# **PEW NEWS**



March 2023

House of Prayer Lutheran Church 1470 S Washington, Bismarck ND 58504



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We are 20 days away from spring...but sure doesn't feel like it, does it?! It's been a long winter, but it's sure to make spring and nicer weather that much more enjoyable! But, the days are certainly getting longer and the extra daylight feels like a gift after the long, dark nights. With spring comes new birth and it just feels like a breath of fresh air to experience after winter

Ash Wednesday service has passed and are now into the season of Lent. Lent is a time of introspection as we look forward with humble awe and deep gratitude to the celebration of Jesus' resurrection.

The term "Lent" comes from the Old English word lencten, which referred to the "lengthening" of the daylight hours during spring. Christians in northwestern Europe and the British Isles appropriated this term for the spring liturgical season.

This Lenten season brings us hope of longer days, melting snow, warmer temperatures but should also be a time of prayer, reflection & repentance. A few activities that may help you mark this important season (taken from Living Lutheran):

# Justice toward God

 $\cdot$  Rededicate yourself to living into your holy vocation to extend God's reign in your daily life.

 $\cdot$   $\,$  Meditate on God's faithful and sacrificial love for us to cultivate deep and abiding gratitude.

# Justice toward oneself

- Remember in humility that you are created of dust and to dust you shall return.
- $\cdot$  Take time to honestly, critically and gently evaluate how you have loved God and

neighbor-or not-and how the Spirit might be calling you to do better.

• Fast from rich and delicious food to help yourself consciously break patterns of selfishness and overconsumption.

Repent of patterns and habits that harm yourself and/or others.

# Justice toward others

 $\cdot$   $\,$  Continue the traditional Lenten practice of increased giving to people experiencing poverty.

• Commit your time, energy and resources to supporting social justice causes through such organizations and programs as the Lutheran World Federation and the ELCA Good Gifts project, or local organizations such as Ministry on the Margins or filling our Little Free Pantry.

Invite acquaintances (or strangers!) to share a meal and share their stories.

 $\cdot$  Take steps toward reconnecting with those from whom you've been estranged (if healthy for all).

I hope this Lenten season brings you peace whether it's through these activities, through the Daily Lenten Devotionals posted on the HOP Facebook page, from attending our weekly Wednesday Lent services, or through any other practices that you make part of this season.

As Pastor Joel noted in the February newsletter, Christ has brought his light into our darkness, and in this season of Lent, we celebrate the difference that light makes. *Blessings*,

Michelle



# SENIOR HIGH YOUTH MARCH SCHEDULE

#### March

1 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 1
8 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 2
15– Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 3 / Movie Night
22 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 4
29 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 5

## **CONFIRMATION YOUTH MARCH SCHEDULE**

#### March

1 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 1
8 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 2
15 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 3
22 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 4 / Faith Statement Workshop
29 – Wednesday	6:00	Lent Week 5

# Faith Statement Workshop

Wednesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:30 – 9:00 pm Required for all 8<sup>th</sup> Grade youth and a parent or mentor

# New Orleans July 16-20, 2024



# February Service Events

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade made toiletry bags with for guests of Tracy's Sanctuary House



8<sup>th</sup> Grade helped out at Ministry on the Margins They decorated for St. Patrick's Day & prepared food for the food pantry.



# **Upcoming Youth Fundraisers**

Palm Sunday Brunch – Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>
 House of Prayer Rummage Sale – More Info to come



February may have been a short month, but Children's Ministry did lots of big things. The kids have had a fun month with Bible Bowl, Bring a Friend night, Group activities and, of course, continuing our challenge for Tracy's Sanctuary House! They have already

## raised almost \$900!

Both Sunday School and JAM kids did a magnificent job singing during the church service and are excited to start learning songs for their next performance during Lent! Speaking of Lent, check out the House of Prayer Sunday School and JAM page to follow along with the Kid's Lenten calendar!

SAVE THE DATE!! VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2023, May 30th-June 1st 8:30a-12:30p For kids entering K-6th grade





Thank you for being a part of God's mission at House of Prayer! Just the fact that you are reading this demonstrates your desire to be a part of God's kingdom and the mission we share.

This month we will share from an article on the ELCA website entitled "Biblical Advice for Cheerful Givers."

We've been told this since our days in Sunday school: We want to give and we need to give gladly. A spirit of generosity isn't enough to guide us in our decisions.

What else does Scripture have to say on the subject?

Three kinds of financial giving are mentioned in the Bible: **offerings, tithes and alms**. Understanding what they mean helps us achieve a thoughtful, balanced plan for our cheerful giving.

## Offerings and Tithing

On the first day of every week, each of you is to put aside and save whatever extra you earn, so that collections need not be taken when I come (1 Corinthians 16:2).

The faith practice of making a regular financial offering to your congregation is grounded in a "first fruits" philosophy.

We might think of this giving as "business as usual." You pay the rent, you buy groceries and you contribute regularly to help carry out God's mission in the world. Your generosity isn't an afterthought; it's part of your day- in-and-day-out joyful response as a child of God.

These offerings first help to support local ministries, outreach and more. Your congregation then shares a portion of your offering—mission support—with your synod and the churchwide expression. Stories of Faith in Action is filled with examples of how mission support enables us to do God's work with our hands.

Many Christians talk about their regular contribution as a tithe. This helps them to differentiate between their financial commitment to their congregation and the special offerings they designate to specific causes. Such causes may include ELCA World Hunger, a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, your congregation's building fund or a pan-Lutheran organization such as Lutheran World Relief.

We encourage your designated support of these worthy causes. But we also recommend that these offerings are given above and beyond, and never in place of, your commitment to your regular congregational offering.

"This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." (2 Corinthians 9:12)

Respectfully, Kadon Hintz



WELCA Saturday Bible study is scheduled for Saturday, March 18 <sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. All women of HOP are welcome!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you know all the treasures you offer up to God helps all those who are in need? Just think about it! We are all in need and so is our community!

We build a church so we can come to find Jesus and seek a fellowship, forgiveness and faith together. By the way that is "free" - we just have to open our hearts and love Jesus back.

## 2 CORINTHIANS 9: 7-8

7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, nor reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having what you need you will abound in every good work. Amen

God's Peace Budget & Finance Treasurer, Keith Zhorela





Hello, HOP Family!

In a recent rehearsal, the choir was told to "put their confidence cap on." Judy Nabben (pictured) came to the next rehearsal prepared. "This is my confidence cap!"

Love our choir members' sense of humor!!

Jane Gowen Chancel Choir Director

# FIND YOUR PEOPLE

Building Deep Community in a Lonely World Join us for the next book study by Jennie Allen. You don't need to be



a member, all are welcome. We'll be meeting for 7 sessions on Tuesday evenings, starting March 7 at 7:30pm.

# REGISTER HERE



BIO GIRLS — BEAUTIFUL Inside & Out We start a new session with 40 girls and 10 mentors & 2 Jr Mentors on March 6. We're so grateful for the use of this space at House of Prayer. This 12-week program will boost 2nd-6th grade girls' self-esteem, empower them to make good choices and find their worth through these faith-based lessons and physical training to run a 5K race. Thank you, HOP!



What is the New Members Class? It is an opportunity to learn the basic beliefs of our faith, along with the opportunities offered to families and individuals here at House of Prayer. Through engaging in the church and this community, you will grow in faith and get to know some wonderful people. Why become a member? To many, membership is something

## that might

sound rigid or formal. House of Prayer looks at it as an opportunity to make a public commitment to a faith community. Making a commitment to a Christian community means you are saying this place is an important part of my life. It is saying I have chosen to be committed to this place, and likewise this place is committed to me. By giving of oneself, you will receive in ways that otherwise would not have been possible. Making a commitment means we are making it a priority, and by making it a priority you are telling your children, others, and God that your faith is important.

#### When: Tuesday, March 21st- 5:30-7:00Ppm. -or-

#### Thursday, March 23rd 5:30-7:00pm.

Children are welcome and childcare will be provided.

Register for New Member Classes Here

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series based on the beloved song that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. We experience the amazing grace of God in confession and forgiveness this Lent as we look toward the cross of Christ that made our freedom from sin possible.

Join us every Wednesday at 6pm during Lent for



this series!

March 1st-Isaiah of Babylon March 8th-Prodigal Son March 15th-The Blind Man March 22nd-The Woman at the Well March 29th-Paul Holy Week Services April 6th, 6:30p-Maundy Thursday service, First Communion for 5th graders April 7th, 6:30p-Good Friday service April 9th, 6:30am, 8:00am, 10:00am Easter services



ABC Seamless has one and a half areas left to install the new siding. The vent boxes on the roof might not be sided until April. That way the snow will be melted, so the installers can work safely on the roof.

Last month on January 19<sup>th</sup> there were several ladies of our church who voluntarily stepped up to do a deep cleaning of our church and I forgot to mention it in last month's newsletter. On behalf of all of us, I want to give them a special thanks.

Marie Schaaf is currently doing our cleaning of the inside of the House of Prayer. If anyone sees where things are being missed or could be cleaner, please let me know.

I am currently working with Pat Gilhooly and showing him what needs to be done for building maintenance. Please let me know if anyone sees something that needs to be fixed. Pat will be doing our lawn moving and taking care of our grounds.

A bid was obtained for the tinting of the windows in the foyer. The bid came in at \$3,276.00. The Church Council has decided at this time not to proceed.

I am currently obtaining bids for leaf filters for our rain gutters. I received one for \$9,200.00 and will be getting another one.

I am also currently looking into what it will take to make House of Prayer handicap accessible.

Thank You Reinie

> Wednesday Night Playlist Get familiar with the songs we sing on Wednesdays! Check out our YouTube



playlist and praise our Lord through these incredible songs anytime you want! https://youtube.com/playlist? list=PLhtS0AM0sTpm\_vdyODOIeWk1DnMNO DXuo&feature=shares



# Join us for the If:gathering THIS weekend and watch God move in your life.

\*\*\$19 gets you access to watch the gathering at HOP or online at home for the weekend of 3/3-3/5.

\*\*\$39 gets you access to watch the gathering at HOP or online for the next year. Can't join us in person? Register anyway and check it out for yourself!

REGISTER



The mutual ministry committee put together a monthly question that was asked of a small group of the House of Prayer staff. Let's get to know some of the wonderful staff at House of Prayer. We've missed a few months, so you'll see a few questions/editions this month.

#### Get to know your House of Prayer staff - Edition 1:

What was your most successful new years resolution and why?

**Vera Weber:** I had never made New Year's resolutions until 2017 because I never thought I had the will power to keep them or maybe just didn't want to keep them. In 2017 I knew that I wanted to quit smoking so I decided to pick a memorable day, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, Ground Hog's Day and made that my quit day. I smoked my last cigarette on that day so in 2017, I made a New Year's resolution that stuck!

**Michelle Hintz:** I don't think I'd call it a resolution but a goal to run 2000 miles in a year--I did that in 2020!

**Pastor Joel:** Looks like Pastor Joel missed this question so the next time you see him feel free to ask him.

Jane Gowen: Listening to all four gospels in a month! Annie F. Downs started a podcast called Let's Read the Gospels (find it on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, or YouTube!), where she reads 3 chapters per day. The goal is to read through all four gospels every month for an entire year in order to saturate our minds with Christ's life, ministry, and words! I think I've been successful because it is so easy to turn on in the car during my commutes - and only 15-20 minutes each day!

**Rhonda Gowen:** I don't make New Year's Resolutions because unlike God, who remembers every sin and can forget every sin, I can't remember resolutions very long. That is not a setup for success. Instead, this verse seems most helpful to me: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

**Nicole Gabel:** Looking for the positive in every situation - everyone is going through something but it could always always be worse!

Phobe Frye: Looks like Phobe missed this question so the next time you see her feel free to ask her.

#### Get to know your House of Prayer staff - Edition 2:

Tell us about your family?

**Vera Weber:** I have 3 children, Derek, Shanda and Reid. Shanda and Reid live here in the Bismarck area, but Derek is in Pierre SD. I also have 4 grandsons who make life exciting. They are 20, 16, 12 and 6.

**Michelle Hintz:** I grew up in Bismarck, my parents started attending HOP in the late 80's. I have two brothers, one in town and one in LA, a half-sister in Arizona and lots of you know my dad, Mike LaLonde. My mom passed away in 2002. Kadon and I were married at HOP in 2003 and have Parker (16), Owen (14) and Hannah (11). We are an active family that loves running, snowboarding and skiing, biking, the Badlands and traveling. Unfortunately, none of those are in my wheelhouse since I contracted COVID in Aug 2021, but I love watching Kadon and the kids do what they love.

**Pastor Joel**: I have a wife named Amanda and three kids: Dakota, Eden, and Jonah. My wife and I are both from Minnesota, we met at a Lutheran Bible Camp in Colorado. Dakota, our oldest is 13 and a student at Wachter Middle School, she enjoys volleyball, soccer, and dance. Eden is 11 and a student at Dorothy Moses. She enjoys soccer, basketball, and is trying volleyball this year. Jonah is 7 and a student at Dorothy Moses. He enjoys soccer, and spending time with his sisters.

Jane Gowen: My parents, Dennis and Rhonda raised my siblings and myself on homemade bread, music, and morals. Dennis is a music professor at the University of Mary, and Rhonda...well you know her! I have two older siblings: Robin and Evan. When we're together, you'll find us laughing about old memories over a charcuterie board or delicious dessert. I am also a not-so-proud parent of three struggling succulents and some lost-cause propagations. I love my family!

**Rhonda Gowen:** They are great; Everyone should have one. They're there through thick and thin, remember your birthday, remind you of your shortcomings and treasure you despite them.

**Nicole Gabel:** My family - immediate and extended is the absolute best! I wouldn't be where I am today without all their love and support!

My daughters are my everything! Emma turned 5 in January and definitely keeps me on my toes! She loves to dance, sing, and be crafty - as long as no one is watching! Every day she wants to know how many sleeps it is until Kindergarten. Elaina will be 10 in March. She loves to read, draw, and do any kind of coloring! Hank, the 19-month-old 85 pound Goldendoodle is the man of the house and is like

Clifford the Big Red Dog, the absolute sweetest but take your eye off him for a second and he will eat a whole pan of brownies, steal your socks, or sneak downstairs to find a new chew toy!

**Phobe Frye:** My husband Jason and I have 3 children Kohen (8), Quinn (3), and Blakely (3) along with our 9-year-old family pup Morgan. Together we love going camping, going to our cabin in the Black Hills, and anything outdoors.

#### Get to know your House of Prayer staff - Edition 3:

What have you given up or added to your life for lent in the past and were you successful?

**Vera Weber**: I have never given up anything for Lent. We didn't have the tradition when I was a child and it never carried over into my adulthood.

**Michelle Hintz:** in 2017 I decided to give my time for Lent. I volunteered weekly at the Ministry on the Margins food pantry. Giving up a Wednesday morning was life changing for me; there is such a need in our community, especially since COVID. This helped develop relationships at MOTM that have only grown and giving HOP the opportunity to help in the community through the Giving Tree, service projects and food drives for the food pantry.

**Pastor Joel**: Like most people there are diet goals and some years I have been successful and other years I have struggled. I have been more successful setting goals focusing on areas of faith development during the season of Lent. Maybe tackling a book, more intentional prayer life, digging deeper into scripture, or just time of quiet listening to God. Those are always beneficial endeavors, and I feel those goals fit more with the Lenten Season.

Jane Gowen: In the past I have given up listening to music, checking my phone, and checking the time (that one was interesting...) For Lent, I often think "What is the one thing I think I could never give up," and then try giving up that. It doesn't always last the whole season, but it is good to see how I *can* live without the things of this world, even if it is hard.

**Rhonda Gowen:** I do not give up or add things for Lent. Lent is not actually in the Bible, but the Christian Church has adopted it. They must think it's a good season because it reminds us to never forget Christ's sacrifice.

**Nicole Gabel:** Ha, one year my sister and I gave up adult beverages...it was successful, however created a VERY HUGE love for coffee :)

This is something I would like to do more with - less (something negative) and more (something positive).

Phobe Frye: I usually don't give up or add anything for lent.



#### Keith Zhorela

family- married 57 years my wife's name is Judy. Have two son's Michael and Jeff, one granddaughter Alexis and one great granddaughter Natellie.





Half- siblings six brothers and two sisters. occupation - Jeweler, Gold Smith, one of the Founders of Zorells Jewelry Store. Semi-retired working part time, 43 years. Also was a Union Brick mason for 20 years, in my younger years. Hobbies - Cruising on the river in our Pontoon. Gardening, helping my church and family meet their needs.

favorite Bible verse - John 3: 15-16 and Luke 6: 37-38

#### Alex Roeder

Family: Kayla (Wife) Brynleigh (Daughter) Brantley (Son) Occupation: Realtor - Paramount Real Estate & Project Manager Paramount Builders

Hobbies: Camping, Hunting, Finishing, Gardening, Golfing



#### **Colleen Nelson**

Family- husband Mark, Children and spouses- Terra and Grant with granddaughters Addie & Morgan; Travis and Kristen with granddaughters Sophie and Haley

Occupation- retired

Favorite verse- "Then you will find favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:4-6 Hobbies-swimming, starting to golf, yard work, walking

#### **Chris Reinicke**

Family: Marea (Wife) Jaden, Kyler and EllaOccupation: Owner of Kitchen Refresh FranchiseHobbies: Spending time with my family, spending time at our lake cabin, fishing, boating, hiking, exercising, game playing and traveling.Favorite Bible verse: Jesus wept. It shows that even though Jesus is perfect and without sin, He understands us, can relate to us and feel

emotion with us. He is not a distant GOD.



#### Kadon Hintz

Family: Michelle, Parker, Owen, Hannah (Millie, Konjo, Lela)
Occupation: Emergency Physician
Hobbies: Running, mountain biking, snowboarding
Favorite Bible verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that testing of your faith produces perseverance." James 1:2

#### Reinhold Kembel (Reinie)

I am married to Rayne. We have seven children, nine grandchildren and one great grandchild on the way, between the two of us. We love them all dearly! Four of our Children live in the state of Washington, one in Arizona, and two







#### in Bismarck.

I worked for Coca-Cola as Operations Manager for 37 years. Retired and worked as a Landman for 3 years. I am currently retired. My hobbies include cars, golf and racquetball. My favorite bible verse is Philippians 4: 13 "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"!

#### Luke Ingemansen

14 year old Daughter Riley Self employed-Udderly Amazing Treats & Eats Food Truck and LR Services Sprinkler/Snow Removal Hobbies: Hunting, fishing, traveling, skiing, anything outdoors! Favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:13 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me'

#### Amy Erickson

Family: I have a wonderful spouse, Mike and two great children, Abigail and James as well as a dog named Carly.

Occupation: I'm a Human Resources Manager with the State of North Dakota. I've worked in HR for 18 years.

Hobbies: I enjoy watching my kids play sports, gardening when I can in between sporting events and spending time with family and friends. Favorite Bible verse: There's so many but here are a few of my favorites. Galatians 5:22 and 23, John 3:16, John 14:6, Psalms 139 and 119:105.



#### Dana Hager

Family: Scott and I have three littles. Ages 10, 8 and 6. Occupation: I am an account executive for a communications company. I work closely with statewide economic developers and nonprofit organizations. I am also a longtime board member and past president for the Dakota Zoo.

Hobbies: Hobbies include anything outdoors! My family spends time skiing, hiking, hunting, and boating. I enjoy time with family and friends, running,

working out and traveling when time allows. Favorite Bible verse: Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."



All are welcome! Join us Wednesday mornings at 9:30am for Bible study. For the next 5 weeks (through Lent), we'll be studying a different character in the Bible that has experienced God's amazing grace.

March 1 - Isaiah of Babylon March 8 - The Prodigal Son March 15 - The Blind Man March 22 - The Penitent Thief March 29 - Mary Magdalene



Missouri Slope is hosting a hiring event! Stop into our Washington campus anytime from 12pm-5pm on Tuesday, 03/07/23, to fill out an application and interview for a position all at the same time! We will also be providing tours to prospective employees. You may even be offered a job right on the spot!

**4916 N Washington St. Bismarck, ND 58503** Enter using our Main Entrance on the northwest side of the building! We are hiring for **all** positions including:

- CNA
- CNA Training Class
- RN
- Housekeeper
- Enrichment Assistant



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Position	Shifts	Incentives	Qualifications
RN/LPN	PRN, part-time, and full-time 8- hour shifts available	\$20,000 sign-on bonus! \$31.50/ hour RN starting wage & \$25.00/ hour LPN starting wage plus shift differential!	-Current RN/LPN license in ND
Certified Nurse Aide (CNA)	PRN, part-time, and full-time shifts available	\$5,000 sign-on bonus! \$19.00/ hour starting wage plus shift differential!	-Current CNA certification in ND -18 years or older
CNA Training Class	Part-time up to full-time; Offered multiple months in 2023	\$5,000 sign-on bonus! Cost of class, materials, and testing fee covered by Missouri Slope! Earn an hourly wage while in class!	-18 years or older
Mealtime Assistant	2 hour shifts; PRN and part-time	No weekends required! \$19.00/ hour starting wage!	-Current ND CNA certification -16 years or older
Medication Assistant II (MAII) Pool	Part-time and full-time 8-hour shifts available	\$5,000 sign-on bonus!	-Current CNA & MAII certification in ND -18 years or older
Housekeeper— Environmental Services Aide	Full-time 8-hour shifts	\$2,000 sign-on bonus! \$16.00/ hour starting wage!	-18 years or older
Housekeeper– Environmental Services Aide– Assisted Living	PRN	\$16.00/hour starting wage!	-18 years or older
MAI or MAII— Assisted Living	PRN	\$19.00/hour starting wage!	-Current CNA & MAI or MAII certification in ND -18 years or older
Enrichment Assistant — Assisted Living	Part-time	\$16.00/hour starting wage!	-16 years or older
Dietary Aide	Part-time shifts	\$2,000 sign-on bonus! \$16.00/hour starting wage!	-16 years or older
Grill Line Cook	PRN	\$16.00/hour starting wage!	-16 years or older
Grill Line Cook	Full time	\$2,000 sign-on bonus! \$16.00/hour starting wage!	-16 years or older
Cook	Full time	\$2,000 sign-on bonus! \$21.00/hour starting wage!	-High school diploma -18 years or older -Currently Safe Serve certified or able and willing to obtain certification



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We are still at about **18%** participation in the church directory. Did you know that you can:

**Keep in Touch** - Easily reach out to other organization members with one-touch calling, texting & emailing. Our new "favorites" feature makes frequent contact even

#### faster!

**Find a Friend** - Using the Online Church Directory mobile app, members can navigate to each other with easy-to-use directions & mapping. Never get lost again! **Safe & Sound** - Our member directory utilizes SSL for secure communication, so your data is password protected, encrypted & safe.

The directory is more than just pictures...you can email, text & call and navigate from address to address with the directory.

Please email me at vweber@houseofprayerbismarck.com if you can't remember or don't know your password. I will reset it for you so you can get in and post your photos or change any information you may want.

Please, let's fill the directory with photos so we can all use this in our ministry. *Vera* 



Will you consider sponsoring a fresh bouquet of flowers for our Altar this year? SIGN-UP TODAY...on the "NEW" FLOWER CHART located on the Kiosk in our Gathering Area. Bouquets are \$25.

# Putting the Ha in Hallelujah





About half held up their hands. He then repeated his question. As it was past lunchtime, this time about 80 percent held up their hands. He then repeated his question again. All responded, except one small elderly lady.

"Mrs. Jones?" inquired the preacher, are you not willing to forgive your enemies?

"I don't have any." she replied. smiling sweetly.

"Mrs. Jones, that is very unusual. How old are you?" "Ninety-three," she replied.

"Oh Mrs. Jones, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please come down in front of this congregation and tell us all how a person can live ninety-three years and not have an enemy in the world."

The little sweetheart of a lady tottered down the aisle, faced the congregation, and said "I outlived the old hags."

# <u>Spare Parts</u>

The keynote speaker was in such a hurry to get to the venue that when he arrived and

sat down at the head table, he suddenly realized that had forgotten his dentures.

Turning to the man next to him, he whispered, "I forgot my teeth!"

The man said, "No problem." With that he reached into his briefcase and pulled out a pair of dentures. "Try these," he said. The speaker tried them.

"Too loose," he said.

The man dug around in his briefcase again. "Here, try these."

The speaker tried them and responded. "Too tight."

The man didn't seem taken aback at all. He dug around in his briefcase again. "Here. I have this pair. Give them a try."

The speaker smiled. "They fit perfectly." He ate his meal and gave his speech without any further troubles.

After the event concluded, the speaker went over to thank his benefactor and return the spare parts.

"I want to thank you for coming to my rescue. Where is your office? I've been looking for a good dentist."

"Oh, I'm not a dentist," the man replied. "I'm the local funeral director."

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Pastor Joel Samuelson Minister of Discipleship - Michelle Hintz

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