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Sunday School 9:00 am

Adult Bible Class 9:00 am

Worship 10:00 am
(Holy Communion on 1st
and 3rd Sundays)



Sunday Morning Worship Service with Pastor Oddi

KNIM 1580 AM or 95.9 FM
10:00 am to 10:30 am

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Dear Readers,

Because there really isn't any news to report from Hope Lutheran this month, we are devoting most of this issue to the reports you would have received had we been able to have our first quarter Voter's meeting in April. Many thanks to the many church volunteers for supplying most of the content for this newsletter.—jm



An Explanation of the Divine Service General Questions

We are privileged to worship a God who comes to us, who serves, forgives, and teaches us during what we call "The Divine Service". The information for this article is taken from An Explanation of the Divine Service by Rev. Alan Kornacki, Jr. (Unless otherwise noted) This is part 6, the last of the series.

"The high and holy worship of God is faith in Jesus Christ. Such faith is created and sustained by God's Service to us. In the Divine Service, the Lord comes to us in His Word and Sacraments to bless and enliven us with His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation, and we respond to the outpouring of those gifts.

God speaks to us, and we speak His words back to Him. These two terms are sometimes called

"sacramental" and "sacrificial." God sacramentally serves us through His word, and we, in turn, sacrificially serve God with our prayer, thanksgiving, and praise."

Why do we chant some things and not others? In some places, everything in the Liturgy is chanted, even the Bible readings. We have texts and music for entire worship services to be chanted. It's more appropriate for everything to be all chanted or all spoken, but the way we do it now has become the common practice.

Why do we sit or stand when we do? To be honest, part of it is for comfort. But it's more a question of reverence. When we stand, we stand before God, a privilege we would not have except by the grace of Christ's sacrifice for us. We are seated for instruction, even as the Jews were seated as the rabbi instructed them. In some places, it is the practice to kneel for prayer.

Why do we make the sign of the cross so often? Notice the places in the Service where we make the sign of the cross: the Invocation, Absolution, the Creed, the Sermon, the Lord's Supper, and the Benediction. These are all places where grace is bestowed.

In the Invocation, we call upon the Name of God and ask His presence among us.

In Absolution we are given forgiveness of sins, again in the Name of God.

In the Creed we confess the faith, which God has given us, our faith in the Triune God.

In the Sermon, we hear the Word of God, the good news of the salvation, which Christ won for us on the cross.

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Church Sign Sayings

Here are few humorous church signs to contemplate.

The fact that there's a highway to hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

*Be kind whenever possible.
Pro tip - it's always possible.*

Do you spend your time with God's book or Facebook?

Store the Bible in your heart, not on a shelf.

Acting perfect in church is like dressing up for an X-ray.

Jesus is God's selfie.

God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.

Need a lifeguard? He walks on water.

The best vitamin for a believer is B1.

Lord, help us be the people our dogs think we are.

Is prayer your steering wheel or your spare tire?

Adam and Eve. The first people to not read the Apple terms and conditions.

*Gossip is the Devil's radio.
Are you his DJ?*

Walmart is not the only place for savings.

*Free coffee! Yes,
membership has its benefits!*

General Questions *(continued from page 1)*

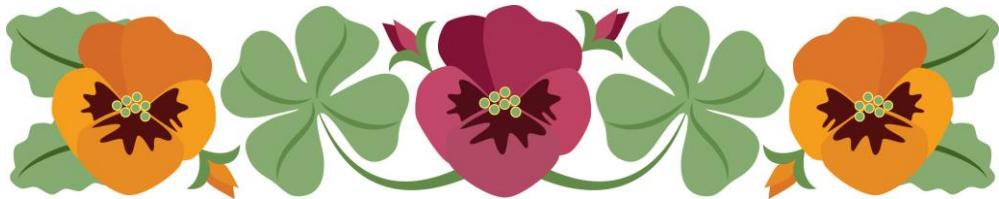
You might also see Pastor make the sign of the cross three times as he prays before the sermon. He asks God to purify his thoughts, words, and heart, that he might be a worthy vessel of His Word, that it might be to the benefit of God's people.

At the Eucharist we receive the forgiveness of sins in the Body and Blood of Christ. And at the Benediction, we receive the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. In all these cases, we receive the Blessing of God, and we here remember our Baptism, where we were washed clean of our sins "in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost." At your baptism, the pastor signed you on the forehead and on the heart, marking you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

That concludes our look at the liturgy of the Divine Service. We are indeed a people who worship the One God, Father – Son – Holy Spirit, the God who loves us and saves us—the only God who exists. He comes to us in this service and gives us His Word; works salvation and forgiveness of sins with in us.

He is God and He loves, saves, and cares for us. Even in times of pandemic He is here among us loving us, caring for us, forgiving us, saving us. Praise and thanks be to our God!

*God's Blessings
Pastor Dave*



Of Patience and Pruning

In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience."

Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (*Waking Up in Winter*). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.





5/6 – Kristy Grimm
5/7 – Kallie Gaarder
5/9 – Cullen Jenkins
5/13 – Ashley Riley
5/16 – Jarret Cronin
5/17 – Clifford McNair
5/21 – Jim Cronin
5/22 – Kamryn Gastler
5/24 – Jared Mason
5/24 – Felicia Sheil
5/25 – Rob Chinberg
5/26 – Dean Biermann
5/27 – Richard (Smiley) Oltman
5/29 – Victoria Estrada



5/13 – Jim & Joyce Cronin
5/14 – Ralph & Marie Walsh
5/21 – Tim & Jeri Laubscher
5/22 – Jim & Twyla Hazen
5/27 – Sean & Paula Sheil



We do not know the status of Shepherd's Kitchen for the month of May. If they do start serving their regular buffet style meals again, our volunteers to prepare desserts for the month of May are:

Twyla Hazen

Liz Mandrick



LWML Update

While we have been staying home, to help keep everyone safe from the virus, the LWML has still been staying in service to Him.

We did not have a meeting in April and will not be having one in May either. We have voted “electronically” to donate \$250.00 to the Shepherds Kitchen to help fund “To Go Meals” on Thursday evening.

When the time is right, we will be setting up the annual garage sale, God is giving us a chance to practice patience.

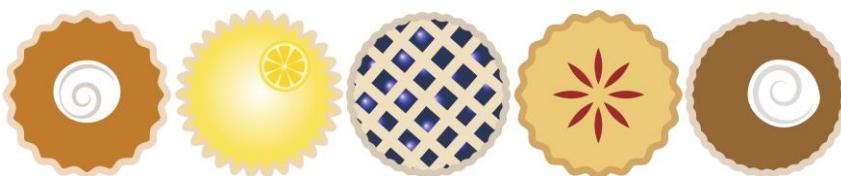
The Missouri District LWML convention scheduled for June 12-14 has been cancelled due to the pandemic. The Missouri District is organizing an electronic convention on June 13, 2020. It will be exciting to be part of the convention sitting at our homes.

For the month of May we are asking your help with donating the items for Personal Care Kits. Gathering the items is a great way to involve your children, grandchildren; it is a wonderful way for you to stay involved in church projects. Please take the list of items below to the store, purchase one item a week; purchase all the items at once, be creative in how you purchase the items.

Just inside the east door at church there is a box for the items you have purchased, please drop them off at your convenience. We greatly appreciate your support of this mission project. Items needed for each kit include:

1. One light-weight bath-size towel (20" x 40" up to 52" x 27") dark colors are recommended.
2. Two or three bath size bars of soap-equaling 8 to 9 oz, any brand, in original wrapping. Please no mini or hotel size bars.
3. One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging. Please no battery powered etc.
4. One sturdy comb (no picks or fine-toothed combs)
5. One metal nail clippers (attached file optional)

Please check out the LWML.org website. There are some wonderful bible studies; Overflowing Abundance by Donna Snow – a six week study, on Facebook, you can download the workbook also! Do you ever feel overwhelmed by the crazy life we are living? The LWML On the Go Podcast is featuring *The Task-Filled Life* April 15 through December 16, 2020. This Bible study encourages us as we learn more of the hope that comes only through our Lord. Information on how to get *On the Go* podcasts are on the website also. There are so many ways that the LWML has created to help us stay in God’s word, to strengthen our faith, to help us praise and thank God for everything, good and troublesome.—Lesley Oddi



2020 Service Record - Quarterly Report
Hope Evangelical Lutheran Church
Maryville, MO 64468

1st Quarter Attendance - Averages

Month	Total	Members	Students	Guests	Communed
January	74	71	1	2	58
February	79	73	2	4	52
March 1-15	76	66	1	9	60
Quarter	76	70	1	5	57

Special Services

	Total
Ash Wednesday	51
2 Lenten Services (average)	29

Pastor's Report for 1st Quarter of 2020

Souls – 156 Communicants – 132

1. Baptisms (0)
2. Adult Confirmation (0)
3. Confirmation (0)
4. Marriages (0)
5. Funerals (1) – Kathryn McKee – February 25, 2020
6. Transferred to Hope (0)
7. Transferred from Hope (0)
8. Released from Hope (0)
9. Average Sunday Attendance for 1st Quarter (thru 3/15) – Total – 76 (83)
(Last Year's Averages in Parentheses)
Members – 70 (73)
Students – 1 (3)
Guests – 5 (7)
Communed – 57 (66)
10. Special Service Attendance for 1st Quarter – Ash Wednesday – 51 (59)
(Last Year's Averages in Parentheses) Midweek Lenten Average (2 services) – 29 (33)

**HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH
TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan. 1 – Mar. 31, 2020**

Total income for the period was \$38,807.43 and expenses were \$38,556.07. This yields a net gain for the year at \$251.36. There were memorial contributions of \$730.00 in memory of Kate McKee. Designated Building Fund contributions for the period were \$845.00.

The Checking account has a balance of \$12,592.97. The General Fund accounts have a balance of \$45,209.60. The Building Fund accounts have a balance of \$42,763.71. The Memorial Fund account has a balance of \$23,709.32. All other account balances can be seen on the Balance Sheet. The total of all accounts is \$132,762.13.

LCMS mission contributions were \$2,045.00 (yet to be submitted), and LCC local contributions were \$1,436.00.

Extraordinary financial impacts for Q1 were the following:

- \$1,353.50 – Snow removal
- \$1,718.00 – Insurance premiums

The Balance Sheet and Income/Expense statement for the period are provided for your review and approval.

Thank you for your contributions and financial support of the church. Your financial commitment makes it possible for the church to meet obligations in a timely manner.

Respectfully Submitted,
Royce Duncan, Treasurer

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Income & Expenses
January through March 2020

	Jan - Mar 20
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Building Fund Receipts	845.00
Cleaning - Receipts	600.00
Contributions Income	
Deposit Correction	-19.00
Home - Cash	1,029.25
Home - Envelopes	<u>29,996.00</u>
Total Contributions Income	31,006.25
Lutheran Campus Center	
Campus Center - LCMS - Receipt	1,250.01
Campus Center - Misc. Receipts	1,436.00
Campus Center - Rec. Utilities	<u>33.12</u>
Total Lutheran Campus Center	2,719.13
Lutheran Witness	147.00
Memorial - Receipts	730.00
Missions - Receipts	2,045.00
Mowing - Receipts	100.00
Sunday School - Receipts	23.05
Thrivent - Receipt	<u>592.00</u>
Total Income	<u>38,807.43</u>
Gross Profit	38,807.43
Expense	
Alter Supplies	19.99
Campus Center - Expenses	
Campus Center - Misc.	1.47
Campus Center - Phone & Cable	608.81
Campus Center - Supplies	11.92
Campus Center - Trash Service	18.00
Campus Center - Utilities	513.70
Deposit Return	<u>100.00</u>
Total Campus Center - Expenses	1,253.90
DINNERS/SOCIALS	
Dinners - Receptions	<u>180.93</u>
Total DINNERS/SOCIALS	180.93
Dues and Subscriptions	193.98

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Income & Expenses

January through March 2020

	Jan - Mar 20
Insurance	
Liability Insurance	700.00
Workmen's Comp.	1,018.00
Total Insurance	1,718.00
Lutheran Witness Subscription	159.55
Maintenance	
Cleaning - Contract	975.00
materials	116.20
Snow Removal	1,353.50
Trash	36.00
Total Maintenance	2,480.70
Miscellaneous	11.48
Office Expenses	
Computer Programs & Updates	650.00
Equipment Maintenance Agreement	400.00
Office Equipment	45.89
Office Supplies	226.32
Telephone	317.08
Total Office Expenses	1,639.29
Payroll Expenses	182.96
Portals of Prayer Subscription	183.60
Postage and Delivery	130.90
Printed Material	360.49
SALARIES	
Campus Director	1,350.00
Organist Salary	1,689.45
Pastor Compensation	
Pastor Benefits	7,513.02
Pastors Salary	9,874.98
Pastor Compensation - Other	6,124.98
Total Pastor Compensation	23,512.98
Secretary	1,463.92
Vacancy Pastor	100.00
Total SALARIES	28,116.35
Sunday School Supplies	155.86
Utilities	
Electricity	445.30
Gas	883.33
Water	83.48
Total Utilities	1,412.11

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCHIncome & Expenses
January through March 2020

	Jan - Mar 20
Vacation Bible - Supplies	205.98
Vacation Bible School	150.00
Total Expense	38,556.07
Net Ordinary Income	251.36
Net Income	251.36

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2020

	Mar 31, 20
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
1 - CHECKING - NVB #XX4639	12,592.97
BUILDING FUNDS	
NVB - CD - # XX7373 - 13 mos.	10,715.17
NVB BLDG - Savings - #XX5415	32,048.54
Total BUILDING FUNDS	<u>42,763.71</u>
GENERAL FUNDS	
Bank Midwest - CD ##XXXXX3163	10,779.16
Bank Midwest CD #20677 due 4-7-	5,482.86
Bank Midwest CD #21972 due 7-21	5,328.57
NVB - CD - # XX7138 13 mos.	10,792.25
NVB - CD - # XX7703 - 7 Mos.	10,471.89
NVB - Gen. Savings #XX1328	
Special Funds	734.62
NVB - Gen. Savings #XX1328 - Other	<u>1,620.25</u>
Total NVB - Gen. Savings #XX1328	<u>2,354.87</u>
Total GENERAL FUNDS	<u>45,209.60</u>
ORGAN FUNDS	
NVB - CD - - # XX7603	2,000.00
NVB - Savings - #XX8007	<u>4,934.24</u>
Total ORGAN FUNDS	<u>6,934.24</u>
OTHER FUNDS	
LYF - FUND NVB Savings -#XX6509	748.93
MEMORIAL FUND - NVB #2244	23,709.32
TRUST FUND - NVB - CD #97732	<u>803.36</u>
Total OTHER FUNDS	<u>25,261.61</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>132,762.13</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>132,762.13</u>
Fixed Assets	
BUILDING ADDITION	241,580.73
Church Property-Adjoining South	201,458.04
FURNISHINGS	<u>8,976.07</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>452,014.84</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>584,776.97</u>

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Balance Sheet
As of March 31, 2020

Mar 31, 20

LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	6,094.66
Total Other Current Liabilities	6,094.66
Total Current Liabilities	6,094.66
Total Liabilities	6,094.66
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	182,115.64
Retained Earnings	396,315.31
Net Income	251.36
Total Equity	578,682.31
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	584,776.97

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH BOARD OF FINANCE
1ST QUARTER REPORT (no regular meeting)
APRIL 30, 2020

The Treasurer, Royce Duncan, is commended for his diligent work and exercise of good judgment in determining the best ways of meeting the church's obligations. This report reflects only what has been contributed through the envelope system without breakdowns of various fund designations. The categories of spending: income from total sources including envelopes, and funds earmarked for special accounts are given in the Treasurer's report.

The overall approved suggested 2020 budget is \$169,464. Projected income included \$144,539 from envelope contributions for general purposes, \$8,750 for missions, and \$3,365 for building fund. To meet the \$169,464 projection, contributions should average \$42,366 per quarter with \$36,135 for general use; \$2,188 for missions, and \$841 for building fund.

QTR	ALL ENV CONTRIB	GENERAL / HOME	MISSIONS	BUILDING FUND
1ST	\$35,075.88	\$29,946.00	\$2,045.00	\$845.00
2ND				
3RD				
4TH				
YTD TOTALS	\$35,075.88	\$29,946.00	\$2,045.00	\$845.00

YTD there were 43 envelope packets utilized of 74 issued, for 2020. The Finance Board extends thanks to the faithful users of envelopes and encourages your continued support. The breakdown of envelope contributions from individuals, couples or families for the year is rounded as follows:

\$4371....1	\$1725+..1	\$1200+..1	\$500+..2	\$100+..4
2625....1	1645+..1	1050+..2	400+..6	50+..4
2125....1	1525+..2	800+..2	300+..1	20+..3
1860+..1	1400+..3	600+..5	200+..2	0....31

We want to remember to thank our faithful contributors for their conscientious giving. We must all be reminded and prayerfully consider our ongoing regular financial obligations and the commitments we voted to make when we approved our budget, projects, and purchases for this year.

For the Board of Finance

Virginia McNair

Church Council Officer Reports April 29, 2020

Elder's Report – Chairperson Dean Biermann

- The Elders are meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- Set up Usher – Greeter schedule each month.
- The shepherding list has been updated and is displayed on the bulletin board at the back of the church.
- Looking at contacting former members who have moved away to encourage them to transfer their membership.

Trustee's Report – Chairperson Larry Abbott

- Thanks to those who have donated for mowing and church cleaning.
- Members need to help in checking on the water and lights being turned off.
- Need to purchase and install new sink in kitchen.
- Repairing roof at the entryway to the office where the water runs under the gutter during hard rains.
- Looking into repairing portion of sidewalk by the main entrance out to the street.

Finance Report – Chairperson Mike Mandrick

- The Time and Talent Sheets have been collected from members and the results have been given to committee chairs.

Evangelism Report – Chairperson Dean Biermann

- Worship Sunday is on KNIM 1580 at 9:30 a.m.
- Will gladly make calls on people in hospital, shut-ins, newcomers, etc.
- They are greeting people and thanking them as they leave the sanctuary with a blessing.
- Visiting inactive members.

Education Report – Chairperson Karla Roush

- Family Bible Night is studying the Augsburg Confession
- Since services and activities were not held on Easter, considering doing something special for the children at the first service in June.
- Recommendation of Church Council to cancel VBS this year. With the current situation, we feel it would be best.

Campus Relations – Chairperson Pam Myers

- The Missouri District will provide the same as last year--\$416.67/month to be used for personnel help at the Campus Center.
- Preparing to clean the Campus Center this summer.

Long-Range Planning Committee

- Roland Tullberg, Larry Abbott, Bill Whited, Pam Myers, Mike Mandrick
- Replacement of carpet in sanctuary and freestanding altar.

Trust and Obey

I think I once mentioned in a previous column that I took piano lessons throughout my school years, up until I went off to college. My teacher was the organist at the local Methodist church, and so on occasion, she would ask me to play the piano at her church. Sometimes we would do a duet, and sometimes, especially if I was getting a solo ready for music contest, I would play a solo. It was through these experiences that I was introduced to the Methodist hymnal.

The Methodist Hymnal of forty years ago was very different than the Lutheran Hymnal, however, as years have passed, we seem to have adopted many of the hymns that I first heard in the Methodist church, like "When Peace Like a River" and "Great is Thy Faithfulness." However, there are still a few like "In the Garden" and "Be Thou, My Vision" and "Wonderful Words of Life" that are not found in our hymnal, but the Methodists have been singing them on Sundays for many years. I always enjoyed learning some new hymns whenever I would worship with them.

One hymn of theirs, though, that I did not really appreciate in my youth was called "Trust and Obey." Perhaps you might have heard it. Hear are the lyrics.

*When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our
way!*

*While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust
and obey.*

*Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly
repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and
obey.*

*Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in
the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and
obey.*

*Refrain:
Trust and obey, for there's no
other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to
trust and obey.*

As I look at those lyrics now, they seem pretty harmless, but when I was in my teen years, the last thing I wanted to do was "trust" or "obey." I grew up in the generation that was taught, "trust NO ONE!" and with the women's liberation movement just getting started when I was a senior in high school, I definitely didn't want to hear the word "obey" as it might pertain to me and a future spouse. "Trust and obey" was not a sentiment I wanted to hear from any

institution, even the church.

But as I am now older and, hopefully, wiser, I see that trust and obey is the beautiful summary of my life in Christ. Isn't what we have all been going through this past month a perfect example of that? Was it hard to stay inside and shelter in place? Did you miss going out to eat or to the movies or to church? And the headlines related to the corona virus are scary. So many more cases, so many more deaths. When will the full force of this disease reach Maryville? That might put many in panic mode, but we as Christians look to the Lord and TRUST in His care as we OBEY his will for our lives - even if that will means staying put in our homes.

A few days ago I was reading Psalm 42, and it certainly spoke to my mood as I sat at

home, separated from many of the things that I feel give my life meaning. The psalmist cries out, "*As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God.* (vs. 1). *These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.* (vs. 4) It seems the psalmist might know something about sheltering in place! But in subsequent verses, he realizes God in His wisdom has a plan. He asks himself, "*Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.* (vs. 11). Put your hope in God. In other words, trust and obey.

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Trust and Obey

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Jesus certainly taught about trust. He told his disciples not too worry as he sent them out. He assured them the Holy Spirit will give them the right words to say. In Luke 12, Jesus compares us to ravens who are always fed and flowers that are always adorned in splendor. Trust me, He says. “*And how much more valuable you are than birds!*” Jesus asks us (vs. 24). And in verse 32, He reminds us, “*Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.*” Trust and obey.

As a teen, I was definitely not into the concept of obedience, but I had plenty of company. Think about the children of Israel. How many times did they complain against the Lord? How many times did Moses call them “a stiff-necked people?” How many times did they abandon God and turn to idols? Not much trust or obedience among them. Right before they were finally allowed to take possession of the land God was giving them, Moses reminded them once more about the Golden Calf and all the trouble they caused themselves because they did not trust and they did not obey. He leaves them with this thought right before they get to enter the Promised Land in Deuteronomy 9. “*And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God ask of you but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the Lord's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?*” (vs. 12-13).

The message was clear to the children of Israel and to us today as well - trust and obey. And lest you think we are on the giving end of this relationship, think again. When God’s people trusted and obeyed Him, what happened? There was growth. There was land and prosperity. They became as numerous as the stars in the sky. They dwelled in the land God promised them. And so it is with us. We have a prosperous land to look forward to as well, and it is eternal. I might not have seen that forty years ago, but it certainly is clear now: “Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.” Where is your trust in these uncertain times? I pray it is with the only one we need trust and obey completely. Thank you, Jesus, for your unfailing love and help us all to remember to trust you in these days of sheltering—jm



A Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit.

May these brave men and women now know the joy of eternity and your presence. And may the families of the fallen receive comfort and peace amid their grief. Help us as we minister to their needs. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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A friend in Jesus

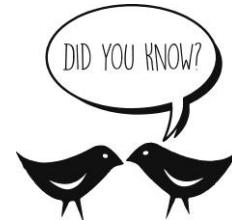
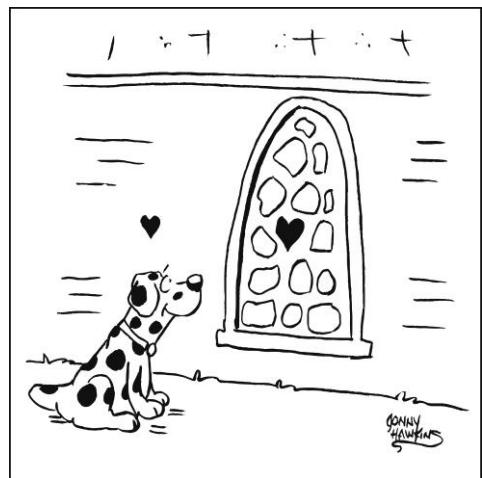
In the Bible, Jesus shares what it means to be a true friend.

Directions: Use the heart key to fill in the missing vowels from John 15:14, 17, NIV.

"Y r my fr nds
y d wh t c mm nd....
Th s s my c mm nd:
L v ch th r."

JOHN 15:14, 17, NIV

command: "Love each other," John 15:14, 17, NIV
Answer: "You are my friends if you do what I command.... This is my



-- **Ashley, Andrea and Allison Riley** helped their teacher, Amy Holtman, run a half marathon on April 20 by providing moral support and running part of the way with her. Amy had qualified to run in the Boston Marathon this year, but it was cancelled because of the corona virus. So she decided to run the marathon here in Nodaway County as a way to support the graduating seniors at Jefferson High School. See their pictures below.



Pastor's Calling Card

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a business card that he had printed "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it for just such an occasion, and stuck it in the door. When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned.

Added to it was this cryptic message, "Genesis 3:10." Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter. Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."