

# St. Pauli News in Detail



## Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Kits to help people in need



This Lenten season, our congregation is again taking part in LWR's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each Sunday in Lent, we will collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations.

- [Feb. 22: Bar of Soap (4 or 5 oz. in original wrapper)]  
March 1: Bath Towel (lightweight, max. size 27" x 52", dark color preferred)  
March 9: Toothbrush (adult size, in original packaging)  
March 16: Comb  
March 23: Nail Clipper (metal, attached file optional)  
March 30: Bar of Soap

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## Greeting and Ushering

- Mar. 1 Jim Kotz  
Mar. 8 Bruce Mathson  
Mar. 15 Dennis Nelson  
Mar. 22 Keith Nelson  
Mar. 30 Staci Reay

### 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:** Roxane Rondorf

## Special Congregational Meeting

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

The Church Council has scheduled a Special Congregational Meeting for March 8, 2015, following the 10:30 am service.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information on the purchase of a PortFolio Midi Sequencer for the organ. This is similar in operation to a cassette recorder except it records the settings and the keys played on the organ, not the music. There will be information on the cost at the meeting. The estimated cost at this time is less than \$1,000 including shipping. The purchase is from Westacott Company of Toronto, Canada.

This PortFolio will be used to record hymns and liturgies. In the absence of the church organist or on other occasions, this PortFolio will play the liturgy and hymns for the service.

Arlo Rude, Church Council President

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## March Milestones

### Birthdays

- Mar. 4 Ken Cedergren  
Mar. 4 David Lee  
Mar. 6 Jim Kolden  
Mar. 10 Laurie Nelson  
Mar. 13 Gabe Haugen  
Mar. 14 Kjersti Halvorson  
Mar. 15 Sue Kotz  
Mar. 22 Deone Cerny  
Mar. 26 Staci Reay

### Anniversaries

Mar. 12 Sharon and Neil Bugge (1966)

# In Memoriam



***Arlene Lois Thune died peacefully on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at the Pioneer Memorial Care Center in Erskine, MN at the age of 83.***

Arlene L. was born September 5, 1931 in Thief River Falls, the daughter of Emil and Gertrude (Kvall) Thune. She was baptized and confirmed at St. Pauli Lutheran Church.

She started working at Union State Bank, Thief River Falls, at age 16. After she left the bank, her brother Norrie and Arlene operated a produce store where they tested milk and candled eggs in Red Lake Falls. They then went into partnership again, starting up the Red Lake County Insurance Agency in Red Lake Falls, MN. Arlene was also involved in real estate, and she was the primary care provider for her mother and father in their later years.

Arlene loved to bowl with friends. She spent a great deal of time with her nieces and nephews as they grew up. She loved to attend their events.

Survivors include her brothers Glen (Beverly) Thune of Twin Valley, MN and Donnie (LaVonne) Thune of St. Hilaire; sisters-in-law, Arlene A. Thune and Alice Thune of Thief River Falls; several nephews, nieces, great-nieces and -nephews, and many other relatives and friends.

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Palmer (Shirley) Thune, Norris Thune and Ernie Thune.

Services were held at 11:00 am on Monday, February 23, 2015 at St. Pauli Church, with Pastor Hansen officiating. Burial followed at the St. Pauli Lutheran Cemetery.

## ***God Bless the Memory of Arlene Thune***

According to St. Pauli church records, Arlene Lois was baptized on September 5, 1931 with Mr. and Mrs. N. Nelson and Miss Thune as sponsors.



**Confirmation Class June 30, 1946**

**Back row: Leo Lokken, Glenn Engelstad, Alfred Engelstad, Wallace Torkelson, Margaret Erickson. Front row: Daniel Helle, Arlene Thune, Re. Fjelstul, Lois Lian, Ronald Finstad.**

# How to Find Time in the Day for Lent

From the *Loyola Press*

The fast pace of your life may seem to leave little time and energy for the traditional Lenten practices. But you can weave moments of spiritual awareness and service into even the busiest of schedules. The trick is to see Lenten practice as part of, rather than in addition to, each activity of your ordinary hectic day.

The three foundational practices of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Here's how to think about them in a new way.



## **Praying Daily**

If you make a habit of saying a little prayer whenever someone irritates you, cuts you off in traffic, or makes life difficult; when someone does you a favor, you experience great and friendly service, or when something joyful happens to you—you will soon find yourself praying your way through the day.

Try this simple practice and you will be observing the Church's call for greater prayer during the Lenten season. You will also find that this habit makes your life flow smoother, your self more centered, and your Spirit more aware of God's presence.

## **A Different Type of Fasting**

There are many ways to fast. Why not fast from criticism, gossip, judging others, or passing on rumors? Why not abstain from unwarranted fear and anxiety? You can also tell that inner voice inside your head that criticizes you to abstain from eroding your ability to be the confident, blessed person God calls you to be.

These are beautiful ways to observe the Lenten call to fasting and abstinence.

## **Give of Yourself**

Daily life also offers countless opportunities to give of yourself to others (alms), and most don't involve dipping into your wallet. Give encouragement to the doubting, give a word of praise to the insecure, show kindness to someone who could use a friend, and offer a word of thanks to those whose service of others often goes unappreciated. Give the gift of your attention to someone who simply wants to be noticed. Tell your children stories about people whose values you admire when you gather at mealtime. Don't be stingy with your smiles—give them freely to everyone you meet. And most important, give your love to those close to you. Hug them, hold them, and tell them what they mean to you. In this way you open your heart to God and others.

So no matter how busy your are in life, with some greater awareness and new perspectives you can consciously pray, fast, and give of yourself this Lent—and you will be ready to celebrate when a joyful dawn breaks upon you Easter morning.

**“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it  
is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”**

*William Arthur Ward*

# Minutes of the Church Council

## JANUARY 15, 2015

The St. Pauli church council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at St. Pauli Church.

Members present: Evie Johnson, Arlo Rude, Kathy Alberg and Barb Nelson.

The meeting was called to order by Arlo Rude at 7:00 pm.

Kathy Alberg led us in opening prayer.

Agenda was presented by Rude. Nelson made a motion to approve, seconded by Johnson. Carried.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary's report was presented by Nelson. Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Alberg. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report was presented by Johnson.

Expenses for December 2014	\$ 3,327.55
Income for December 2014	\$ 6,487.00

Account Balances as of December 31, 2014:	
Checking	\$ 19,723.48
Investment Savings	35,830.14
Mission Grant Savings	1,000.79
Memorial Fund CD	10,000.00
Edward Jones Investment	41,078.45
Total:	\$107,632.86

St. Pauli Cemetery Association Fund:	
Donations in December	\$ 975.00
Balance as of December 31, 2015:	\$ 21,275.13

Nelson made a motion to approve, seconded by Alberg. Motion carried.

### Pastor's Report

There was no pastor's report.

### WELCA

There will be quilting will on January 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm with a meeting to follow at 7:00 pm.

### Board of Education

No meeting.

### Other reports:

Rude reported that he and several others from the area attended the memorial service in Pelican Rapids for Pastor Lloyd Heroff.

### New Business

The annual report and budget that will be presented to the congregation on January 25<sup>th</sup> were gone over and discussed.

Agreement with Pastor Carl Hansen: Nelson made a

motion to approve a three-month agreement with Pastor Carl. Seconded by Alberg. Carried.

Meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Nelson  
St.Pauli Church Council Secretary

## JANUARY 18, 2015

St. Pauli church council met briefly following services on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at 11:40 am.

Members present: Arlo Rude, Evie Johnson, Kathy Alberg and Barb Nelson.

The purpose of the meeting was to approve Mission Grant money per application from Kari Torkelson.

Evie Johnson made a motion to approve two grants at \$500.00 each to Kari for two separate Optical Mission trips. Seconded by Kathy Alberg Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Nelson  
St.Pauli Church Council Secretary

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## ***Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Congregation***

*Editor's Note: The basement referred to in these minutes is not the present basement. It was rebuilt in 1939.*

### **13 December 1920**

The congregation held its annual meeting in the church on 13 December, 1920.

The meeting was opened by Pastor Grimsrud with hymn song and prayer. Thereafter he informed that there had been held twenty-two services during the past year and that a dozen families had joined the congregation, and that there were three who wished to be admitted; namely, Mr. Martin Matheson and wife and Mrs. Bennie Odegaard. They were unanimously admitted.

The school committee reported that there had been held two months of religion school in the western and one month in the eastern school house and that the Ladies Aid had paid for the same.

Thereafter was decided to hold two months of school in the church and as school committee were elected Ole Valsvik. O. Odegaard and Nils Nilson.

The building committee reported that there now was a basement under the church and that other repairs had been performed. As the invoice was not complete, there were elected two auditors, namely Paul Borgie and Tobias Stene who would report later.

The cemetery committee reported that the county had built a bridge by the cemetery, and also there was decided to have a day for the ornamentation of graves.

Thereafter the following were elected:

K. Finstad, trustee for three years  
O. Odegaard, secretary, one year  
C. Oien, treasurer, one year

Ole Valsvik, P. Borgie and L. Netteland: Apportionments committee

Building committee: same as before

J. Torstveit, sexton, and salary for the same sixteen dollars for one year.

As delegates to the district meeting were elected Lars Netteland and H. Johnson and as substitutes A. Odegaard and K. Finstad.

As responsible for the cemetery was elected B. Odegaard.

Thereafter the report of the treasurer was read but was shelved because it was not complete.

Proposed and supported to allow \$400.00 to the expenses of the congregation. It was proposed and supported that the congregation shall express its gratitude to the Ladies Aid and the youth's club for the help they had proffered at the building of the basement and that the congregation likewise expresses its gratitude to Agnes Odegaard for the altar cloth that she had donated to the congregation.

On proposal the meeting was ended.

Ole Odegaard, secretary

## Confirmation Students Tie Blankets to Help Local Children



Three confirmation students, Devin Haugen, Dacian Grove and Aleshia Abeyta, with assistance from Jerod Haugen and confirmation teacher Gary Iverson tied fleece blankets that the WELCA ladies had cut during their quilting session on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

These blankets are given to local needy children and the project was part of the students' community service requirement for confirmation.

## Annika Halvorson in recent issue of *Viking* magazine

The Sons of Norway's monthly international magazine, *Viking*, has a page for photos of happenings in each of the districts.

Snorre Lodge #70 in Thief River Falls is located in District #1 and this photo of Annika Halvorson and Orvel Stocks appeared in a recent issue. It was taken last July during Norwegian Day at the Pennington County Fair. Orvel, an artist in traditional Norwegian chip carving, is helping Annika learn this craft.



**Historic Minutes**  
**St. Pauli Lutheran Church Women (L.C.W.)**

**Annual Meeting 1965**

The annual meeting of the L.C.W. was held at the Gust Gustafson home Thursday afternoon, December 9. Meeting opened with hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem." Scripture and prayer Mrs. Clayton Mathson.

A thank you was read from the Bjorge family.

Group chairmen as follows: Esther – Mrs. Melvin Torkelson, Ruth – Mrs. Jesse Skaaren, Lydia – Mrs. Melvin Torstveit.

The annual report for 1964 was read by Mrs. Verdeen Grove in the absence of the secretary. Report approved.

Treasurer report by Mrs. Orville Rolandson approved.

Charities report by Mrs. Alma Mathson approved.

Stewardship by Mrs. Eugene Rondorf approved.

Education report read and approved.

Motion made by Mrs. Herman Rude, seconded by Mrs. Sig Folkedahl to take the money from the Christmas program lunch and send it to Ephphatha Mission.

Motion made to set aside an hour a day for prayer for Mrs. Winter.

Installation of New Officers by Alma Mathson.

Hymn, 1<sup>st</sup> verse of "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee." Installation, followed by last verse of the hymn. Business adjourned.

Program opened with the hymn, "The Happy Christmas Comes Once More." Scripture and prayer by Mrs. Sig Folkedahl. Program "Gifts for a King" was presented.

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson. Hymn, "O How Shall I Receive Thee?" Reading. Hymn, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel." Reading. Duet, "Away in a Manger," Mrs. James Johnson and Mrs. Clayton Mathson. Reading. Hymn "Joy to the World." Reading. Hymn "The First Noel."

Reader: Mrs. Wallace Torkelson. Hymn "Silent Night."

Offering meditation: Mrs. Herman Rude.

Lord's Prayer prayed and table blessing sung.

Mrs. Norman Nelson, Secretary

**Historic Minutes of the St. Pauli Young People's Society and Luther League**

**19 September 1926**

The St. Pauli Young People's Society held its last meeting at the church on Sunday evening, September 19, 1926.

The meeting was called to order by the president.

The following program was rendered:

Two songs by audience.

Reading and explanation by Rev. Grimsrud.

Song by choir.

A motion was made and seconded that the next meeting be held in two weeks.

The following program committee was elected: Marie Oien, Mrs. Carl Finstad, and Helge Helgerson.

The meeting adjourned.

Lunch was served by Mrs. John Kvall, Mrs. Ole Odegaard, and Mrs. Emil Thune. The proceeds were \$21.10.

Gilma Helgerson, Secretary

**21 February 1954**

The St. Pauli Luther League held its Annual Meeting at the Emil Thune home on Sunday afternoon, February 21.

A hymn "Love Divine, All Love Excelling" was sung. President Connie Alberg lead us in scripture and prayer. Another hymn, "Take My Life" was sung by congregation. Doris Belange read a reading, "The Value of Life," and congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer Wahna Torkelson read the treasurer's report, which was also approved.

Election of Officers was held and the following were elected:

President – Doris Belange

Vice President – Betty Rude

Secretary – Patty Torkelson

Treasurer – Bev Rolandson

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer and Table Blessing.

Servers were Mrs. Carl Alberg, Mrs. Norman Nelson, Mrs. Emil Thune and Mrs. Olaf Snetting.

Proceeds: \$12.55

Betty Rude, Retiring Secretary

Treasurer's Report for 1953

Balance as of 12-31-1952: \$ 38.89

Income for 1953: \$ 149.33

Expenses:

Mrs. Melvin Torkelson, organist fee \$ 48.00

Bev Rolandson, L.L. convention 6.00

Refreshments for L.L. party 11.17

So. & Grose Halls refurbishing fund donation 10.00

Thank you cards .45

Total Disbursements: \$ 75.62

Income: \$ 149.33

Carryover from 1952: 38.89

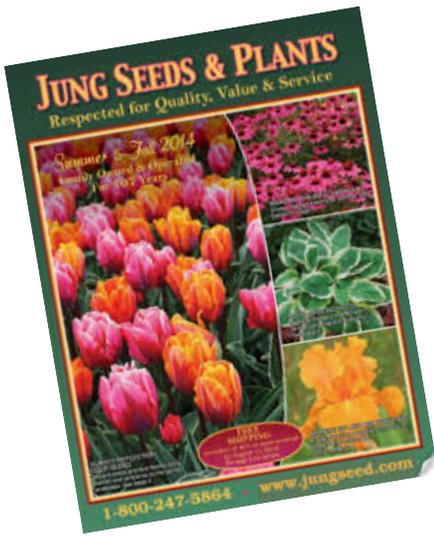
Total Income: \$ 188.22

Total Expenses: (75.62)

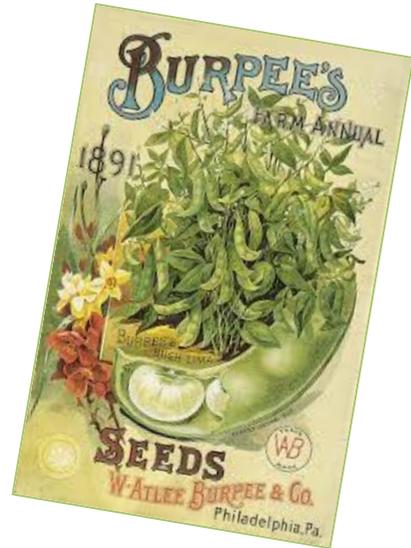
Amount in bank at close of year: \$ 112.35

# *He Knows No Winter*

*He knows no winter, he who loves the soil,  
For, stormy days, when he is free from toil,  
He plans his summer crops, selects his seeds  
From bright-paged catalogues for garden needs.*

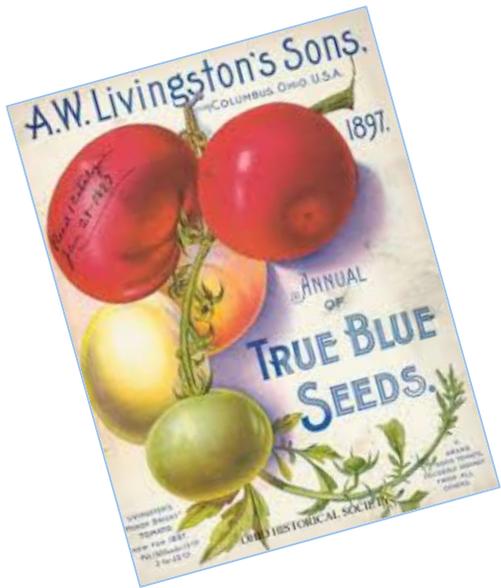


*When looking out upon frost-silvered fields,  
He visualizes autumn's golden yields;  
He sees in snow and sleet and icy rain  
Precious moisture for his early grain;*



*He hears spring-heralds in the storm's turmoil-  
He knows no winter, he who loves the soil.*

-SUDIE STUART HAGER



# Why do Children Love Animals?

There is something about fuzzy, warm, wet-nosed animals that appeals to children. From a very young age, children find animals fascinating and often develop special relationships with them.

Many of a baby's earliest words will represent animals. "Cat," "dog," and "duck" are especially common. According to Linda Acredolo, Ph.D., founder of the Baby Signs Program, more than a third of babies' first words are animal names.

"As young babies begin looking around their world, they are automatically attracted to things that move, are brightly colored, and are easy to see," Acredolo writes. "They are fascinated by things that make interesting noises, are capable of interacting with them, and are unpredictable in what they do and how they behave. It makes sense, therefore, that aside from other people, animals are the next most interesting 'thing' for young children."

## *My Pony*

My pony toss'd his sprightly head,  
And would have smiled, if smile he could,  
To thank me for the slice of bread  
He thinks so delicate and good;  
His eye is very bright and wild,  
He looks as if he loved me so,  
Although I only am a child  
And he's a real horse, you know.

How charming it would be to rear,  
And have hind legs to balance on;  
Of hay and oats within the year  
To leisurely devour a ton;  
To stoop my head and quench my drouth  
With water in a lovely pail;  
To wear a snaffle in my mouth,  
Fling back my ears, and slash my tail!

To gallop madly round a field –  
Who tries to catch me is a goose,  
And then with dignity to yield  
My stately back for rider's use;  
To feel as only horses can,  
When matters take their proper course,  
And no one notices the man,  
While loud applauses greet the horse!

He canters fast or ambles slow,  
And either is a pretty game;  
His duties are but pleasures – oh,  
I wish that mine were just the same!  
Lessons would be another thing  
If I might turn from book and scroll,  
And learn to gallop round a ring,  
As he did when a little foal.



It must be charming to be shod,  
And beautiful beyond my praise,  
When tired of rolling on the sod,  
To stand upon all-fours and graze!  
Alas! my dreams are weak and wild,  
I must not ape my betters so;  
Alas! I only am a child,  
And he's a real horse, you know.

-Unknown author

# The Prowlers are State Champs!

They couldn't have asked for a better state tournament debut. The Prowlers of Thief River Falls emerged from their first trip to the girls' state hockey tournament as state champions. They spoiled Blake's bid for a third consecutive Class 1A title, defeating the Bears 3-1 Saturday, February 21, in the final at Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.



**Kora Torkelson scores the game-tying goal in the 2nd period .**  
(MHM Photo / Jonathan Watkins)

Second-place medals from the 2014 Minnesota Section 8A girls hockey tournament had hung on the door frame of the Thief River Falls girls hockey team's locker room almost all season. The awards weren't there as a source of pride.

Rather, they were a reminder of disappointment.

"We had some of them so low you could hit your head on them walking out," senior goaltender Franny Marshall said. "We used them as motivation, so that it wouldn't happen again."

Despite being the top seed after winning sectional tournaments this year, Thief River Falls played the role of David in toppling Goliath-esque Blake, a private school in the Twin Cities that's had a lot of recent state playoff success.

"I think there was a little bit of grit behind us, saying 'Hey, we're from small town Minnesota, and we're going to put our stamp on this,'" Prowlers coach Whitney Restemayer said. "To come in and

show not only a metro school, but (also) a private school, what we've got ... I think we succeeded in showing what northern Minnesota has, and what Thief River Falls has, too."

It seemed as if history was destined to repeat itself when Blake's Bears took the lead just 21 seconds into the game.

"It really sucks having that first shot get past you, but you just have to go 'oh well' and move on," said Marshall, who stopped the next 25 shots enroute to being named the winner of the Herb Brooks Award for tournament excellence.

The Prowlers got their break in the second period, when Kora Torkelson scored her third goal of the tournament on the power play. Meanwhile, Marshall locked down her net, turning away several prime chances for Blake to pull away. "She was just like a stone wall out there; she was stopping everything," Bears center Karlie Lund said of Marshall. "We just couldn't seem to get anything through, so props to her."

It was Bemidji-State-commit Emily Bergland who broke the tie with the eventual game-winning goal with three minutes left in the third period. Bergland took the puck up the right side and fired a shot (with a little something extra, she later said) over goalie Anna Kruesel's shoulder. "I just saw an opening, and I knew we had to get more pucks on net," Bergland said. "The past couple (I) shot, I was shooting straight on, so I knew I had to get it up top. And once I saw it go in, it was unbelievable."

The icing on the cake, though, came from the stick of Callie Fagerstrom. The sophomore defenseman picked up the puck in her zone while on the penalty kill shortly after Bergland's goal tied the game. With the lead and Blake bringing the extra attacker, she launched the puck towards the empty net about 180 feet away. "I just kinda threw it in the general direction, but I did know the net was open," Fagerstrom said. It connected, and the short-handed insurance goal secured the school's first girls hockey title. "I'll never forget that shot," Fagerstrom said. Bergland agreed. "I don't think any of us will."

"These girls had huge goals for themselves," Coach Restemayer said. "They were really upset that we were not here last year." The Prowlers treated the final against Blake as any other game, Restemayer said. For Emily Bergland, she knew they needed to match Blake's play and score on their own opportunities.

"We just wanted to be the team that could beat somebody like that," she said.



**Kora is one of three Prowler girls to be selected for the All-Tournament Team.**  
(Photo / Kamin Johnson)

# The Back Page

## WHY MEN ARE NEVER DEPRESSED

Men are just happier people – and why not?  
Your last name stays put.  
The garage is all yours.  
Wedding plans take care of themselves.  
Chocolate is just another snack.  
You can never be pregnant.  
You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park.  
You can wear NO shirt to a water park.  
Car mechanics tell you the truth.  
The world is your urinal.  
You never have to drive to another gas station restroom because this one is just too icky.  
You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt.  
Same work, more pay.  
Wrinkles add character.  
Wedding dress \$5000. Tux rental \$100.  
People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them.  
New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet.  
One mood all the time.  
Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat.  
A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase.  
You can open all your own jars.  
If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend.  
Your underwear is \$8.95 for a three-pack.  
Three pairs of shoes are more than enough.  
Everything on your face stays its original color.  
The same hairstyle lasts for years, even decades.  
You only have to shave your face and neck.  
You can play with toys all your life.  
One wallet and one pair of shoes – one color for all seasons.  
You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look.  
You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.  
You have freedom of choice concerning growing a mustache.  
You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24<sup>th</sup> in 25 minutes.

### NICKNAMES

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah. If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

### EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back. When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators!

### MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs. A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but is on sale.

### BATHROOMS

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel. The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

### ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

### FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

### MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't. A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change, but she does.

### DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the trash, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail. A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

### NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed. Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

### THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

A married man should forget his mistakes. There is no use in two people remembering the same thing.