

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

- Feb. 7 Skip Swanson
- Feb. 14 Myles Alberg
- Feb. 21 Ron Anderson
- Feb. 28 Faye Auchenpaugh

Cleaning: Clean *prior* to your Sunday to usher. Don't forget to check the wastebasket in the pastor's office.

Sunday Service:

- Light altar candles before service and put out flames after church.
- Act as Greeters and hand out bulletins.
- Usher for offering and communion.
- Tidy up pews after church to make it ready for the next Sunday's services.

Altar Preparation: Evie Johnson

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February Milestones

Birthdays

- Feb. 20 Gary Iverson
- Feb. 25 Arlo Rude
- Feb. 26 Evie Johnson
- Feb. 27 Edna Rondorf



Anniversaries

None that the editor is aware of

BASKETS OF PROMISE



As is our custom during Lenten season, the congregation will take part in collecting Personal Care Kits. When LWR distributes these kits, it is often to people who have lost everything. In the wake of an earthquake, or having fled from violence as their homes were overtaken, they clasp a towel from a faraway place, with a bar of soap, a toothbrush...and washing up, they know that they have not been forsaken by the world.

The very simple gesture of giving a Personal Care Kit can give someone the encouragement to start anew, starting with a bath.

You can share God's grace and love by providing that simple comfort.

- Feb. 14: Bar of Soap (4 or 5 oz. in original wrapper)
- Feb. 21: Bath Towel (lightweight, max. size 27" x 52", dark color preferred)
- Feb. 28: Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging)
- March 6: Sturdy Comb
- March 13: Nail Clipper (metal, attached file optional)
- March 20: Bar of Soap

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Join the Quilting!

The WELCA ladies will quilt again on Thursday, February 11th. You certainly don't have to be a seamstress or quilter to join the group. There is something for everyone to do.

And the conversation flows freely. Even if you can't come until after work, do so. After all, we don't eat supper until 6:00 pm! This will be followed by the regular February WELCA meeting at 7:00 pm.

In Memoriam



Dolores (Dee) Rolandson Anderson of Grand Marais passed away December 15, 2015. Dee was the daughter of Orville and Belle Rolandson and was confirmed at St. Pauli.

Dolores (Dee) Gayle Andersen, 71, passed into heaven on December 15, 2015, at the Cook County North Shore Care Center, her family at her side.

Dolores was born September 14, 1944, in Thief River Falls to Orville and Belle (Anderson) Rolandson. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1962. Shortly after earning her cosmetology license from Thief River Vocational School, she moved to Grand Marais in 1963, having accepted a job offer at Bernice's Beauty Shop. She had never heard of Grand Marais, let alone knew where it was, and then she never left.

The same year she arrived, she married Harry Freeberg and they were blessed with two daughters, LeAnn and Linda. In 1969, Bernice's Beauty Shop was sold to Dave and Georgette DeBeltz. Dee continued to work for them until 1980, when she took a five-year break after her beloved son, Eddie, was born. In 1985, with Eddie now safely in kindergarten, she opened her own salon, Dee's Hair of Elegance, as a new addition to her own home. She kept busy in her salon right up until a few weeks before her death. Dee absolutely *loved* being a hairstylist.

Dee and Harry were part of the Founding Families of the Evangelical Free Church in Grand Marais where they served on many boards and taught Sunday School for many years. She was also a member of Royal Neighbors of America and was currently a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Grand Marais.

There was absolutely no project she wouldn't tackle and enjoyed such hobbies as ceramics, upholstery, sewing and painting. However (!), her favorite pastime, by far, was gardening. In late summer, visitors to her home and beauty salon were welcomed by a yard that had the most spectacular black-eyed Susans you've ever seen. And, she loved baking for the holidays, always making cookie and treat trays for family and friends. She was kind, very generous with affection, and she had a real "gift to gab."

She was a devoted mother and friend, a loving grandmother and very proud to be a great grandmother. Despite her many difficult losses, Dee always held onto a strong conviction in her faith in God and had no doubt she would one day be reunited with her loved ones. She will be sadly missed by her family friends, and customers alike.

Dee is survived by her daughters, LeAnn Zunker (Dave Wilbourn), and Linda Grivette (Ryan), both of Grand Marais; grandchildren Josie Freeberg, Jayden Grivette, Alison Zunker, and Jordan Zunker; great-grandchildren Isabella and Harris; sister Beverly (Roland) Larsen, Bloomington, MN; brothers Gary (MaryAnn), Rosemount, MN, and Ken (Lynn) of East Grand Forks, and many nieces and nephews. Also dear to her were John's children: Todd, Dee and Shannon.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands Harry Freeberg, Edward Hanson, John Andersen and also her beloved angel, son Edward Vaughn Hanson, who left his mother at age 15, the result of a tragic accident. Dee walked daily in strong faith with the Lord and always looked forward to the day when she would see her little boy again. What an ongoing reunion that must be!

A memorial service was held January 16, 2016, Bethlehem Lutheran Church.



Confirmation April 19, 1959

**Front Row: Larry Rude, Valarie Torstveit,
Rev. A. E. Berg, Dianne Odegaard.
Back Row: Dolores Rolandson, Jim Weckwerth,
Lyle Hanson, Faye Torkelson, Meribeth Folkedahl.**

Minutes of the Church Council

December 17, 2015

The St. Pauli Church Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 17, 2015 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Cindy Cedergren, Kathy Alberg, Ron Anderson, Andrew Halvorson, and Pastor Carl Hansen.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude. Pastor Hansen opened with prayer.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

General Fund Expenses:	\$ (3,381.71)
General Fund Income:	4,337.00
Checking Account Balance:	\$ 26,440.47
Investor Savings:	35,895.77
Edward Jones Investments:	40,954.96
Memorial Fund Balance:	11,291.51
Mission Grant Fund:	<u>1,001.72</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 115,584.43
St. Pauli Cemetery Assoc.:	\$ 25,988.08

A motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Alberg, for the Treasurer to establish two \$10,000 Certificates of Deposit from the General Fund, bringing the balance down to approximately \$5,000, as discussed at the last meeting. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hansen reported that the Holy Spirit is blessing us with visitors at worship. Let us continue to welcome them in Christ's love. One of our visiting families came to worship on November 29 when there was no worship scheduled at St. Pauli. They did find another congregation that day that was holding worship at 11 a.m.

Pastor Hansen will leave on Christmas Day for Seguin, TX. His daughter-in-law's mother will be having surgery for cancer on Jan. 8. Grandson Christopher, who is a student at Texas A & M, will be going to Brazil for four weeks on a school project. The El Nino weather forecast for Texas winter is colder and wetter than normal. Pastor Hansen will return in late January and will conduct worship and be present for the Annual Meeting on January 31.

Pastor reported that Pastor Bob Dahlen's last Sunday in the Goodridge Parish is December 27 (after serving nearly 30 years in the parish). Following his retirement, Pastor Paul Johnson will serve as the Interim Pastor in the Goodridge Parish. Pastor Kristin Ostercamp (Bob & Sheila Dahlen's daughter) begins her service as Interim Pastor in the Viking-Oak Ridge Parish on December 20th.

Reports of Members in sickness or distress: Council members shared prayer concerns of members.

New Members or Interest in Membership: No report.

Reports:

WELCA: Cedergren reported that the WELCA officers met recently to plan the schedule for the year and update the St. Pauli Handbook. They also voted on the charitable donations to be provided from WELCA funds for 2015, which totaled \$2,200, not including donations of \$600 given during the year through potluck offerings and WELCA funds. A complete list of charitable donations will be listed in the WELCA meeting minutes and in the newsletter.

Net profit from the Eric Bergeson event totaled \$2,226.73.

Old Business:

Projects for 2015: Rude reported he had ordered a base trim for the toe kick on the altar rail, with expected delivery in 2-3 weeks. A cabinet for storing organ music was recently purchased and installed.

New Business:

- 1) Chairman Rude will contact Kari Torkelson to lead worship on December 27 in Pastor's absence. He is working on filling the other Sundays with substitutes.
- 2) Agreement with Pastor Hansen: Pastor signed another three-month agreement.
- 3) Budget Review: Rude noted that the church is currently operating under-budget, due in part to heating fuel costs lower than projected. Rude reported that additions to the 2016 budget that should be discussed at the Annual Meeting were as follows: a) Chair lift (he is researching costs); b) Internet service (to be included in the proposed budget); c) Rude will discuss a proposed increase in compensation with the organist. The Council proposed compensation of \$40 per Sunday, including those that utilize recorded music. The Council approved a 5% increase in the annual ELCA donation. Halvorson will email all Council members the proposed budget for 2016, before the Jan. 21st council meeting to allow time to review and finalize it at the meeting.
- 4) Nominating Committee appointed by the Council: Alberg volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee to fill vacancies on the Council, and will ask two other members of the congregation to serve on the committee. Rude provided a chart with the positions to be filled.
- 5) Audit Committee: Halvorson will contact three members of the congregation to serve on the Audit Committee.

6) Annual Meeting: Cedergren was asked and agreed to collect reports and prepare the Annual Report booklet; deadline of January 17 was set for all reports to be submitted to her. Reports will be available for pick up on January 24 for review by the congregation.

The meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Cedergren
St. Pauli Church Council Secretary

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St. Pauli Cemetery Association Annual Meeting

February 16, 2015

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association held its Annual Meeting on February 16, 2015 at St. Pauli Lutheran Church at 8 pm. Board members present: Arlo Rude, Andrew Halvorson, Ron Anderson, and Cindy Cedergren.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Anderson, and seconded by Halvorson to approve the agenda as presented by Arlo Rude. Motion carried.

Election of Officers: A motion was made by Halvorson, seconded by Anderson, designating that the association officers hold the same offices as they currently hold on the St. Pauli Church Council, which are as follows: Arlo Rude, President; Andrew Halvorson, Treasurer; Cindy Cedergren, Secretary.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Rude to accept the minutes from the 2/27/14 and 5/22/14 meetings. Since Rude was the only person currently on the council who attended those meetings, there was no second to the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: A motion was made by Rude, seconded by Anderson, to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Checking account balance as of Jan. 1, 2015: \$21,275.13

Memorials received in January: \$ 200.00

Expenses: -0-

Checking account balance as of Jan. 31, 2015: \$21,475.13

Certification as IRS Charitable Organization: Rude reported that the application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt

status was approved by the IRS, and notification was received on January 27, 2015. The Employer Identification Number for the St. Pauli Cemetery Association is 47-1807165, effective May 15, 2011.

Application for State Sales Tax Exemption: Arlo Rude reported that Gale Schmitz, accountant, will submit the annual reports required by the state.

Recommendations to Improve Cemetery Entrance: Suggestions were brought up by a member at the St. Pauli Church's Annual Meeting to consider improving the entrance area, and to consider erecting a sign directing visitors to St. Pauli Church from the cemetery. Representatives of the Board will look over the area in the spring and bring back recommendations at a future Board meeting.

Election of Sexton: Rude reported that David Lee is willing to continue serving as sexton. A motion was made by Cedergren to approve David Lee as sexton, seconded by Halvorson. Motion carried. David will be invited to all future cemetery association meetings.

Guidelines and Fees for Burial: Rude presented a draft document for board members to review and discuss at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Cedergren, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren, St. Pauli Cemetery Association
Secretary

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board Meeting

April 16, 2015

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors met on April 16, 2015 with the following members present: Ron Anderson, Kathy Alborg, Cindy Cedergren, and Arlo Rude.

Chairman Arlo Rude opened the meeting.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the February 16, 2015 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Report was not available at the meeting, but was shared with the Council via email following the meeting:

Checking account balance as of 2/28/15: \$21,515.13

Memorials Received: 60.00

Checking Account balance as of 3/31/15: \$21,575.13

Guidelines: Cindy Cedergren will make revisions to the draft and the Board will review them at the next meeting. It was suggested that both David Lee (current sexton) and Wally Torkelson (past sexton) be invited to the meeting for their input on the guidelines.

New Business:

Replacement of Damaged Property: Arlo Rude reported that damage to a headstone had occurred when the grave for Arlene Thune was being excavated. Arlo asked for a motion to proceed with obtaining costs for replacing the headstone. Kathy Alberg made a motion, Ron Anderson seconded, Motion carried. The Board will review the cost

at the next meeting. Arlo will contact the Thune family representative to inform them of the damage and plans to replace the stone. He noted that other stones need to be raised or leveled at some point.

Projects: The Board reviewed photos of the entrance area of the cemetery and discussed possible options.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren, St. Pauli Cemetery Association
Secretary

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board Meeting

November 19, 2015

The St. Pauli Cemetery Association Board of Directors met on November 19, 2015 at 7:45 pm with the following members present: Arlo Rude, Andrew Halvorson, Ron Anderson, Kathy Alberg, and Cindy Cedergren. Guest: Vanessa Martell, Edward D. Jones Financial Advisor.

Chairman Arlo Rude opened the meeting.

The meeting was held solely for the purpose of learning of investment options for the cemetery fund, which currently holds \$25,918.08.

Vanessa Martell presented various investment options available through Edward D. Jones. Chairman Rude

recommended that at the 2015 Annual meeting, to be held in January 2016, a recommendation be made to continue to build the cemetery fund over the next five years, the church general fund continue to pay mowing expenses for five years, and the Board of Directors discuss an investment strategy in five years.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Cedergren, St. Pauli Cemetery Association
Secretary

READER PICKS

This is the beginning of a new column in which our newsletter readers suggest books to that they have enjoyed. Please send your monthly submissions to Faye Auchenpaugh, Include the book title, author, and why you enjoyed it. This could be something as simple as "entertaining" or "learned something new" or whatever you choose to say about it.

"The Year Without a Purchase: One Family's Quest to Stop Shopping and Start Connecting," by Scott Dannemiller. Non-fiction, humorous and insightful at the same time. Made me think about how we view material things in building relationships with other people. I finished it months ago and still think about it every time I'm in a store. Sparks great thoughts and discussions about the role "things" play in our lives and our families. –Michelle F.

"Orphan Train," by Christina Baker Kline. Easy to relate to the main character. I have heard many stories about my ancestors and their journeys to America. While the main character does not come from a foreign land, she does journey from New York to the Midwest in hopes of finding a family. Since the majority of the story's setting is Minnesota, it is easy to picture in one's mind what the landscape, towns and houses were like during the time period of the novel. –Damita U.

"A Good Hard Look: A Novel of Flannery O'Connor," by Ann Napolitano. Recommended to me by a friend, mostly because the central character raises peafowl and is very independent. So she was reminded of me. The main character is loosely based on celebrated author Flannery O'Connor, who was crippled by lupus at 25 and forced to leave New York City to return home to Andalusia, her family farm in Milledgeville, Georgia. –Staci R.

"Interpreter of Maladies" (Pulitzer Prize winner) and "The Namesake," by Jhumpa Lahiri. Navigating between the Indian traditions they have inherited and the baffling new world of America, the characters in Jhumpa Lahiri's elegant, touching stories seek love beyond the barriers of culture and generations. –Michelle J.

MEET MINNESOTA'S POET LAUREATE

Joyce Sutphen was named Minnesota's poet laureate in 2011 by Gov. Dayton. She is the second in Minnesota's history and follows Robert Bly. The poet laureate is an honorary position. The essence of the position is to work with teachers and their students throughout the state to promote the reading and writing of poetry and to find other ways to promote and support poetry in Minnesota.



Joyce Sutphen

Joyce Sutphen said in an interview, "My childhood was idyllic. Before I went to school, I spent most of my time outdoors, roaming the woods and fields surrounding my parents' farm. I had a sister, who was a year and a half younger than me, and two brothers who were very close to us in age. In our family, we were known as "the big kids" (eventually there were nine of us).

We played in the hay barn doing circus daredevil tricks; we built lodges and "cabins" in the woods, and we sculpted civilizations in the sand pile. On Sundays, we played softball with my father as the constant pitcher. My mother, who was always baking, canning, cooking, washing clothes, and caring for babies and toddlers, took time to draw and color with us on winter afternoons, but mostly we invented our own games and did as we pleased until we were old enough to help with chores.

In our family, everyone was expected to pitch in and help, so I spent long hours picking strawberries, hoeing potatoes, weeding the big vegetable garden, and—since I was the oldest—I got to do things that girls don't always get to do: drive tractors, help with the milking, and tag along with my father when he went to the feed mill or the dairy.

Even though there was an endless supply of work, my parents always felt that anyone doing homework or practicing a musical instrument was granted dispensation from other things. So as you can imagine, we were all good students and loved

playing music! I was a bookworm; I'm not sure how that happened, but my true pleasure was in books and libraries. I read everything—books I found in the attic, books that friends were reading in school (the ones that were popular then: Trixie Belden and the Black Stallion series, for example), and then—probably because I had the good fortune of being chosen to be in *Junior Great Books*—I started reading books by John Steinbeck, George Orwell, Aldous Huxley, and other serious writers."

HOW TO LISTEN

Tilt your head slightly to one side and lift your eyebrows expectantly. Ask questions.

Delve into the subject at hand or let things come randomly. Don't expect answers.

Forget everything you've ever done. Make no comparisons. Simply listen.

Listen with your eyes, as if the story you are hearing is happening right now.

Listen without blinking, as if a move might frighten the truth away forever.

Don't attempt to copy anything down. Don't bring a camera or a recorder.

This is your chance to listen carefully. Your whole life might depend on what you hear.

THE AUNTS

I like it when they get together and talk in voices that sound like apple trees and grape vines,

and some of them wear hats and go to Arizona in the winter, and they all like to play cards.

They will always be the ones who say "It is time to go now," even as we linger at the door,

or stand by the waiting cars, they remember someone—an uncle we never knew—and sigh, all

of them together, like wind in the oak trees behind the farm where they grew up—a place

I remember—especially the hen house and the soft clucking that filled the sunlit yard.



Lutheran World Relief

WHERE DID LWR QUILTS & KITS GO IN 2015?

\$12.9 million to more than 674,057 people in 19 countries

Country	Shipping Warehouse	LWR Partner Agency	Quilts	School Kits	Personal Care Kits	Fabric Kits	Baby Care Kits	Soap (lbs.)
Angola	Maryland	Hope for Angola			6,026		3,945	
	Minnesota	Hope for Angola	26,640	6,400	14,000	2,460	6,400	4,140
Burkina Faso	Minnesota	Catholic Organization for Development and Solidarity	20,160	15,360	12,600	5,494	8,000	4,600
Djibouti	Maryland	Resource Exchange International	9,900		7,035			
Georgia	Minnesota	Union of Investments and Humanitarian Projects	21,960	19,200	21,000		9,200	3,634
Ghana	Maryland	North Star Foundation		400				
Haiti	Maryland	Lutheran World Federation		7,500	7,820		5,100	
India	Maryland	Church's Auxiliary for Social Action	49,500					
Jordan	Maryland	International Orthodox Christian Charities		6,000	5,980			
	Minnesota	International Orthodox Christian Charities		5,120	5,600		2,560	
Lebanon	Maryland	American Near East Refugee Aid	12,375	6,000	11,546		3,945	
	Minnesota	American Near East Refugee Aid	10,080	7,680	8,400			
Mali	Maryland	Fonds de Solidarite Nationale	24,420	9,000	5,980	2,460	4,500	2,008
Mauritania	Minnesota	Lutheran World Federation	29,880	8,000	8,750		6,640	6,440
Nepal	UNHRD	Lutheran World Federation	9,240		1,000			
Nicaragua	Maryland	Sociedad de Productores de Café de Exportación		39,000				
Philippines	Maryland	North Star Foundation	396		736		720	
	Maryland	Christian Council of Tanzania-WAMA	24,750					
Tanzania	Minnesota	Christian Council of Tanzania-WAMA	11,520	6,400	3,500	3,280		11,500
	Minnesota	Global Health Ministries	540					
Thailand	Minnesota	The Border Consortium	61,200				6,400	
Ukraine	Maryland	North Star Foundation	20,031	925	9,844		1,680	
	Minnesota	North Star Foundation		9,600			2,880	
Vanuatu	UNHRD	Act for Peace			2,000			
Yemen	Maryland	International Relief & Development		6,000	8,740		5,700	
TOTALS			332,592	152,585	140,557	13,694	67,670	32,322

Shipments listed are for LWR's 2015 fiscal year (October 2014 through September 2015).

*Lutheran World Relief is a ministry of U.S. Lutherans,
serving communities living in poverty overseas.*

The Back Page

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.

When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different color hair than the other family members.

One child suggested that he was adopted and a little girl said, "I know all about adoptions because I was adopted."

"What does it mean to be adopted?" asked another child.

"It means," said the girl, "that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy."

A four year old was at the pediatrician for a check up. As the doctor looked down her ears with an otoscope, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent.

Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent.

Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heart beat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?"

"Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants."

As I was driving home from work one day, I stopped to watch a local Little League baseball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was.

"We're behind 14 to nothing," he answered with a smile.

"Really," I said. "I have to say you don't look very discouraged."

"Discouraged?" the boy asked with a puzzled look on his face. "Why should we be discouraged? We haven't been up to bat yet."

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in my life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott. Jamie was trying out for a part in a school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen.

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement. "Guess what Mom," he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me: "I've been chosen to clap and cheer."

A lesson in "heart" is my little, 10-year-old daughter, Sarah, who was born with a muscle missing in her foot and wears a brace all the time.

She came home one beautiful spring day to tell me she had competed in "field day," where they have lots of races and other competitive events. Because of her leg support, my mind raced as I tried to think of encouragement for my Sarah, things I could say to her about not letting this get her down.

But before I could get a word out, she said "Daddy, I won two of the races!" I couldn't believe it!

And then Sarah said, "I had an advantage." Ah. I knew it. I thought she must have been given a head start...some kind of physical advantage.

But again, before I could say anything, she said, "Daddy, I didn't get a head start. My advantage was I had to try harder!"

An Eye Witness Account from New York City on a cold day in December: A little boy about 10 years old was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold. A lady approached the boy and said, "My little fellow, why are you looking so earnestly in that window?" "I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes," was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand and went into the store and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with a towel.

By this time the clerk had returned with the socks. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes. She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, "No doubt, my little fellow, you feel more comfortable now?"

As she turned to go, the astonished lad caught her by the hand, and looking up in her face, with tears his eyes, answered the question with these words:

"Are you God's Wife?"

There was a farmer who sold a pound of butter to the baker. One day the baker decided to weigh the butter to see if he was getting a pound and he found that he was not. This angered him and he took the farmer to court. The judge asked the farmer if he was using any measure. The farmer replied, "Your Honor, I am primitive. I don't have a proper measure, but I do have a scale." The judge asked, "Then how do you weigh the butter?"

The farmer replied "Your Honor, long before the baker started buying butter from me, I have been buying a pound loaf of bread from him. Every day when the baker brings the bread, I put it on the scale and give him the same weight in butter."

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"We get back in life what we give to others."
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