

St. Pauli News in Detail



Greeting and Ushering

June 4	Neil Bugge
June 11	Ken Cedergren
June 18	Craig Folkedahl
June 25	Bryan Grove
July 2	Andrew Halvorson
July 9	Jerod Haugen
July 16	Marc Haugen
July 23	Gary Iverson
July 30	Jim Kotz
August 6	Bruce Mathson
August 13	Dennis Nelson
August 20	Keith Nelson
August 27	Staci Reay

Altar Preparation: (1st and 3rd Sundays)

June:	Val Torstveit
July:	Barb Smith
August:	Wahna Smith

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Milestones

Anniversaries

June 1	Dennis and Barb Nelson
June 18	Arlo Rude and Deb Ernst
July 1	Bruce and Shelley Mathson
July 6	Ron and Virginia Anderson
August 1	Jim and Sue Kotz
August 3	Ken and Cindy Cedergren

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Alzheimer's Disease

At our WELCA meeting on June 28th, Phyllis Miller will talk informally about Alzheimer's Disease.



Darin Hurst is a new member

On Sunday, June 21, 2017, Darin Hurst officially became a member of St. Pauli church. Darin is the son of Larry and the late JoAnn Hurst.

Welcome, Darin!

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Milestones

Birthdays

June 17	Kathy Alberg
June 17	Sharon Bugge
June 27	Jan Strandlie
July 1	Val Torstveit
July 4	Kari Torkelson
July 7	Andrew Halvorson
July 7	Rylan Torstveit
July 9	Sharon McCollough
July 29	Skip Swanson
July 29	Connie Kolden
July 29	Michele Halvorson
July 31	Ron Anderson
August 6	Chad Torstveit
August 11	Dennis McCollough
August 15	Cindy Cedergren
August 17	Faye Auchenpaugh
August 26	Siri Halvorson

Minutes of the Church Council

April 19, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst and Pastor Carl Hansen. Absent: Faye Auchenpaugh

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Secretary's Report: M/S/C (Iverson/Hurst) that the Secretary's Report was approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: M/S/C (Hurst/Reay) The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Assets as of March 31, 2017:

Revenue

Checking Account Balance as of 1/31/17:	\$ 22,308.19
Investor Savings	35,991.68
Certificate of Deposit	20,000.00
Edward Jones	44,043.63
Memorial Fund Savings	1,293.25
Memorial Fund Certificate of Deposit	10,000.00
Mission Fund	<u>2,024.03</u>
Total Assets	\$135,660.78

Total Revenue	\$5,261.12
Total Expenses	<u>(5,080.95)</u>
Excess (Deficit) Revenue over Expenses	\$ 180.17

Pastor's Report: Pastor Carl is very pleased with the Lenten Round Robin with services in all congregations well attended with full participation of all in attendance.

Pastor Carl will attend the NW MN Synod Assembly during the Saturday Assembly, June 10. St. Pauli may send 1-2 lay voting members.

He will be in Texas May 9-20 for his grandson's graduation from Texas A & M. He will conduct services on May 7 and 21.

Pastor Carl will provide pulpit supply for Trinity Church for July 23, 30 and August 6, 13. Pastor John Voelker will be on vacation.

The ELCA pastors are planning a living portrayal of Martin and Katie Luther by a couple that has done this many times. More info will be available in the future.

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

New Members or Interest in Membership: None.

Reports:

- 1) WELCA: No report available.
- 2) Board of Education: No new information.

Old Business:

The Council discussed the Rick Steves DVD and will consider how to use the DVD.

New Business:

Discussion was held on the Pathways Certificate of Membership received following a donation from St. Pauli that was included in the budget. A Certificate Frame will be purchased to display the certificate in the narthex.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer. M/S/C (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlo Rude, Board President
Temporary Secretary

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May 30, 2017

The St. Pauli Church Council met on Tuesday, May 30, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Pauli Church. Board Members present: Arlo Rude, Staci Reay, Gary Iverson, Larry Hurst, and Faye Auchenpaugh.

Pastor Carl opened the meeting with prayer.

Approval of Agenda The Agenda was approved with the addition of chairs for the narthex.

Secretary's Report: The Acting Secretary's report for the April meeting was not available.

Treasurer's Report: Reay reviewed the statement prepared by Gale Schmitz. M/S/C (Auchenpaugh/ Iverson) to accept as prepared.

Balances as of 4/30/17:

Checking Account as of 3/31/17	\$ 22,308.19
April Offering	\$ 3,403.85
Lent Offering	\$ 703.00
April Expenses	\$ <u>(2,249.87)</u>
Checking Account as of 4/30/17	\$ 24,165.17
Investor Savings as of 4/30/17	\$ 35,997.60
Certificates of Deposit	\$ 20,000.00
Edward D. Jones Investments	\$ 44,338.95
Memorial Fund Savings & CD	\$ 11,293.36
Mission Grant Fund Balance	\$ <u>2,024.20</u>
Total Church Funds as of 4/30/17:	\$ 137,819.28

Pastor Carl's Report

Pastor Carl thoroughly enjoyed his trip to Texas in order to be part of his grandson Christopher's graduation at Texas A&M University. He is looking forward to granddaughter Megan's graduation from Lincoln High School on June 2.

He appreciates our thoughtfulness in having a reception in honor of Carley Cervantes' graduation and his 50th ordination anniversary following worship on June 11.

Pastor Carl will be preaching at Trinity (9:00) and St. Pauli (10:30) on July 23 and 30 and August 6 and 13. Pastor John Voelker will be on vacation and study leave in Hungary and other European countries.

Pastor Cathie Rhodes, our conference dean, is in the process of arranging for a special conference event celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation at one of the churches in Thief River Falls this fall.

Pastor Carl will be attending the Northwestern Minnesota Synod Assembly at Concordia College (Moorhead) on June 9 and 10. Pastor John Golv will be recognized for his 35th ordination anniversary and Pastor Carl for his 50th ordination anniversary.

He does not have other vacation plans at this time, but may go to Texas again in the fall.

Reports of members in sickness or distress. None.

Reports.

1) WELCA: A watering schedule sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex. All parishioners are asked to help in this endeavor. The ladies have discussed the possibility of a pair of new matching chairs for the narthex. Auchenpaugh brought samples of those selected at the last meeting and the council agreed that she should obtain prices for them. We have also had an anonymous donation to the Memorial Fund to be used for purchasing the chairs.

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Larry Hurst plants Evergreens at Cemetery

Larry has donated and planted 34 evergreen trees on the north and west sides of our cemetery in memory of his wife, JoAnn. The locations were laid out for him, but the digging certainly was not easy! We are grateful to Larry for his hard work and know that generations to come will appreciate the protection from cold winds provided by these trees as they mature.

Thank you, Larry!

2) Board of Education: Sunday School and confirmation classes have finished for the year and will resume in September.

3) Other: Rude reported he did some more tree trimming on the west side of the church.

New Members or Interest in Membership: Darin Hurst will be received as a member of the congregation on Sunday, June 18.

Old Business:

- Pastor Carl has viewed the Martin Luther DVD and thinks the congregation should see it sometime this fall.

New Business:

Emelia Ray Thode, daughter of Amanda Nelson and Brian Thode, will be baptized on June 4th. Sponsors are Amanda Mix and Valerie Kompelien. Grandparents are Jim and Joan Nelson.

M/S/C (Hurst/Reay) that Auchenpaugh order the chairs for the narthex selected by the WELCA group.

Members have asked that a cordless microphone be installed on the lecturn so that lessons that are read can be heard by everyone. Rude will install.

Following Pastor Carl's departure from the meeting, Auchenpaugh said that the WELCA group had suggested a card and gift certificate to the Olive Garden restaurant be given to him in recognition of his 50th ordination anniversary. Council agreed and will pay for the gift. WELCA is providing cake and ice cream for the reception.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer. **M/S/C** (Hurst/Iverson) to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

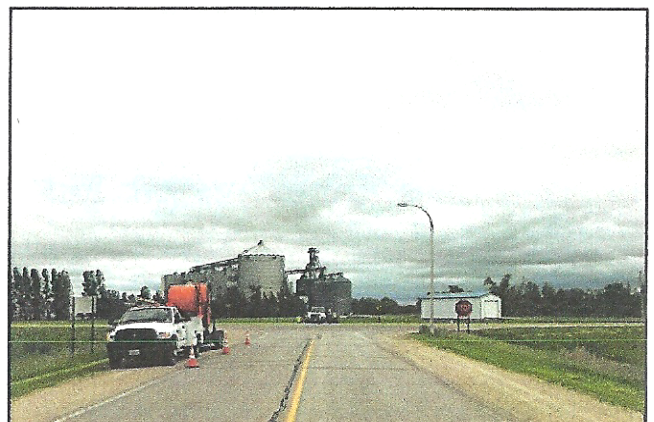
Respectfully submitted,

Faye Auchenpaugh, Secretary

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Lights being Installed

The county is in the process of installing large overhead lights at the intersection of 170th Ave NE and Center Street, just one mile south of the church.



JOYS in JUNE



Carley Cervantes graduates from LHS

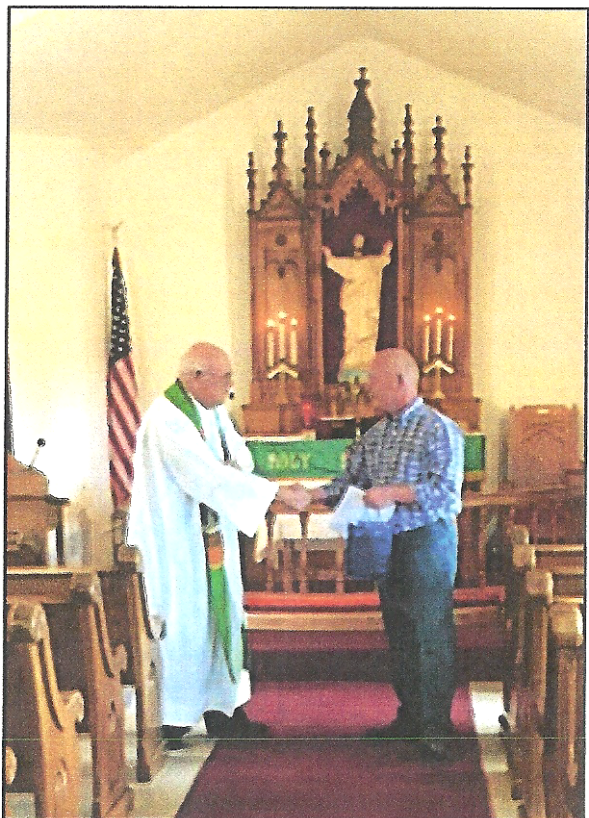
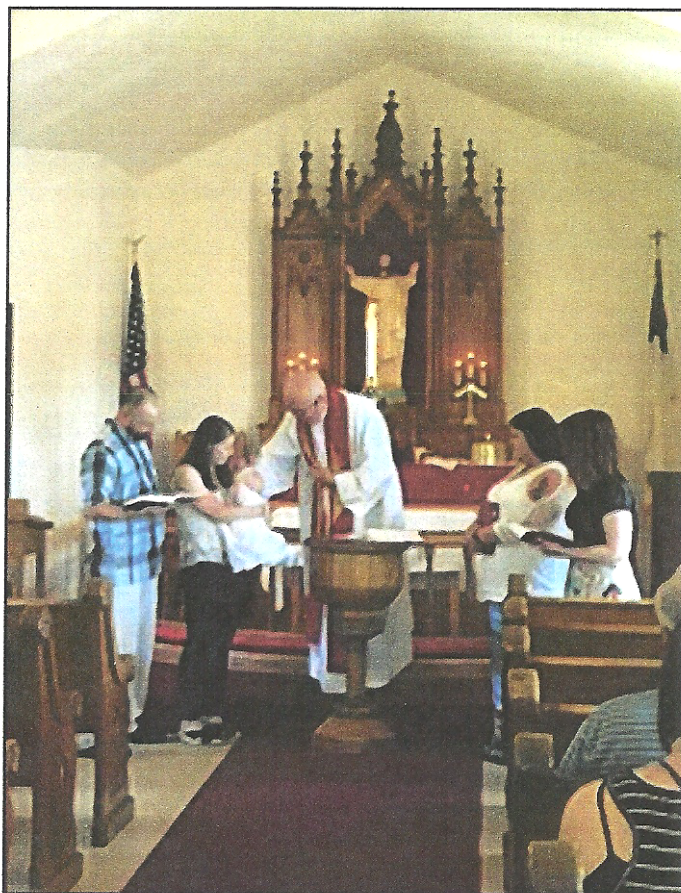
In recognition of this occasion, Virginia Anderson presented a hand-made quilt to Carley on Sunday, June 4th, on behalf of the WELCA ladies and the St. Pauli congregation.

Carley is the daughter of John and Shelly Cervantes. She is employed and was unable to be present, so her mother received the gift on her behalf.

Emelia Ray Thode is baptized

Emelia Ray Thode, infant daughter of Amanda Nelson and Brian Thode, was baptized as a Child of God on Sunday, June 4th. Sponsors were Amanda Mix and Valerie Kompelien.

Emelia is the great-granddaughter of James and Joan Nelson.



Darin Hurst is welcomed as a new member

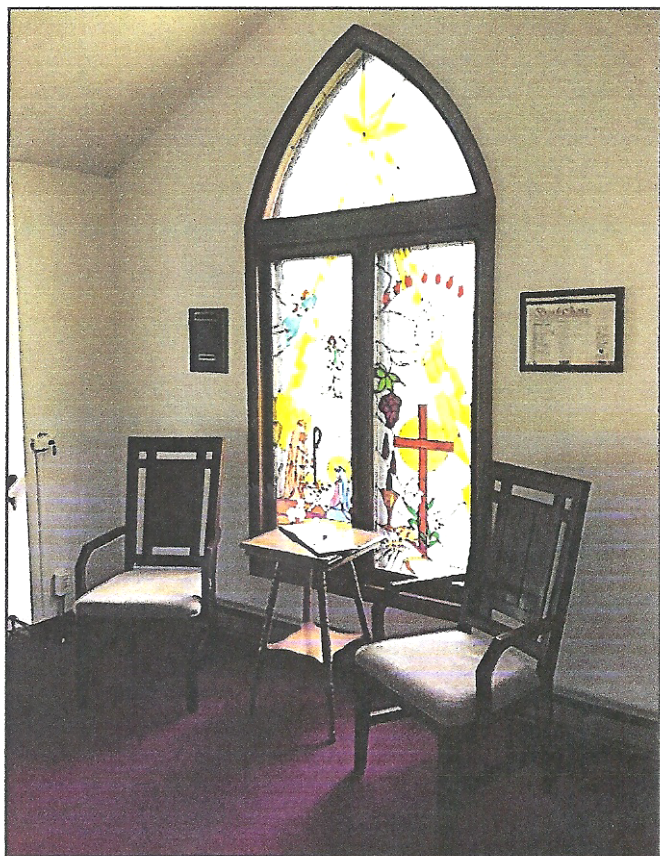
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Welcome, Darin!

Pastor Carl celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination



Pastor Carl was presented with a gift from the congregation on Sunday, June 11th, in recognition of the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the ministry of Word and Sacrament, which took place at Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Iowa on May 23, 1967. His daughter, Heather, and family were able to be present. They are pictured (left to right): granddaughter Megan Burrier, daughter Heather Burrier, Pastor Carl, granddaughter Amber Burrier, and friend Korey Hanson.



New chairs for the narthex

Two matching chairs for our narthex were purchased using a portion of a recent anonymous and generous donation to the Memorial Fund.

LivingLutheran

Serving the neighbor in charged times

By Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 2, 2017

These are politically charged times. This very sentence in the presiding bishop's column is likely to raise eyebrows.

Across this church I've heard stories of parishioners disturbed by the Gospel read on Sundays, believing the pastor chose the passage as a critique of the current administration. The Beatitudes seemed to provoke the most attention. In a way this is good—maybe we are all hearing Jesus' words with fresh ears. But really, the Beatitudes have been the appointed Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Epiphany (Year A) for as long as we have been using the lectionary.

In these charged times it's helpful to consider two things: the relationship between church and state, and how Lutherans participate in civil society. Often we speak about the "separation of church and state." This principle is usually raised when parishioners feel the pastor (or the synod, church-wide organization or bishop) is being "political." There is the assumption that the church should only deal with the spiritual and that it should have nothing to do with civil and political life. The First Amendment says: "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The separation of church and state is intended to protect religious liberty and keep the government from interfering in the church.

We Lutherans also cite Martin Luther's doctrine of the two kingdoms — the temporal and the spiritual. This has been misinterpreted to mean that the temporal realm is inferior to the spiritual realm—or that God, and therefore the faithful, should not be as concerned with the temporal, should not allow the temporal into the church, and really need not be too engaged in the public square.

But our understanding as Lutherans is that the church and the state, the spiritual and the temporal, are *both* established by God and are *both* part of God's twofold rule. When we pray, "Give us today our daily bread," we are also praying that God send us the gift of good government (Luther's Small Catechism)

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Both church and state are good gifts from God and have been established for specific purposes. The proper work of the church is to "preach the gospel in its purity and administer the sacraments according to the gospel" (Augsburg Confession VII). The proper work of the state is to keep peace and order and to support and nourish the lives of its citizens. And since we confess that God entered human life through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, who took our flesh upon him, we do not have a hierarchy of value that places the spiritual above the temporal.

Active participation in public life and the duty of government to care for its people, especially the most vulnerable, have been part of the Lutheran movement from its beginning. In his explanation of the petition "Give us today our daily bread," Luther said: "It would be therefore fitting if the coat of arms of every upright prince were emblazoned with a loaf of bread instead of a lion" (Large Catechism). He also wrote that the "second virtue of a prince is to help the poor, the orphans, and the widows to justice, and to further their cause."

Lutherans don't withdraw from public life. In fact our constitution pledges us to "work with civil authorities in areas of mutual endeavor, maintaining institutional separation of church and state in a relation of functional interaction." Lutherans fulfill our baptismal vocation when we show up.

So why are we so tense? I think we've been influenced by a divisive culture. We forget that we are one people. I think we fail to recognize Christ in others, whether the other is across the pew or across the world. We forget that we all—whatever our politics—stand under the judgment of God and that only God's promise of reconciling love in Jesus can save us. Set free by that promise we can find a way to serve the neighbor.



Our Gardens in Spring

Thank you to everyone who has weeded, donated flowers, planted and watered.



New Kroner Design Sports a Modern Look

(Your editor tried and tried to get an image of the new Kroner to print, but evidently the “innovative imagery” also makes them impossible to print. Good for Norway! To view them, you will either need to google “new Kroner” or look at our Summer 2017 newsletter online on our website: historicstpauli.org)

The Central Bank of Norway (*Norges Bank*) has unveiled a series of new kroner bills that will be phased in beginning in summer 2017. The designs are a departure from the current Norwegian banknotes in several aspects. This will be the first Norwegian money that does not feature a human face. All of the motifs pay tribute to the sea, which has played a pivotal role in shaping Norwegian culture.

Norges Bank held a design contest, proposing the following themes:

- 50-kroner: The sea that binds us together
- 100-kroner: The sea that takes us out into the world
- 200-kroner: The sea that feeds us
- 500-kroner: The sea that gives us prosperity
- 1000-kroner: The sea that carries us forward

The same color palette was upheld from Norway’s existing kroner, to help avoid confusion.

The selected designs for the front of the bills were created by Metric Design Studio’s Terje Tønnessen. The images

include a lighthouse, a Viking ship, cod and herring with a fishing net, a rescue boat, and a dramatic wave. The reverse sides are a hyper-modern departure from tradition, designed by architecture firm Snøhetta. Rather than using an identifiable image as the focal point, there is a colorfully pixelated background with subtle white etchings over top. The etchings refer to the Beaufort scale, which measures wind effects on sea and land.

The new banknotes not only use innovative imagery, they also feature security marks that make them difficult to copy. Among the maritime-themed marks are a moving anchor chain, an Atlantic puffin watermark and a floating ring.

80th Birthday Celebrations

One on a Saturday, one on a Sunday in July, each at The Country School. No gifts please.



Open House



Gloria "Corky" Johnson
(Froseth Borm)

Please join us while we CELEBRATE
Corky as she turns 20 years young (for the fourth time)!

Saturday, July 15, 2017
1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Country School
11094 ~ 195th Avenue NE
Thief River Falls, MN

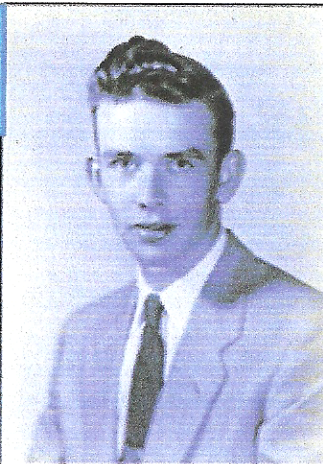
No Gifts Please!



Open House

Sunday, July 16
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

The Country School
11094 195th Ave NE
Thief River Falls, MN



Marvin Torkelson
80th birthday

Getting Older, Growing Wiser

by Carol Ann Morrow

Every birthday presents a new threshold, an entryway into a place you have never been. If you think of it as the same old place, then you will surely see what you've always seen. Look again – and see something new on the horizon.

You can gather years or you can gather momentum. Keep moving and you will gain power – physical, mental, and emotional.

The passage of years has piled on many experiences. The blessing of years is believing that nothing that has happened is for nothing. Harvest the fruits of your years.

It's no accident that this part of life is described as "growing old," you can focus on growing or you can focus on old. Growing is active change. Old is what happens when growing stops.

Bless yourself each morning and ask the Almighty how you can scatter blessings everywhere. How to be a blessing: this is the central question for aging with wisdom and grace.

Resurrect your dreams and pursue them. If the time is past to act on all of them, record them – on paper or on tape. Let your vision inspire another generation.

What use it is to have ever been young, if you cannot build on that history today? Recall your youth, not simply for nostalgia's sake, but to distill lessons for today.

Your insurance agent may speak of life expectancy. But what your soul requires is expectant life. What do you expect of this day? What can you do to make it happen?

"Maturing" sounds good if you're a savings bond, but it may not seem like such a dividend when you're counting human years. Unless you're ready to cash in, don't mature! Ask questions rather than giving answers. Enjoy recess every day. Eat dessert first!

Attend to your inner life. Ponder the meaning of events – happy and otherwise. You can mine them for their significance or let them go. You can discern which are worth saving and savoring.

When you were younger, you needed excitement to avoid boredom. Age offers the perspective that an ordinary day is brimming with delights. Keep your glasses handy to notice ordinary wonders.

Expect good to come of each year ahead, for what we anticipate often happens. One advantage of trifocals is that you can spot the good at a range of distances – under your nose or far away.

Love, love, love. You can never grow too old to give and receive love. When you give love, it will come back to rest in your heart, making you whole and spiritually healthy.

Eat wholesome food. Grow flowers. Read vital books. Mix with joyous people. Praise the living God. Surround yourself with natural life-support systems!

Give freely of yourself. Dispense and disperse. Contribute your gifts: time, money, support, goodwill. You can only take it with you if you hold it in an open hand.

Sense your connection with all things. You are aging – as is all else that now lives. Respect the wisdom of the earth's cycles of rest and rebirth. Enjoy, participate, and gather energy from the rhythms of nature.

Look to the earth for mentors. You can be an annual blossom that withers after one season in the sun – or a perennial that blooms anew season after season. Flowers don't choose, but you can.

Be curious. Spend some time each day wondering about the world, about your favorite people, about the heavenly mysteries. Look for answers – in books, on the internet, in the experience of others, in prayer. Gather wisdom for your personal delight.

Appreciate. Let go of expectations and demands. Receive everything in life as a gift.

Take mental risks – even leaps. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Try a new schedule. Surprise yourself.

Travel enriches the spirit. Even at home, in the view from the window, a sense of exploration and discovery contributes to delight. You can travel far simply by opening your eyes. It's also beneficial to open the door.

Be present. Know where you are – geographically and spiritually. Revel in that time and space today. It's too late to redo yesterday and too early to experience tomorrow.

Age gives you so much more to honor, to treasure. You can lament what is past or you can delight in all the memories – and make new ones by sharing memories and mementos with those not yet blessed by age.

Let go of your rules for others. Allow those who love you, who misunderstand you, to be as they are. Give them their freedom and it will free you from any need to manage their lives.

Mend and tend your relationships. Grudges and ill will bend your back, tense your nerves, and tighten your jaw. You can kill yourself clinging to past hurts. You can add years by letting go.

Intend good to everyone you meet and those beyond your reach. Make efforts to extend goodness into the world through thoughts and acts of kindness. Effort added to intention creates change.

Forgive yourself for your mistakes. Distressed wood is valued for its scars, the evidence of its individuality. You are marked, perhaps scarred as well, but you have survived. Wear your scars as badges of lessons learned and growth earned.

Make a home within your own heart. Nest there; enjoy the comfort of being at home with yourself. There you will learn to be alone without every being lonely.

People you love will die. You will mourn them and miss them terribly. But you will not honor them by dying before your time. You are still connected with them in memory and spirit. Let this connection inspire and strengthen you for living.

You may be tested by aches and pains or illness, but you are not your illness. Remember, you are God's creation, challenged by imperfection but with an invincible spirit.

Embrace whatever comes. Running away saps your energy. What is held close can be seen clearly, faced, and befriended.

Every year of your life has been a gift. Every year ahead is also given, not earned. Treat the years as gifts – with daily thanks and reverence. Give yourself to the Giver. Then the final letting go will be but a gentle passage back into God's hands.

The Back Page

SIX LITTLE STORIES

{1}

Once all villagers decided to pray for rain.

On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.

That's *FAITH*.

{2}

When you throw babies in the air, they laugh because they know you will catch them.

That's *TRUST*.

{3}

Every night we go to bed without any assurance of being alive the next morning, but still we set the alarms to wake up.

That's *HOPE*.

{4}

We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.

That's *CONFIDENCE*.

{5}

We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.

That's *LOVE*.

{6}

On an old man's shirt was written a sentence, "I am not 80 years old;

I am sweet 16 with 64 years of experience."

That's *ATTITUDE*.

Have a happy day and live your life like the six stories.

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When I was a child, I thought nap time was punishment. Now it's like a mini-vacation.

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When my daughter, Kelli, said her bedtime prayers, she would bless every family member, every friend, and every animal (current and past). For several weeks, after we had finished the nightly prayer, Kelli would say, "And all girls."

It soon became part of her nightly routine to include this closing. My curiosity got the best of me and I asked her, "Kelli, why do you always add the part about all girls?"

Her response: "Because everybody always finishes their prayers by saying 'All Men!'"