

the Grape Vine



One Flaw In Women

Women have strengths that amaze men.

They bear hardships and they carry burdens, but they hold happiness, love and joy.

They smile when they want to scream.

They sing when they want to cry.

They cry when they are happy and laugh when they are nervous.

They fight for what they believe in.

They stand up to injustice.

They don't take "no" for an answer when they believe there is a better solution.

They go without so their family can have.

They go to the doctor with a frightened friend.

They love unconditionally.

They cry when their children excel and cheer when their friends get awards.

They are happy when they hear about a birth or a wedding.

Their hearts break when a friend dies.

They grieve at a loss of a family member,

yet they are strong when they think there is no strength left.

They know that a hug and a kiss can heal a broken heart.

Women come in all shapes, sizes and colors.

They'll drive, fly, walk, run or email you to show how much they care about you.

The heart of a woman is what makes the world keep turning.

They bring joy, hope and love.

They have the compassion and ideas.

They give moral support to their family and friends.

Women have vital things to say and everything to give.

HOWEVER, IF THERE IS ONE FLAW IN WOMEN,
IT IS THAT THEY FORGET THEIR WORTH.



Happy Mother's Day!



Worship with Holy Communion

Saturdays.....6:00 pm

Sundays.....8:15 am

Sundays.....10:45 am

Sunday School

Sundays.....9:30 am



Our Core Values:

Family Worship

Relying on Prayer

Unity in Christ

Instruction in the Word

Telling Others

Service to God's Community



*"Growing
Together
for
Christ"*

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Bulletins

To submit a bulletin announcement:

Email it to office@joyfulharvest.org
by Wednesday each week.

Message from Pastor Doug

Holy Saturday, 2011

Friends,

I write this morning to sadly relate to you the passing of my father, Roger. Last night, as our Good Friday service was ending, I received word that his difficult journey was finally over, that he had gone into the loving arms of God.

It has been a challenging few months, watching Dad slowly fade. When his personality was able to shine through, he still answered the difficult question of “How are you today?” with his familiar, and all-the-more poignant “Amazing!” But on those days when his answer was “Not so good,” I knew that he must be in a very bad place. Lately the not-so-good days had been far outnumbering the amazing ones. I thank God that my dad is now, finally, at peace.

While I grieve this loss and sit here in the early morning, watching night fade, I realize just how much I will miss him. He modeled for me so many important qualities while offering truly wonderful advice, wisdom gained through experience. He was the person that I sought out when I had a difficult decision to make. And yet, when I had finally made the decision to leave the family business and go to seminary, he was also the person that was most difficult to tell of that choice.

On the night that he went into the hospital last November, we sat waiting for the results of one of the numerous tests. He looked at me and told me how proud he was of my decision to become a pastor, of how he saw good things happening at Joyful Harvest, how he could see that the people truly appreciated that I was there, and how glad he was that I was there. It is funny – even at fifty years old, we still crave the approval of our parents. That one moment was, for me, truly special – one to which I cling when things get a bit overwhelming.

This is a difficult and painful loss. But it is Holy Week, or more accurately the Triduum, the “Three Days.” And so I sit this morning, with dawn breaking outside the window, knowing that this despair will fade. I know that Easter’s resurrection light is not that far away, that my father’s journey home is complete, that the love of God shines through the darkness.

This is not the end. Death does not have the final word. I wait impatiently for tomorrow morning when, standing in front of the empty tomb, in the midst of the triumphal shouting of all God’s creation, I, too, will be able to proclaim: **“Alleluia, Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed!”**

Blessings,

Pastor Doug

Holy Week

I cannot begin to tell you how wonderful Holy Week was. I know it's only my opinion but the turn out for each service was great.

On Maundy Thursday there were so many that came out to experience what a Jewish Seder Meal was. I found it interesting that each food eaten had a story behind it. Pastor cooked leg of lamb and the smell throughout the church was mouth watering. We enjoyed fellowship and a potluck meal as well as ended the service with the stripping of the altar.

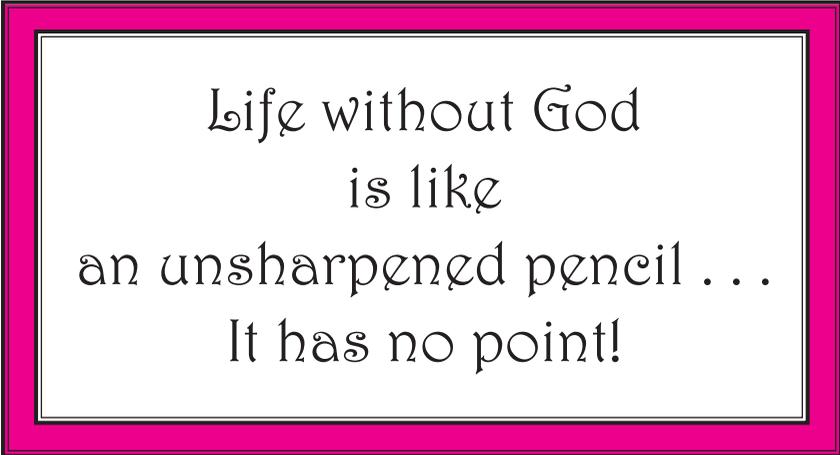
Good Friday found us all in a Tenebrae service. Readings telling the story of the crucifixion were done with purpose and meaning and you really felt the power of what was happening to Jesus.

The Easter Vigil on Saturday was its first for Joyful Harvest and again the turn out was great. We started outside by a fire and brought the light of Christ into the church.

Easter Sunday morning brought sunshine (finally) and everyone dressed up to celebrate that Christ Has Risen!! What a wonderful end to a wonderful story of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is alive! And, He showed us all that death is not the end, only the beginning of something so much more.

My faith was renewed and inspired. I learned new things and was reminded of things. I don't know how anyone could go to any of these services and not be moved by the Holy Spirit. I believe there is so much more than what we see with our eyes. God has plans for us all and if we just sit quietly and listen, perhaps we will hear Him speak of these plans personally to us.

God bless you all with His love & His prayers!



Life without God
is like
an unsharpened pencil . . .
It has no point!



Annual Mother's Day Tea

*It's Time for Tea!
(and it's free)*

*Saturday, May 7th, 2011
1:00 - 3:00 pm*

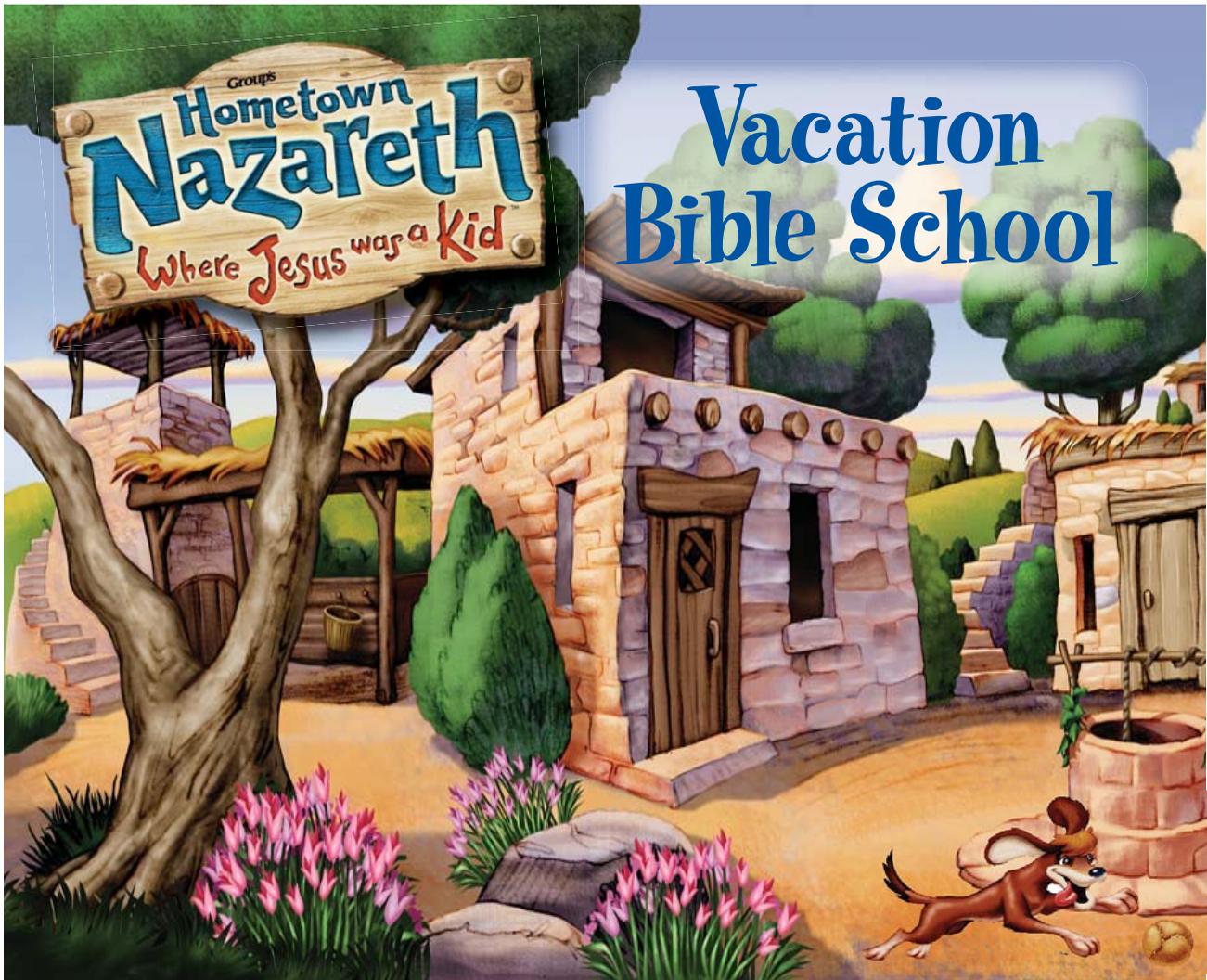
*Joyful Harvest Church
5050 Johnsburg Road
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*Please come join us in celebrating
moms, sisters, aunts, and special friends!*

It's a day out with just the ladies!

*There will be lots of fellowship,
tea, finger sandwiches, desserts, and door prizes.
and we will hear some inspiring words from
Pastor Ellen Arthur
of St. Stephen Lutheran Church
in Antioch, Illinois*

*R.S.V.P. -
By Monday, May 2nd
to Roberta (815) 385-3880*



Vacation Bible School

Come visit the town Jesus lived in when he was little

June 20-24 • 9am-12pm

(For the whole family)

Contact Joyful Harvest Church

at www.joyfulharvest.org

for pricing & Registration Form



Dates to Remember (see calendar also)

May 4th - **Wonderful Women of Faith** - Juanita's house 7:00 pm

May 5th - **Mother's Day Tea** - Final Committee Meeting 7:00 pm at Joyful Harvest

May 7th - **Mother's Day Tea** - 1:00-3:00 pm at Joyful Harvest

May 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th - **Men's Group** - 7:00 am at Joyful Harvest

May 8th - **Mother's Day** - *Happy Mother's Day!*

May 11th - **Vacation Bible School** - Committee Meeting 7:00 pm at Joyful Harvest

May 15th - **Internship Committee Meeting** with Pastor John Cunningham 12:30 pm at Joyful Harvest

May 18th - **Wonderful Women of Faith** - Juanita's house 7:00 pm

May 22nd - **Semi Annual Congregational Meeting** - 9:30 am (No Sunday School)

May 28th-29th - **Food For The Poor** - Guest speaker Hans-Frederik Gustafson to speak at all worship services.

May 30th - **Memorial Day** - Please take time to reflect on and honor the military personnel that have died in battle to protect our freedom.

June 4th - **Church Clean-Up Day** - Please come out and help make the church shine

June 12th - **Confirmation Sunday** - Ericson Hoffman, Matthew Korus and Nathan Wollerman will be confirmed. Please come and celebrate their accomplishments.

June 17th & 18th - **Synod Assembly**

June 19th - **Father's Day** - *Happy Father's Day!*

June 20th-24th - **Vacation Bible School** - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Joyful Harvest

July 16th - **Family Faith Night** at Petersen Park - 4:00 - 9:00 pm

August 12th & 13th - **Annual Rummage Sale!** Get your stuff ready!





May 2011



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 8:15 am - Worship 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:45 am - Worship	2 9:00 am - Weight Watchers 6:30 - 8:00 pm - Tiger Cub 455 Den Meeting	3 8:00 am - Breakfast Club at Dino's in Fox Lake	4 10:00 am - 1:00 pm - Kiddy Keys 7:00 pm - Wonderful Women of Faith - Juanita's house	5 7:00 pm - Final Mother's Day Tea Meeting	6 7:00 - ?? pm - Mother's Day Tea Set-Up	7 7:00 am - Men's Group 1:00-3:00 pm - Mother's Day Tea 6:00 pm - Worship
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HAPPENINGS



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Turtle Island Soup Company:



On the first Saturday of every month, Turtle Island Soup Company opens their factory from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm to sell the delicious soups that they create. They are a powder mix (*all you do is add water to most of them*). Each box serves approximately 4 to 6. They sell for \$4.75 and a \$1.00 donation is made to Joyful Harvest out of this amount. The factory is located at the corner of Bay Road and Chapel Hill in Johnsburg. The soups make excellent anytime gifts. Stop by and taste their samples and purchase a few to help Joyful Harvest.

Ideas for Council:

The Church Council is asking for several volunteers to help coordinate activities for our youth. As parents you would know what their interests would be. For instance, Volleyball for the older kids against the adults, sledding & hot chocolate for any age, game nights, etc. Please contact any of the Council members so we could assist you in any way.

Can Collection:

Can collection continues to bring additional revenue into the church. Just drop them off at church (we will crush them if needed). All the money goes to the church.

Worship Team WANTED:

Looking for people to work with choosing the music/readings/dramas, etc. for worship as well as help scheduling the monthly assistance of readers, greeters, communion servers, bread bringers, etc. Please contact Pastor Doug if you're interested.

Prayer Shawl Ministry:

If you crochet or knit and would be interested in being a part of a prayer shawl ministry, please give Rita Rudzena a call at 815-354-6379. You can work at home while making them . . . directions can be given . . . easy to knit or crochet. It would be great having prayer shawls on hand at Joyful Harvest to hand out to those in need such as surgery, etc.



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Mother's Day Tea:

Mothers Day is just around the corner – May 8th to be exact and the Wonderful Women of Faith (WWF) are putting together a Tea for May 7th – the day before Mothers Day. We will have a tea finger sandwiches, desserts, door prizes, a special guest speaker and of course lots of hats! If you're interested in putting together a table or just attending, please see Roberta or Rose. Final Mothers Day Tea meeting will be Thursday, May 5th at 7:00 pm with set up for the Tea on Friday at 7:00 -?? pm. Come join us - we would love to have you.



Wonderful Women of Faith:

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 4th at 7:00 pm at Juanita's home 1410 Sunside Dr. in Johnsburg. They will be discussing the next bad girl in the Bible - Delilah. They also have a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th as well, with topic to be announced.. Please bring your Bibles. Hope to see you there! Please see Roberta or Juanita with any questions.



Tuesday Breakfast Club:

Please come join us at Dino's in Fox Lake at 8:00 am every Tuesday. It's open to anyone who wants to have breakfast and share fellowship with Joyful Harvest members. This club has been meeting for over 5 years.



Food For The Poor:

Please join us the weekend of May 28th to hear the Rev. Hans-Fredrik Gustafson speak at the worship services about providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Pastor Gustafson will share what he has witnessed about Food For The Poor's mission to care for the destitute as a means of acting out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Pastor Gustafson has been ordained since 1960. Before joining Food For The Poor, he was a teacher and served in parishes on Connecticut, Illinois, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

Celebrations

May Celebrations –

Birthdays:

1 Heidi Peterson	29 Noah Miller
4 Chris Aavang	29 Nash Miller
4 Joseph Loeffler-Bell	30 Sam Craig
9 Lee Carpenter	31 Sarah McClanahan
10 Danielle Peterson	31 Linda Mormino
11 Sue Lusk	31 David Nader
29 Jack Anderson	



Anniversaries:

Art & Roseanne Dixon
Michelle & John McClanahan



To many Americans, Memorial Day means a day off from work with picnics, pool openings and barbecues. But for those who have lost a comrade or loved one in combat, the day takes on a whole new significance. Memorial Day is the day set aside to honor America's war dead.

Memorial Day's True Meaning - Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared that Decoration Day should be observed on May 30. It is believed that date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C.

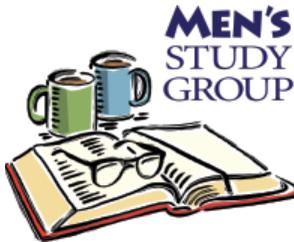
The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Education News

Sunday School:

Every week we explore more of the Bible with stories about Jesus and his disciples. Encourage your children to come and join us.

We have had an offer of material to create some new costumes, such as for our sheep who have lost their fleece. If you would be interested in sewing or otherwise creating new costumes, please speak with Heidi Aavang on Sunday, by email at heidi.aavang@sbcglobal.net or by phone at (847) 497-4705. Also, if anyone would like to help with the Sunday School program or with Vacation Bible School, please contact Glen Stevens or Heidi Aavang.



Men's Study Group:

Men's group is continuing to meet on Saturday mornings at 7:00 am at the church. They have started a new study called "Boundaries". All men are invited to attend. Please join us for this wonderful Bible study and fellowship opportunity.

Confirmation Class:

Confirmation classes are continuing roughly every other Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm - dinner is served. Last class will be May 15th. Students in 7th and 8th grades are invited to attend and we welcome adults who are interested also. We are holding the class in conjunction with Nativity Lutheran in Wonder Lake, but meet at Joyful Harvest.

Adult Bible Study Class:

I would like to invite everyone to join us on Sunday mornings for Adult Bible Study from 9:30-10:30am after worship. If anyone has a bible study that they would be interested in learning more about, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing all of you.

Debbie Kelly



Up But Not Away



Many Christian denominations celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, which refers to a post-resurrection event that took place 40 days after Easter. This year it occurs on June 2.

According to Luke, Jesus led his friends to a Jerusalem suburb called Bethany. While on a small mountain, he blessed his friends and then rose into heaven while they watched.

The ascension was such a momentous occasion that after Jesus disappeared, his followers had a worship service at the spot. Then they “returned to Jerusalem with great joy” (Luke 24:52, NRSV).

Because Christ had promised to be with his followers always (Matthew 28:20), from then on they knew he would be with them as Spirit. Jesus’ body was up and away, but spiritually he was still and always would be their companion.

*Sandy and I
want to thank everyone from
Joyful Harvest
for the wonderful gift that was presented to us
at the March Council meeting.*

Your love and generosity are beyond words.

*Blessings,
Pastor Doug*

And God Said No

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said, “No.”
He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole, and God said, “No.”
He said, “Her spirit is whole, her body is only temporary.”

I asked God to grant me patience, and God said, “No.”
He said that patience is a by-product of tribulation, it isn’t granted, it’s earned.

I asked God to give me happiness, and God said, “No.”
He said He gives blessings; happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain, and God said, “No.”
He said I must grow on my own, but he will prune me to make me more fruitful.

I asked God if He loved me, and God said, “YES.”
He gave his only Son, who died for me, and I will be in heaven someday because I believe.

I asked God to help me love others as much as He loves me. God said, “Ah, finally you have the idea!”

May Recipe



Chocolate Eclair Cake

What you need:

1 box of Graham Crackers
2 pkgs. of Vanilla Instant Pudding
8 oz. Cool Whip (thawed)
1 can of Chocolate Frosting
2-1/2 cups Milk

make it

Line the bottom of a 13x9 pan with graham crackers.

Beat pudding and milk together until it starts to thicken. Fold in Cool Whip. Pour half of the mixture onto graham crackers and spread evenly. Place another layer of graham crackers on top of mixture. Spread rest of mixture on graham crackers. Place another layer of graham crackers on top. Slightly melt frosting in microwave (3-4 sec. to spread easily). Spread frosting onto the top layer of graham crackers.

Refrigerate overnight or at least 4 hours.

SERVE

Best Poem in the World

I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp --
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor
Who never said anything nice.

Joe, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.'

'And why is everyone so quiet,
So somber - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'They're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'

JUDGE NOT!!

A child's perspective

A group of second-graders was quizzed about what ingredients their mothers are made of. One child said, “God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world, and one dab of mean.”

To the question “What does your mom do in her spare time?” one youngster said, “Mothers don’t do spare time.”

When the children were asked “Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?” one child replied, “God knew she likes me a lot more than other people’s moms like me.”



More than a name

When the late CBS correspondent Ed Bradley visited the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., he found a letter propped against the black wall. It read:

“I wanted to come back and say hello. You know, I went ahead and married Dick, and we have a beautiful little girl. Her favorite color is purple, the color of this stationery. I went to Arlington to see your grave, and on it, it said you got a Purple Heart for dying. Well, this is your purple heart for having lived. I hope that our daughter finds as wonderful and as beautiful a first love as you were for me. Good-bye. Hello. Nancy.”

That’s a strong reminder that those we honor on Memorial Day are more than simple names. They were living people who loved and were loved . . . and are still loved.