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**FEBRUARY SUNDAY EVENTS**  
9:30 am. Worship Service  
St. Luke's Lutheran, 2315 "I" Street

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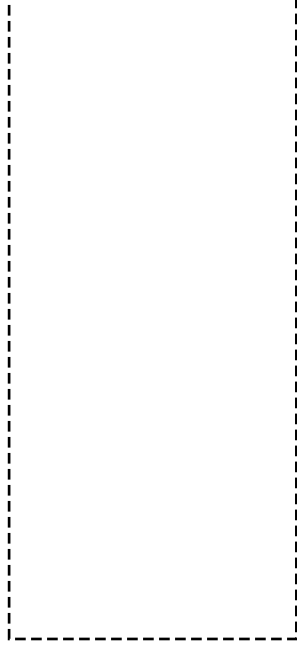
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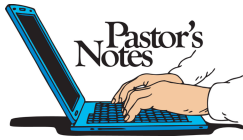


February Worship Services  
will be held at St. Luke's  
Lutheran, 2315 I Street



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

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[stlukesomaha.org](http://stlukesomaha.org)



On Sunday, January 26, Matt Shur, Hospice Lay Chaplain & ELCA Parish Ministry Associate, shared his sermon on the Gospel reading from Luke 4:14-21. Here are a few things he said. “Jesus proclaims that the spirit of the Lord—the Holy Spirit—is upon him, and that this spirit has anointed him to do certain things.

Now, the word “anoint” is an interesting one in the passage Jesus chooses to read. The word “messiah” literally means “anointed one.” In Israel, kings would be anointed by the high priest when they came into power. But who does the anointing in Isaiah? It’s God. Right here, right at the very beginning of it all, Jesus indirectly refers to himself as God’s chosen messiah.

What’s even more interesting is what he says God has anointed him to do.

His holy mission is to bring good news to the poor.

His holy mission is to proclaim release to the captives.

His holy mission is to recover sight to the blind.

His holy mission is to liberate the oppressed.

His holy mission is to proclaim God’s favor and love.

In Jesus’s very first address to his hometown, he says nothing about saving them from their sins. He says nothing about needing to believe in him. He says nothing about eternal life.

And unlike an earthly leader, he says nothing about consolidating his power, or expanding his territory. And he doesn’t threaten revenge on his political enemies.

No, in his big “coming home” moment in the synagogue, what he chooses to focus on first is caring for society’s most vulnerable in the here and now.

In recent weeks, Omaha Together One Community has held two meetings within the South Omaha community to address the fear and confusion that exists by caring for its most vulnerable. The first meeting was a “Know Your Rights & Safety Planning” hosted at the Heartland Workers Center. The presenters were from CIRA (Center for Immigrant and Refugee Enhancement). The second meeting was hosted by Grace Methodist Church. This meeting was called to address the concerns of families for their children.

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I am grateful that we have a strong Community Organizing Group that chooses to focus on caring for society’s most vulnerable. This also includes childcare access, humanitarian parole, access to drivers’ licenses and unemployment insurance.

While the organization is not a faith based non-profit, it is made up of many faith communities here in Omaha. As such, OTOC seeks to connect people across lines that tend to divide them: race & ethnicity, economics, religion, geography & language.

You can participate in OTOC in a variety of ways since Grace is a member institution.

Pastor Laaker



### **Stewardship (Article from Vanco)**

Based on texts on stewardship deeply rooted within the Scriptures, biblical stewardship refers to the recognition that everything we have, every aspect of life, comes from God and that we have been merely entrusted with these resources for a time as caretakers rather than owners of God’s blessings.

Through biblical stewardship, we cultivate a deep sense of gratitude, humility and trust in God. Biblical stewardship encourages us to use the resources of our time, talents, finances and the world around us responsibly and faithfully, understanding that we will be held accountable for how we have used them.

By acknowledging that everything we have is a gift from Him, this foundation of stewardship allows us to demonstrate our love for God and others through generous giving and wise management of church resources. In this way, we support the work of God’s kingdom, provide for the needs of the less fortunate and be a blessing to those around us.

Finally, biblical stewardship invites us into a faithfulness, obedience and joy-filled life. When we intentionally use our time, talents and treasures, we align our choices and priorities with God’s principles and use our God-given gifts and abilities to serve others. Biblical stewardship brings glory to God as we faithfully fulfill the roles and responsibilities He has entrusted to us.





**Grace 2025 Council Members**

Ron Adrian	Barnaba Dyedi	Sarah Emery
Arlone Farber	Greg Hula	Janet Hula
Eva Martin	Andrea Spahr	Amanda Vazquez
Pastor Laaker		
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Officers Serving the Congregation:		
Financial Secretary: Janet Hula		Treasurer: Nancy Klusaw

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**Council Meeting Notes - January 14, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Council was held on January 14, 2025. Council members shared their prayer concerns for individuals, those affected by the LA fires, wars, peaceful transfer of power and the leadership change in our country, praise that Damien’s choir at UNL gets to sing at the inauguration.

Devotions

Devotions were led by Pastor Laaker, reading the selected verses in the “Daily Texts” from Proverbs 14:31 and Matthew 19:21. The first tells us that whoever is kind to the needy honors God. The second reminds us that we should generously share our worldly possessions and follow Jesus.

Visions for Ministry: None

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

Christian Education: None

Evangelism/Outreach: None

Finance: Budget (Mission Plan) - Motion was made and carried to recommend the proposed budget to the congregation at the annual meeting.

Property: None

Service/Social Ministry: None

Support/Stewardship: none

Worship: Hymn selection is in a week and Rod Carlson has agreed to help us with that.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business: Annual Meeting January 26, 2025 - reports due by January 15th.

Announcements: The endowment board approved a plan to contract with Bobby Jo Valentine to do a concert on the evening of April 30th at St. Luke’s.

Arlone will provide a prayer next month.

Adjournment: The Council meeting closed in prayer and adjourned at 8:07pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Amanda Vazquez, Secretary

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**Lent**

Our Lenten season begins with Ash Wednesday, March 5. Service will be at 6:30 pm at Grace Lutheran. We may have a meal before the service. Additional information will be shared through the Sunday bulletins and the March newsletter issue.



Our Lenten theme will utilize the Nebraska Synod theme: Cultivating Love!

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**Early First Communion Class**

Pastor Laaker is planning for this class to be held for parents and children wishing to begin receiving communion. The first day of class will be March 23 after worship.



Please let Pastor know who would plan to attend.

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**St. Luke's 2025 Council Members**

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

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Officers Serving the Congregation:

Treasurer: Nancy Klusaw

Financial Secretary & Memorial/Special Gifts: Rose Marie Lad

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Council Meeting Notes - January 9, 2025

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

Devotions: Pastor Laaker led devotions from Daily Texts – Deuteronomy 8:2 and Mark 1: 12-13.

Agenda: Agenda was adopted by motion.

Minutes of December 2024 meeting were adopted by motion.

Guest/Public Comment:

- 1. Pastor Omar Vila, Pastor of San Andres, and his wife Diana Fajardo visited with council members about different ministry community engagements and the opportunity of enhancing them by utilizing space here at St. Luke's, highlighting a proposal for a Community Early Childhood Development Center. Motion to partner with them by providing space for their proposal was adopted.

Unfinished Business:

- 1. A reminder that Annual Reports are due by January 17, 2025.

Reports:

Pastor's Report – A written report was provided. A second checking account was opened at FNBO. This will replace the current Memorial Fund account at BMO. Pastor has spoken to Rich Lichtenfeld regarding the final roof payment and the cost of our insurance coverage in 2025. Pastor has been asked to have the closing prayer for the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Luncheon on January 20. Additionally, he will be making a presentation to the residents of Immanuel Village in observance of the MLK holiday. Bobby Joe Valentine will be putting on a concert on April 30, 2025.

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President's Report – A written report was provided.

Treasurer/Finance Report – A written report was provided. It is important to note that it has been a struggle to pay bills/payroll this month, juggling which bills or payments to make and when. Generous giving is a necessity.

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

Memorial Fund Report – A written report was provided.

Building and Grounds Report – No report.

Evangelism – John Kolb gave an oral report.

Fellowship – Annette Chipman gave an oral report. Fellowship will begin at St. Luke's on January 19.

Stewardship – No report.

Parish Education – No report.

Social Ministry – No report.

Worship and Music – Dave Ruffner reported that the next Worship and Music meeting will be January 21, 2025.

New Business:

- 1. The 2025 Church Budget was reviewed and prepared. Motion to present the prepared 2025 Budget to the congregation at the Annual Meeting scheduled for February 2, 2025 was adopted.

The meeting closed with prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Tefft, Secretary

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Looking for ways to help your fellow Americans who have lost everything to disaster? As of January 24th, the California wildfires are still not fully contained, meaning the destruction has not yet ended.



In southern California, you're supporting local partners to provide: Support for local churches on the front lines; tarps and essential supplies; direct cash assistance; LWR Quilts & Kits; Ongoing support as fires rage on.

Our incredible donors are always quick to help when disaster strikes, anywhere in the world. This time, those disasters hit very close to home. It's ONLY because of you that we can help at all - let alone mobilize quickly, help in multiple places at once and have the greatest impact possible!

Thank you for putting your love into action. You embody what it means to love thy neighbor, whether that person lives in your neighborhood or halfway around the world... until your love reaches every neighbor.



*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:**

Marcia Beck  
June Hilmer  
Samuel Mantzaris  
Carolyn Matson  
Pam Reents



Vicki Cox  
Richard Krambeck  
Eva Martin  
Ed Nodean  
Marilyn Van Ormer



**Pray for wisdom for your Church Council at Grace and St. Luke's Lutheran.**

Pray for the Council Members. Ask God to bless their ministry among us. Pray for strength and spiritual wisdom for the leaders in the local church and the Nebraska Synod:

Pastor Damon Laaker, Grace and St. Luke's Lutheran Church  
Bishop Scott Johnson, Nebraska Synod  
Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Bishop

Pray for the Sudanese community in general. Charles Tuw, Moses Loda, John Boato, Barnaba Dyedi and Nenchi Ilka 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  
Marilyn Van Ormer - Home  
Doris Westman - Hillcrest Estates



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



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

**The first year, they invited 22 area churches to join the team and collected \$5,700 with 100% of donations distributed to local-area charities.**

Tackle Hunger is a **national nonprofit that mobilizes communities across the U.S. to fight food insecurity** through its grassroots, youth-driven fundraising events that support any local food charity. Since its **humble beginnings in 1990, the organization has raised over \$198 million in food and funds**, directly benefiting local hunger-relief charities. By encouraging churches, schools, businesses, and individuals to give back during Super Bowl weekend and beyond, Tackle Hunger fosters a nationwide movement of generosity and community service. Through this collective effort, Tackle Hunger strengthens communities while making a significant impact on health disparities that affect those who are food insecure.

Thousands of participants including: churches, schools, youth groups, community partners, grocery partners, local businesses, media partners, NFL teams and passionate individuals have experienced for themselves, the joy and satisfaction of giving, serving and inspiring people across the country to follow their generous example.

The 35th Annual Souper Bowl of Caring is Sunday, February 9th, we plan to highlight the work and ministry of the Loaves and Fishes Pantry. All are invited to participate and bring a special collection that includes non-perishable food items, paper products (toilet paper), or personal care items to donate to the ministry efforts to serve those in need within our community.





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 Jean, Miriam, Rod, and Robin for sharing your music ministry with us and providing such beautiful music during worship services.

Thank you Donna, Ron, Brenda, Deb and Vicki for taking care of the altar, and preparing communion.

Thank you Connie, Shirley, Karen and Frank for participating in the readings during worship services in January.

Thank you Sara for your dedication in preparing the Bible Study and sharing your ministry every month in the Newsletter.

Thank you Bob and Connie for preparing for the South Omaha Community Care meeting.

Thank you Janet, Rose Marie, John, Bob and Connie, for your faithful dedication in helping assemble the monthly newsletter!

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

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

Thank you to all Loaves and Fishes Pantry Volunteers; for delivering food items on Sunday mornings, unloading and putting foods items away until Monday mornings, getting everything ready for Mondays and in greeting and serving all with smiles, care and love!

Mary and I want to express our deepest appreciation for the kindness and generosity that was shared with us at Christmas time. We are tremendously blessed by each of you! Thanks!



## BIBLE STUDY

The book of the prophet Micah, called to preach to the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, to King Ahaz and King Hezekia, is not an easy one to read. The prophet denounces Israel for its sins and crimes, idolatry and greed, but the words sound like they could be addressed today to Israel and the USA, to Benjamin Netanyahu, Joseph Biden, and Donald Trump. The old Israel offended God by worshipping the Baals and Astarte, while we call our idols "the bottom line" and the GDP. Really, they don't look very different. Our arms manufacturers pump out two-ton bombs, U.S. tax money buys them, and Israel drops them on hospitals, schools, homes, churches, and mosques in Palestine.

Have you ever watched, on TV news, as a small child's arm pushes up out of the rubble, begins to grab a handful of gravel at a time, and throws it, trying to dig out? Have you seen the tears pouring down a man's face as he runs to the nearest aid station, carrying a small bundle in his arms? Have you listened to the keening of multiple women as Israeli soldiers finally leave a refugee camp, leaving too many new dead behind? I have, and it breaks my heart, every single time.

Consider the words of the prophet Micah, Chapter 2, verses 2-3. "They covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away; they oppress a man and his house, a man and his inheritance." It continues: "...thus says the Lord: Behold, against this family I am devising evil, from which you cannot remove your necks; and you shall not walk haughtily, for it will be an evil time."

Except for Chapter 4, whose placement here is doubtful, and seems to reflect Isaiah 2:2-4 and Isaiah 60, the rest of Micah's preaching remains pretty much the same, with only two bright spots of hope. In the first verse of Chapter 5, the prophet promises... what? I'll leave that to you to discover! Finally, in Chapter 7, we see an admission of guilt and a plea for God's forgiveness. Is Micah voicing this on behalf of his people, or is it his own personal faith that he displays? Hard to say. What is clearly Micah's own statement is: "But, as for me, I will look to the Lord, I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me." Micah 7:7 The question falls now to us: who will we trust, and who will we serve?

Sara welcomes discussion, by text or phone, at: (402) 686-1693.



*“When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the native-born among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God” (Leviticus 19:33-34).*

Dear church,

I write to you today with grave concern. Over the past few days, ELCA leaders and ministry partners have shared with me the immediate impacts of recent executive orders focused on immigration. I have heard about families frightened of being torn apart and from congregations fearful that their churches can no longer offer safety or support to their immigrant neighbors. I have heard from faith partners ordered to stop services to refugees and from businesses upended by workforce disruptions.

Many of us in the ELCA come from immigrant peoples. As Lutherans, we have a long tradition of hospitality, dating back to the end of World War II, of helping displaced Lutheran refugees, assisting subsequent refugee groups and welcoming new immigrants. Our church has long called for compassionate, just and wise immigration reform. ("Toward Compassionate, Just and Wise Immigration Reform" social policy resolution).

Today, recent immigrants, refugees, asylum-seekers and displaced people are members of our congregations, communities and leadership. The presence of newcomers heightens our awareness of issues of relevance to the church so we can take part in faithful deliberation on public policies, like the ones that have come out in recent days. Our church's grave concerns grow out of these experiences with the people being affected.

From these experiences, people in our church have learned that the decision to leave one's home country is not made lightly. Many have arrived fleeing persecution because of how they worship, their political views, or their race and nationality. Political instability, environmental catastrophes and lack of opportunities have also compelled many to seek a more dignified life. Out of our own Lutheran experience of knowing many refugees, we have long stood against exclusionary attitudes and policies toward successive newcomers.

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Among the policy changes to which our church's social teaching objects include:

- Orders to suspend all refugee resettlement.
- New and sweeping enforcement priorities.
- The summons of military personnel to the border.
- The decision to revoke special guidance regarding enforcement activity at or near sacred or protected places.

Keeping communities safe and supporting the well-being of all people is a goal shared by the ELCA. Yet it's worth naming that these executive actions are increasing fear and division within our society. Some people, including U.S. citizens, are alarmed about immigration enforcement at churches, schools and playgrounds. Some are afraid to seek care at hospitals or to access essential services.

The ELCA supports the view that nations have the responsibility to protect their borders and safeguard their communities. However, these policies must cause "neither undue repercussions within immigrant communities nor bias against them" ("Immigration" social message, page 7). Just policies include recognition of the humanity of immigrants without status, respect for the dignity of those at the border and refuge for displaced people.

The Scriptures are clear. We are called to see anew the image of God in our immigrant neighbors. Following God's call in Leviticus 19 that is echoed throughout Scripture, the time is now.

It is my sincere hope as bishop that various harmful actions will be reconsidered. It is my fervent prayer that we, as church together, will be bold in our witness and actions. ELCA churchwide ministries will continue to provide resources to protect the most vulnerable among us.

God calls us to welcome the stranger and love the sojourner as we love ourselves. I pray for God's grace to increase understanding of and mercy toward immigrants in these days.

In Christ,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton  
Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



# Grace's



## Birthdays:

- 6 – Joseph Koka
- 8 – Brenda Spahr
- 10 - Jackson Vazquez
- 25 - Graham Moyer
- 26 - Sandy Nielsen

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

# St. Luke's



## Birthdays:

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

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

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.



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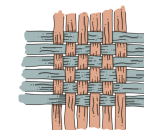
Visit their website at: [tablegracecafe.com](http://tablegracecafe.com) for additional information and to learn the many different ways you can donate.

Help us Give more than a Meal.

Meals that Matter

The power of 77 resembles our drive to nourish hungry bodies and sould, and in honor of this, we are raising \$77,000 around the 3 key areas of Table Grace.

Our goal is to raise \$231,000 total for meals, food truck, and 10 day training scholarships.



We all know how faith comes alive when we step outside of our day-to-day routines and explore faith conversations with our peers at camp. Check out these opportunities for the youth of your congregation to get back to camp this fall and winter:

February 16-19, 2025 UFO (Unfinished Objects) Retreat. These retreats are for crafters of any kind. Bring your own projects and use this time away to get caught up or do new projects! It's a great time to meet new friends, learn new skills, and be inspired by others' creativity. Come stay in a beautiful place with high-comfort facilities and great food – you'll leave refreshed and ready to start other projects.

This retreat will be in the Swanson Retreat Center. This facility features oversized sleeping rooms with two queen beds, a restroom, desk, television, telephone, internet access, wifi and so much more.

To register or to learn of additional events, visit: [CJHCenter.org/upcoming-retreats](http://CJHCenter.org/upcoming-retreats).







## Loaves and Fishes Pantry

Grace Lutheran Church  
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**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.**



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

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.

Path Assist, 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](http://www.path-assist.com/gethelp) or call 402-265-6551.



**Why do psychiatrists love football players?**

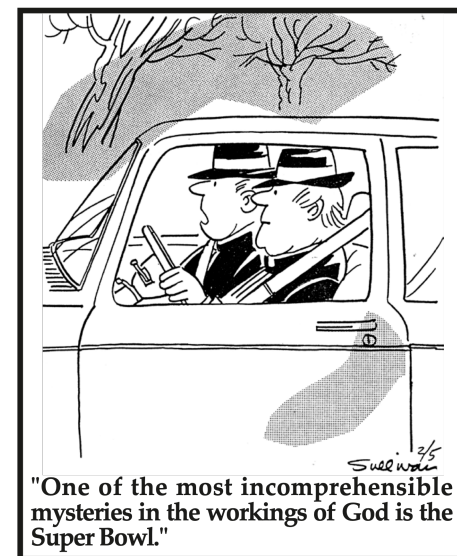
*Because they tackle their problems head-on!*

**Why do football players never wear glasses at the Super Bowl?**

*Because it is a contact sport!*

**Why should players wear armor to the Super Bowl?**

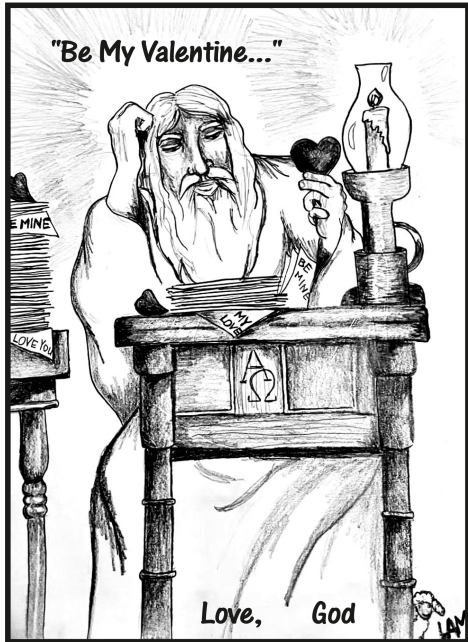
*Because it's a knight game!*



"One of the most incomprehensible mysteries in the workings of God is the Super Bowl."

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"When you love someone, you delight in being with, looking at, listening to that person. So it is with God. God loves you. God delights to be with you."  
~ Felix A. Lorentz, Jr.

"The person who doesn't love does not know God, because God is love."  
1 John 4:8



## Gods Love



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### Valentine Treats:

- "Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is okay."  
~ Danny, Age 8
- "Love is when my older sister gives me her old clothes, and has to go out and buy new ones."  
~ Lauren, Age 4
- "There are two kinds of love. Our love, and God's love. But God makes both kinds."  
~ Jenny, Age 4
- "To love is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will certainly be broken. If you want to be sure of keeping it intact, you must give it to no one,"  
~ C.S. Lewis
- "This is how everyone will know you are my disciples, when you love each other."  
~ John 13:35

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Old Age... When "clinking glasses" doesn't always involve a toast.

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"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."  
~ Tommy, age 6

