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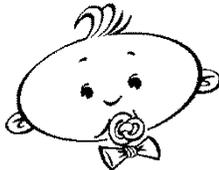
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Good Morning!

This is God. I will be handling all of your problems today. I will not need your help.

So have a good day!



We're collecting coins for Abigail Women's Center during their baby bottle campaign. During this time, all of your extra coins go into the baby bottle. All of the money collected is used to purchase items needed for pregnant and young mothers in need. Please return your baby bottle by Father's Day. Thank you to all who donate!



Calling All Kids

All kids and their friends are invited to a Bible Study fun day on Wednesday June 16th. We'll be looking at the Armor of God. Plenty of fun and food will be served from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your kids, grandkids, and neighborhood kids.



Sunday School

The Junior High Sunday School class will take the summer off and resume next fall. The Adult Bible Class will be continuing its study of Revelation. Why not join us?



The flag is many things. It is a mark of identification of ships at sea and of armies in the field. It is a means of communication. When you see our flag in front of a home, it says for the world to read, "Here lives a family that is American in spirit as well as in name." The flag is a mirror, reflecting to each person his own ideals and dreams. It is a history. Its thirteen stripes and fifty stars embrace a record written greatly during these years since 1776. It is a mark of pride in a great word – the word "American". It is an aspiration of what small children want their lives to be. It is a memory at the end of life of all that life has been. It is a ribbon of honor for those who have served it well; in peace and war. It is a warning not to detour from the long road that has brought our country and its people to a degree of prosperity and happiness never even approached under any other banner. Proudly fly your flag on June 14th.



Welcome

The Board of Trustees has hired Esther Garavaglia from Princeton to take over office duties as Ellen transitions into retirement. Esther starts on Wednesday, June 2nd. Esther was previously at Perry Memorial Hospital and has extensive banking back round. Welcome, Esther! We look forward to getting to know you.





June 27th

It's been way too long since we've been able to fellowship with each other. So we're planning on having a cookout after the worship service on June 27th. Everything will be provided except your lawn chairs and your table service. We'll have hamburgers, hot dogs and some salads.

Please sign up on the Welcome Table so we know how much meat to purchase.



*Congratulations
Charles Brady*

*Charles graduated from
LaSalle-Peru High
School on May 27th.
This delightful young
man has an exciting
future!*



Trustee Board Report

The Trustees continue to look after our church and parsonage. Rob Dickson is doing extensive plaster repair and painting at the parsonage.

We're excited to have Konel Poisson build a fire pit for us on our lawn as his Eagle Scout project. Looking forward to smores!

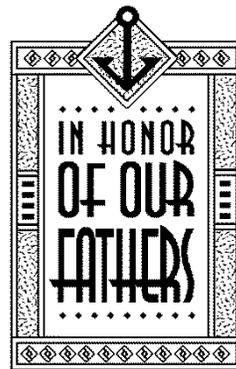
Handrails have been installed on the steps in the sanctuary to the altar platform.

A new copy machine has been purchased for the office.

We're still addressing basement moisture on the southeast side of the building.

Sections of our landscaping around the building are still available to be adopted to be maintained throughout the summer.

Some exterior painting on the church and around the interior windows will be addressed this summer.



The Father's Day
Pancakes

Six year old Ethan decided to fix his Dad pancakes for Father's Day. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour

canister, spilling it on the floor.

He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a trail on the floor, which by now had a few tracks left by the cat.

Ethan was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next; whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked. Suddenly he saw the cat licking from the mixing bowl and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton on the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess, but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Ethan's eyes. All he wanted to do was something good, but he made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process.

That's how God deals with us.... We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

And just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to 'make pancakes' for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right and then they'll be glad we tried.



I asked Jesus, "How much do You love me?" "This much," He answered, and He stretched out His arms and died.



Food Pantry and PADS

Don't forget the baskets in the hall are waiting to be filled with items to be donated to the two food pantries and PADS. And please do some shopping at Lily Pads. All sales help support the homeless shelter.



**First toilet paper..... then gas.....
Have you heard? There's a shortage
of seats at church this Sunday.
Better get one before they're gone!**



Thank You!

A huge thank you goes to the six people who came to the yard clean-up day. Bushes were trimmed and trucks were filled with debris. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.



***Pray for the health of Jane McClintock, Char & Pete Belski, Sonny Whittington, Marilyn Cobb, Rita Tieman, Ellen's Mom Martha and Dawn's parents Micki and Dick, Lillian Mini*

***Please pray for daily grace for our shut-ins:*

- Myrle Sapienza Beth Flaherty*
- Carol Edgcomb Don Walker*
- Jane McClintock Daryl & Lin Stuhr*

*** Pray for Pastor Roy Jacob & Peace Mission in India caring for children and widows*

*** Pray for Ed & Jane Skowron*

*** Pray for Jews for Jesus*

*** Pray for the Surbers and Supply & Multiply*

*** Pray for Abigail Women's Clinic*

*** Pray for Berean Prison Ministry*

*** Pray for Transport for Christ*

*** Pray for PADS providing shelter to the Homeless*

***Pray that God will bring the next pastor for us that can inspire us to share his love with those needing to hear his word.*

