RSV and NRSV, whenever we read that phrase, we know that the Hebrew words "Hesed Emeth" lie beneath it. They speak of God's tender, truthful, righteous, just, and enduring care for us, based on a covenant going all the way back to Sinai, after God freed the Israelites from Egypt. For us Christians, welcomed into the Beloved Community by Baptism, that Covenant was made totally new, and sealed, by the blood of Jesus on the Cross.

I can still remember, forty-plus years later, the way that teacher Brigid Meierotto enthused for over thirty minutes in class about the meaning of Hesed Emeth. I don't remember all the words, of course, but felt images... I remember the yearning parental tenderness of God, expressed in Jeremiah 31:20, and in Hosea 14:6-7. I remember the determination, hope, and strength expressed in Isaiah 44:2-8.

And that's why we can pray this psalm with confidence, regardless of our current circumstances. In fact, we can even go on with the apostle Paul, to sing: "Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine; glory be to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen." Whoo!

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

St. Luke's



As you celebrate your birthday, May God's blessings be with you always. May God surround you with tender loving care and may God's presence be ever near. May the light of the Lord shine upon you and grant you happiness on this birthday and for many years to come.

**2 – Allison Kilzer
3 - Michelle Carlson
12 - Gayle Pavlik
16 - Teresa Cooley-Daniel
24 - Connie Malik**

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

Easy Homemade Granola

1/2 cup neutral oil, such as sunflower, 1/2 cup honey or maple syrup
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon, 1/2 teaspoon salt
3 cups old-fashioned rolled oats, 1 cup sliced almonds
1 cup raisins or other dried, chopped fruit

Preheat oven to 300 degrees F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Wisk together the oil, honey, cinnamon, and salt in a large bowl. Add the oats and almonds to the oil mixture and stir well to coat. Spread mixture out onto the prepared baking sheet into an even layer. Use spatula to press out clumps. Bake for 20 minutes when granola is golden-brown. Stir halfway through baking time. Mixture will feel wet when done but will dry as it cools. Remove from oven, placing pan on wire rack and sprinkle raisins or other fruit over the granola. Cool completely then store in an airtight container.

Recipe shared from Project Hope

PATH ASSIST

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.



Clothing Pantry Hours Tuesday and Thursday

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. @ Project Hope
Clothing pantry is located in the **upper** level of
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church.
6201 N 60th Street

Are you cleaning out closet space? Ready to donate a few clothing items? Consider donating to Project Hope, they continue to provide winter clothing and outer wear for those in need. Please check out their website at www.projecthopeomaha.org for suggested items in need. If you have any questions, please call Project Hope's office at 402-453-7649.

Volunteers are in need, if you have time to lend a helping hand between Monday - Friday 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, please call Jennifer at 402-453-7649 to schedule volunteer time.

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.

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.



**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

Lutheran Disaster Response strives to help the church continue to be church in the midst of disaster — following Christ's call to bring hope and healing to our neighbor in need. Some key areas of work include:

- Providing emotional and spiritual care for people who have been affected by a disaster and for leaders who respond to a disaster
- Coordinating volunteers through our local affiliates
- Assisting refugees in a holistic way by meeting the varied needs of the community
- Promoting disaster risk-reduction by helping communities build their assets thereby reducing the effects of likely disasters
- Providing long-term recovery efforts by addressing the unmet needs months or even years after a disaster strikes

Prayers and donations for those impacted are always needed. Donations made to Grace Lutheran Church with the memo line indicating "Lutheran Disaster Response" will be forwarded to the Nebraska Synod office in support of the many efforts ongoing right now.



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
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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.

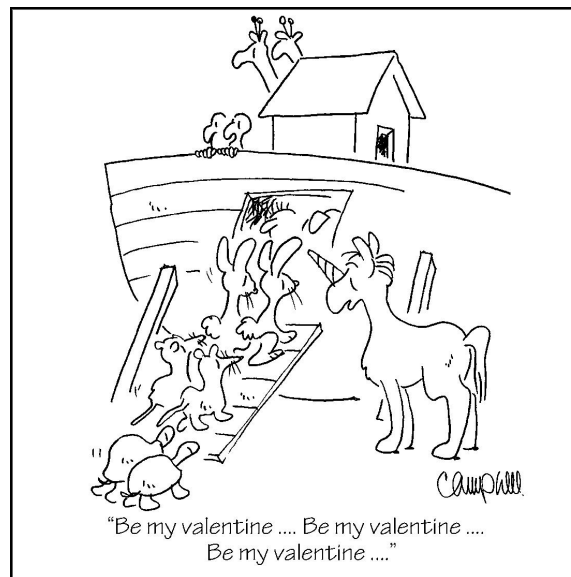
There is a variety of volunteer opportunities for anyone interested.
Call the church office for additional information.

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.



We
love
because
He first
loved us.
1 John 4:19

**GOD'S
LOVE**



On Valentine's Day, a group of kids, ages 4 to 8, were asked, "What does love mean?" Some answers:

"Love is like an avalanche where you have to run for your life." - John, 8.

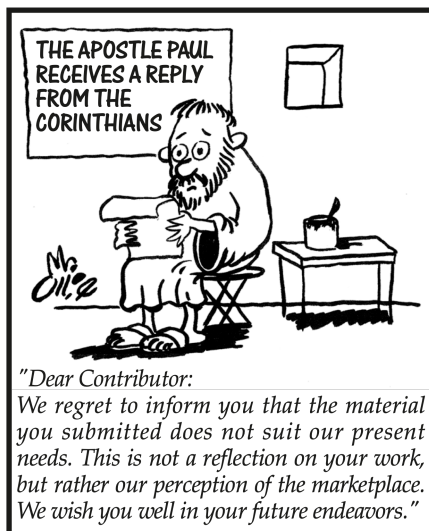
"No one is sure why it happens, but I heard it has something to do with how you smell. That's why perfume and deodorant are so popular."
- Mae, 7.

"Love is when you go out and eat and give somebody most of your french fries without making them give you any of theirs." - Chrissy, 6.

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen." - Bobby, 7.

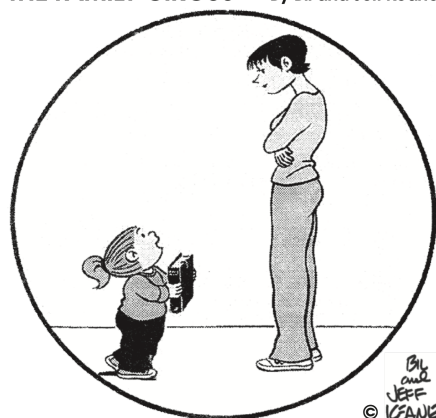
Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."
- Noelle, 7.

~ via George Goldtrap, Ormond-by-the-Sea, FL
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Did God write the Bible Himself? Or did He have some Holy Ghost writers?"

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Signs and Wonders

Sign outside So. Seminole Church of Christ, Winter Park, FL:

"A Bible falling apart probably belongs to someone who isn't."

~ via Bobbe Lyon, Maitland, FL

Sign outside Calvary Baptist Church, Dedham, MA:

"Time flies: Make sure God's your pilot."

~ via Rev. Harry Mahoney, Dedham, MA

Sign inside a dorm at Morningside College, Sioux City, IA:

"In case of fire, exit building BEFORE tweeting about it."

~ via Rev. Dale A. Schoening, Madrid, IA

One of my very favorite pharmacists is my friend, Roxie. She has a twinkle in her eye and always has a story to tell.

Roxie's pharmacy is just across the street from a busy medical center. Last week, I stopped in to see her.

Roxie said, "You'll never believe what happened across the street at the medical center last week. Dr. Bingham, a busy internist, was examining a patient when his nurse rushed in and said 'Doctor, the man you just gave a clean bill of health walked out of the office and dropped dead. What should I do?'"

"The doctor said, 'Turn him around so it looks like he just walked in.'"

~ Pharmacist Cliff Thomas, In his book, *Humor in Pharmacy*

Lent Wordsearch

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V H A R F M L N P E S E S R N E E N B N C H H S
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ashes	cross	hope	prepare	word
bible	death	Jesus	repent	
blessed	distractions	joy	sacrifices	
blood	Easter	lent	satan	
catholic	fat tuesday	life	savior	
children	forgiveness	love	seasons	
christ	forty days	mary	sins	
christian	God	meditation	stations	
church	good friday	nails	sunday	
commit	harmony	palms	tempted	
confess	heart	passion	time	
confession	holiness	peace	Wednesday	