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MARCH SUNDAY EVENTS

9:30 am. Worship Service
St. Luke's, 2815 I Street

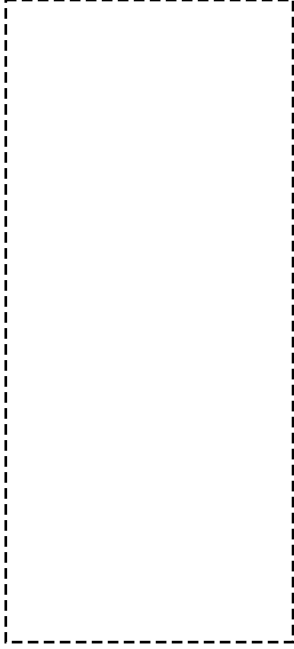
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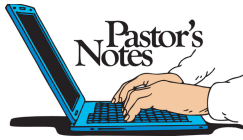


March Worship Services will
be held at St. Luke's Lutheran,
2315 I Street



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**



A few days ago, I met with several of our leaders to explore what might be the next steps in our journey together. As we ended that conversation, three questions were created to help focus conversations that would be sought with others of our faith communities. I would like

to share those three questions with you so that you can begin thinking about how you would answer them. Maybe you could even write down your responses, thoughts, questions that could be shared in return.

The three questions are as follows:

1. What do you see as our **purpose**? If all energy was focused on one mission - what do you see as that calling?
2. If it were up to you, what is the ideal solution / resolution for our congregation(s)? How would you see us getting there?
3. What do you see as your greatest gift to share / what are you willing to do to bring life into the plan?

These questions and maybe a couple others might help us to learn what it is that we perceive is God's desire for the way God wants to continue ministry here. It is easy to feel overwhelmed and tired out especially when we have witnessed the continued decline of participation and support.

I can't help but believe that God is actively creating, reconciling, healing, and restoring our world. Yes, we've made a mess of it by certain practices. But, if I know anything about God, God is not about to give up on this creation.

In addition, God is with us in Jesus Christ. God invites us to join in what God is doing. Maybe, we have to shift our focus. Will that be easy? Probably not. However, the promise that God makes to us is that we can count on God. The Psalmist of old says, "All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God...They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying to them, "The Lord has acted." (Psalm 22:27,31)

I look forward to hearing the responses to the questions. I believe with my whole heart that these ministries have reasons to be here. Let's see if we can uncover those reasons and act on them.

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 Notes ~ February 8, 2024

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

Devotions: Pastor Laaker led devotions from Daily Texts – Lamentations 3:26 and Hebrews 12:1-2

Agenda: Adopted by motion.

Minutes of January 11, 2024, meeting: Adopted by motion.

Minutes of February 4, 2024, Annual Congregational Meeting: John Kolb moved; Connie Tefft seconded, to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Book Study: New Book: **Leading Faithful Innovation** - Read Chapter 1 for March.

Unfinished Business:

1. Canopy South – The paperwork for transferring ownership of the lot to Canopy South was signed on January 31, 2024. The check was received on February 1, 2024.
2. Post Annual Congregational Meeting – The meeting was efficient and successful.
3. Church Roof – It will be discussed during Building and Grounds.
4. Council Member Status – Three members who were to be off the council have agreed to stay on given a year-by-year basis. The following are as follows: Connie Tefft, John Kolb, and Steve Braun.

Reports:

Pastor's Report – A written report was provided. To help provide better and more efficient lighting, a motion was made by Annette Chipman, seconded by Cindy Fleming, to purchase four lights to replace the ones in the meeting area of the educational unit with money (approximately \$400.00) coming from the Memorial Fund. Motion passed.

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President's Report – A written report was provided.
 Treasurer's 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 – Steve Braun gave an oral report. We have a new "lead guy" with McKinnis Roofing. The roofing and insurance company are getting closer to a settlement. The hope is the process of repairing the roof will happen soon.
 Evangelism – John Kolb reported that he has updated the church sign.
 Fellowship – Ash Wednesday is on February 14, with a light supper beginning at 5:30 a.m. Story/Discussions at 6:30 a.m. Lenten services will continue at Grace (February) and St. Luke's (March) with the same above schedule.
 Parish Education, Stewardship, Social Ministry, Worship and Music offered no new reports.
 New Business:

1. Nominations for Synod Assembly – The Nebraska Synod Assembly is June 1-2. Early registration is due by March 17th. Any church member can go. Conversations are on- going to find volunteers to attend.
2. Frank Durham, motioned, Connie Tefft, seconded, to invest the money from the sale of the lot to Canopy South in ladder CD's at First National Bank. Motion passed.
3. The ELCA annual report from St. Luke's has been submitted.
4. New Council Member – Nancy Klusaw has volunteered to serve as a member of the church council.
5. Election of Church Council Officers – Cindy Fleming, moved, Connie Tefft, seconded, to accept the current slate of church officers to serve the church for the next year. Motion passed.

The next Council Meeting: Thursday, March 14, at 4:30 p.m.
 The meeting closed with prayer and The Lord's Prayer at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Tefft, Secretary



Thrivent Choice Dollars can have tremendous impact on an organization.
 Eligible Thrivent Financial members: Show your appreciation for Grace Lutheran Church by directing your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars.

You have until March 31, 2024 to direct those 2023 dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.



Yet give attention to your servant's prayer and his plea for mercy, Lord my God. Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day.

1 Kings 8:28

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, St. Luke's and Grace Lutheran Churches
 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!



Grace 2024 Council Members

Ron Adrian	Barnaba Dyedi	Sarah Emery
Arlone Farber	Greg Hula	Janet Hula
Eva Martin	Andrea Spahr	Amanda Vazquez
Pastor Laaker		

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

Council Meeting Notes ~ February 13, 2024

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

Gathering of Prayers We asked for prayers for individuals, Israel Palestine & Ukraine - hoping peace will prevail, thanksgiving for milder weather lately, migrants to receive better treatment, a veteran needing new accessible place to live, a veteran getting 4th knee replacement.

Devotions Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker, reading the selected verses in the "Daily Texts" from Leviticus 22:32 and Luke 6:46. The first tells us that we should not take the lord's name in vain. The second asks why, if we honor God, do we not listen to God?

Visions for Ministry Do I Stay Christian? by Brian McLaren
We discussed the idea of recycling the information/beliefs that we have gained through our lives; not discarding them but repurposing them into something new and useful. He has challenged us to find our own path toward answering the title's question.
Council will begin reading Leading Faithful Innovation this year. Read the Acknowledgements and Introduction for next month.

Minutes The minutes of the regular January 2024 meeting of the council were approved.

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 San Andres contribution were both made in January – ending with 100% of our pledge for both.

Committee Reports

Christian Education Taking a break with confirmation classes during Lent.

Evangelism/Outreach Crossroads Connection 4/7: need to plan a meal.
Habitat Breakfast will be the last Saturday in February to hear what's coming up this year.
Habitat hosting a special event: Free Generational Wealth Event.

Finance Safe Deposit Signers: we need a couple new signers along with Pastor. Property Insurance is renewing, \$800 increase over last year.
American Church Group hosting a Ministry Boot Camp for those interested. It will be Tuesday, February 27th in Bellevue.

Property An SOS Thank You Note was read.
Pastor has submitted the appropriate forms for continued Property Tax Exemption.

Service/Social Ministry LFS Box of supplies that was donated was picked up. Refugee Empowerment Center/The Furniture Project - collecting items for their purposes.

Support/Stewardship ELCA Annual Report has been submitted.
Voices for Children, Nebraska Appleseed, & Nebraskans for Peace follow legislation and provide updates on important bills that might impact our communities.

Worship Lent begins tomorrow- posters and study guides are available.

Unfinished Business Conversations with St. Luke's - Taskforce came up with specific questions to pose to anyone in the two congregations. Would like to have smaller/one-on-one conversations to ask what people want to see as our path forward, beyond just the talk about physical buildings.

New Business Synod Assembly - coming up June 1-2 in Kearney. Let Pastor know by March 12th if you are interested in attending.

Announcements Pastor & Mary are planning a trip in March for their 50th wedding anniversary.
Amanda will provide a prayer in March.

Adjournment The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

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

Thank you Jean, Rod, Robin and Miriam for sharing your music ministry with us and providing beautiful music during worship services!

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

Thank you Janet, Eva, Bob, Connie, Rose Marie, Ron, Donna, and John, 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!

I wish to express my surprise and deepest appreciation for the delightful honoring of my 40th Anniversary as Pastor of Grace Lutheran. The special collection for ELCA World Hunger totaled over \$600. Thank You! Thank You! I deeply appreciate your kindness and the special emphasis on World Hunger.

Pastor Laaker

Thank You!

Stewardship

Wikipedia offers this description of Stewardship

Stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world, humanity, and the gifts and resources that have been entrusted to us. Believers in stewardship are usually people who believe in one God who created the universe and all that is within it, also believing that they must take care of creation and look after it. Creation includes animals and the environment. Many religions and denominations have various degrees of support for environmental stewardship.

A biblical world view of stewardship can be consciously defined as: "Utilizing and managing all resources God provides for the glory of God and the betterment of His creation." The central essence of biblical world view stewardship is managing everything God brings into the believer's life in a manner that honors God and impacts eternity.

How might you partner with God for the betterment of God's creation?



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 each Wednesday. Conversations will follow our meal at 6:30 pm.

Conversations with the following stories include:

- 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

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

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday: 9:30 am Worship

Maundy Thursday: 5:30 Dinner and 6:30 Service

Easter Morning: 9:30 am Worship





St. Luke's

Birthdays

1 – Kevin Pavlik
5 – Sarah Noah
9 – Robert Rhode
12 – Mary Laaker
19 – Jan Gabriel
30 – Sharon Jacobson
30 – Vicki Hall

Anniversaries

16 – Pastor & Mary Laaker 50
21 – Darrell & Janice Fulmer 59

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, March 14, 2024 at 9:30 am in the Educational Unit for fellowship and Bible Study. Deb Ludwig will have devotions, Cindy Fleming the lesson and Nancy Klusaw will serve as hostess. Everyone is welcome to come join in the learning, conversation and refreshments.



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.

Grace's

Birthdays

12 – Mary Laaker
Carolyn Matson
13 – Hannan Koka
14 – Suata Lewa
16 – Martina Koka
22 – Marsha Moyer
Regina Lewa
27 – Jayden Hegarty



Anniversaries

15 – Ed & Charlotte Palczynski 56
16 – Pastor & Mary Laaker 50

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

Lutheran Women of Omaha
Tuesday, March 12 2024
12:00 Noon



Join us at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 13232 Blondo Street

Cost: \$7.00

Guest speaker is Rev. David Mayen. Free will offering TBD.

Call Mardelle Gocsek at 402-292-1328 by Sunday, March 10th, to reserve your seat.



Project Hope, Inc.
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. Clothing Pantry Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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.



DONATION DRIVE

LOVE YOUR NEWEST NEIGHBOR



Immigrant Legal Center + Refugee Empowerment Center (ILC + REC) provides refugees with housing, access to medical care, school enrollments, English language courses, job readiness training and placement, career development, education assistance, case management, and any other basic needs.

Through our collaborative partnership with The Furniture Project, we prepare homes for newly arriving refugees. ILC + REC resettles refugees from across the world and move them into their new home in Nebraska. The Furniture Project assists ILC+REC in furnishing the homes of newly arriving refugees. Together, we ensure that every refugee arriving to our state has a warm welcome in their new home.

WHAT TO DONATE

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Toilet Paper
- New Pillows
- Gently Used Sheets
- Gently Used Comforters & Blankets

During March we will be collecting the suggested "What To Donate" items!

Please bring your items and place them in the box at the back of the sanctuary.

Let's Fill Your Toolbox!

Training for Congregational Leaders, Saturday, April 13, 2024 9:00 am - Noon via Zoom. To learn more and to register go to the Nebraska Synod Website: nebraskasynod.org/event/lets-fill-your-toolbox/

This three hour session will include a specific training for: Council Presidents, Council Treasurers, Council Secretaries, Committee Chairs and Office Administrators.

Plan to attend for a morning of fun and learning!



BIBLE STUDY

Lent began on February 14th this year. We saw good attendance for supper and the Ash Wednesday service at Grace. I came straight from a "Ceasefire now" support for Palestine demonstration at 72nd and Dodge. Others may have been celebrating another Superbowl win for the Kansas City Chiefs - two years in a row, three of the last five! Many folks came from home.

The morning after, I prayed, "OK Jesus, it's Lent again. What now?" I felt called to pursue patience and listening. Some may be drawn to serving others, or to almsgiving, or to fasting and prayer. What about you? What does Jesus call You to do, to learn, to be? And what scripture may focus us all on living Lent again? Last night, we heard the prophet Joel, the apostle Paul, and King David (in Psalm 51) speak to us. More than all others, Jesus spoke to us in Matthew 5, the Beatitudes.

"Beware of practicing your piety before others to attract their attention. When you do acts of charity..." (do them in secret). "When you pray...(Go hide)... And pray to God, who is in that secret place." He then taught us to pray by saying the very first "Our Father" - lovely, powerful, sometimes frightening prayer! (Who dares to honestly pray for forgiveness "as good as I forgive others"? And, as Jesus tells us, "When you fast (not if, you notice, but when) don't go looking all ragged and mournful so people will notice you and think 'poor baby'. No, get dressed up nice, put on your happy face, and keep on going!

Now, we are almost three weeks into Lent. How is your walk going? We can always pray thank-you when it goes well, and whatever we need to when it doesn't. If we're learning something new, what a gift! If something else has drawn our attention, maybe that's the way to go for now. If we've sputtered to a stop, Jesus can get us going again. It all rests with Jesus, and what a wonderful person he is!!! Brother, Friend, Lover, Lord ...

Sara welcomes comments and questions at: 402-686-1693.

Habitat for Humanity of Omaha knows that homeownership is the key to a family's financial future. Yet, many homeowners are unaware their most valuable asset may not go to their intended loved ones because of inaccurate paperwork.

Habitat is sponsoring a free clinic with volunteer attorneys who will help prepare individual "Transfer on Death Deeds" that participants can sign while at the clinic. A valid form of ID is required to complete documents.

Walk-ins are accepted, but pre-registration is recommended to make your meeting go smoothly. To register, visit: habitatomaha.org/generational-wealth. Questions, call Mitch Strong at 402-478-8735.



While we look forward to the bright, warm days of summer camp, we'd like to invite you and your youth to come back to camp this spring! There truly is a retreat for everyone:

Middle School Lock-In, March 8-9, 2024

High School Lock-In, March 22-23, 2024

Mother & Tween Daughter Retreat, April 13-14, 2024. The programming for spring will match last fall's retreat.

Explore! Day Retreat, April 20, 2024. It's an awesome opportunity for those who aren't sure if an overnight at camp is right for them, as well as those who love camp and want to come back for the day. The programming is different from the fall Explore! Day.

New this spring, we are offering a Mom's Day retreat for those who have campers attending Explore! Day. There'll be fun, fellowship, and relaxation - an opportunity for busy moms to take a retreat while their campers have a great day too.



Saturday, April 6th

Fellowship, Silent Auction, Dinner, Awards & Live Auction.
A View West Shores, 110 South 243rd Street, Waterloo, Nebraska

Carol Joy Holling Camp promises that no camper will be turned away because of their inability to pay. Each year, we directly help nearly 300 campers who need financial assistance to attend.

The annual Heart of Camp Gala enables us to continue extending the invitation to more campers.

Without the generosity of our friends, none of this would be possible!

To buy tickets, make donations or learn more, visit
CarolJoyHolling.org/gala



Sunday, February 11 we gathered following worship to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Pastor Laaker's leadership, ministry, guidance, and all around handyman at Grace Lutheran Church.

Pastor Laaker and his family became members of Grace on February 1, 1984 and continue to be church family both here at Grace and St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

How has Pastor Laaker been apart of your life during this time?

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Table Grace Ministries
Annual Gala

"Voices of Respect"

Friday, March 8, 2024, 6:00 - 9:00 pm
Livestock Exchange Ballroom
4920 South 30th Street, Omaha



The evening will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, musical entertainment, silent and live auctions, and presentations.
Purchase your tickets at <https://nhbs.cc/2024gala>



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.



THANK YOU!

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church's 2024 Collection

raised:

\$70 and 263 food items

February 11, 2024



Thanks to your efforts this year, more dollars have been raised, more lives have been changed, and the nation has seen the impact of people working together to help those in need. Thank you for working to transform the time around the Super Bowl into the nation's largest celebration of giving and serving.

Alison Reese
Executive Director
Tackle Hunger: Home of the
Souper Bowl of Caring



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.

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.



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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil and Jeff Keane



"Mommy, if somebody sneezes on you,
do you hafta 'God bless' them?"

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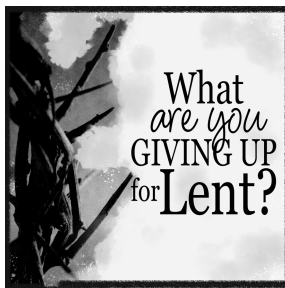
God's kids say & do the funniest things

A small boy told his Sunday school teacher. "When you die, God takes care of you like your parents did when you are alive - only God doesn't yell at you all the time."

~ Rev. Dennis Fakes, Owens Cross Roads, AL

What to give up for Lent

Give up complaining....focus on gratitude.
Give up pessimism.... become an optimist.
Give up harsh judgments.... think kindly thoughts.
Give up worry.... trust God.
Give up discouragement.... be full of hope.
Give up bitterness.... turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred.... return good for evil.
Give up negativism.... be positive.
Give up anger.... be more patient.
Give up gloom.... enjoy the beauty that is all around you.
Give up gossiping.... control your tongue.
Give up sin.... turn to virtue.



Easter Word Search

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ARREST	EASTER	PILATE	SINLESS
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BREAD	GOD	RESURRECTION	STONE
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CROSS	GOSPEL	ROBBERS	TEMPLE
CROWN	JESUS	ROBE	TOMB
CRUCIFIED	LAMB	SACRIFICE	TRIAL
			WINE



Daylight Savings
Time Begins on
March 10th

