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Growing in Faith, Love and Service to the God who loves us.

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Women of the ELCA

Spring is here! The bulbs are up. The hyacinths and daffodils are blooming in my back yard. What a wonderful world God has created for us to enjoy.

Lutheran World Relief Quilting will Continue on April 4 and 19. We will tie Quilts from 9:00am to 11:30am. Come and enjoy the fellowship while we work on quilts

The men of the church would like to thank all who helped with this years Fish Fry: the ladies who made the desserts; the youth who helped serve; the people who hung up posters and invited friends; those who donated supplies and time and the people who came and ate. You all have made Christ the King look great.

Jon Butler and Lee Fideline

Lutheran Women of Omaha will meet on Tuesday, April 12 at 12 noon at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2941 N. 80th Street. The program will be Jordan Bles from Lutheran World Services in Des Moines. LWO will meet on May 12 at Rejoice Lutheran Church, 2550 South 138th Street. Please have your reservation to Mardelle by the Sunday prior to the meeting..

Our Bible Study Circle will meet on April 19, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We continue our Bible study "Christian Citizenship" based on Paul's letter to the Philippians. Phyllis Carlson will lead the Bible study and Marge Butler will be the hostess. We will meet on May 19 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Jeri Lindauer will lead the Bible study and Gayle Carmine will be the hostess.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 13-15 Saved to Serve

Camp Carol Joy Holling – Ashland, Nebraska
August 4-7 Saved to Serve

Mosaic Home – Minden, Nebraska
October 8 Autumn Renewal
Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd–
Hastings, Nebraska.

Please continue to save you PCs from our family products, Campbell Soup labels, and General Mills box Tops for education. A box for these items is located on the piano in the elevator room.

Fish Fry 
Many Thanks!

May 8th is Mother's Day

Hold the chocolate and flowers. Hold the brunch reservations.

What mom may really want for Mother's Day is for you to be in church with her.

Pray without ceasing...

Grace and Peace!

Your pastor tells you that you should pray. Face Book posts tell you to pray. So, you sit there and think... "What should I pray for? What do I really want?"

Scripture challenges us to ask a different question. In fact, what we pray for is not even the most important question. It is why we pray.... we pray because God is worthy of our prayers. As it turns out, praying is not primarily about us at all. It is all about God.

We pray because what we really want, above all else and in the deepest places of our being, is to know God. That is our heart's desire, whether we know it consciously or feel it deeply. That does not mean that we should not pray for God to heal a sick child or to heal a broken marriage or to bring peace to a conflicted part of the world.

These prayers are worthy; we are right to pray them. Yet the supreme end of all praying is to know God, however worthy our requests are. Everything we are — our ability to move and think, our capacity to love, our inclination to pray — depends on God. He is like the air we breathe, like the food that feeds us, like the water that keeps us alive.

We try to satisfy our deepest longings with lesser things, however good those things are. But it is all in vain. God has given us those things to enjoy, but he never wants us to mistake them for what is ultimate and essential. We pray, then, not to get something but to know someone.

Whether we know it or not, we long for God's presence above everything else, for God is our true home. That is really why we pray. That God answers our specific requests is wonderful. But it is all secondary. Our deepest longings are for God.

But we might not always feel that way. I know that I don't. Perhaps you don't either. I want to know God, to be sure; but there are things I want, too. It is hard not to long for the things that matter most to us. Nor should we even try. Our challenge is to love God more and to seek him above all.

The epic story of Job underscores this point. Job is a good and righteous man. He has a big, happy family, great wealth, and a sturdy faith. Even God seems to marvel at Job. But Satan challenges God to a contest. Satan thinks that Job is a good and godly man because God has been so good to him. Deprive Job of his prosperity, Satan says, and Job will turn against God.

So God lets Satan make life miserable for Job. Job loses all his children, his wealth, and finally his health. Three friends visit Job to comfort him and to offer him advice. Relying on conventional wisdom, all three try to persuade Job to repent of his sins, for in their minds Job is suffering because he has sinned against God. He is getting exactly what he deserves.

Job refuses to accept this explanation, believing that there is more going on than meets the eye. He knows he is not perfect, but he also knows that there are far worse people than he is who have not suffered to the same degree. Job argues with his friends, he struggles to understand, he wrestles with God. But he does not forsake his faith, nor does he curse God.

Finally, God becomes immediately, overwhelmingly, and undeniably present in Job's life. The story does not tell us how. Job describes this experience in a series of rhetorical questions that God asks of Job. The questions underscore God's greatness and power. The questions also make Job cower, put him in his place, and make him feel as small and insignificant as a fleck of dust. When the experience is over, Job can think of nothing to say, except — amazing as this sounds — to offer an apology for his presumption and ignorance.

He is simply overwhelmed just being in the presence of God. He says to God:

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted... Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know... My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.

Job encountered the living God in some kind of mystical experience. That much we know. The encounter stretched language and logic to the limit. Words failed him. Job became utterly still and silent, struck dumb by the unspeakable presence of God. He had no more questions, he made no more demands, and he claimed no more rights.

He simply bowed and surrendered because he had finally received what he most needed and longed for — an encounter with the living God.

Do I believe that this is truly what I want? Is this what you want? Perhaps not. But it is what we need all the same.



Breakfast at Village Inn!
(Fort Crook Road)
April 1st and May 6th
at 8am!

Men's Breakfast 
April 9th and May 14th
8:00am
Men's Breakfast meets the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 a.m. Come yourself and bring a friend!



Confirmation
Sunday
is April 24!
We have seven young
people being confirmed
this year!

Save the Dates!
Vacation Bible School
is June 20-23, 2016
Yes, that is Monday -Thursday.

April 23, 2016

The Mobile Food Pantry is a traveling "farmers market" style, one-day distribution where there is a need for additional pantry service. The Food Bank delivers the goods, which consist of products with an emphasis on perishable items such as fresh produce, meats and bakery items. Our volunteers distribute the food free of charge to those who come to the Mobile Pantry seeking assistance.



What can you do to help?

- Set-up begins at 9am – we will need help
- Be a shopper – we'll get carts, but clients have different needs and are often unsure about what they can take. Volunteer to be a personal shopper and go around with someone and figure out what they need.
- Do you know someone in need but can't get here? Do the shopping for them and take it to them!
- HELP US GET THE WORD OUT! Leftover food does no good.

Aside from this being something good happening in our congregation, it is also connecting us with other congregations in Bellevue. We have partnered with Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit and New City Church in Bellevue to ensure that there is a Mobile Food Pantry in Bellevue every month of 2016!

April and May Celebrations!

April 21 is Secretary's Day

April Anniversaries

- 9 Randy & Sue Andresen
- 12 Colin & Tammi Palm

April Birthdays

- 2 Ralph Robalik
- 4 Gavin Kennon
- 10 Rita Harris
- 13 Helen Cratty
- 17 Caroline Rice
- 17 Kevin Woita
- 21 Elida Arellano
- 21 Trenton Harris
- 22 Steve Kennon
- 23 Dick Lindauer

May Birthdays

- 4 Jordan Kiesel
- 5 Gordon Hudelson
- 5 Nick Christy
- 5 Austin Dyer
- 9 Phyllis Fidelity
- 9 Gabriel Marx
- 13 Del Smith
- 15 Bill Webb
- 17 Sara DiBari
- 17 Cindy Thompson
- 19 R. T. Taylor
- 21 Gary Morrow
- 25 Bailey Thompson
- 25 Brittany Johnson
- 26 Marleen McCulloch
- 29 Lu Dee Holmes
- 30 Tanya Dyer
- 31 Kyle Junker

April and May 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8am Breakfast at Village inn	2 Queen Esther Tea Party 10am
3 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	4 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	5 9am Quilting 4:30pm Arts for All	6 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	7 10am BOHG Monthly Meeting 6pm Fitness Club	8 6:30pm CC End of Year Event	9 8am Men's Breakfast 10am Confirmation CCS Drama 1:30-5:00pm
10 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship 11:30am Council	11 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club 7pm Mosaic	12 4:30pm Arts for All	13 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	14 6pm Fitness Club	15	16 CCS Drama 1:30-5:00pm
17 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship Calendar Girls 2pm	18 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club CCS PLAY 7pm	19 9am Quilting 11:30am WELCA 4:30pm Arts for All	20 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	21 6pm Fitness Club	22	23 9am – noon MobileFood Pantry 2pm Confirmation End of Year Event at Pizza Ranch
24 Confirmation 9am Sunday School Adult Study 10am Worship 11:15am Fellowship	25 5:30pm T.O.P.S. 6pm Fitness Club	26 6pm Arts for All Recital	27 6pm Fitness Club 7:30pm AIAnon	28 6pm Fitness Club	29	30
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