

St. Pauli News in Detail



A Service with Special Music and Language



Sunday, May 11th
10:30 am

As part of Norwegian Heritage Week festivities and celebrations in Thief River Falls (full schedule included in this newsletter), we will be privileged at St. Pauli to have the first two performers provide special music for our Worship Services on Sunday, May 11.

Norwegian-born Inger-Kristine Riber started playing the piano when she was 7, and by age 13 she was writing music for school plays and chamber musicians. In college, she studied music in Norway and Germany – winning numerous prizes, grants and scholarships for her talent. She has an active career in Europe and the United States as a soloist and chamber musician.

Born in Finland, Heidi Luosujärvi graduated from the Sibelius Academy in Finland the Folkwang University of Arts in Essen, Germany. She was a first-prize winner in the “Prix International de l’Accordeon de Luxembourg” and the International JAA Accordion Competition in Tokyo, Japan. Heidi has appeared in numerous concerts in Europe and Asia.

Inger will play the prelude for our worship services. Andrew Halvorson will read the lessons in English and the Psalm in Norwegian. Heidi will provide offertory music and Inger will lead The Lord’s Prayer in Norwegian.



Greeting and Ushering

May 4	Faye Auchenpaugh
May 11	Neil Bugge
May 18	Ken Cedergren
May 25	Meribeth Dicken

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: Tammy Haugen
(1st and 3rd Sundays)

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May Milestones

Birthdays

May 3	Barb Smith
May 6	Ruby (Alberg) Engelstad
May 8	Inez Mathson
	Shelley Mathson
May 13	Jodie Torkelson
May 15	Tammy Haugen
May 18	Becky Stickler
May 21	Virginia Anderson
	Meribeth Dicken

Anniversaries

May 7 Craig & Sally Torkelson (1966)

Minutes of the Church Council

March 20, 2014

The St. Pauli Church Council held its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Evie Johnson, Kathy Alberg, Barb Nelson and Pastor Carl Hansen. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rude at 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Hansen opened by leading us in prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Motion by Johnson to accept as presented, seconded by Nelson, carried.

Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report was presented by Nelson. Alberg made a motion to accept, seconded by Johnson, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for February 28, 2014 was presented by Johnson.

Expenses: \$9,997.48

This included \$3,500.00 transferred to St. Pauli Cemetery Association, \$1,000.00 to Investor Savings account for organ fund, \$1,000.00 to savings account initial deposit for St. Pauli Mission Grant program and \$2,500.00 to Northwest Synod Mission support, which is our donation for the year 2014.

Income: \$4,110.00

Checking account balance: \$ 4,598.66

Savings account balance: \$ 36,769.43

Memorial Fund balance: \$ 18,358.80

Mission Grant fund: \$ 1,000.00

Edward Jones balance: \$ 38,766.54

Total assets: \$ 99,493.43

Cemetery Association balance: \$ 18,355.13

Nelson made a motion to accept, Alberg seconded, and the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

The Lenten Round Robin is off and rolling. Seems to be going well. Pastor Hansen was pleased and surprised by the excellent attendance and participation by youth and young adults at both Bethany and Zion. He will be at Redeemer and Black River in April.

Mary's next appointment in Rochester will probably be in May. They will be attending granddaughter Megan's confirmation on May 4, 2014 at Trinity in Thief River Falls. We will need pulpit supply for that day.

Pastor Cathie Rhodes is the new pastor at Newfolden and Holt. She has been coming to the pastors' Bible study and is really getting active in the community.

It was a great blessing to have two baptisms on two Sundays this month.

Reports

WELCA – Will be serving the NW Synod Cluster group on April 26, 2014.

Board of Education – no report.

Old Business

We reviewed the project list presented by Rude.

Rude also presented examples of the application form and a draft of a Mission Grant program. We will review and discuss at the next meeting.

Discussion regarding tables for flowers for the front of the church. Johnson had done some research and found some examples we could purchase. Nelson made a motion to purchase two tables with a very close finish to the pulpit. The tables are being paid for by Skip and Brad Swanson per their request. Seconded by Alberg. Carried. Johnson will follow up on this.

Septic system is tempo.

rarily working but will need to be rechecked later, possibly in June, to see what else may need to be done. Thanks to Arlo for all of his work on this.

Constitution and Bylaws: Rude is gathering information.

Membership growth: Committee members have been gone.

New Liturgy: Some committee members have been gone.

New Business

None.

We closed by praying together The Lord's Prayer.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Nelson, Church Council Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation

19 April 1914

There was held a special meeting in the church on April 19, 1914. The meeting was opened by Pastor Gryting. As the secretary was not present, T. Stene was elected as temporary secretary. Pastor Gryting announced what was to be discussed at this meeting, namely to give Pastor Gryting a vacation for a journey to Norway.

It was by C. Oien proposed and by H. Vigen supported that Pastor Gryting was to go have a vacation until September 1, 1914. Accepted. It was also proposed and supported to leave to the trustees to collect the pastor's salary that was entitled to him in July and send it to him in Norway. Accepted.

As proposed, the meeting was ended.

Tobias Stene
Temporary Secretary

14 December 1914

The St. Pauli congregation held its annual meeting in the church on December 14, 1914.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Gryting with hymn song and prayer. Thereafter the report of the secretary was read and accepted. Then it was proposed and supported that the congregation should be divided in districts. A. A. Odegaard got District #1, Ole Helgesen District #2, and Ole Valsvik District #3.

District no. 1 reported that everyone in his district had paid the salary he was allotted. It was proposed and supported to lay upon the trustees to speak to the young people to put their names down for the pastor's salary.

Thereafter the report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The building committee reported that they had done nothing during the past year, but that they wished to get the basement under the church and to get a new roof on it.

The cemetery committee reported that neither had they performed anything during the past year. It was proposed and supported that the cemetery committee should hire somebody to improve the cemetery and put it in order.

It was proposed and supported to instruct A. A. Odegaard to speak to Hans Amundson to get the one hundred dollars that he had promised to give to St. Pauli congregation.

Then the following officials were elected:

John Kval, Trustee for 3 years

O. Odegaard, Secretary for 1 year

H. J. Torstveit, Treasurer for 1 year

Proposed and supported that the treasurer pays the sexton for the past year. Then was proposed and supported to pay the organist fifty cents and the sexton fifty cents each at

weddings and funerals. Then it was left to the trustees to find a sexton for the coming year.

The building committee was elected the same as before. The school committee the same as before. The school committee reported that the Hamar congregation had contributed ten dollars to help pay the teacher with. It was decided to hold two months of religion school as before: one month in the eastern and one month in the western school house.

It was proposed and supported that A. A. Odegaard should go as the representative of the congregation to the Synod meeting in San Francisco and that every member should give fifty cents each to pay the cost for the travel. David Haugen was elected as substitute.

It was proposed and supported that the pastor's salary for the year 1915 was to be \$135.00. Accepted.

As delegates at the district meeting were elected Ole Valsvik and H. J. Torstveit.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

O. Odegaard, Secretary

Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Luther League

26 July 1953

The St. Pauli Luther League met at the church on July 26.

The program began by the congregation singing of hymn "Dearest Jesus, Draw Thou Near Me."

Scripture and prayer by Bonnie Folkedahl and hymn "My Church, My Church, My Dear Old Church." And followed by another hymn by Ivette Torkelson "Touch of Little Hands."

A reading "My Sunday Appointment" by Gail Iverson and Fern Mathson.

Another hymn by congregation "How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts."

The business meeting opened with President Connie Alberg reading a letter about the Lutheran Welfare Workshop to be held September 15 and one from L.L. Leadership School. There was no discussion about either letter.

Servers were: Eugene Rondorf, Melvin Torstveit, Sig Folkedahl and Roy Lokken families.

Proceeds: \$10.75

Secretary Betty Rude



ELCA Presiding Bishop's Easter message 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

My favorite story in Scripture is the account in John's Gospel of Mary Magdalene going to the tomb. It was the first Easter, but Mary didn't know that. She expected death. In her profound grief she couldn't recognize Jesus. It was only when Jesus called her by name that she was able to see the risen Lord.

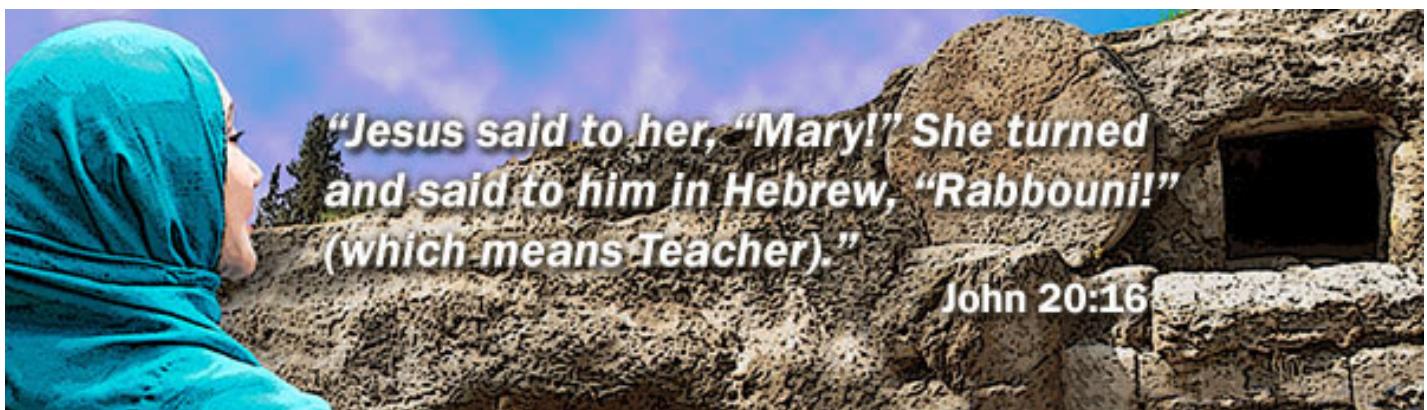
Jesus saw Mary. Jesus knew Mary. Jesus spoke "Mary." It was being completely seen, utterly known and lovingly called that opened Mary Magdalene to the hope of the resurrection and into a deeper relationship with Christ. Because she was seen, she could see.

This is Easter vision. We have been seen, known and called by God through the crucified and risen Savior and, having received the Spirit through baptism, we all can now see. We can see Christ, and we can see Christ in our neighbor. No one is invisible to God, and no one is invisible to us. What wondrous love is this!

So beloved, with newly opened eyes let us be bold to say, "Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Hallelujah!"

Blessed Easter,

The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton
Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Shea Marie Kleinwachter is Baptized

Shea Marie Kleinwachter, daughter of Kari Iverson and Mark Kleinwachter, was baptized during worship services on Sunday, April 6, 2014. Sponsors were Janeen Kleinwachter and Brian Kleinwachter, Mark's brother and sister-in-law.



Pastor Carl Hansen; Brian and Janeen Kleinwachter, sponsors;
Kari Iverson; Shea Marie; Mark Kleinwachter

*"... Child of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit
and marked with the cross of Christ
forever."*



Missy Iverson, grandmother; Kari Iverson; Shea Marie; big sister Lainey Dicken; Mark Kleinwachter; Milan Iverson, grandfather

In Memoriam



Clifford O. Ernst, 88, of Lake Park, MN died Saturday, April 26, 2014 in SunnySide Care Center, Lake Park. He is Arlo Rude's father-in-law.

Clifford Oscar Ernst was born on August 10, 1925 in Barnesville, MN, to Oscar and Hazel (Shaff) Ernst. He grew up in Barnesville, later moving with his family to Lake Park. In 1944, Clifford enlisted in the United States Navy. He was stationed in the South Pacific during WWII. Upon returning from the war, Clifford farmed with his father.

On August 29, 1952 he married Clarice Noben in Lake Park Lutheran Church. They made their home first in Lake Park, then Hawley before moving to Carrington, ND in 1957. While living in Carrington, he repaired televisions and jukeboxes.

In 1962 they moved back to Lake Park, where Clifford started farming again. In 1965 Clifford and Clarice won the Becker County Soil Conservation Award. After his farming career, he worked as a mechanic for an implement dealer and also worked for many area farmers.

Clifford enjoyed archery, hunting and playing baseball. He was a pitcher for the American Legion baseball team for many years in his youth. He also had a HAM radio license and enjoyed computers later in life. He was a member of Lake Park Lutheran Church and the American Legion in Lake Park.

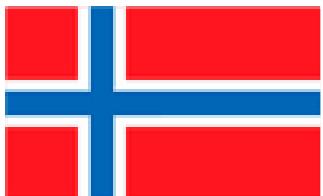
Clifford is survived by his wife of 61 years, Clarice, Lake Park, MN; daughter, Deb (Arlo Rude) Ernst, Thief River Falls, MN; two sisters, Irene Wouters and Shirley (Vincent) Haugen, both of Moorhead, MN; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Ida Brandt, Helen Rosenfeldt and Pearle Cook.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, April 30, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in Lake Park Lutheran Church, Lake Park, MN.

Interment: Lake Park Cemetery, Lake Park, MN.

May his memory be blessed.



Norwegian Heritage Week

Thief River Falls, MN

May 11-17, 2014



All month of May – Norwegian displays in TRF Public Library
Sunday, May 11 – inserts in community church bulletins with week's schedule

Monday, May 12

“Nordic Fingers”

Norwegian pianist, Inger-Kristine Riber, Finnish accordionist, Heidi Luosujärvi
7:00 p.m. – NCTC Auditorium
Admission: \$2.50 Refreshments provided

Tuesday, May 13

“We are going to Pick Potatoes,” Norway and the Holocaust, the Untold Story
Irene Levin Berman
7:00 p.m. – NCTC Auditorium
Admission: \$2.50 Refreshments provided

Wednesday, May 14

Syttende Mai Dinner

5-7 p.m. – Zion Lutheran Church \$10; 10 & under – \$5
Norwegian Movie Night – “Max Manus”
8:00 p.m. – NCTC Auditorium Freewill admission

Thursday, May 15

“Old Tyme Dance” with Cathy Erickson Band
and NorSweDane dancers providing demonstrations & instruction
7:00-11:00 p.m. – Eagles Hall – Admission: \$7.50, includes lunch

Friday, May 16

Syttende Mai Open House – Scandinavian treats, coffee, & music
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Northern State Bank
“Crazy Fingers” Concert – Gordy Lindquist, noted Host Fest pianist
7:00 p.m. – NCTC Auditorium Admission: \$2.50 Refreshments provided



Saturday, May 17

Kubb Tournament – Ralph Engelstad Arena 9:00 a.m.
BBQ lunch available
“Norwegian Home & Cultural Arts”
Cathy Forgit, Aliza Olson & Bob Paulson show & discuss weaving, carving and more
2:00 p.m. - TRF Care Center Freewill admission

These events are funded, in part, by a grant from the Northwest Minnesota Arts Council and the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

1814 THE INCREDIBLE YEAR



so amazing is that Norway's constitution is the oldest European constitution still in use today, despite a few minor changes late in 1814 that would assure its fortitude. The U.S. constitution is the only other constitution that has remained more or less intact since its ratification in 1788.

But what makes the Norwegian constitution even more revolutionary is the story behind its creation. To quickly recap Norway's dilemma at the time, let's look back to the early 1800s. Europe was comprised of a complex network of alliances. For nearly 400 years, Denmark had been in control of Norway until the Napoleonic Wars forever altered their fate.

Quickly rising to power at the turn of the 19th century, France had visions of conquering Europe in the Napoleonic Wars. Following France's invasion and quick downfall to Russia in 1812, the power had shifted. The prevailing states of Great Britain, Russia and Austria planned to cede Norway to Sweden, on the condition that Sweden would help them defeat Napoleon. By 1814, the war was over and France had lost, taking their ally Denmark down with them. Norway's future was to be determined.

On January 7, 1814, about to be overrun by Swedish, Russian and German troops under the command of Crown Prince Bernadotte of Sweden, King Frederick VI of Denmark agreed to cede Norway to the king of Sweden in order to avoid an occupation of Jutland. These terms were formalized and signed at the Treaty of Kiel on January 14, 1814, stating that Norway was thus to enter into a personal union with Sweden. The Norwegian people were outraged. Hastily, Norway's Governor Christian Frederik announced that elections were to be held to form a National Assembly. By April 10th, the 112 elected representatives met in Eidsvoll to prepare a free constitution. Within five weeks, a document, inspired by the U.S. constitution, was written. Among the 112 Eidsvoll men, 26 were lawyers whose legal phrasing within the document proved to be the most revolutionary move of all. Their solution for a separation of power was for the king's absolute veto to be removed. "They consciously wished to give legislative powers to the people," Mestad said. Without knowing, the assembly at Eidsvoll was opening the door for Norway's democratic parliamentary system to develop at a time when nearly all countries were ruled by an absolute monarchy.

The constitution was signed on May 17 1814 and Christian Frederik was elected king. However, according to the Treaty of Kiel, Norway was still guaranteed to Sweden. Norway tried hard to remain a free country, but with no international support a war with Sweden became inevitable. On August 7th, negotiations began between Sweden and Norway in order to end the bloody war. This was a turning point for Norway. They were allowed to retain their constitution but, in order to appease Sweden, minor changes would need to be made. The revisions made in November 1814 merely established Norway's new union with Sweden and ultimately ensured that Norway's revolutionary document would prevail.

Constitutions are groundbreaking documents that establish fundamental principles by which a body of people are to be governed.

Norway's Constitution was written in 1814 at a time when cultures were emphasizing democracy and free will. The start of the 19th century brought with it new concepts on politics and national independence. The revolutions in the United States (1776) and France (1789) paved the way and Norway was intent on following their lead.

"Compared to many other new constitutions that were passed in the years [between] 1787 to 1814, Norway's can be characterized as 'moderately revolutionary,'" says Ola Mestad, a law professor at the University of Oslo.

"Nevertheless, Norway's constitution is definitely revolutionary in light of how the world looked in the 1700s," he adds. What makes it

May is Graduation Month

"Father, I wanted a Car – not a Bible!"



A young man was getting ready to graduate from college. For many months he had admired a beautiful sports car in a dealer's showroom, and knowing his father could well afford it, he told him that was all he wanted.

As Graduation Day approached, the young man awaited signs that his father had purchased the car. Finally, on the morning of his graduation, his father called him into his private study, told him how proud he was to have such a fine son, and how much he loved him. He handed him a beautifully wrapped gift box.

Curious, but somewhat disappointed, the young man opened the box and found a lovely, leather-bound Bible, with his name embossed in gold. Angrily, he raised his voice to his father and said, "With all your money you give me a Bible?" He stormed out of the house, leaving the Bible behind.

Many years passed and the young man was very successful in business. He had a beautiful home and wonderful family, but he realized his father was very old. He thought perhaps he should go to him. He had not seen him since that graduation day. But before he could make arrangements, he received a telegram telling him his father had passed away, and willed all of his possessions to him. He needed to come home immediately and take care of things.

When he arrived at his father's house, sadness and regret filled his heart. He began to search through his father's important documents and saw the Bible, new, just as he had left it years ago. With tears, he opened the Bible and began to turn the pages. His father had carefully underlined a verse, Matthew 7:11, "And if ye, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father which is in Heaven, give to those who ask Him?"

As he read those words, a car key dropped from the back of the Bible. It had a tag with the dealer's name, the same dealer who had the sports car he desired. On the tag was the date of his graduation, and the words...PAID IN FULL.

How many times do we miss God's blessings because they are not packaged as we expected?

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"Graduation day is tough for adults. They go to the ceremony as parents. They come home as contemporaries. After twenty-two years of child-raising, they are unemployed." *Erma Bombeck*

"You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world." *Tom Brokaw*

"There is a good reason they call these ceremonies 'commencement exercises'. Graduation is not the end; it's the beginning." *Orrin Hatch*

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." *Nelson Henderson*

"Graduation is only a concept. In real life, every day you graduate. Graduation is a process that goes on until the last day of your life. If you can grasp that, you'll make a difference." *Arie Pencovici*

"You're young and you're bulletproof and invincible. But never underestimate the power of other people's love and prayer." *Tony Snow*

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter and those who matter don't mind."

Dr. Seuss

"It's not your blue blood, your pedigree or your college degree. It's what you do with your life that counts." *Millard Fuller*

"The future lies before you. Like a field of driven snow, be careful how you tread it, for every step will show." *Author Unknown*

"Don't ever rob a bank. Enjoy life. Have fun. Choose to be happy now; don't wait until you're 'successful,' because honestly, I was as happy when we were unemployed and scrounging around for a buck." *Peter Farrelly*

"A graduation ceremony is an event where the commencement speaker tells thousands of students dressed in identical caps and gowns that 'individuality' is the key to success." *Robert Orben*

"To laugh often and much;
To win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children;
To earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends;
To appreciate beauty, To find the best in others,
To leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition;
To know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived.
This is to have succeeded." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“A Tribute to Mothers Everywhere”

Reprinted from *The Times*, February 5, 2014

by Abigale Bak

- When you’re 3, your mother is busy protecting you.
- When you’re 5, she is busy accepting the fact that you’re no longer a baby, and you’re starting school.
- When you’re 12, she is busy realizing you’re almost a teenager.
- When you’re 13, she is busy accepting the fact that you’re now a teenager.
- When you’re 16 and a newly licensed driver, she is busy telling you the limits of where you can and cannot go.
- When you’re 17, she is busy arguing with you about what you’ll be doing over the weekend.
- When you’re 18, she is busy accepting the fact that you’re now an adult...and, she’s busy preparing to have a high school graduate.

From the moment you are born, your mother takes on multiple roles. “Mom” is a vague term used to describe a woman who is a parent, a friend, a protector, a cheerleader, a chauffeur, and a coach. A mother is also a mentor, a shoulder to cry on, and a hug that’s always waiting there after you’ve had a bad day.

When I was young, my mother was a stay-at-home mom. She dedicated herself to my brother and me. I remember coming home to a spotless house, supper cooking, and, a lot of times, some freshly baked treats.

As I grew older, I realized that my mom was anything but a stay-at-home mom. In fact, I believe my mother is Superwoman.

Growing up, my family moved around a lot. It was one of the joys of being a military family. A move sometimes came up unexpectedly, with my brother and I waking up to learn that my father received orders to relocate. My mother never flinched upon hearing we had to move. I swear, it made her a stronger person. She always assured us everything would be fine (it always was) and that we’d make new friends (we always did). And, no matter where we moved, my mother always made it feel like home. I still don’t know how she does it.

Thinking about it now, I would not be the person I am if I did not have my mother there to guide me and help me through life. That is no exaggeration.

- When I was 3, my mother was my protector, the person I went to when I had a nightmare.
- When I was 5, my mother was the person who read a story to me every night.
- When I was 12, my mother was the person who helped me to adjust to moving 2,000 miles away from the town I had grown to love.
- When I was 13, my mother was the person helping me study for my spelling test in Mrs. Johnson’s class.
- When I was 15, my mother was the shoulder that was there for me when I went through my first breakup, and I was convinced I would never recover.
- When I was 16, my mother was that nagging voice telling me to drive carefully before I left for school...even though we only live four blocks away.
- When I was 17, my mother was the person helping me prepare for senior year, and the future that lies ahead of me.

I’m 18 now, and my mother is busy helping me to decide what I want to do with my life. She is busy helping me prepare for graduation, while preparing herself. She is helping me apply for multiple colleges and scholarships, even though I don’t realize yet how important it is, all the while being the rock in my life, my role model, and the woman I will always have a place for in my heart.

My mother is one of a kind, and words could not thank her enough for raising me. No matter where I go in life, or what I end up doing, if I grow to be half the person she is, I will be a major success.

Old Advice from Mothers and Fathers

All of us were guided by our mother's voice, wisdom and common sense, even if we didn't think so at the time. Whether we remember what she said fondly, or try to forget these phrases, they are still part of us. Ultimately, without even realizing it, we pass them along to our children, who will in most likelihood pass it on to their children.

Here are some phrases you might remember:

1. Someday your face will freeze like that!
2. What if everyone jumped off a cliff? Would you do it too?
3. You're going to put your eye out with that thing.
4. How many times do I have to tell you...don't throw things in the house!
5. Close the door behind you. Were you born in a barn?
6. Don't put that in your mouth, you don't know where it's been.
7. Why? Because I said so, that's why!
8. Don't use that tone with me!
9. Eat those carrots, they're good for your eyes.
Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?
10. Did you flush?
11. You can be anything you want to, if you just set your mind to it.
12. There's enough dirt in those ears to grow potatoes.
13. Be good – but if you can't be good, be careful!
14. I don't care what everyone else is doing, I care what you are doing!
15. If you can't say something nice, don't say anything at all.
16. I hope someday you have children just like you.
17. Don't talk with your mouth full!
18. Always put on clean underwear in the morning, in case you're in a car accident.
19. Sit like a lady!
20. Don't pick, it'll get infected.
21. I'm not just talking to hear myself.
22. I'm going to give you until the count of three.
23. Put that down! You don't know where it's been!
24. Don't cross your eyes or they'll freeze that way.
25. If you swallow a watermelon seed, a watermelon will grow out your ears.

Fathers' advice had a slightly different flavor. What fatherly sayings had the biggest influence on your life?

Here are some phrases you might remember:

1. Don't ask me, ask your mother.
2. Big boys don't cry.
3. Coffee will stunt your growth.
4. Who said life was supposed to be fair?
5. You call that a haircut?
6. This will hurt me a lot more than it hurts you.
7. Turn off those lights. Do you think I am made of money?
8. Don't give me any of your lip, young lady.
9. You call that noise music?
10. We're not lost. I'm just not sure where we are.
11. No, we're not there yet.
12. When I was your age, I treated my father with respect.
13. As long as you live under my roof, you'll live by my rules.
14. Do what I say, not what I do.
15. So you think you're smart, do you?
16. What's so funny? Wipe that smile off your face.
17. If I've told you once, I've told you a thousand times.
18. You want something to do? I'll give you something to do.
19. You should visit more often. Your mother worries.
20. This is your last warning.
21. I'm not just talking to hear my own voice.
22. You're going out like that?
23. Are you trying to air condition the house? Close the refrigerator.
24. Young lady, you'd better straighten up, and don't roll those eyes at me.
25. If you fall of that wall and break your legs, don't come running to me.
26. Go tell your mother she wants you.
27. Stop crying or I'll give you a reason to cry.
28. Don't make me stop the car!
29. What do you think I am, a bank?
30. Act your age.

But the best saying from both Mom and Dad was and still is "I LOVE YOU!"