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The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI NOVEMBER 2021



Welcome to November, I pray this newsletter finds you all well. I have been enjoying the fall, the leaves were beautiful and now have mostly fallen, the mornings are crisp, the mosquitos are gone! And as of yet, or least as of the time of my writing, no snow yet. Even though we are now into November, I do want to take a step backwards, just one day, October 31st, Reformation Day. It seems amazing to me that it has already been four years since the 500th anniversary of that day when Martin Luther nailed those 95 theses on the door of the Wittenberg Church. While the hanging of those thesis's started a revolution, it is important to note that what Dr. Luther stood for hasn't changed in those 504 years and that revolution continues yet today. I wonder what Luther would think of the state of the church in America and around the world today. Many of the items on that list of 95 are still at issue today within and amongst the churches of the world. I would love to say things have gotten better, but I fear the state of the church in the world is not good.

The church is being assaulted from all sides and just as Luther did 500 years ago, we must remain strong. I find motivation in Dr. Luther's response to the Emperor during the Diet of Worms (1521), after being told to take back his teaching, Luther said the following:

"Unless I am convinced by Scripture and plain reason - I do not accept the authority of the popes and councils, for they have contradicted each other - my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not recant anything for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. God help me. Amen."

While we are not facing the authority of popes and councils, we are fighting against secular government, political correctness, and an all-out assault on the true and inerrant Word of God. We are being questioned and challenged in virtually everything we believe, say, or do. The world has become all about self and what we are being led to believe that the only truth that matters is individual truth, it is all about what "I" believe, what "I" feel, about what "I" want, and what "I" believe is true. The challenge to the Christian is enormous, we are challenged, at home, in the schools, at work, and even sometimes in our own churches and church bodies.

We must hold fast to Biblical truth, we have to turn away from world's view. It's not a surprise, we knew it was going to happen, heck, it was happening two thousand years ago. As the apostle Paul wrote to the young pastor Timothy and to us:

³ For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

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ALTAR GUILD
NOVEMBER
June Williams 715-208-0984
JoAnn Honkala 715-682-0175

OFFICIAL ACTS
Transfer: 9-2-2021 Kristina and Samantha
Aschenbrenner to Our Savior Lutheran Church
(LCMS), Eagle River, WI

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The people of the world today do not want to hear that they are sinful by nature, they want to believe that they are inherently good, why? Because if you are good, and you take care of yourself you have no need for a savior. It is only when you see that you are sinking beneath the waves do you look for the life preserver. We know who that life preserver is, we know that we are by nature sinful, and we know from where our help comes. Our help comes from the Lord. Paul also told Timothy these two things:

² *preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* And ⁵ *As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.* (2 Tim 4:2 & 5).

That is my message to you this month as well, preach the word, be ready in season and our of season, reprove, rebuke, and exhort, **with complete patience and teaching**, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry. This was the challenge for Timothy, this is the challenge for all pastors, it is also the challenge for all Christians, we have to be prepared always to stand up for our faith and to share the Word of God with all. That is my ministry and yours. After all, we have the command of Christ:

¹⁹ *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in¹ the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,* ²⁰ *teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:19-20).

Because unless we tell them they will never know who Jesus is and what we can do for them.

Just a reminder, Bible Studies: Sundays following worship, Monday morning at 10:00, Worship Wednesday evening at 6:30, Wednesday evening online Bible study – Facebook and YouTube, and Woman’s Bible study 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 6:30. It is always easier to share the Word when you are in the Word. Reminder that Advent begins November 28th.

FOOD SHELF SUNDAY
Last Sunday of each Month
The BRICK appreciates your food donations each and every month. It truly helps our community giving to those who are need of food to sustain their life. It’s hard to believe that these days there are still some who are surprised by a layoff, lose their home, have a dysfunctional family, can’t cope with things. They need a helping hand and Zion tries to provide some help every month to The BRICK. Thank you Ron for bringing the basket of goods to The BRICK each month.



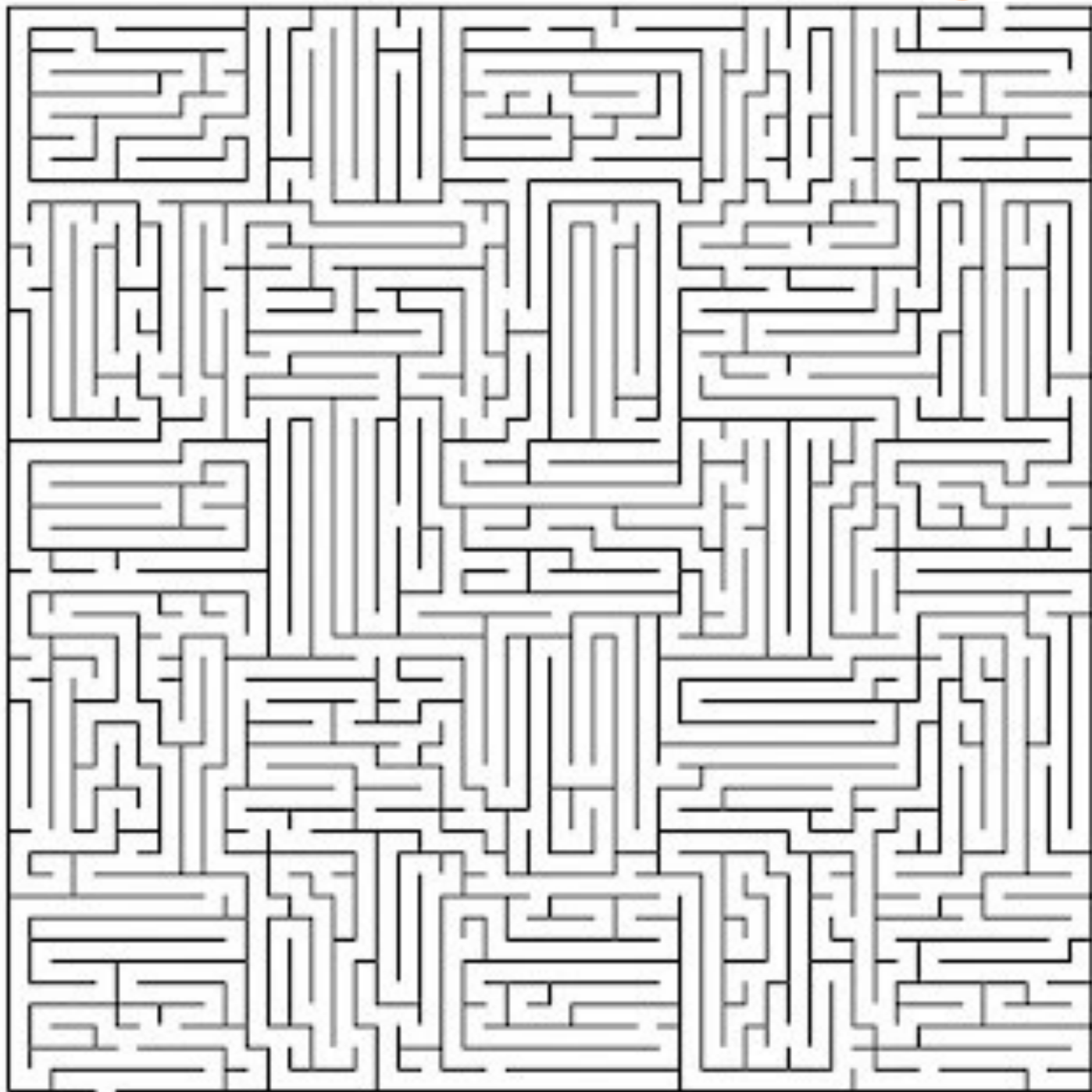
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THURSDAY
TURKEY
VEGETABLES

American English Words

1. expressway, highway
2. French fries
3. garbage can
4. gas, gasoline
5. hood (of a car)
6. jump rope
7. license plate
8. liquor store
9. mailbox
10. oven mitt
11. pacifier
12. pants
13. pantyhose
14. parking lot
15. part (in hair)
16. period (punctuation)
17. private school
18. public school
19. robe, bathrobe
20. shopping cart





On November 26th, our Dad (Walt Schutte) will turn 100. With COVID regulations, it is not possible to host a large party at the assisted-living facility. However, Walt would love to receive birthday cards and memory-notes that friends of Zion would share with him. Alice Ellis and Ron Schutte

His address is:
Walter Schutte
Timber's Edge (3)
1500-10th Street West

100 YEARS
Happy Birthday!



ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed
Wednesday Evening Service 6:30pm (in-church)
Pre-recorded Online Wednesday Prayer Study 6:30pm
Sunday School - 1st - 7th grade 10:15am
Bible Studies— Sundays 10:15am Mondays 10:00am
Women's Bible Study 6:30PM 1st & 3rd Thursdays

Pastor Rick Williams - 715-209-0479
Office Hours: M/T/Th 9-5 W 12-8 Fri. off
Please call ahead if you need to speak with Pastor.
Office Secretary Lynn Ladd 715-682-6075 Office Hours Typically
M8:30-2:30 T off W/Th 8:30-2:30
Days and times may change.
Church President: John Pruss 715-292-4825 **Head Elder:** Darryl Warren 715-492-0488
Little Friends of Jesus Child Care Center: 715-682-5185

PRAYERS for Home-bound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home
Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.
*Walt Schutte
Arlene Zimmerman
Violet Basina
Madge Houle
Nancy Zehe*

PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION
For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.
*David Wright
Jordan Thimm
Andrew Pruss*



Please review names on the prayer list and let us know if anyone needs to be taken off or a name change. Thanks
715-682-6075

PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING
For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for

Brad Prill	Madge Houle
Alice Balmer	Penny Larson
Francis Balmer	LeAnn Billing
David Gustafson	Vi Basina
Andrea Gunderson	Dave Pearson
James Fletcher	Pastor Bob
Brett Everman	Judith Wismeth
Walt Schutte	Cheryl Hildebrandt
John Schutte	Harold Larson
Nancy Beiersdorf	Sherry Gurski
Danny Pocernich	Larry Tody
James Lavasseur	Lisa Thomson
Haylee Fisher	Sally Gustafson
Russel Joyner	Carmella Kortekaas
Tyler Hildebrandt	Ally Gumz
Kyle Gumz	Steve Bauer
Andrew Ruthberg	Tyler Hildebrandt
Terry Haas	Diane Beiersdorff
Will	<i>and those in our hearts</i>

Under the Table—A Thanksgiving Poem
For dogs and cats waiting for morsels from
Thanksgiving tables everywhere
by **Peggy Frezon**



Family gathers ‘round the table
Set with turkey, yams and dressing,
Holding hands and bowing heads
Thanking God for every blessing.

Platters steaming, bowls are brimming,
Dishes circle like a wreath.
Though the tabletop is tempting,
I’m drawn to something underneath.

At my feet I feel a tapping
A paw that tells me someone’s there.
Perhaps he’s hoping for a morsel.
But instead, I say a prayer.

List of Veterans at Zion Lutheran Church 2021		
THANK YOU AND GOD’S BLESSING to the known, living, active and veteran members of our nation’s armed forces at Zion:		
David Anderson	James Johnson	Eric Sickich
Richard Barringer	Lloyd Koosmann	Steve Sorenson
Scott Barylski	Otto Korpela	Randy Spangle
James Bullis	Harold Larson	Willy Sunie
David Buss	Traci [Colgrove] Meller	Jordan Thimm
Charles Chronis	David Olby	Scott Thimm
Warren Draeger	Clarence Osmak	William Truchon
Herb Ellis	James M. Pearce	Gordon Vyskocil
Gerald Frisco	Donald Pocernich	Timothy Vyskocil
Wendell Friske	Andy Pruss	Rick Williams
Thomas Halvorson	Ron Schwiesow	Duane Ylitalo
Nick Jarvela		
[Our apologies if anyone’s name was omitted..Please inform the church office.]		

Thank you God for furry paws
That sweetly nudge and jump and run.
Thank you for the tail that wags
Unceasingly, never done.

For ears that hear me drawing near,
For the nose so cold and wet,
The fur so soft (unless it rains)
That’s warm and comforting to pet.

For the eyes that tell me how he feels,
And the gaze I never tire of.
The tongue that kisses sloppily.
The faithful heart so full of love.

Thanksgiving is a time of year
Acknowledgments abound.
Appreciation multiplies
For loved ones all around.

So, I’m thankful for friends and family
And each gift God shall enable.
And I’m thankful for my loyal dog
Who waits underneath the table.

SEWING CIRCLE
2nd & 4th
Tuesday
1:00-3:00pm
They can use
your help.
Experience not
necessary, they
will help you!



PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT donates a tote filled
with a blanket, a book and a stuffed animal
to homeless and vulnerable children, ages
0-12 staying at homeless shelters.



Items need to be turned in by December
31st.

Totes are provided at the packing station once we send them
You may purchase one, two or all of the items.

Monetary donations are used for postage and/or purchasing fill-
in items..

A complete tote consists of:

50”x60” or smaller NEW blanket,

NO: handmade blankets (due to
COVID), fringe tie, knot blankets



Books – appropriate for ages 0-pre-teen, Please **NO**
HEAVY bound books or ones with batteries.

Stuffed Animals smaller than 20” and must be

NEW at this time. **NO** Beanie
Babies, anything with battery compartments
or that make noises.

No religious, commemorative or holiday
stuffed animals or books.



How We Help —Emotional Needs—

There are approximately 298,000 homeless families in the United States. Currently, there are more homeless children

in the U.S. than at any other time since the Great Depression. Nonetheless, family homelessness often goes unseen as most homeless families do not live on the street. Instead, most homeless families are transient, living in shelters, in cars, in hotels in the city's poorest neighborhoods, or staying with friends or family members. These environmental stresses negatively influence a child's early experiences and often lead to an increase in mental health problems such as anxiety, depression, poor sleep habits, and behavioral issues.

To ease the anxiety associated with shelter living, Project Night Night distributes Night Night Packages to homeless children ages 0-10. Each Night Night Package includes an age-appropriate book, a baby blanket which can be cuddled, and a stuffed animal which can become a cherished friend. Finding comfort is vitally important for children in order to feel secure, loved, and valued – even in the midst of the upheaval and uncertainty attendant to homelessness.

—Educational Needs—

Project Night Night distributes over 30,000 books each year to homeless children. Children who are homeless often have lower academic achievement, exacerbated by frequent moves, lack of privacy and psychological distress, than do children with homes. Many homeless children report that they had difficulty finding a quiet place to study or do homework while in the shelter.

Quick Facts

- 35,000 Night Night Packages are donated each year to homeless children
- 35,000 children's books annually reach children in need
- 10,000 volunteers each year donate their time and efforts to assist Project Night Night

November and December 2021 Charity

PROJECT NIGHT NIGHT donates a tote filled with a blanket, a book and a stuffed animal to children staying at homeless shelters. Items to donate are listed in the Narthex. Items need to be turned in by January 31st. If you would like to participate but don't have the time to shop, donations are taken. Also, if you can only donate of the items that is fine.

Blankets should be **NEW**. The ideal size is 50" x 60" or smaller. **AS OF 2016, WE DO NOT TAKE NO-SEW/FRINGE TIE/KNOT BLANKETS. DUE TO COVID, WE NO LONGER ACCEPT HANDMADE BLANKETS.**

Books appropriate for ages 0 to pre-teen. **Please NO HEAVY bound books.**

Stuffed Animals smaller than 20 inches. Stuffed animals must be **NEW** at this time.

Project Night Night



The Untraditional Thanksgiving

A mother and daughter find themselves away from family and in LA—what to do?

by **Michelle Medlock Adams**

Last Thanksgiving wasn't exactly a traditional Thanksgiving for my family. Our youngest daughter, Ally, who is in fashion school in downtown Los Angeles, let us know that she wouldn't be able to fly home for the holiday due to her full class load and demanding internship.

I was so sad when I learned that my baby girl wouldn't be joining us at Nana's (Jeff's mother) for our yearly feast with the Fleetwood side of the family. Abby, who attends college only 30 minutes north of our home, would be there. All of our extended family would be there. But, Ally would not.

It would be the first time that our little "Adams Family" wouldn't all be together for Thanksgiving.

The more I thought about Ally spending Thanksgiving alone, the more I couldn't stand it. So, as you probably guessed, I booked a flight to LA so that Ally wouldn't have to eat turkey by herself.

I knew that Jeff and Abby would miss us, but they'd have each other and the rest of the fam. Ally would have no one if I didn't make the trip.

I arrived in LA just two days before the holiday, and the more Ally and I talked about making a traditional Thanksgiving meal, the more stressed we became. I had no idea how to prepare a turkey or cranberry sauce or sweet potatoes or pumpkin pie. I was always the one in charge of bringing rolls and soda. (You can't really mess up on those two items.) Nana did all the heavy lifting.

"Mom, why don't we volunteer at a local soup kitchen on Thanksgiving?" Ally suggested, after we had decided against cooking a traditional Thanksgiving meal for the two of us.

"Great idea!" I said, while searching the Internet for area soup kitchens where we could offer our services. For the next 90 minutes, Ally and I called every soup kitchen and homeless shelter in the area, asking if they needed help on Thanksgiving, and not a single one needed us or wanted us.

We found out that apparently Thanksgiving is the one day when soup kitchens and homeless shelters have a plethora of people on hand to help. It seems everyone wants to "do a good deed" on that day. So, our philanthropic plans were squashed. However, during my Internet research of area soup kitchens, I ran across an advertisement for the First Annual Downtown LA Turkey Trot—a 5k and a 10k race—on Thanksgiving morning.

And for some reason, I blurted out, "We should run in the Downtown Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving!" Ally, who has always been active and excelled in running, loved that idea. Before I knew it, we were registered for the race.

Oh no, I thought. *What have I gotten myself into?* I mean, I teach cardio fitness classes at our local gym.



I am certified to teach Zumba. And, I occasionally hit the treadmill to jog a few miles (just enough so that my jeans still fit) but I wasn't sure I could run over 3 miles all at once without dying or wanting to die.

Still, I was too prideful to admit to Ally that I wasn't sure I was in shape enough to Turkey Trot with the uber-fit LA folks, so on Thanksgiving morning, I put on my running shoes and best running outfit, put my hair up, and put on a fake smile as we headed out the door to the race site.

After we picked up our race numbers, we made our way through the many racers already warming up for the run. It was a chilly, brisk morning in downtown LA, and yet there were runners wearing tutus and little else. Gotta love LA!

And, many had dressed up as pilgrims, turkeys and Native Americans in honor of the First Thanksgiving. Pretty cool.

The longer we mingled, the more comfortable I felt. My fake smile turned into a real one as a woman with a lovely voice sang the National Anthem. Ally and I nodded at each other as if to say, "So glad we're doing this."

I prayed a quick prayer, and the starter gun fired. We were off!

Ally and I kept a pretty good pace. I was running on pure adrenaline by the end of mile 2. Who knew downtown LA had so many big hills?!

I was feeling pretty good about myself when a little girl no more than six zipped past me with her parents. *OK, so I'm probably not winning a medal today.* But, *I will finish!*

Just when I was about to give in to my urge to walk, Ally yelled, "Look, there's the finish line! We're almost there!" *Yes!*

I realize it was only a 5K, but I have never felt such a sense of accomplishment as when I crossed that finish line with my daughter beside me.

We hugged each other and high-fived a few well-wishers as we awaited our participatory hats and medals.

It certainly wasn't the traditional Thanksgiving we were used to, but it was a special memory Ally and I would always have, and for that, I was truly thankful.

Pray this with me:

Father, I want to thank You for this holiday. And, even if my plans aren't very traditional; and even if my relatives bicker over silly stuff; and even if I spend Thanksgiving alone this year; I want to thank You for my many blessings.

I realize that my plans aren't always Your plans, so I give this Thanksgiving to You. Direct my steps, Lord, and help me to keep a grateful heart this holiday and every day. In the Mighty Name of Your Son, Jesus, Amen.

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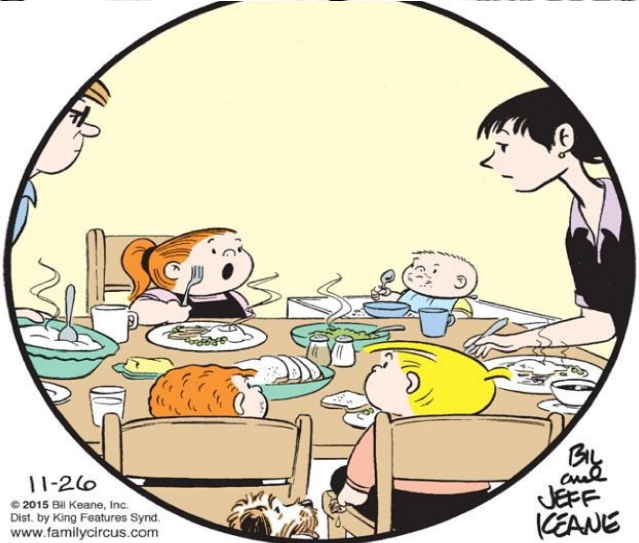
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Evolution vs. God: Shaking the Foundations of Faith by Ray Comfort Living Waters, DVD (34 min), 2013
A springboard to the gospel. Armed with arguments from this movie and biblical principles, Ray explains how to reach atheists, bringing light to those in darkness.



The Christian Family, TonyEvans.org DVD series, 2007
Inspiration and insight based on a Biblical understanding of God's kingdom and our responsibilities in it.
Volume 1
Portrait of a Christian Family –The Origin of Family –The Husband's Role in the Home –The Wife's Role in the Home –The Parent's Role in the Home –
Volume 2
Communication Within The Family –'Til Debt Do Us Part –Sanctified Sex –Single and Satisfied –Divorce and Remarriage –The Family's Choice

Almost Home for the Holidays
Our car broke down when we were almost home.
Who would repair it on Thanksgiving?

I was a college student in Illinois that Thanksgiving, and I couldn't wait to get home to Massachusetts for the holidays. A friend's mother

offered me a lift as far as upstate New York, where my parents were going to pick me up.

Mrs. Case and I drove all through the chilly night. Just after sunrise [on Thanksgiving morning](#), the engine quit and we rolled to a stop on a deserted highway somewhere in western New York.

Mrs. Case said calmly, "God doesn't get you just halfway. Let's pray, Richard." After we prayed a little, she turned the key again. The engine coughed and started. The car lurched down the road. We barely made it to a garage at the next exit. I found the owner in back.

"Lucky you caught me," he said. "We're closed today. I just came in to clean up." He checked the engine, then gave us a funny look. "Who pushed you in from the highway?" We told him no one. He shook his head. "That's impossible," he insisted. "A part is burned out and the engine can't run without it."

He didn't have the part, and he told us no other shops were open that day. "I doubt anybody has it in stock anyway," he said.

Seeing our stricken expressions, he said, "Won't hurt to try, I suppose." He went to make a call. In a few minutes, he was back. "My buddy's shop is closed, but he just happened to be there doing some paperwork. Strange, huh? He's got the part you need."

Mrs. Case delivered me to where my parents were waiting with their car. At home in time for Thanksgiving dinner, I said [a special thank you](#), because now I knew: God doesn't get you just halfway.



We are God's witnesses to a fallen world. Understanding the world and its different beliefs will make your mission on earth more effective. Our church library seeks to equip you with information and knowledge to be the "light of the world" that God made you to be. Do you know someone who believes differently than you? Are you stymied as to how to talk to them about your faith? Others who have experienced the same barriers and difficulties. Checkout the following titles to share in and be inspired by their Christian journey. (Disclaimer: Not all materials are from Lutheran Publishing and may contain a diversity of Christian belief statements.)



Angels and Heroes: True Stories from the Front Line, by Robert D. Lesslie M.D., Harvest House Publishers, paperback 2011

True stories about the men and women who serve on emergency rescue and response teams! Revealing the intersection of human drama and divine love, Lesslie shares extraordinary tales of police officers, firefighters, ER professionals, and others to encourage *you* to rescue somebody with God's love.



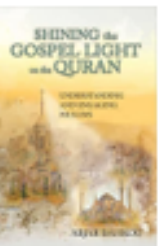
The God Makers: A Shocking Expose of What the Mormon Church Really Believes Harvest House Publishers, by Ed Decker and Dave Hunt, paperback 1997

Mormons claim to follow the same God and the same Jesus as Christians. They also state that their gospel comes from the Bible. But are they telling the truth? A powerful book that penetrates the veil of secrecy surrounding the doctrines of the Mormon Church, you'll discover the true nature of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and its hidden worldwide agenda.



The Search for Meaning: Science and God: a conversation with OS Guinness and John Lennox Our Daily Bread Films DVD (25:00), 2015

Os Guinness engages Oxford University Professor of Mathematics John Lennox in a conversation that explores the tension between God and science, with calculations that subtract neither God nor science. Lennox looks at both historical and contemporary explanations of the universe, and uses simple illustrations to clarify the real issues of this controversy.



Shining the Gospel Light on the Quran: Understanding and Engaging Muslims by Bahkoui, Abjar, Concordia Publishing, paperback, 2021

Helping Christians better understand Muslims and thus reach out to them in more effective ways. The book examines the Christian-Muslim encounter as a journey at three distinct and interrelated levels: first, we meet as human beings; second, as monotheistic believers; and third, as witnessing believers. He also discusses lessons learned by Christian leaders in the Eastern Church when their lands came under Muslim rule.



The Atheist Delusion: Why Millions Deny the Obvious by Ray Comfort Living

Waters, DVD (62:00), 2016

Having to prove the existence of God to an atheist is like having to prove the existence of the sun. "The Atheist Delusion" reveals what is going on in the mind of those who deny the obvious. It introduces you to a number of atheists who you will follow as they go where the evidence leads, find a roadblock, and enter into a place of honesty that

is rarely seen on film.



Do You Know the American English Words for these British English Words?

1. motorway
2. chips
3. dustbin
4. petrol
5. bonnet
6. skipping rope
7. number plate
8. off-licence
9. postbox
10. oven glove
11. dummy
12. trousers
13. tights
14. car park
15. parting
16. full stop
17. public school
18. state school
19. dressing gown
20. shopping trolley

I have come to the conclusion that buying craft supplies and actually using them are two separate hobbies.

BRACE YOURSELF

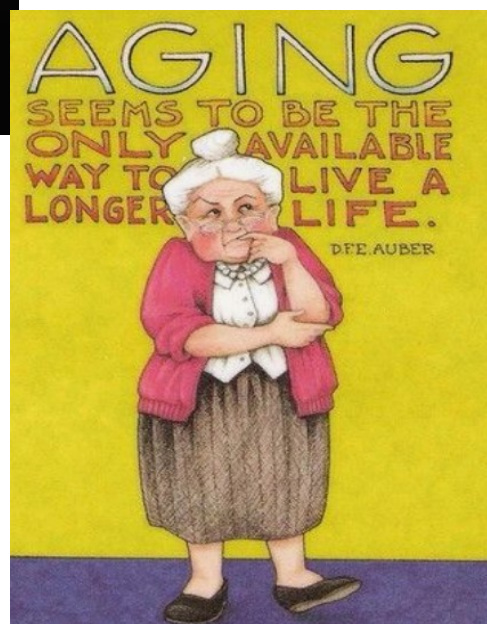


I do all my own stunts, but never intentionally.

I LOVE THE POINT WHEN YOU ARE SO TIRED, EVERYTHING SEEMS FUNNY!
I think I'm there.

I hate when I go to the kitchen looking for food and all I find are Ingredients.

The biggest lie I tell myself is: "I don't need to write it down, I'll remember it"



But, it sure can help your day.



Grandma's Wrong Text Shares Thanksgiving Spirit by Adam Hunter

She sent a Thanksgiving invite to the wrong teen, but invited him over anyway.

The past few months might have highlighted all the divides that exist in this country, but a story out of Arizona last week proves that with the holiday of Thanksgiving upon us, human kindness and a little bit of "[mysterious ways](#)" still have the power to bring us together.

According to ABC 15 News, 17-year-old Jamal Hinton of Chandler, Arizona was in class when he received a text message from a number he didn't recognize.

"Thanksgiving Dinner is at my house on November 24, at 3:00pm. Let me know if you're coming..."

"Who is this?" Jamal typed back.

"Your grandma," the texter responded. Jamal asked for a selfie. The texter obliged.

She definitely wasn't his grandma.

It could have ended there, but Jamal jokingly asked if he was still invited. The woman responded that of course he was, "That's what grandmas do... feed every one."

A friend of Jamal's posted the exchange on Twitter, and it quickly went viral. In fact, the woman was flooded with phone calls from others asking if they could come for turkey (Jamal's friend didn't remove the phone number before posting online).

Despite the crush of attention, the woman stuck to her offer. Hinton told *The Huffington Post* that the woman's name is Wanda, and he was definitely going over her place in Mesa, Arizona for the holiday—and bringing a pumpkin pie. It's not the first time at *Mysterious Ways* that we've heard about a wrong number or wrong message leading to wonderful results. Whether it's a late-night misdial that provided comfort, a wrong email address that led to true love, or a misdirected fax that lifted a lonely lady's spirits, sometimes we have to wonder—was it a mistake, or meant-to-be?

