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May 2005

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10:30 A.M. Worship Service

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The regular meeting of the Council was held April 12. The Council members shared their prayer concerns: Care for those in need of healing – Norene Fitle, David Hufford, Norma Olson, for Don Knot, Jr. (friend of Ron Adrian), for Mr. Dixon, our church neighbor and for the family of Stan Badura (Ron Adrian's friend) who mourn his death. Pastor led devotions from Joel 3:16 and Matthew 25:34 which spoke about God being a refuge, a stronghold in times of trouble and about being blessed.

Visions for Ministry: Pastor led the council in a discussion of chapter one of Diana Butler Bass's book, "The Practicing Congregation."

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

Christian Education reported that Kids at Work would begin in June. A welcome event is planned for Wednesday May 18, 6:30 pm.

Evangelism/Outreach reported that Pastor was ready to get to work with the NCD Team. He plans to hold a meeting on Wednesday, May 4, 7 pm.

Finance reported on the Endowment Board actions. Gifts were made for assisting with Confirmation Camp, complete refurbishment of the nursery and tile replacement on the basement stage, landing and steps.

Property suggested that two clean-up days be held so that work could be done on both upstairs and downstairs. The two days are Saturdays, May 7 and June 4.

Service/Social Ministry reported on the continuing good work of the Sudanese Women's ESL program.

Support/Stewardship had no new report.

Worship reported that communion would not be held on Sunday, April 17, because pastor had no luck in finding an ordained person to preside at communion.

Unfinished Business: Development of a Sabbatical policy.

New Business: Pastor asked council members to help identify persons who might serve as our Voting Members for the Nebraska Synod Assembly.

Announcements: Pastor and Mary will be visiting Amanda in Washington, DC, April 16-19.

You may recall that a couple months ago I reported to you the results of our latest Natural Church Development Survey. I reported that our lowest factor is “Loving Relationships.” This is the area that we will work on first.



Christian Schwarz writes in *The Three Colors of Love*, “Love – the center of the Christian faith. When you choose to grow in love, you are not dealing with a weekend hobby that may be of interest to you, but others can safely ignore. You are dealing with the heart of the Christian faith. At the same time you are dealing with the heart of church development. The *motive* of church development is love, the *message* is love, and it is empirically demonstrable that there is no better church growth *method* than love.”

I find his thoughts to be quite engaging. If we are trying to extend the kingdom of God, then the motive, message and method is best described as love.

Later in the book he offers some exercises to help revolutionize our lives with love.

Exercise 1: Fill up with God’s love. He says, “You can only pass on what you have previously received. If you don’t know anything, you can only pass on ignorance. If you have no joy, you can only pass on despair. If you have no inner freedom, you can only lock others out. You can only give away what you have. Therefore you should do all you can to be filled to the brim with the best thing there is on this earth – the love of God.

“The Bible says, “God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who he has given us” (Romans 5:5). In other words, if you are a Christian, you don’t have to produce love; you merely have to open yourself up to the love of God so that it can flow through you to other people. God’s love is the source and the stream. Your contribution is simply to keep the “channel” intact.

“It is certainly true that a believer has God’s love whether he or she feels it or not. But it is also true that God’s love can only show its real power in one’s life when it is experienced, when it literally “flows through” every part of one’s being.”

Here are some suggestions he makes that God may use to show us more of his love.

- **I am loved:** The time between waking and sleeping is important for the following exercise. During that period of time we are conscious, but still have easy access to our subconscious. Our subconscious is receptive to everything that it perceives. It records all of our impressions, almost like a tape-recorder. Therefore, we must be careful that what we tell ourselves really conforms to the truth of God.

Tell yourself every evening before falling asleep (or every morning after immediately waking up): “I am loved by God.” Repeat this statement 20 times. The constant repetition helps to mold your subconscious with this truth. In your head, you already know it. Now through this exercise, you will be allowing that knowledge to move from your head to your whole being, including your emotions.

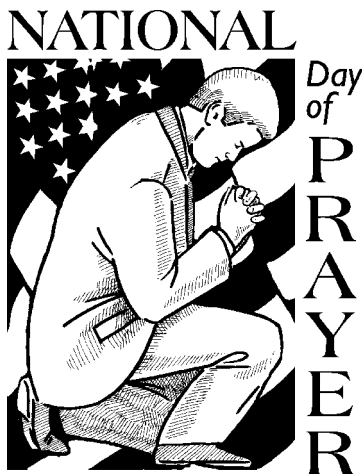
- **Give thanks every morning:** Thank God every morning for his love. You don’t need to create love – it’s already there! An attitude of constant thankfulness will help you let God’s love influence your feelings more and more.

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- **Eyes for God's daily provisions:** It can be misleading to expect manifestations of God's love exclusively in the area of the extraordinary. Most of us are surrounded by an abundance of God's gracious daily provisions: a pair of shoes, running water, a place to sleep, etc. The next time you encounter one of these expressions of God's love (such as putting on your shoes or turning on the water) close your eyes for a few seconds. Remind yourself that God has chosen to provide you with all of this because God loves you so much. Thank God for these expressions of God's love to you.
- **Loving stumbling stones:** Fix pieces of paper on which you have written, "You are loved!", in all sorts of places where you will "stumble over" them. Or set your watch to beep every hour. Each time it beeps, or each time you stumble over a note, pause for five seconds, take a deep breath, and say to yourself, "Now I'll breathe out all restlessness and breathe in God's love." You will notice that this simple exercise can have a very beneficial effect. In the restless routine of our lives we often forget how much God loves us. Just reminding ourselves of this fact can work wonders.

Give the suggestions a try. Let's see if we can grow in recognizing God's love for us and let it flow through us to others.

Pastor Laaker



May 5, 2005

The National Day of Prayer is an opportunity for Americans of all faiths to join in united prayer to acknowledge our dependence on God, to give thanks for blessings received, to request healing for wounds endured and to ask God to guide our leaders and bring wholeness to the United States and her citizens.

Take a few minutes to pray for our country on May 5th.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

"Prayer is not an exercise.
It is the life of the saint."

[Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)]

"Prayer is not overcoming
God's reluctance, but laying
hold of His willingness."

Martin Luther



Wednesday Night

May 11, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Candle light Prayer Service
for Confession,

Meditation and Healing
at Grace Lutheran Church.

People of all faiths welcome!



Men in Mission Breakfast
Saturday, May 21, 2005
8:00 a.m.

Come have a great breakfast and great fellowship!
Stay to study God's Word.

*What will God do in your life if you commit
to listening to and sharing the Gospel?*



*Women of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America*

**W/ELCA Board
Meeting**

May 2, 2005.
1:00 p.m.

Hostess
Barb Nelson

**Church
Clean Up
Day**

May 7, 2005
9:00 a.m.
until
Noon



The Church Council invites anyone who is willing to put in an hour or more of work to come on Saturday, May 7, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding at noon. We will work on general cleaning of the upstairs; kitchen, bathrooms, sanctuary, hallways etc. Many of the cleaning supplies will be provided, however, if you have a favorite bucket or have extra rags, please feel free to bring them.

A second day of cleaning the downstairs is scheduled for June 4.

Want to connect with women of faith?
How about studying God's Word together?

**Come to the
W/ELCA Circle Meeting**

May 17, 2005
1:00 p.m.

Bible Study Leader
Barb Nelson

Hostess
Norma Olson

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Monday thru Thursday

Games, Crafts, and Fun
Geared for Elementary Kids!

Free!

Director, Brenda Spahr
Assistant, Frances Campsey



JOIN US
AFTER
SCHOOL



Prayer Concerns from Family and Friends

Viola Andersen - for Viola's health and for wisdom for her family. (Ron and Mickey Anderson)
Willie Aponick - for God's guidance in his life. (Frances Campsey)
Janice Beno - for her health. (Frances Campsey)
Dawn Fusselman - for this child's health concerns. (Frances Campsey)
Gary Moore - for health concerns. (member)
Rachel Moss - for health concerns. (Bob and LaVonne Moss)
Ryan Shomers - for on going health concerns for this child. (Ron and Donna Adrian)
Rex Olson - for healing as he deals with cancer. (Don and Norma Olson)
Jeanette Mendoza - for God's guidance. (Parent of participant in Kids At Work Program)
Norene Fitle - Ongoing treatment for cancer. Wednesdays are chemo days. (member)
Dan Reents - for strength and healing as he undergoes cancer treatment. (Pam Reents)
Flo Alsager - Pray for Flo's health and clarity of mind. (Louise Alsager)
David Hufford - Pray for healing as he undergoes treatment for cancer.
Carolyn Matson - Undergoing long-term chemotherapy for leukemia. (Ferne Matson's daughter)
Thelma Harrahill - Recently Hospitalized.

Pray for Brenda Spahr as she prepares for the Kids At Work Program. Pray that God will direct her as she looks for team leaders/mentors for the youth.

Pray for the NCD team as they work together on the recommendations assessed by the Natural Church Development surveys. Pray that God would guide them to be open to new ideas and ways to implement them.

Pray for the Sudanese community in the metro as they elect leaders and implement the goals and the vision they have for their community.

Pray for our leaders and our country on May 5th, the National Day of Prayer.

Pray for your Church Council as they seek to lead Grace Church to do the things that the Holy Spirit wants for the health of the church and the community.

Pray for strength and stamina for the leaders in the local church and the Synod:

Pastor Laaker, Grace Lutheran Church
Bishop David deFreese, Nebraska Synod
Bishop Mark Hanson, ELCA Bishop, United States

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
[Jeremiah 29:11-12.](#)

Kids At Work 2005



Kids At Work Youth Work Program

June 5 through August 7th, 2005

Sunday Worship Attendance Required
Tuesdays and Wednesdays - Work Days

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Brenda Spahr, Director
341-7730

The Kids At Work Welcome Dinner will be May 18th at 6:30 p.m. this year. I will be sending out invitations to families and team leaders that have already agreed to work with the kids this summer.

As for the main question this spring...Adults, What ya doin' this summer? I need your help! I only have to fill a couple of spots. If you want to be a part of this summer's program, **hurry, hurry, hurry.**

Come join our great adventure!

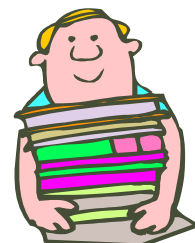
Any questions, please give me a call here at church, 341-7730.

The program this summer we will have a new work site. Well actually, the work site is the same but the *job* is totally different! I would really like to spill the beans now but...I think I'll wait until the dinner.

See you there!

Happening in the Library!

May is
Biography Month in the Library.
Stories about Real People who Overcame!



Biographies in your Church Library!

- God's Smuggler - Story of Brother Andrew smuggling Bibles into Eastern Europe.
- The Road to Forgiveness - Story of a family who lost members in a crash involving a drunk driver.
- The Springs of Silence - Story of a woman's decision to become a nun.
- Dorie, The Girl Nobody Loved - Story of a girl in the foster care system who learned to know God and overcame her situation.
- Prison to Praise - A military deserter arrested, sent to war, black marketer, finding God and becoming a military chaplain.
- Superman Doesn't Live Here Anymore - Story of a young drunk driver who killed his friend in an accident and his road to recovery and God
- God Can Move Mountains - The story of Father Ralph Beiting and his work with the very poor in Appalachia.
- She Said Yes - The story of Cassie Bernall, a victim of the Columbine High School shooting, her strong faith and the results of her testimony among the community.
- The Hiding Place, and Prison Letters - Two books written by Corrie Ten Boom, Survivor of the Holocaust.
- Luther - A biography of the Life of Martin Luther.

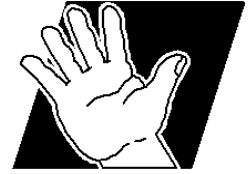
These books are located on the table in the library.

Check Them Out!



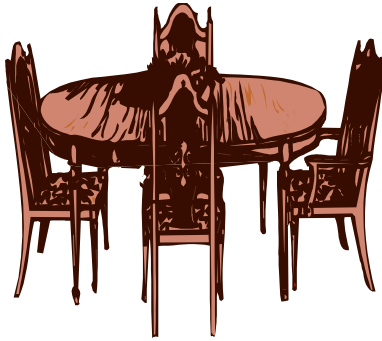
“Helping Hands”

Hope for the hungry, hopeless
and homeless.



Project Hope
The Theme for May is Soap.

Laundry Soap, Dish soap, Hand soap



Needs for the Sudanese

Do you have any used furniture?
We are looking for
a used dining room/kitchen table.
a queen size mattress.

SEW FUN!

The quilters are making beautiful quilts for Lutheran World Relief and little lap robes for some of the patients at local nursing homes.

Want to help?
They meet most Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

No special skills required.

If you can't feed a hundred people,
then feed just one.

--Mother Teresa

"When you become detached mentally from yourself and concentrate on helping other people with their difficulties, you will be able to cope with your own more effectively. Somehow, the act of self-giving is a personal power-releasing factor."

Norman Vincent Peale

World Hunger facts (outside the U.S.)

- 852 million people are hungry

Developing nations

- 815 million people are undernourished
- 1.2 billion people live on less than \$1/day
- 153 million children under age 5 are underweight
- 11 million children under age 5 die every year, over half of hunger-related causes
- 1 in 6 people is hungry
- 1 in 4 people lacks safe drinking water

Industrialized/developed nations

- 9 million people are undernourished

Transitional nations

- 28 million people are undernourished

Please consider including a gift to World Hunger in your monthly giving plan. Envelopes to donate to World Hunger are in your offering envelope box or contact the church office at 341-7730.

Community News

**Join the Neighborhood Association!
Membership dues
\$5.00 a year per household!**

Send your money to
CPNA care of Grace Lutheran Church
1326 S 26 Street
Omaha, NE 68105
Call 341-7730 for more information.

*Columbus Park
Neighborhood
Association*



Next Meeting - May 19
Grace Lutheran Church - 1326 S 26 St.
Topic - Spring Clean Up Results
Neighborhood issues, New website plans.

For more info about CPNA,
contact Don Reents, President at 342-6754

Need Some Help with Your Life?

**Free Counseling is available
through the Community Counseling Program**

Allyson Campbell, CMSW, LMHP is available to offer confidential counseling to everyone regardless of their ability to pay. Her office is at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 2315 I Street. Her hours at St. Luke are Tuesdays and Thursdays for 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Call 733-0172 to set up an appointment.

The goal of the Community Counseling Program is to bring professional councils offices closer to people's homes and ensure these services are available to everyone regardless of ability to pay. The service is made available to members of the community through support from the Nebraska Methodist Hospital Foundation, St Luke's Lutheran Church, and Omaha Public Schools.

**Free Tickets to the Circus for Children,
12 years and under!**

The church has received a number of free tickets to attend the Carson and Barnes Mammoth 5 Ring Circus on May 6 - 8 in Bellevue, NE. Tickets for afternoon and evening performances are available on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like tickets, contact the church office at 341-7730 More information is available on their website at CARSONSBARNESCIRCUS.COM



**Camp Carol Joy Holling
Work Day
May 14, 2005**

Arrive 8:00 a.m. Wrap up 1:30 p.m.

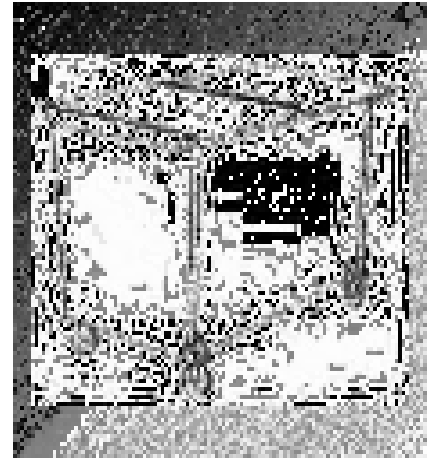
Free Lunch for All Workers

Reservations requested by May 11th to help with planning lunch.
Call Toll Free at 1-888-656-6254 for reservations or information.

Free Trash Dump!

Columbus Neighborhood Clean Up

May 14, 2005 Only
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
NO EARLY DROP OFFS!!



Drop Off Site for Columbus Park
St Vincent dePaul Thrift Store Parking Lot
2101 Leavenworth - Omaha, NE
No Chemicals No Batteries No Concrete
(Appliances, Tires and Yard Waste drop off sites listed below)
Paint cans accepted if the lid is off and paint is dry in the can.

Trash pick up service is available for seniors and physically challenged. Call Don Reents at 342-6754 to be placed on the list.

If you have a pick up truck and/or can volunteer to help either at the drop off site or in the trucks, please call Don as soon as possible.

Pop, Hot Dogs and Chips
will be sold at the drop off site!

Volunteers are needed to help run the concession stand and to donate cookies and cupcakes.

Proceeds go to benefit the Neighborhood Association. Call Don at 342-6754 if you can help.

Recycling Is Great!

A special dumpster will be provided at our site for scrap metal.

Taking Iron, steel, brass, aluminum & car parts.

Appliances must be taken to: **South High School - 4519 South 24th St.**

Free Tire Dump - Upland Park North Parking Lot-

30th and Upland Parkway

or

Columbus Park will accept tires at our dumpsite for **\$1.00 each!**

Yard Waste must be taken to: **River City Recycling - 6030 South 60th.**

A Small number of passes will be available at our drop off site.

Please consider donating your usable items to St Vincent dePaul!

Tubs will be available for your donations.

News from the Families of Grace Lutheran Church

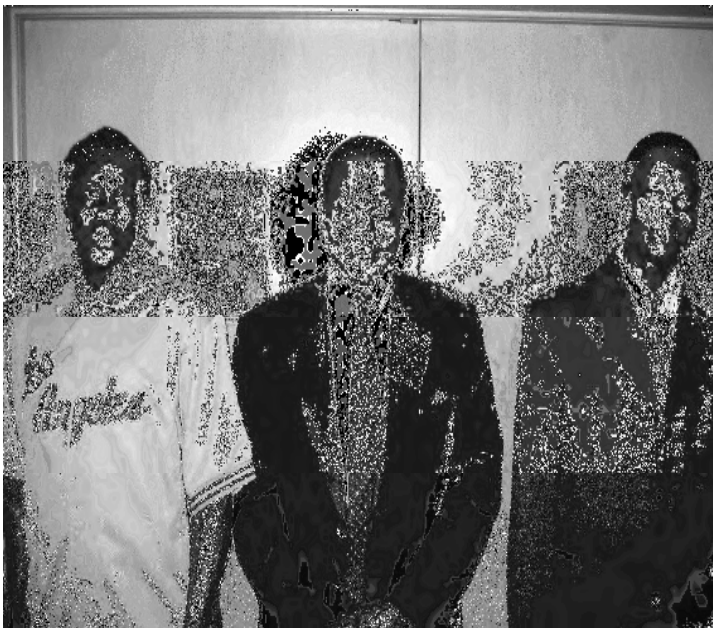


- Welcome Home, Amanda Laaker. Amanda has been working in Washington, D.C for Senator Ben Nelson's office. She will be home on May 13th.
- Thanks to Jerry Van Ormer and James Harrahill for working on our church lawn this spring. More volunteers are needed to help with mowing. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.
- Thanks to Brenda Spahr for her work with the Kids At Work Program and the After School Program. If you or your child will be in the Kids at Work Program this summer, make sure your contracts are in and you have opened your savings account.
- Thanks to all the people involved in making the Sudanese Fair possible.
- Thanks to Jack Williams, Bob Moss and Jerry Van Ormer for their ongoing work in remodeling the upstairs nursery. Look for new paint, new carpet and new cabinets in the coming month!
- Thanks to Andrew Edwards for his willingness to represent Grace Lutheran at the Assembly on June 2 - 4.

Dear Friends at Grace Lutheran,

Thank you so much for the cards and prayers during my knee surgery. Your words of support meant a great deal to me.

May God Bless you,
Ken Hilmer



Newly Elected Sudanese Leaders: *Left to right,* John Keak, John Ivo Mounto, and John Mayiel

Help Us Keep the Church Lawn Beautiful



Volunteers are needed to mow the church lawn. If you can help, please sign up on the church bulletin board or contact the church office at 341-7730

Sudanese Community Elects Leaders

On April 23rd, members of the Sudanese community gathered to elect leaders to guide the Sudanese church in the coming year. John Keak was elected as spiritual leader for the Nebraska Sudanese Community. John is the lay leader for the Sudanese meeting at the St Paul Lutheran Church in Grand Island, NE. John Ivo Mounto was elected secretary. Ivo is the lay leader for the Sudanese meeting at Grace Lutheran Church in Omaha. The group elected John Mayeil as the financial secretary. John Mayeil is the lay leader for the Sudanese meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church here in Omaha.

Please pray for these men as they work to unify the Sudanese in Nebraska



Virginia McGill
Director, (402) 660-6689

Gabriella Ortiz, Assistant
Douglas County Health Department
Se habla español .

One of the favorite authors of our women who take part in our educational and exercise programs is Isabel Allende. Our women have insisted that I read her work, and I am so grateful for this encouragement.

Isabel Allende was born in Peru and raised in Chile. When her uncle, Chilean President Salvador Allende, was assassinated in 1973, she fled her country with her husband and children. She has written more than a dozen novels in Spanish and has also been translated into English. Her novel, *Paula*, describes the year she spent nursing her sick daughter.

Recently, Isabel Allende was asked about her life experiences and summed up what is important to her in the following essay:

April 4, 2005

"I have lived with passion and in a hurry, trying to accomplish too many things. I never had time to think about my beliefs until my 28-year-old daughter Paula fell ill. She was in a coma for a year and I took care of her at home, until she died in my arms in December of 1992.

During that year of agony and the following year of my grieving, everything stopped for me. There was nothing to do -- just cry and remember. However, that year also gave an opportunity to reflect upon my journey and the principles that hold me together. I discovered that there is consistency in my beliefs, my writing and the way I lead my life. I have not changed, I am still the same girl I was fifty years ago, and the same young woman I was in the seventies. I still lust for life, I am still ferociously independent, I still crave justice and I fall madly in love easily.

Paralyzed and silent in her bed, my daughter Paula taught me a lesson that is now my mantra: You only have what you give. It's by spending yourself that you become rich.

Paula led a life of service. She worked as a volunteer helping women and children, eight hours a day, six days a week. She never had any money, but she needed very little. When she died she had nothing and she needed nothing. During her illness I had to let go of everything: her laughter, her voice, her grace, her beauty, her company and finally her spirit. When she died I thought I had lost everything. But then I realized I still had the love I had given her. I don't even know if she was able to receive that love. She could not respond in any way, her eyes were somber pools that reflected no light. But I was full of love and that love keeps growing and multiplying and giving fruit.

The pain of losing my child was a cleansing experience. I had to throw overboard all excess baggage and keep only what is essential. Because of Paula, I don't cling to anything anymore, but my belief in God is stronger. Now I like to give much more than to receive. I am happier when I love than when I am loved. I adore my husband, my son, my grandchildren, my mother, my dog, and frankly I don't know if they even like me. But who cares? Loving them is my joy.

Give, give, give -- what is the point of having experience, knowledge or talent if I don't give it away? Of having stories if I don't tell them to others? Of having wealth if I don't share it? I don't intend to die with any of it! It is in giving that I connect with others, with the world and with the Divine.

It is in giving that I feel the spirit of my daughter inside me, like a soft presence."



From the Editor

Last week I had the privilege of attending an adoption ceremony at the courthouse. My friends, Paul and Virginia, were finally going to officially be able to call their son, Jack Pablo, their own. Jack had been a part of their family for months but it wasn't technically legal until last week. My friends had gone to a lot of trouble to make this child a part of their family. Since Jack wasn't born in United States, there were trips out of the country to visit him. Each time they went, the orphanage allowed Jack to stay with them. They worked hard to settle things with the government that had jurisdiction. There were letters to different officials in the U.S. trying to get Jack released from his country of origin into Paul and Virginia's custody, letters back and forth from Jack's country to the States, and background checks. Each government wanted assurances that this mother and father were not criminals. Paul and Virginia were fingerprinted several times in an effort to fulfill each agency specific requirements.

Virginia and Paul fell in love with Jack from the minute they heard about him. They longed to bring him home and care for him. Leaving him behind after the first visit was excruciating. They wanted Jack to have everything they could offer him. At the ceremony, the judge quizzed the parents about how they would care for him. "Do you love this child as if he were born to you?" "Will he be entitled to all your worldly assets should something happen to you?" "Will you teach him to be a good man, a man of honor and of gentle nature?" Each time the judge asked a question, Paul and Virginia responded. As I watched and heard their answers, I was struck by their faces. "Will we give this child all that we have?" "Of course! We love him!" There was such a passion in their answers.

I started thinking about my own adoption. My adoption was not into an earthly family. It was into a spiritual family. From the moment I was born, my Heavenly Father loved me. 1 John 3:1 says, "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the sons (*and daughters*) of God." God longed for me to be a part of His family. My Father was willing to send His Son to the country where I live. He was willing to sacrifice everything to have me as his child. There was no price too high. We have just celebrated the Passion and Resurrection of Christ. The price of my adoption was that Jesus Christ had to die a horrible, shameful death so that I could officially become part of His family. He had to pay the penalty of death to cover my debt of sin so that I can be born into His family. Still, I can choose not to be a part of His family. He still gives me a choice. I can stay in the same condition He found me, a spiritual orphan, or I can choose to be His very own. John 1:12 says, "But as many as *received* him, to them he gave power to become the sons of God." Jesus doesn't drag us into his family. He longs for us to desire to be his children. That means a real and personal relationship. God wants to be a father to me. He wants to give me all that is His ("heirs according to the promise." Galatians 3:29) He wants to teach and to discipline me to be a woman of honor. ("Whom the Lord loves, he corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights" Proverbs 3:12) As his daughter, I have access to Him. I can ask for His guidance. I can confess my sins and still receive unconditional love and forgiveness in return. I have a love for him because he is my "Daddy." There is no spirit of bondage of fear to him. (Romans 8:15)

Do you have a personal relationship with your Father? Is it an everyday relationship or just one that happens on Sundays? Are you tapping into the spiritual wealth offered to you because you are His child or are you living in spiritual poverty, going it on your own without asking God's guidance every day? Is God showing you things in your life that needs confessing and changing? Spend some time with your Father right now. Get your relationship right!

Pam Reents, Editor



MAY

May is

- Better Sleep Month*
- National Good Car Care Month*
- National Photo Month*
- National Salad Month*
- National Egg Month*
- National Barbecue Month*
- Revise Your Work Schedule Month*
- Date Your Mate Month*
- National Hamburger Month*
- Fungal Infection Awareness Month*



Mother's Day

May 8, 2005

Don't forget to call
your Mother!

Some Motherly Advice...

- Always change your underwear;
you never know when you'll have an accident.
- Don't make that face or it'll freeze in that position.
- Be careful or you'll put your eye out.
- What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it, too?
- You have enough dirt behind those ears to grow potatoes!
- Close that door! Were you born in a barn?
- If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
- Don't put that in your mouth; you don't know where it's been!

We Love You, Moms!



**Pentecost
Sunday
May 15th**

*Wear Red Clothes to
Church!*

**Special Days in May
at Grace Lutheran Church**

- 4th- Natural Church Development Team Meeting.
- 7th - All Church Clean Up Day from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.
- 8th - Mother's Day.
- 10th - Church Council Meeting.
Election Day - Get out & Vote!
- 11th - Prayer Service at Grace.
- 14th - Neighborhood Cleanup - Dump site at St Vincent dePaul 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- 15th - Pentecost!
Wear Red to Church!
- 18th - Kids At Work Welcome
Dinner with the Church Council.
- 30th - Memorial Day.
Celebrate Safely.
Church Office Closed.



**Memorial
Day**

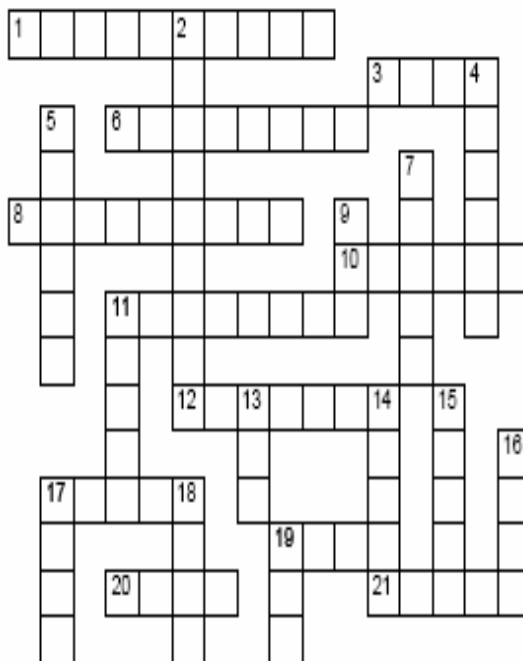
May 30th

Although no sculptured marble should rise to their memory, nor engraved stone bear record of their deeds, yet will their remembrance be as lasting as the land they honored. ~ Daniel Webster

Pentecost

Across

1. part of the Trinity
3. every one
6. dialect
8. puzzled
10. astonished
11. foretell
12. used to speak
17. acts
19. orb
20. moving air
21. talk



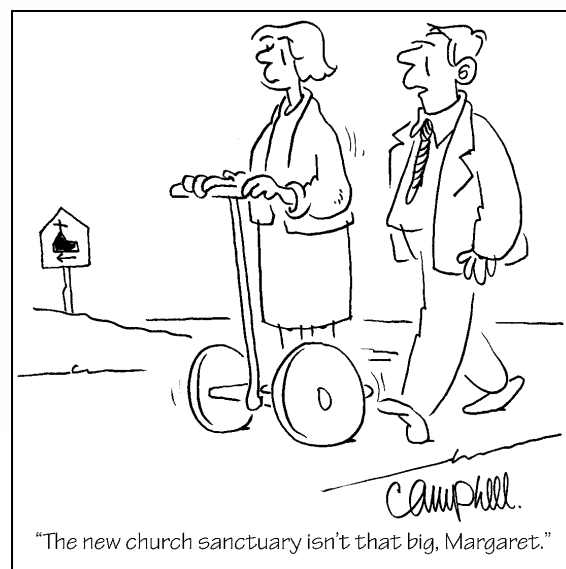
Down

2. 50 days after Easter
4. sky
5. seen while asleep
7. listen to
9. 24 hours
11. stood with the 11
13. just out
14. symbols
15. speech
16. ridicule
17. intoxicating beverage
18. male child
19. males

WORD LIST

amazed	heard	men	Pentecost	signs	voice
day	heaven	mock	perplexed	sons	wind
dreams	Holy Spirit	moon	Peter	speak	wine
each	language	new	prophecy	tongues	works

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Did you hear about the guy that lost his left arm
and leg in a car crash?

He's all right now.