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Making Lemonade

About 10 years ago I made a trip to Israel with a crippled woman named Alice who was in her late 70's. She had made over a dozen trips to Israel, and promised me that we could see some of the sights and experience the country for very little money. For some crazy reason I decided to make the trip with her, and I will definitely say it was an experience! I got sick with phenomena about a week before we were to leave, and I was barely recovered enough when I got on the plane. I had about a week's worth of medication left, but figured I would only get better. Upon arrival I learned that my suitcase had missed the connecting flight and was somewhere in the USA. The airline gave me \$100 and promised to get me my suitcase as soon as they found it. After getting out of the taxi and eventually finding the hostel that we would stay in I realized that my medication must have fallen out of my pocket in the taxi. Later the next day we took a bus from Jerusalem to the city of Tiberias located on the Sea of Galilee.

After lugging Alice's suitcase, and my small carry on bag with what little I had, we made it to the small apartment complex where we were supposed to each have a room. Alice was tired, and told me to go on ahead and speak to the owner and get our rooms. Not being able to speak Hebrew, I had my doubts. After finding the woman in charge, she told me no rooms were available, and to go away. I assured her we had rooms, but she didn't want to listen. Eventually Alice arrived and the owner totally changed her countenance. Indeed, we did have rooms waiting, and we were shown to them. I was only relieved until I saw my room. It was tiny, with a tiny bathroom, and a shared common kitchen area that had a hot plate, electric tea kettle, and a microwave. Oh, and there was no heat. While Israel is normally very mild, we arrived during a cold spell. My room had no direct sunlight, therefore it was even colder than normal.

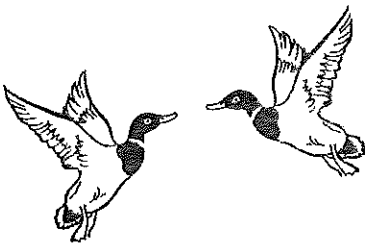
Here I was, in a foreign country, with hardly no luggage, recovering from sickness (and praying I wouldn't relapse since I never finished my medications), cold, and escorting around a crippled old lady. I was not in a good place. After spending some time in prayer, I noticed a lemon tree outside the apartment. Realizing that it was on the apartment property I felt entitled to some free lemons, so I picked 6 of them, and then walked into the market and got some bottled water and sugar. I went back and made lemonade. I figured if life gives you lemons, make lemonade! God helped me to see that even though so many things had happened negatively around me, that He was still in control, and that I should make the best of the situation.

Today as I write this article, I realize that in some ways I am in the same spot. The past few weeks have been really hard on me. Brenda and I both got Covid. I passed out, and ended up in the Emergency Room. After slowly getting better, I felt like I rounded the corner. Sure, I missed the closing service at the old church building, and the first opening service at the new building, but at least we were both better. Then this past Saturday I felt horrible pain. That same recurring pain I have felt before, kidney stones. Again, I ended up in the Emergency Room where I got pain medication and stuff to help me pass the stone. I have passed stone, and feel much better. While I am honestly fearful of what is coming next, I am hopeful that I am on the road to recovery.

The question I ask myself is what have I learned through these events? How can I make lemonade from the lemons I just experienced in life? I have a first-hand experience of how bad the Covid virus can be. This has given me empathy for those suffering with this virus, especially those that show symptoms. I have come to understand how dependent we are on other's help. I needed people to pick up groceries for us since we couldn't leave the house. We never feared running out of something like paper towels, toilet paper, or other goods. Instead of surviving on heating up frozen dinners in the microwave, our family feasted on meals lovingly prepared by our friends and church family. Also, I have come to understand how stressed the health care system is in Tioga. Doctors, nurses, and staff are working long hours, and placing themselves in harms way to care for people like me when we get sick. I found myself so grateful for the men and women who lovingly cared for Brenda and I while we fought this sickness.

Now I find myself asking what can we do as a church to better help our community through this crisis? My first thought is to let the hospital and clinic know that if someone in the community needs groceries picked up and delivered that we as a church will help. Also, if there are people that would like meals dropped off at their home to help them recover, we also would be willing to help. While I was blessed to receive so much needed help, I couldn't stop thinking of the people without a church family or friend network to help. Also, it would be wonderful to have a lunch or dinner brought to the workers on staff at the hospital, long term care home, and clinic. We could use our new kitchen and make a meal, and then put them in Styrofoam containers and drop them off for people to eat. We could do this once or twice a week till the Covid pandemic passes. We also must always be aware when others in our church family get sick, and reach out to them offering assistance. We call ourselves a church family, and what better way to demonstrate family love then to care for those that need help. While I don't ever want to go through that experience again, I do feel like there are lessons for me and our church to learn through this process. May we rise to the challenge and be a beacon of light, hope, and love to our community as we weather this storm together.

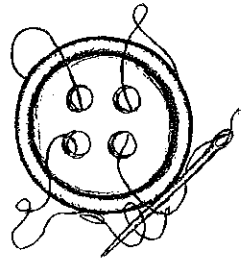
Pastor Luo



Are You Guilty?

When a wife saw her husband trying to sew on a button, she told him the thimble was on the wrong finger. "I know," he answered, "it should be on yours."

This funny little story makes a point that is worth our consideration. Many times we find ourselves being very critical of the way someone else is doing some particular job. He doesn't do it like we would if the task was ours to do, so we begin to point the finger of criticism in his direction. Perhaps the answer to the problem would be found if we would do our fair share of the work and take some of the burden from our brother's shoulders. The work of the church is never going to be real easy, but it could be more effectively carried out if the work were distributed evenly among all members. Brethren, it's easy to sit idle on the sidelines and criticize, but it is something else to get in the game. Why not let each one put a thimble on their own finger and let's sew on the buttons together.



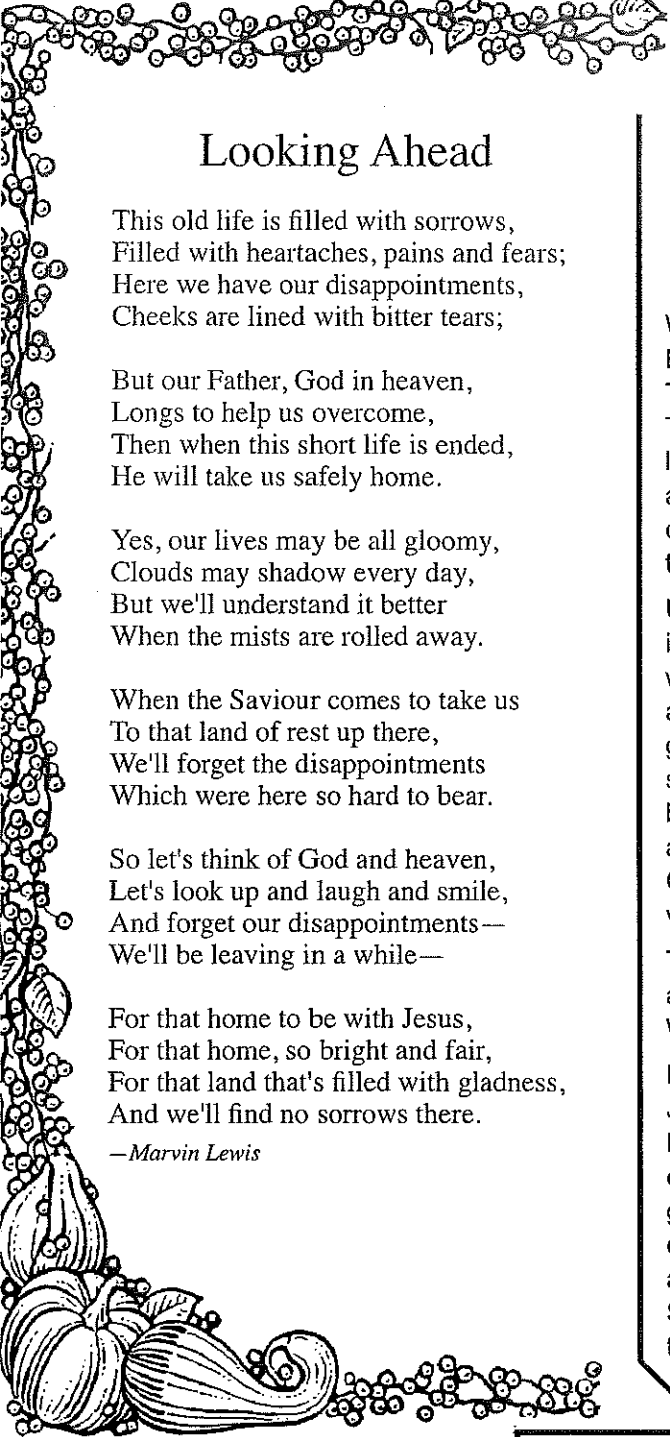
Jesus Has Been In Our Shoes

We believers at times get so caught up feeling sorry for ourselves and the crosses we are called to bear, that we forget—Jesus has been in our shoes! He has walked the same paths. Hebrews 4:16 says He is the High Priest who feels our infirmities, and was tempted like we are, except He had no sin nature.

The word that we need to catch in this passage is the word "all." He understands everything that we are going through. As verse 16 tells us, we can "come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." He has been in our shoes. He understands what we are going through. Just call out to Him in your time of need.

~ David Ruffer





Looking Ahead

This old life is filled with sorrows,
Filled with heartaches, pains and fears;
Here we have our disappointments,
Cheeks are lined with bitter tears;

But our Father, God in heaven,
Longs to help us overcome,
Then when this short life is ended,
He will take us safely home.

Yes, our lives may be all gloomy,
Clouds may shadow every day,
But we'll understand it better
When the mists are rolled away.

When the Saviour comes to take us
To that land of rest up there,
We'll forget the disappointments
Which were here so hard to bear.

So let's think of God and heaven,
Let's look up and laugh and smile,
And forget our disappointments—
We'll be leaving in a while—

For that home to be with Jesus,
For that home, so bright and fair,
For that land that's filled with gladness,
And we'll find no sorrows there.

—Marvin Lewis

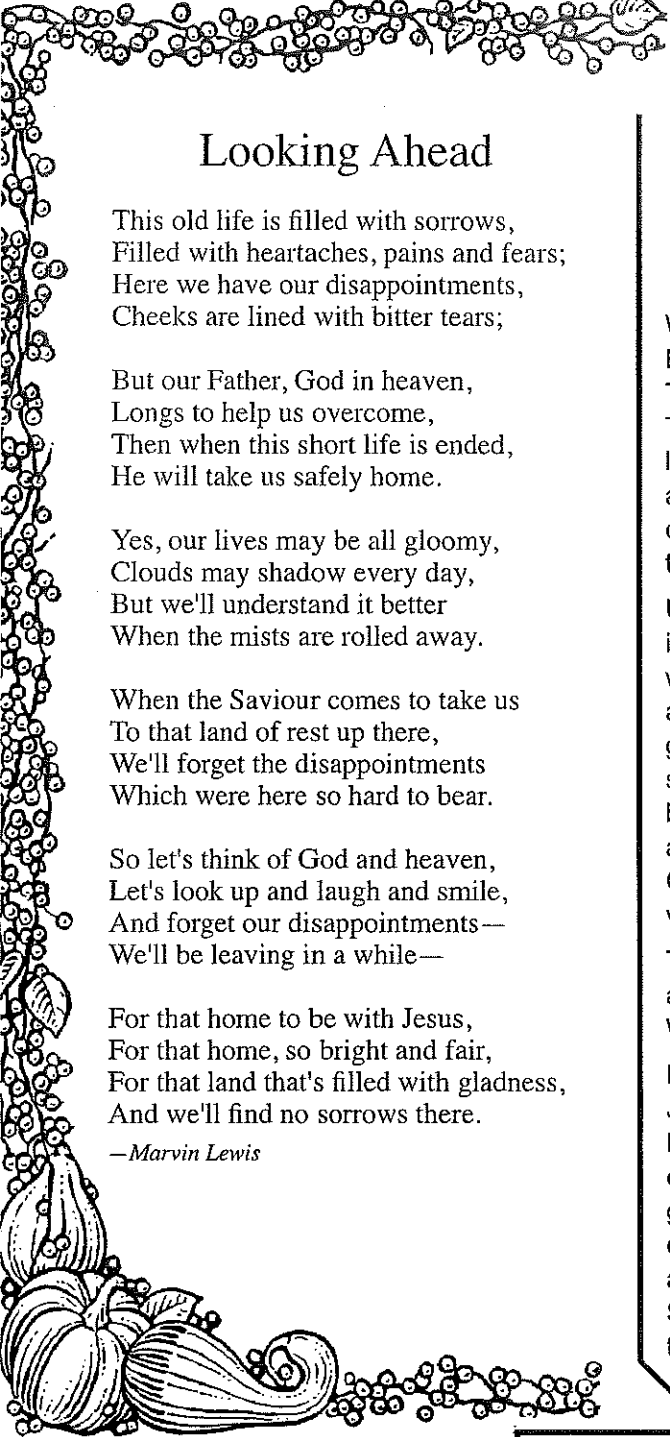


When President Woodrow Wilson made the second Armistice Day (11 November 1919) an official celebration, we were an optimistic people. The horribly tragic "War to End All Wars" had ended the previous year. Things were looking up. Americans had every right to expect that no civilized person would ever want war again. Then, barely twenty-years later, a deranged German Army Corporal, a veteran of that same war, set out to conquer the world and brought us into WWII. And so went the 20th century, arguably the most violent century ever.

Undoubtedly, those wars (and all subsequent ones) made us wonder what in the world can we trust? We were so hopeful that goodness and truth would come out of violence and evil; and it did not happen. Moreover, we are even now living through precarious and dangerous times – more dangerous than we have known for several generations – dangerous morally, socially, politically, etc. Upon reflection, our time bears a close resemblance to the inter-war years (1918 – 1938). We, too "have been through a great tribulation (Revelation 7): ours was called the Viet Nam conflict. Our whole society changed during and after the 1960s. Previous customs, values, and beliefs were all questioned or abandoned altogether.

These are times like those. Consensus has broken down. Fear is all around. There is an unspoken undercurrent of anxiety and uncertainty. We don't know what the future holds.

But I ask you to join me in trusting in the true and living God, just as Job did, when he said, in the midst of great confusion, "I know that my Redeemer liveth (Job 19). Let us be hopeful that the good will always eventually out. Our veterans deserve our respect because they are the guarantors of the freedoms we enjoy. Our veterans do the bidding of politicians and diplomats, who we pray have our best interests in mind. Veterans fight to preserve our constitutional rights. Veterans die so we can live. So, on this Veterans Day, let us give thanks to God for their service keep them in our prayers.



FOR ALL HIS BLESSINGS

For all His countless blessings
And all His gifts of love,
I owe all things that I possess
To God, the Lord above.

For hope and inner courage
When failure came my way,
And new found faith to carry on
To face another day.

He made my life far brighter
When it seemed so in vain,
He led me on to greater heights
I strove and sought to gain.

—Harold F. Mohn



ONE LINERS

Never look down on somebody, unless you're helping them up.
 To forgive is to set a prisoner free...and discover the prisoner was you.
 If you are living your life angry at the world and all you have is a hammer, every-
 thing pretty much looks like a nail.
 The test of our love to God is the love we have one for another.
 The best remedy for discontent is to count our blessings.
 No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.
 If I am at war with myself, I can bring little peace to my fellow man.
 If you can't have the best of everything, make the best of everything you have.
 Wouldn't it be nice if we could find other things as easily as we find fault?
 No man can be good to others without being good to himself.
 Our deeds determine us as much as we determine our deeds.
 A small leak will sink a great ship.



Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds. You should not stay away from church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other.
 ~ Hebrews 10:24-25

"What is the big deal about church??? A whole bunch of people get together and sing songs, and then the Pastor preaches a quick word, and blammo... Church is done and you've missed half of the football game. I just think there are other things I can do with my time to serve God..."

I cannot tell you how many times I have heard that! Many people think of church as a social gathering, a sacramental task. However church is not only to praise God, but to help each other, and encourage each other. We live in a world full of sin, and church helps us get out of that world, and refocus on what we need to accomplish.

As a friend of mine said, "Church is like a gas station, and you are the car. If you don't go in for a refill, you won't be able to keep going... eventually you run out of 'Spiritual' gas."

And when you think about it, that is exactly what church is. Church is the fuel to help us continue living as Christians, to help us continue to focus on God, and help us to continually learn about him.

Church is a way for us to get out of our busy world, out of our busy lives, and focus on God. Focus on becoming a better servant, and focusing on seeking God with our whole heart.

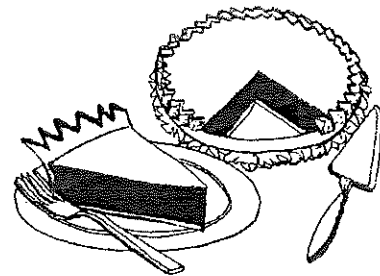
Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ~ Jeremiah 29:12-13



Just Inside Memory's Door

Today I opened memory's door and softly stepped inside,
 I looked around and soon I found old friends were by my side!
 I've thought of them so many times since days of long ago,
 Though miles and years have made a change – each one, this day, I know.
 I saw my special schoolmates, too, and recalled the days of yore,
 Of pleasant conversations held outside the classroom door.
 I also saw my neighbors there upon my memory's page;
 Some were happy youngsters...others...bent with age.
 For me...this once...time has stood still, allowing me once more
 To visit with old friends of mine just inside memory's door.
 I'll shut the door so softly now, as though to close a book.
 But someday I'll reopen it and take another look!

~ Beatrice Drummond



*Dear Lord, I'm thankful for the home I knew in early youth,
 Where I first heard from Mother's lips the story of Your truth.
 I'm thankful for the fellowship with friends who ever hold
 Within their hearts Your gift of love, as world events unfold.
 I'm thankful for Your peace that stills my heart, and light that guide.
 My course, as chaos rushed by on swiftly changing tides.
 But thankful most — for faith that looks beyond a mortal sky
 To truth — to Your unchanging truth that cannot ever die!*

~ Sarah Mizelle Morgan



My Everyday Thanksgiving

by Ardis Rittenhouse

The morning sun that awakens me
Makes me thankful I can see.
Loved ones' voices each so dear
Make me thankful I can hear.
Health and strength that get me through
Make me thankful for what I can do.
Faith that does not let me stray
Makes me thankful for each day
A mind that reasons and is fair
Makes me thankful that I care.
A heart that accepts help from above
Makes me thankful for God's love.



THANKSGIVING

Praise God,
from Whom
all blessings
flow



I'm thankful, Lord, for many things,
But this Thanksgiving Day
I'm dedicating to the praise
Of only Thee, I pray!

Aside from blessing temporal,
Apart from gifts so kind,
I'm thankful for the Giver more
Than all the gifts combined!

I'm thankful, Lord, for who Thou art,
For the great love divine
That stooped one day at Calvary's cross
And saved a soul like mine!

I'm grateful for the years gone by
In which with guiding Hand
Thou hast with utmost wisdom led
All by a perfect plan!

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Apart from gifts so kind,
I'm thankful for the Giver more
Than all the gifts combined!

— George B. Adams



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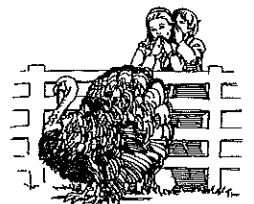
Thanksgiving Day! How sweet the sound, sweet music to the ear.
Its birthplace is in the U.S.A. and it reappears each year.
To many people that I know, it's just another day.
To them the only difference is, instead of work, they play.
The golfer jumps into his cart, the hunter grabs his gun.

They seem to think this day was named exclusively for fun.
Our loving God again has blessed this land with precious wheat.
This furnishes the "Staff of life" and other things to eat.
Now surely, you can spare one day just set aside to praise;
And show your thankfulness to God for the food He's helped
us raise.

So please, my friend, just rest a while to think, and praise, and
pray.

And give to God your best, your all, on this Thanksgiving Day.

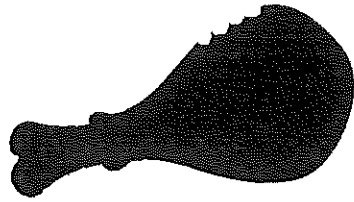
~ Author unknown



Leftovers

by Skip Heitzig

One of the great joys of Thanksgiving is leftovers. For some reason, turkey and dressing taste just as good reheated as they do fresh out of the oven, maybe better. But I found a website that added up the calories from that delicious stuff, and the exercise necessary to burn it off. How much walking would you need to do for a turkey sandwich, some stuffing, some mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, and a piece of apple pie with ice cream? Over 13 miles! Add some gravy, and you're up to nearly 15 miles! I don't know about you, but I don't have the time to walk 15 miles after a meal!

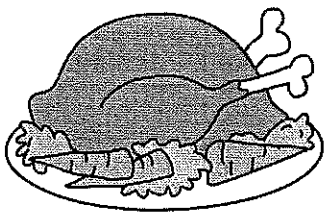


But thinking about leftovers brings me back to what I was talking about last week, because we're right in the middle of the long Thanksgiving weekend. Thanksgiving is an indication of the heart. It shows that our lives are in balance—that our communication with the Lord is not all about our wants and our needs.

There are two levels of gratitude. Let's call them the lower level and the upper level. Unfortunately—and I admit I'm in this category—we kind of dwell in the lower level. That's where we see God's work in our lives as intermittent spurts of goodness. Some big blessing comes along and we say, "Thank you, Lord!" But living on that level of gratitude only shows that we are selfish, and that we miss the total perspective of God's goodness. We thank Him for the pleasurable things, because our view of goodness is comfort, rather than becoming like Jesus.

The upper level, the higher level, is consistently thanking God, in the good and the bad, believing that all things will work out for good to those who love Him (see Romans 8:28). I admit I have a long way to go on this one! I often complain instead of saying, "You're in control and I thank You, even though I don't understand it."

Corrie ten Boom was sent to a prison camp for hiding Jews from the Nazis. There, her sister said they should thank God for everything in their barracks. Corrie refused to give thanks for the fleas that infested their bedding, but later she found out that those fleas kept the guards from entering the barracks, enabling them to have daily prayer meetings. So she said, "Thank you, Lord, for the fleas!"



So while you're thanking the God "who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalm 103:5), remember that He's in control and He knows best. Let's bless the Lord in all things, because God is good all the time!

A Thanksgiving Prayer

For all the blessings given there are many to thank Thee, Lord,
But for the gifts withholden I fain would add my word.

For the good things I desired that barred me from the best,
The peace at the price of honor, the sloth of a shameful rest;

The poisonous sweets I longed for to my hungry heart denied,
The staff that broke and failed me when I walked in the way of pride;

The tinsel joys withheld that so content might still be mine,
The help refused that might have made me loose my hand from Thine:

The light withdrawn that I might not see the dangers of my way;
For what Thou hast not given, I thank Thee, Lord, today.

~ Annie Johnson Flint



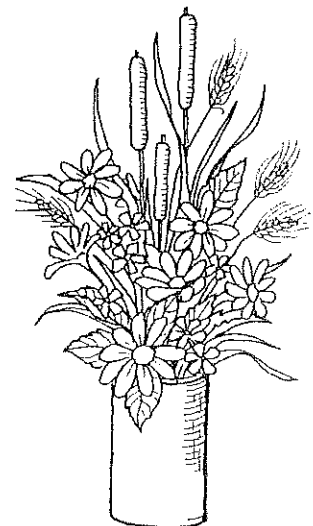
THE MAGNITUDE OF GOD

The vastness and the magnitude
Of God astounds me so;
He's neither cheap nor stingy
And He loves us all, I know.
Yes, everything about Him shows
His willingness to give
In such abundance and I strive
Each day for Him to live.

I ask you to consider for
A moment if you will
That many flowers He created
With the greatest skill
Are never even seen by man
And animals galore
Are ne'er encountered — oh, the beauty
That He has in store!

And no two snowflakes are alike
And, don't you see, my friend
That just a fraction of earth's beauty
Now enhances men;
The rest is sheer abundance yet
It cannot be compared
To what's in store for earth's redeemed
That Jesus has prepared.

—Luther Elvis Albright





WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

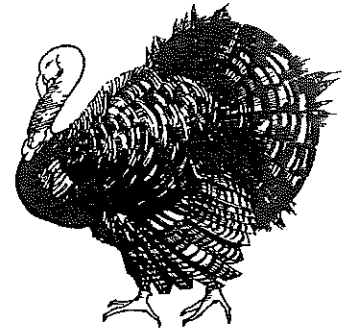
When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good productive person when I grow up.

Success

You can use most any measure,
When you're speaking of success;
You can measure it in fancy homes,
Expensive car or dress.
But the measure of your real success,
Is the one you cannot spend.
It's the way your kids describe you,
When they're talking to a friend.

~ Martin Buxbaum



TRUISMS

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.
2. Do you know why a car's windshield is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes a few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don't worry, they can't last long either.
5. Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked a friend: "Can there be anything worse than losing your eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.

EMERGENCY BIBLE PHONE NUMBERS

When in sorrow, call John 14.

When men fail you, call Psalm 27.

If you want to be fruitful, call John 15.

When you have sinned, call Psalm 51:1 & John 1:9.

When you worry, call Matthew 6:19-34

When you are in danger, call Psalm 139.

When your faith needs stirring, call Hebrews 11.

When you are lonely and fearful, call Psalm 23.

When you grow bitter and critical, call 1 Corinthians 13.

When you want joy, read Philippians.

When you feel down and out, call Romans 8: 1-30

When you leave home for labor or travel, call Psalm 121.

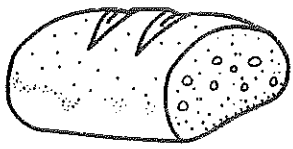
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67

When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1.

When you are depressed, call Psalm 27.

When your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37.



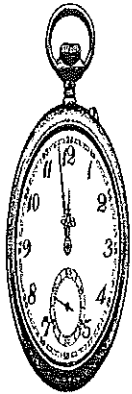


HOW OLD OUGHT I TO BE?

—*Author Unknown*

THE CLOCK OF LIFE

by
William
Cowper



The clock of life is wound but once,
And no one has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own,
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in tomorrow, for
The clock may then be still.

Light shining out of darkness
God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sov'reign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take,
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err
And scan His work in vain;
God is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

"Dear Mother," said a little maid,
"Please whisper it to me—
Before I am a Christian,
How old ought I to be?"

"How old ought you to be, dear child,
Before you can love me—"
"I always loved you, Mother mine,
Since I was tiny wee."

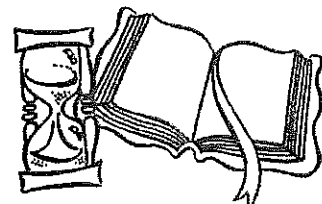
"I love you now and always will,"
The little daughter said.
And on her mother's shoulder laid
Her golden, curly head.

"How, old, my girlie, must you be,
Before you trust my care?"
"Oh, Mother dear, I do, I do—
I trust you everywhere."

"How old ought you to be, my child,
To do the things I say?"
The little girl looked up and said,
"I can do that today."

"Then you can be a Christian, too.
Don't wait till you are grown,
Tell Jesus now you come to Him,
To be His very own."

Then as the little maid knelt down
And said, "Lord, If I may,
I'd like to be a Christian now."
He answered, "Yes, TODAY."











OCTOBER






OCTOBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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4 Steve Iverson	5 Dallas Lalim Jay Wolla	6	7 Rikki McCarthy 	8 Lane & Malinda Ferguson	9 Jayme Odegaard Wayde Nelson Bryent Dinolfo	10 <i>Happy Anniversary</i>
11 	12 	13	14 Harold & Judy Wiedmer Naomi Carr Jessica Coughlin/White Owl Mary Davidson Barb Gravgaard	15 Donna Skistad Duane Haustveit Harold Weidmer Luke Thompson	16 	17 "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." Psalm 139:13-14
18 Ronnie Lund	19 	20 Larry & Orabelle Pederson Corwin Nansen Justin & Chelsy Weisz	21 	22 Norene Knudson	23 Mary Hoseth Ron Gilbertson Jossie Nielsen Don & Mary Sundhagen	24 Gail Haakenson Franceska Dinolfo Paris Keller
25 Becca Fuson Helen Johnson	26 Paige Aadness	27 Kenny & Patty Jensen	28 Kim & Jolene Overdorf	29 Dane Martinson Andrew Raan	30 Makenna Landsverk Mary Ellen Roloff	31 Joyce Pederson Larry Rhode



OCTOBER ZION 2020 ACTIVITIES ~ October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"In God's strength you can HOLD UP rather than FOLD UP in even the most pressurized situations."</i></p>				1 	2	3 Fall WMF District Rally - 10 am CT @ Beaver Creek Lutheran Church Ray, ND Church van leaves at 9:30 am
<p>4 Mission Offering Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	5	6	7 6:15 pm Christian Ed. Meeting 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Pizza & 7 pm Youth Group Meets at the COMMUNITY Center	8 WMF Circles Meet: Circle 1 - 9:30 am Circle 2 - 2 pm Circle 3 - 7 pm	9	10
<p>11</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	12	13 7 pm Deacon /Deaconess Mtg. 7:30 pm Trustee Mtg. 8:15 pm Council Mtg	14 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Pizza & 7 pm Youth Group Meets at the COMMUNITY Center	15	16	17 11:30 am – 2:30 pm Fish Fry at the Senior Center (Proceeds to go to the Clothes Closet) 
<p>18 Building Project Sunday</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	19	20	21 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Pizza & 7 pm Youth Group Meets at the COMMUNITY Center	22	23	24
<p>25</p> <p>9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship (ages 3 – adult) 10:30 am Worship Service Noon-Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck 6-9 pm VolleyBall at the Community Center</p>	26	27	28 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Pizza & 7 pm Youth Group Meets at the COMMUNITY Center	29	30 Men's Retreat at Camp UMM – Epping, ND Supper 6 p.m.	31 




SO VERY THANKFUL

NOVEMBER 2020 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Debbie Weisz</p> <p>Kim Landsverk</p> <p>Kaden Keller</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kris & Jossie Nielsen</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Stacey Rings</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Amy Schroeder</p> <p>Caleb Melberg</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Collin & Susan Christofferson</p> <p>Hannah Davis</p> <p>Brittanie</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Kyle Haustveit</p> <p>Kacie Welsch</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Brett Rieniets</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Kyle Christofferson</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Jerry Imsland</p> <p>Barb Larson</p> <p>Lyle & Claudia Tande</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>Carol Oxner</p> <p>Karen Pederson</p> <p>Shayne Lee</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Larry Haakenson</p> <p>Bonnie Myren</p> <p>Kristian Roloff</p> <p>Nathan Rings</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Lydia Carr</p> <p>Bill Oxner</p> <p>Chris Schmitz</p> <p>Erin Weisz</p> <p>Matt Rieniets</p> <p>Sheila Wolla</p> <p>Trevor Christianson</p> <p>Wilmer Roloff</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Vernon & Norene Knudson</p> <p>Jeremy Keller</p> <p>Jason Keller</p> <p>Ardis Rice</p> <p>Jim Smithberg</p>	<p>16</p> 	<p>17</p> <p>Eli Clark</p> <p>Greg Hartsoch</p> <p>Kayla Lalim</p> <p>Kim Keller</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Jeff Hartsoch</p> <p>Jennifer Syverson</p> <p>Ryan Nielsen</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Monica Johnson</p> <p>Don Heinle</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Alexius Christianson</p> <p>Cory Johnson</p> <p>Isaac Kucera</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Hannah Nelson</p> <p>Jason & Alexis Keller</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Marguerite Grindy</p> <p>Myles Pressnall</p> <p>Kim & Debbie Keller</p>	<p>24</p> 	<p>25</p> <p>Don & Tressy Heinle</p> <p>Karen Smithberg</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lori Olson</p> <p>Keith & Debbie Rice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lester Moe</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Grace Ramberg</p> <p>Tom Haustveit</p> <p>Katie Skalicky</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Duane & Phyllis Haustveit</p>	<p>30</p> <p>"He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8</p>					<p>"Beware of a half-truth; you may get ahold of the wrong half!"</p>



NOVEMBER 2020 ZION ACTIVITIES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Daylight savings time ends...turn your clocks back 1 hour! <i>Mission Offering</i> <i>Sunday</i> 9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center	2	3 Election Day 	4 6 p.m. Christian Ed. Meeting 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Pizza & 7 p.m. Youth Group Meets at the Community Center	5	6	7 "Reasons that sound good aren't always good, sound reasons."
8 9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center	9	10 7 pm Deacon/Deaconess Mtg. 7:15 pm Trustee Mtg. 8:15 pm Council Mtg.	11 <i>Veteran's Day</i> 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Pizza & 7 p.m. Youth Group Meets at the Community Center 	12 Zion Circles Meet: Circle 1 - 9:30 am Circle 2 - 2 pm Circle 3 - 7 pm	13	
15 9 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Service Noon - Meal served by Young Adults Group. Free-will offering to go to Bible Study Curriculum and outreach projects. 6-9 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center	16	17	18 2 pm Ladies WMF 5-6 pm Confirmation 6:30 pm Youth Pizza & 7 p.m. Youth Group Meets at the Community Center	19	20 	21
22 9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center	23	24	25 7 pm Thanksgiving Eve Service 	26 	27	28
29 9 am Sunday School & Coffee Fellowship 10:30 am Worship Service 6-9 p.m. Volleyball at the Community Center	30			"Whether you think you can or whether you think you can't, you're right!"		

RADIO MINISTRY

If you would like to sponsor a Sunday broadcast or contribute to the radio fund in honor, or memory of a loved one, please contact the church office, thank you! The radio broadcast is \$100 per Sunday.



Join us on Sundays!

9 a.m. Sunday school for ages 3 - adult, & coffee fellowship time during the adult class.
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday, October 25th - Zion Quarterly Business Meeting & Potluck - Noon

Friday-Saturday, October 30-31, Men's & Son's Retreat at Upper Missouri Ministries Bible Camp - Epping, ND. Supper at 6 p.m. Friday, and retreat concludes by 3 p.m. Saturday. Cost \$50, or \$100 per family (7th grade and up welcome.) Please talk to Pastor Carr if interested.



We invite you to look over items in the room on the second floor of the old church building and take what may be of interest to you. Closets, drawers, and storage rooms have been gone though and we hope to take only the items that we need for the new church building. Please also check out the library books and take what you would like!



A 3-CD set is available of Pastor Carr's Sunday Sermons of "A Journey Through the Word". Suggested price \$30, or free-will donation, please call the church office if you are interested.



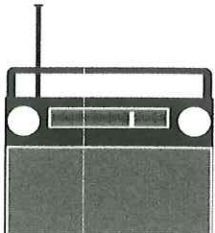
Custodian Position - we are looking to hire someone who would like to clean the new church building. If interested, please talk to Lee Olson. A huge thank you to Yvonne Schmidt who has been our faithful custodian!



~Thank You~

Words cannot express the appreciation and gratitude we have for all of you; the volunteer help, financial gifts received, prayer support, and the dedicated planning and involvement of the building committee past and present, and anyone who was/is involved in any aspect of this project from the beginning until now. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

~ Zion Building Committee and Church Council



Our radio broadcast can be heard on Sundays at NOON on AM Radio Station KTGO 1090. You can also watch us online at our website: zionfreelutheran.com

OCTOBER USHERS:

Lorin Weisz

Paul Eraas

Tony Kucera

Brody Odegaard

November Ushers:

Ronnie Lund

Dan Larson

Ethan Kucera

Lee Olson

If your birthday or anniversary is missing from our Newsletter and you would like to be included, please call the church office

~CLOTHES CLOSET~

THE CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN TO EVERYONE!

HOURS ARE: MONDAY 2 - 7 P.M.

SATURDAY 9 - 12 NOON

IF YOU HAVE A NEED FOR AN ITEM FROM THE CLOTHES CLOSET, PLEASE CALL RICK RAAN AT 641-6099. THANK YOU!

THE CLOTHES CLOSET IS OPEN IN THE FORMER CHURCH BUILDING: 221 N. MAIN STREET.

~We are in the New Church Building!~

There may be a few "odds and ends" to complete, but we are Worshiping in the New Church Building! We still have a checklist of items that need to be completed or purchased yet for the new building as funds allow, and we continue to be thankful for gifts received to help with the total completion of the project.

