

# GRACE NOTES

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## Springing to Life

Winter seems to have come to a conclusion finally. At least that is what I am telling myself. Spring is a time when we all see nature erupt into life, plants sprouting, trees budding, birds creating nests, and the grass in the yard is green again. Our days are lengthening and the air temperatures are climbing, at least during the day. What a wonderful time of year.

Spring for some can bring stress as well, spring cleaning, garage/yard sales, taxes, taxes, and planning what to do with the children for the summer. Honey do lists and projects which had to wait for warmer weather. Sometimes it seems to never end.

The good news is spring reminds us out of the darkness of winter, spring brings newness of life to everything which lay dormant during the snowy days of winter. This reminds me of the new life which Christ has promised us in Scripture.

This new life allows us to have a fresh start. Even if we have been living a Christian life and have a good relationship with our only Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, we may need to renew our commitment or ask for a fresh start. This renewal should be taking place every morning as we wake up to a new day and an opportunity for a fresh start. We don't have to wait for spring we can

go to the Fount of blessings each and every day for a drink of the water of life.

Bible study, prayer, and meditation on the Word of God sets the stage for our close communion with our Creator and Almighty God. This is something which is available to every believer and when coupled with the power of the Holy Spirit prepares us to overcome just as Jesus overcame and sat down with His Father on His Throne. He has reserved a seat there for us as well.

While speaking of fresh starts I would be remiss if I didn't mention, next month each of the churches in our great district will be holding communion services. I

can't help but think of the words of Jesus when speaking to Peter when He went to wash his feet, if I do not wash your feet you have no part with Me. I am reminded as believers living in a world of sin, we all need to have our feet washed if we desire to have a part with Jesus our Savior and Lord. I know each of you, like myself have as our goal to be part of Jesus' eternal kingdom. But for this to happen we must not only have a right relationship with God, but a righteous one with our fellow man. I am so glad that Jesus cares about all our relationships. As we prepare to receive communion and spring into a fresh start with God, let's all examine our relationships not only with God but with each other.

If during this examination process we are shown we

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## ELDER'S CORNER

### Becoming a witness for Christ

In the book of Acts, Luke writes about the first Christian church. It was in Antioch, that the term Christian was first

used.

The Apostles were told (Acts 1:8) you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth."

Wautoma falls within the ends of the earth.

Wautoma is where people live that need Jesus. And it is in Wautoma that we may be a Witness, a light in which people see Jesus.

How were the first Christians brought into the

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Vaccinations
- 12 Tribes of Israel
- Wautoma Church Plant
- Health Nugget
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## SIX REASONS TO SAY “NO” TO VACCINATIONS

### #1: Pharmaceutical Companies Can't Be Trusted

Let's just list a couple of the (many) times over the past 10+ years where a drug or drug regimen has been deemed unsafe and downright dangerous and yet the pharmaceutical companies covered it up FOR YEARS in order to continue raking in the profits for as long as possible. This should be an easy task.

How about hormone replacement therapy for women? The standard of care for a menopausal woman for over 40 years was HRT. Even women with no complaints were advised that this treatment was helpful as it reduced chances for a heart attack and cancer and even helped them feel younger. Were ANY of these claims true? Not a whit. Breast cancer risk is doubled for women on HRT; 41% increased risk for stroke; 29% increased risk of heart attack, and the list goes on and on.

How about Vioxx? Before this dangerous drug that caused thousands of deaths from heart attack and stroke was finally removed from the market, evidence surfaced that Merck had withheld information and even doctored reports on its dangers years before. As of November, 2007, Merck had agreed to pay \$4.85 billion to settle approximately 27,000 from cases claiming injury or death of a family member using Vioxx. While this is a huge sum of money, in reality it represents less than one year's profits for Merck. Does it pay for a drug company to lie about a drug's safety and efficacy? You betcha. The risk of payouts to victims from getting sued is lower than the lure of huge and long lasting profits while a drug's patent protection remains in effect. These corporate behemoths have proven themselves to be completely untrustworthy based on past behavior. In a court of law, if such a company were an actual witness, an attorney would never put them on the stand due to a serious lack of credibility. Are you really going to take these companies at their word that these shots are safe when money and profits are impacted by their answer?

### #2: ALL Vaccines are loaded with Chemicals and other Poisons

Here is a list of some of the damaging ingredients in the vaccines on the market today: MSG, antifreeze, phenol (used as a disinfectant), formaldehyde (cancer-causing and used to embalm), aluminum (associated with Alzheimer's Disease and seizures), glycerin (toxic to the kidneys, liver, can cause lung damage, gastrointestinal damage and death), lead, cadmium, sulfates, yeast proteins, antibiotics, acetone (used in nail polish remover), neomycin and streptomycin. And the ingredient making the press is thimerosal (more toxic than mercury, a preservative still used in many vaccines, not easily eliminated, can cause severe neurological damage as well as other life threatening autoimmune disease). These vaccines are grown and strained through animal or human tissue, like

monkey and dog kidney tissue, chick embryo, calf serum, human diploid cells (the dissected organs of aborted fetuses), pig blood, horse blood, and rabbit brain.

Can you imagine injecting this stuff directly into your child's blood? At least if you ate these ingredients, your body would have a chance to detoxify and eliminate them before any permanent damage could be done. But, to inject them right into the blood is the most damaging and lethal approach imaginable. How could anyone possibly think injection of such a cocktail of poison could in any way help preserve and enhance your child's health? (Sarah says), "It sure didn't make any sense to me. And, here I am 12 years later, still very happy with my decision NOT to vaccinate my children. Sadly, I know many Moms with 20/20 hindsight who greatly regret their decision to vaccinate". [It has been proven by independent biological scientists that infant vaccines cause autism and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)—DT]. However, I don't know ANYONE who has not vaccinated and regrets their decision.

### #3: Fully Vaccinated Children are the Unhealthiest, Most Chronically Ill Children I Know

One thing that confounds me is that there are no studies comparing the health of unvaccinated children to the health of vaccinated children. This seems like such an obvious study and it should have been conducted decades ago. Why hasn't it been done yet? My guess is because the health of the non-vaccinated children would so totally blow away the health of the vaccinated children that the discussion about the dangers of vaccines could finally be put to bed and the case would be closed emphatically in favor of those that accuse shots of causing chronic illness and auto immune disease. Update since this post was written: Vaccinated children are found to be more chronically ill than unvaccinated children with rates for autism, ear infections, ADHD, asthma and allergies as much as 30% higher than unvaccinated children. Take an informal poll of the folks in your circle and see for yourself. The kids with the most problems— allergies, asthma, ADHD, autism, coordination and other gross motor issues, etc. sure seem to be the ones that are right on track with their vaccination schedule. Even more powerful, ask Moms with several children, some of whom are vaccinated and some who are not. In my own circle, the Moms I know who have one or two older kids who are fully vaccinated and the younger kids who did not get any shots tell me that, hands down, that the unvaccinated children are healthier and have less problems.

### #4: Other Countries Are Waking Up to the Dangers of Vaccines

In 1975, Japan raised its minimum vaccination age to 2 years old. The country's infant mortality subsequently plummeted to such low levels that Japan now enjoys one of the lowest level in the Western world (#3 at last look). In comparison,

the United States' infant mortality rate is #33.

In Australia, the flu vaccine was recently suspended (April 2010) for children under 5 because an alarming number of children were showing up in the emergency rooms with febrile convulsions or other vaccine reactions within hours of getting this shot. Need I say more?

### #5: A Number of Vaccines Have Already Had Problems/Been Removed from the Market

Here is a brief list of some of the vaccines that have caused serious injury in recent years:

In February 2002, GlaxoSmithKline removed the Lyme disease vaccine from the market citing poor sales when in fact a number of folks who received the vaccine reported symptoms worse than the disease itself such as incurable arthritis or neurological impairment.

The Rotavirus vaccine (Rotashield) was removed from the market in 1999 due to an association between the vaccine and life threatening bowel obstruction or twisting of the bowel. Interestingly, my pediatrician at the time (who was a life-long friend of our family) had highly recommended that this vaccine be given to my newborn baby at the time. I trusted my instincts and said no to the shot—am I glad I did! My pediatrician (remember, lifelong family friend) subsequently dropped me as a patient. Guess he wasn't such a friend after all!

A warning was issued concerning the second Rotavirus vaccine (Rotateq) in 2007 as it caused the same twisting of the bowel problem in 28 infants (16 of which required intestinal surgery). This second vaccine has not yet been removed from the market as far as I know.

Another vaccine that has had a lot of problems but is not yet withdrawn is the Gardasil vaccine for adolescent girls. Fainting, paralysis, slurred speech are just a few of the reactions reported and yet this vaccine continues to stay on the market. At least 1600 adverse events have been reported since its approval in 2006, yet doctors are continuing to recommend this shot to their patients. Why this vaccine hasn't already been removed from the market is astonishing.

If the vaccines above have had serious problems, the others probably do too as vaccine manufacturers follow the same basic formula when coming up with each new shot.

### #6: You Can Always Get Vaccinated, But You Can never undo a Vaccination

Procrastination is usually considered a character flaw, but in the case of vaccination, delaying the decision for as long as possible plays to your advantage. The longer you wait to vaccinate your child, the better. A child's immune system continues to develop for years after birth. The blood/brain barrier does not fully develop until

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## WAUTOMA'S EASTER PROGRAM

Wautoma Church presented a special program for our "Resurrection Day" celebration. To our delight we had 45 people in attendance "The Meaning of Easter" and "Why Easter Matters" were presented by Alan and Eric Anderson. Carrie Anderson read a moving poem "Jesus rose to life." We had a string trio including cello for all the music. "A Picture of Calvary" was given before the skit, "The Resurrection". Each person was encouraged to step back in time over 2,000 years ago to the foot of an old rugged cross, to a tomb and a garden. We would meet some who were believers, some who were not, some who sought Jesus death others who would mourn it. This powerful message challenged each one to think about their own response to Christ and were asked "What would that response be?" The skit was complete with costumes and props. Luke Anderson and Steve Bergman concluded the skit with a vocal duet "He's Alive" made famous by Don Francisco. "Now we see through a glass dimly, but when He comes, face to face, now I know in part ... when He comes we will be known as we are known. We know our redeemer lives, not guess, not suppose, not wish, not wonder but we KNOW and are looking forward to that day with eager expectation.



Our friend and member, Robert Peterson, is very excited to be taking the Stars & Stripes Honor Flight to Washington DC out of Milwaukee Airport on May 21<sup>st</sup>! He and his fellow service men and women will be viewing the Korean Memorial, the World War II Memorial and the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery. Perhaps we could get together a group to travel to Milwaukee to welcome him home! If you would like more information, get in touch with [Koreen Boettcher!](#)

## After the Storm

Emily Thurman-Saturday, June 11, 2016

As I wandered around this beautiful sunshiny morning, looking at the damages after last night's storm, the beauty of the morning, listening to the cheery chirps of the birds, I couldn't help but think about how the storm related to the book I'm reading about Joseph.

The first thing I saw, was the greenhouse-or what is left of it. What was once my husband's pride and joy, now lies in ruins. The sides should be nice and even-about 2 1/2 -3 feet off the ground. It should be uniformly standing, protecting the tender plants inside. It wasn't long ago, that my husband found shelter from

a storm in there, safe from torrential rainfall. I'm thinking there wouldn't have been much shelter in there last night.

The next 'big' thing I found, was the tree that had taken down the pasture fence. Lest you worry, my husband already braved it to shut the horses off from this side of the pasture, so there's no danger for them. Standing there, looking out over the pasture, it all looks great, secure, normal, except for this open gash in the fence where it's broken to the ground.

On my way back into the house, I stopped by to check on the horses. The mini was calmly lying down-perfectly content and safe. My horse came over to give me a kiss. Then as I passed my son's truck bed,

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## *THE 12 TRIBES OF ISRAEL*

### REUBEN

It is strongly thought that the 12 sons of Jacob represent every personality type of humankind. (see last month's issue). No personality type is excluded and therefore, we note that **God can transform and work with everyone.**

We will examine the life and character of each of the sons of Jacob. As we do, see which one your character most matches with.

Reuben was the 1<sup>st</sup> born son of Jacob and Leah, the unloved wife.

Nothing is said of Reuben until years later regarding the mandrake roots in Gen 30:14. Then there followed the dark sin at Eder when in a moment of uncontrolled passion he gave himself up to lust and violated his father's concubine, Bilhah Gen. 35:22. The sorry episode proved to be a symptom of a deep and crippling problem. **Reuben lacked basic self-discipline**, a weakness that disqualified him for the birthright privileges of leadership and prosperity.

On his deathbed Jacob touched upon his son's tragic character flaw.

Unstable as water, you shall not have pre-eminence because  
you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled it.

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tucked inside were all the garden plants I bought just before the storm, safe and sound, not a broken stem in them. The truck sheltered them from the horrific wind, and while there was flying sticks and debris all around them, over-top of them, they weathered the storm, and were just blessed by the rainfall to water their thirsty roots.

You're probably wondering what in the world all of that has to do with Joseph. I've been reading about his life and choices, and the society and temptations that he lived in. It brought out the fact that he grew up in a morally corrupt home, with family that lied, and were sexually corrupt, etc.; so his values weren't exactly caught/taught from family history. Today I read about how Potiphar's wife tried and tried to seduce him, and his refusal to comply with her commands. I thought about how quickly the temptation of sin can rip apart our lives, and leave us lying in ruins. As I was thinking about how it looked when I got home, as the storm was in the distance; the strength of the storm when it hit, and the damage that it wreaked as it tore through, I thought about those little plants, and how they were totally safe, tucked in the shelter of the truck bed, how our only safety from sin, is to be tucked in the shelter of God's loving arms, sheltered in the cleft of the rock. Then no matter what temptations, storms of life, etc. come flying our way, we can, like Joseph, come out victorious.

—Emily—

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When the brothers were debating what to do with Joseph, Reuben suggested that they should abandon him in a dry well instead of killing him. His advice saved the lad's life. He planned to return later and secretly rescue Joseph. But Reuben might just as easily have persuaded his brothers to leave the young man alone. When he had discovered that they had sold Joseph into slavery, he wailed, "And I, whither shall I go?" He thought only of himself and gave little consideration to the fate of his young brother or his bereft father.

Years later, during the famine, Joseph demanded Benjamin's physical presence in Egypt as a prerequisite to his brothers purchasing food. Afterward Reuben reminded them, "Did I not tell you not to sin against the lad? But you would not listen. So now there comes a reckoning for his blood" Gen 42: 22) It was a pathetic cry of a basically good but grossly ineffective man. Saying "I told you so" is often the sound of frustration in the soul of a weak-willed Reubenite.

Back in Canaan, the brothers faced Jacob with the painful prospect of sending Benjamin back to Egypt with them, or starving. Reuben stepped forward with a rash guarantee, "Slay my two sons if I do not bring him back to you; put him in my hands and I will bring him back to you (verse 37). Of course that would be a relatively safe offer. Why would a father avenge the loss of two sons by slaying two grandsons? They were all his own flesh and blood.

Only when Judah promised to stand security for Benjamin did their father agree to the proposal. Judah's gifts for sound leadership kept coming to the fore, and ultimately he would take over this part of the birth-right privileges from Reuben.

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# MONTHLY HEALTH NUGGET

## Our Blood vessels

The circulatory pathways have been discussed in the article on the Heart. This month we will look at the Blood Vessels themselves.

The **blood vessels** are the part of the circulatory system that transports blood throughout the human body. There are three major types of blood vessels: the arteries, which carry the blood away from the heart; the capillaries, which enable the actual exchange of water and chemicals between the blood and the tissues; and the veins, which carry blood from the capillaries back toward the heart. The word *vascular*, meaning relating to the blood vessels is derived from the Latin *vas*, meaning vessel. A few structures (such as cartilage and the lens of the eye) do not contain blood vessels and are labeled.

### **Structure**

The arteries and veins have three layers, but the middle layer is thicker in the arteries than it is in the veins:

- *Tunica intima* (the thinnest layer): a single layer of simple squamous *endothelial cells*.
- *Tunica media* (the thickest layer in arteries): circularly arranged elastic fiber. The tunica media may (especially in arteries) be rich in *vascular smooth muscle*, which controls the size of the vessel.
- *Tunica adventitia*: (the thickest layer in veins) entirely made of connective tissue. It also contains *nerves* that supply the vessel.

*Capillaries* consist of little more than a layer of *endothelium* and occasional connective tissue.

When blood vessels connect to form a region of diffuse vascular supply it is called an *anastomosis* (pl. anastomoses). Anastomoses provide critical alternative routes for blood to flow in case of blockages.

There is a layer of muscle surrounding the arteries and the veins which help contract and expand the vessels. This creates enough pressure for blood to be pumped around the body. Blood vessels are part of the circulatory system, together with the heart and the blood.

### **What is the difference between Arteries and Veins?**

#### Arteries

Vessels which carry oxygenated blood from the heart to the various parts of the body.

Arteries have elastic muscular walls. No valves are present.

Blood flows under pressure.

#### Veins

Vessels which carry deoxygenated blood from the various parts of the body toward the heart.

Veins have thin non-elastic walls.

Valves are present to prevent backflow of blood.

Blood flows under pressure.



# WAUTOMA CHURCH PLANT

The Future place of worship for the Wautoma English and Spanish Church plants are changing before our eyes. Through a very strong effort put out by some great volunteers over a couple of work days, we were able to remove the clothing and contents which is helping us to prepare the basement and first

floor for further renovations.

We have a business meeting on 4-24-2017 where we will continue to make plans for establishing 535 South Cambridge Street as our church.

Until then, our English group meets at 220 Oakridge Court in Wautoma (which is the old

Wautoma Hospital) while the Spanish group is meeting yet at CapSel - 205 East Main, Wautoma, WI 54982.

We have hopes of starting services in our new location by the end of summer.

Keep us in your prayers.

*Alan Anderson*

*God is working in Wautoma*



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need to repair a damaged relation with our fellow man\woman let us make every effort to extend an olive branch to this individual and pray that we are successful. Even if we are not successful, it is still our duty to make the effort. Jesus is not always successful when He reaches out to those who

are estranged in their relationship with Him. In fact, Jesus went to the cross with His closest disciples in hiding for their lives after having abandoned Him in the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus never gives up on us, let's not give up hope on others.

So in conclusion as we feel the joy of the revival of life this spring, let's allow God to bring spring to our hearts and the hearts of others as well.

God bless you all.

Yours in Christ service,  
Pastor Joseph Perricellia



Pastor Joseph Perricellia

### Men's Conference Story #3

At men's conference they had two things to give away. A book on Job that four to five guys were interested in. He asked if anyone ever owned a 57 Chevy. That person got the book on Job. The other item given away "How to study your Bible," a program with Pastor David Asscherick and others. The set contained three DVDS and a CD with class notes and a list of one hundred texts to memorize. In order to receive this set, one had to write a full page of how you intended to use the set, and who you planned to use it for. We had time to relax and take a hike if we wanted to. I prayed that if God wanted me to have material for men's ministry that he would have to provide it. I am on disability and don't have the extra money to get material. Our nominating committee asked me to be our new men's ministry leader starting January 2017. I have lots to learn and pray about. One thing I have learned is that God always provides when we are asked to do something. I sat there praying and thinking there are about forty to fifty guys at camp and my chances to win were slim. Yet I still took the time as I knew I had to do my part and leave the rest up to God. Let me tell you God has a sense of humor. I worried about things and felt that my writing skills were way out dated, as I graduated almost thirty five years ago from high school. Pastor Michael Ehm asked if there was anyone who had written the assignment for the prize. To my amazement I had been competing against myself. He read the page to the group of men and gave me the study material. God is so good. Much of the time we worry about nothing when God already has everything under control. All He asks of us is a willing heart to carry out His bidding. To share what we know no matter of how little we think we know. God can use you. The question is, will you let Him?

Arnold Thurman, Wisconsin Rapids Church

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While his mother had envisioned a strong decisive character in her son, the primary imagery associated with Reuben's personality is that of water. Water may be very powerful in the form of steam, but its natural tendency, when left alone is to flow downward, accommodating itself passively to any available situation. A Reubenite, in other words, is "unstable as water". He only flows with the tide. Yet water also has many wonderful, positive properties as well - as did Reuben with his easygoing, kindhearted nature and his heart full of noble purposes that somehow never got fulfilled.

Reuben's emotional ailment's filtered down into his tribe. On the borders of Canaan, Dathan, Abiram, and On, leaders of his clan, ambitiously joined the rebellion of Korah, hoping to reclaim the civil authority lost to their family (Num. 16:1 With such a vigorous leader to follow, the Reubenites took up the cause. Lacking the capacity for leadership in the rebellion, the malcontents asserted themselves primarily through loud, insolent talk.

There were no outstanding people - no kings, prophets, or decision-makers among them.

When Deborah and Barak mustered the troops at Mount Tabor to fight Sisera, Reuben failed to respond. Still dogged by instability and indecision, its members could not make up their minds whether to join or not. They had no backbone for hard challenges. Consistently they chose the easier way, which in this case was to stay at home. None the less they debated about the matter. **"Among the clans of Reuben there were great searchings of heart,"** but still they tarried. Insensitive and unresponsive as sheep, they missed the joy of sharing the Lord's battle.

The Reubenites repeatedly capitulate to temptation because they lack goals and fixed principles to guide them. Like moral chameleons, they let every wind of change in their circumstances sway or mold them. Yet, anyone willing to undergo "searching of heart" can't be all wrong. Such self-examination can lead to repentance and complete forgiveness. In God's providence, members of this tribe will be among those who will receive the seal of God. Rev. 7:7 and make their way into the kingdom. And from the walls of the golden city the name of this one-time unstable son beckons the weak though well-meaning to struggle through the Reuben gate. If they choose, the grace of God will make this possible.

*Check out the June edition of [Grace Notes](#) to see the next installment of the "12 Tribes of Israel..."*



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Church? The same way people are lead into the church now. By faithful witnesses who share Jesus with their neighbors.

Sometimes I feel I'm not good enough to be a witness. Then I read Acts 1:8 where Jesus says "You will be my witness." Jesus seems to think that HE can use me no matter what doubts I have for

myself.

In that 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Acts, we are told that Jesus spent 40 days after his resurrection communing with the apostles and then returned to heaven to be with His Father. Jesus left knowing that we would be part of His plan. He ended Matthew 28 with these instructions; "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in

the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always to the very end of the Age."

If Jesus has determined that you and I can and will be a witness for Him, who are you and I to doubt. Jesus says "You will be my witness." We

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**Happy Birthday!**



- May 3 Jasper St. Bernard
- May 13 Harry Bergeon
- May 16 Perry Williams
- May 21 Jadon Dettmann
- May 28 Leticia Cuahuizo
- May 30 Margo Duda

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adolescence. The longer you wait, the more likely your child's immune system will be able handle the onslaught with minimal damage. *If you don't know what to do, don't do anything!*

Conversely, you can never undo a vaccination. There are holistic therapies that can detox a child from the vaccine's poison, but the damage that is done can never be 100% repaired. And, I have NEVER met a fully vaccinated child that is healthier and more robust than a well-nourished, unvaccinated child. Period.

While I would like to convince you to never vaccinate your child, if I can simply convince you to delay it for a few years that is certainly

better than vaccinating a baby. If you can simply commit to waiting until your child is school age to vaccinate, so much the better than if you vaccinate as a toddler and so on. Time is on your side and waiting is the best policy when it comes to shots.

By the time your child is older, more research will have been done, you will have an opportunity to learn more and become more comfortable with your decision to wait. Who knows? Your attitude of wait and see may turn out to be permanent.

*Six Reasons To Say NO to Vaccination—the author is: Sarah, The Healthy Home Economist on May 25, 2010/*

*Adapted and Submitted by Dorothy Tess*

**All Heaven Wept**

Satan and his angel host,  
Greed and doubt grew in each heart,  
Once were loyal to their post,  
And they from heaven must depart.  
Then all heaven wept.

Down to Earth the serpent came;  
Brought to man his deepest shame.  
Angels watched with great remorse  
As sinful nature took its course.  
Again all heaven wept.

Evil men arose to fight  
On man and beast a serious blight.  
Satan smiled in ghoulish glee,  
"Now I have humanity!"  
And all heaven wept.

Says he, "I'll show them, let them see,  
That Christ Himself can't make them free!"  
But Jesus' life and death exposed

That lie of Lucifer, all Heaven knows.  
As all heaven wept.

Apostles went to all the world  
To every nation, truth unfurled.  
Then worst of all, a power was born  
Who caused the heavens again to mourn.  
And all heaven wept.

The Papal beast of lawless deeds,  
The man of sin and apostasy.  
To the wilderness God's people fled,  
Dark the ages, much blood was shed.  
While all heaven wept.

Disobedience knows no bounds;  
Bodies heaped in bloody mounds.  
Testifies what sin can do,  
When Satan and his girlfriend rules.  
Still all heaven weeps.

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**A NOTE FROM YOUR PRAYER WARRIOR**

This is the first time in a long time that I have written anything. It seems that this position is not necessarily needed or wanted, at least that's the impression I am left with at times. I don't know what to write. I was under the impression that prayer was for anything or anyone who

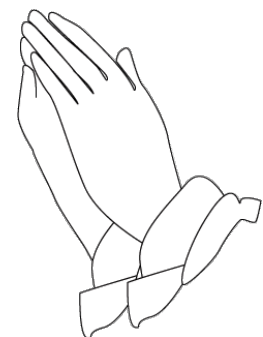
needed it, but some think it terrible to be prayed for. I've been discouraged to the point of resigning this position but then Jesus nudges me to keep on trying. This is so frustrating as I really have no description of what it is that you feel I should be doing. There are plenty of you that are much

more spiritual and stronger prayer warriors in your own right. I would greatly appreciate your thoughts, ideas, suggestions and prayers. Please send them to me at [JL597746@yahoo.com](mailto:JL597746@yahoo.com)

I look forward to your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you for your time.

Your Prayer Warrior,  
Jody Lucas , Almond



### MY TESTIMONY BY BETH RUEHL

I was born and raised in Kenosha, WI to a German factory worker (American Motors Corp) and a Polish store clerk (Piggly Wiggly). I also have an older sister and brother. As an infant, I was baptized into the Methodist church and was taken to Sunday school and church weekly. At 13 or 14, it was expected that I be confirmed and so I agreed. During my years up until 8<sup>th</sup> grade, I attended a Lutheran grade school. But by the age of 14, I had become confused and curious about religion. My sister had left the Methodist church, became a vegetarian and started attending a Seventh-day Adventist Church, where she became a colporteur. Not long after that, she

invited me to a Revelation seminar. My dad had died when I was 12, and when my mom heard about this “new” church, she thought it was a cult. But I was so impressed by the fact that everything they taught was supported by Scripture that I was eager to learn more.

I attended public schools from 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade but when I graduated high school in 1982, my interests had peaked about Adventism so much that I had a deep desire to attend Andrews University in Michigan. The summer after my high school graduation, I worked for a Jewish family in Illinois as a nanny. This was a unique experience. I had become a vegetarian, but

didn't have a clue about the correct way to prepare vegetarian dishes so it was a learning experience. Filled with excitement, I started my first year at AU, but after the first quarter, I left. Not only did I suffer from severe homesickness, but the whole Adventist world, which was so new to me, came as a complete shock while being alone and away from home with no one to guide me. Later I wanted to return to AU and did. I was baptized November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1984, by Pastor David Rand.

After my baptism, I completed my B.S. degree at Andrews University, worked for a while, and then returned in 1993

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## FREE DENTAL CLINIC & HEALTH EXPO Marshfield High School Gymnasium

Saturday, May 13 (1:30 am-6 pm) & Sunday May 14 (8 am-5 pm)  
1401 East Becker Road, Marshfield, WI



### Nutrition–Dental–Health Screening

MAY  
13 & 14

Saturday, May 13 from 1:30 pm - 6:00 pm, & Sunday, May 14 from 9 am-5 pm, Wisconsin licensed professionals will offer free, mobile clinic services including dental care (cleanings, fillings, & extractions) and adult health screenings. There will also be a free children's health expo where children have fun while learning about their wellness.

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are all to be a witness where ever we are. In Wautoma, just like in Antioch, we are trying to honor Jesus by sharing his love with our neighbors and with the world.

We do need help to be a good witness. Ellen White puts it this way in the Acts of Apostles, page 31, Our hearts must be “made warm and lips made eloquent by a living knowledge of Him who is the way, the truth and the life.” With Jesus and the Holy Spirit, there is no room for doubt, for “You will be my Witness.”

Remember that God does not call the equipped. He equips the called!

*Written and submitted by: Alan Anderson*

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## FROM THE INSIDE, WITH KEN WELLS

As I'm looking above, I thank you, gracious Father for giving your Son.

Let the scriptures be your blueprint daily.

And live abundantly in Christ.

No matter what, the devil tries to lead you astray,

When you want to win, the Lord is the Way.

### Friendship wish

God Bless you,

God Keep you,

God Love you.

May the Lord smile on you in a special Way.

And may he Bless with his amazing Love.

### Daily principles to live by

1. To follow God fully throughout our lives on earth, we must obey the word of God and keep our eyes focused on the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. We must be on guard against prideful behavior, which satan wants to use to lead us into rebellion against God.
3. When scriptures confront sin in our lives, we should allow Gods spirit to convict us, humble us, and redirect our lives unto His will.
4. To please God daily on a consistent basis, we must be committed to living in God's will as recorded in the Holy Spirit.
5. To work in God's will, we must allow His word to penetrate our Inner most being.
6. Even though we are capable of accomplishing many wonderful things in this life, our primary focus should by Eternity.
7. When we speak of God's coming judgement, our primary purpose should always be to encourage unrepentant people to come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Savior.
8. We must never forget Jesus' primary mission; to provide salvation for all people.
9. Though we always should be prepared for Christ's return, we are to focus on being His witnesses in the world.
10. To carry out Christ's mission to the world, we must demonstrate wisdom toward all people.

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to complete my Masters degree in 1995. Since that time, I have attended Adventist churches in Michigan, Indiana, Maryland and Virginia. Less than a year after Kevin and I were married, he made the decision to be baptized also. Kevin, our daughter, Emy, and I have been members of the

Stevens Point church since 2003. Emy now happily attends Hillside Christian School in Wausau.

Since 1994 I have been working in the A.O.D.A. (Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse treatment program) counseling field. I love my career as a certified Alcohol and Drug and Mental Health Therapist. How I wish that I could sit down with each one of my clients and

reveal to them the love that Jesus has for them and how their life would be changed if they would only accept Him! I know that the Holy Spirit led me from confusion and uncertainty during my youth to a deep knowledge and understanding today of what God has done for me.

*- Submitted by Beth Ruehl*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Almond's May Events

May 6 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 May 7 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 May 10 Community Bible Study 7:00  
 May 12 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 May 13 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 May 14 Men's Breakfast/Devotion 9 AM  
 May 14 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 May 17 Community Bible Study 7:00  
 May 19 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 May 20 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 May 21 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 May 24 Community Bible Study 7:00  
 May 26 Prayer Mtg. 7:00  
 May 27 Sabbath – Vegetarian Potluck  
 May 28 Bible Study (Anderson Home) 5:30  
 May 31 Community Bible Study 7:00

### Stevens Point's May Events

Tuesday, May 02, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Wednesday, May 03, 2017 2 pm – 8:30 pm	Portrait session for Church District Directory.
Thursday, May 04, 2017 – 7 pm	Community Bible study in the fellowship room. Maria is leading the discussion.
Sabbath, May 06, 2017 – 9:20 am	Communion Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Beth Ruehl will facilitate the lesson study and Pastor Perricellia will present the message.
Tuesday, May 09, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Wednesday, May 10, 2017	Visitation Day at Hillside Christian School, Wausau
Thursday, May 11, 2017 – 6:45 pm	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating.
Sabbath, May 13, 2017 – 9:20 am	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Leroy Dissing will facilitate the lesson study and guest speaker Adam Case will present the message.

## SCHEDULES, CONTINUED

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Monday, May 15, 2017 – 6 pm	Church Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 – 9 – 11:30 am	Quilting group meeting in the fellowship room.
Thursday, May 18, 2017 – 6:45 pm	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating.
Sabbath, May 20, 2017 – 9:20 am	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Darrell will facilitate the lesson and Maria will present the message.
Tuesday, May 23, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.
Thursday, May 25, 2017 – 6:45 pm	Community Bible Study in the fellowship room. Maria is facilitating.
Sabbath, May 27, 2017 – 9:20 am	Sabbath services. Sabbath school at 9:20 a.m. Lesson Study is at 10:00 am, Worship service at 10:50 am. Harvey Churkey will facilitate the lesson and Pastor David Guerrero will present the message.
Tuesday, May 30, 2017 – 7 pm	Prayer meeting and lesson study at church. Jasper St. Bernard is facilitating the lesson on Revelation.

### Wautoma Church Plant's Schedule

- May 4 Women's Group at the Anderson's starting at 10:00 a.m.
- May 6 Sabbath School 10:00 a.m. Leader - Alan Anderson  
Church 11:00 am Speaker- Eric Anderson
- May 7 Bible Study at the Anderson's Pot Luck at 5:30 followed by the Study
- May 11 Women's Group at the Anderson's starting at 10:00 a.m.
- May 13 Sabbath School at 10:00 Leader - Eric Anderson  
Church 11:00 a.m. Speaker – Alan Anderson
- May 14 Bible Study at the Anderson's Pot Luck at 5:30 followed by the Study
- May 18 Women's Group at the Anderson's starting at 10:00 a.m.
- May 20 Sabbath School at 10:00 a.m. Leader Alan Anderson  
Church 11:00 a.m. Speaker – Luke Anderson
- May 25 Women's Group at the Anderson's starting at 10:00 a.m.

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Though we know the Papacy's wrong,  
Oft we think it's been too long,  
Then we pray, "O Lord, how long  
Will You permit this sin go on?  
How long will heaven weep?"

Then He speaks, voice laced with tears,  
"On and on throughout the years,  
Pain must show what sin can do;  
But love in Me must shine through you.  
How long will heaven weep?"

And on it goes, the pain, the death,  
Until Earth breathes its final breath.  
The plagues will fall on Satan's throne  
As Jesus comes to claim His own.  
Soon heaven will not weep.

Just wait in faith...

There standing on the crystal sea,  
God's children sing majestically.  
From heaven's courts the tears will flow,  
Now tears of joy; and not of woe!  
"Love is the conqueror of the foe!"  
No more will heaven weep.

*(By Rachael Perry & Patti Heinrich)*

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Wisconsin Rapid's May Events

May 1	Photographs for church directory
May 3	Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 10	Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 13-14	Free Dental Clinic and Health Expo-Marshfield High School
May 17	Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 19-21	Pathfinder Fair, Wis. Academy
May 24	Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.
May 29	Memorial Day
May 31	Bible Study & Prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS COMING JUNE 5TH TO 9TH**

### NUTRITION – DENTAL – HEALTH SCREENING

You are invited to participate in a free dental/health event coming to Marshfield on Saturday May 13 and Sunday May 14. The event is being sponsored by the Wisconsin Seventh-day Adventist Churches.

We need many volunteers to make this event successful. In addition to the free dental care, the health expo will feature the NEW START health message and a health age screening.

Here are just a few of the many volunteer opportunities available:

- Setting up tables & chairs
- Greeter
- Handing out water bottles
- Taking blood pressures
- Using a stop watch
- Counting steps
- Handing out clipboards, refilling clipboards
- Using a computer & printer
- Setting up literature stands
- Setting up banners
- Registration table
- Making food for the volunteers
- Chair massages

Please contact Pam Thomas to volunteer for any of these positions or to help out in any other ways.

Your help is greatly appreciated and greatly needed too!

Call 715-644-8399 or send email to: [pam.eccl4.12@gmail.com](mailto:pam.eccl4.12@gmail.com)



## MOTHER'S DAY

### MOTHERS DAY

May 14<sup>th</sup> 2017

#### History

Origin of Mother's Day goes back to the Ancient Greek annual spring festival dedicated to Rhea wife of Cronus and mother of many Greek mythology deities.

Romans have a spring festival called Hilaria dedicated to as Cybele also a mother goddess. Cybele was 250 years before Christ, and was celebrated during the Ides of March and lasted 3 days. This celebration was banned from Rome.

Roots can also be traced in the UK where it is referred to Mothering Sunday. This dates back to the 1600s. Early Christians celebrated Mothers Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of lent in honor of the Virgin Mary. England expanded it to honor all mothers. The custom almost died out by the 19<sup>th</sup> century however it was celebrated again after WW2 when an American Serviceman brought the custom and commercial enterprises and used it as an occasion for sales.

Julia Ward Howe first suggested celebrating Mother's Day in 1872 here in America. She suggested June 2<sup>nd</sup> to be celebrated for Mother's Day and that it should be dedicated to peace. She wrote the Mother's Day Proclamation in Boston in 1870.

The Original Mother's Day Proclamation by Julia Ward Howe

Here for records sake, is the proclamation she wrote in 1870, which explains, in her own impassioned words, the goals of the original holiday.

Arise, all women who have hearts,

whether your baptism be that of water or of tears! Say firmly: "We will not have great questions decided by irrelevant agencies, our husbands shall not come to us, reeking with carnage, for caresses and applause.

"Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn all that we have been able to teach them of charity, mercy and patience. We women of one country will be too tender of those of another country to allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated earth a voice goes up with our own. It says, "Disarm, disarm! The sword is not the balance of justice." Blood does not wipe out dishonor nor violence indicate possession.

As men have often forsaken the plow and the anvil at the summons of war, let women now leave all that may be left of home for a great and earnest day of counsel. Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and commemorate the dead. Let them then solemnly take counsel with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace, each learning after his own time, the sacred impress, not of Caesar, but of God.

In the name of womanhood and of humanity, I earnestly ask that a general congress of women without limit of nationality may be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient and at the earliest period consistent with its objects, to promote the alliance of the different nationalities, the amicable settlement of international questions, the great and general interests of peace.

BUT:

The first celebrated Mother's Day in America was in 1908 by Anna Jarvis when she held a memorial for her mother at St. Andrews Methodist

Church in Grafton West Virginia. Anna Jarvis though herself never married nor did she have any children, honored her mother amidst a growing negligent attitude of adult Americans towards their mothers. By 1911 Mother's Day was celebrated in almost every state of the Union and on May 8<sup>th</sup> 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a Joint Resolution designating the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May as Mother's Day and proclaiming it a national Holiday. It is to be a public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers. This Celebration is observed by 40 plus countries with dates that vary by that country.

Its significance is to honor Mothers and Motherhood.

This is just a little history on Mother's Day.

Today's commercialized celebration of candy, flowers, gift cards and meals out, bears little resemblance to Howe's original Idea.

I feel we need to go back to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment.

Exodus 20:12a NIV Honor thy Father and thy Mother

By doing so we have a promise from God, and that promise is

Exodus 20:12b so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

I do not know about you but I honor my mom every day. Yes there is one day (actually a few) that is set aside for her specifically.

So to all the Ladies reading this Happy Mother's Day. To my mom Happy Mother's Day every day. Love to my mom always.....

Jody Lucas

Prayer Warrior

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## Mission Statement:

Fostering Unity

## Vision Statement:

To be a resource which encourages and inspires unity in our church district; through inspirational thoughts, informative articles and testimonials; preparing for the soon coming of Christ.

## Is God Working In My Life?

How many times have you asked the question “Is God really leading in my life? I don’t feel like I’m doing anything for Him!” Perhaps I’m the only one who’s ever felt that way. I am in the process of reading a whimsical story with some serious undertones with the shady title of “Flash: The Homeless Donkey Who Taught Me about Life, Faith, and Second Chances” by Rachel Anne Ridge. It’s published by Tyn-dale House Publishers and is the true tale of a stray donkey who wandered onto a family’s country property and stayed, teaching them, as the title suggests, something about faith and life.

Rachel was a missionary’s daughter, went to Bible College, and had the dream of doing great things for God. Instead, she settled down with her husband, had three kids, and started their own business. Life started to take over: their fourth child was stillborn and their business, which held so much promise, suffered ups and downs. What happened to God in her life and all the amazing things she was going to do for Him? Here is what she says:

“Faith had often been presented as an either-or proposition: Either you are a 100 percent willing vessel or a halfhearted church attendee.

A minister or a pew sitter. A doer or a spectator. An on-fire

zealot or a pallid Christian. There wasn’t much middle ground to speak of. It took years of plodding to realize that there was, after all, a place for us, and it was not in a manufactured state of guilt, but in a grace-filled space within His care.

Faith, we learned, is not an occupation, but a lifestyle. It is a matter of the heart that encompasses everything. Step by faltering step, we had made a trail from the woods to the barn, from hyperactive duty to genuine worship. Circling around and coming back.

Making dinner, taking kids to piano lessons, changing the oil. Finding that God is in our work and our play and our family. In our hockey games and Bible studies, our bedtime prayers and errands. He is in our *showing up* each day and lacing up our shoes and being fully present in whatever situations we find ourselves. He is in our very breaths.

Walking, stepping, plodding. Doing the next thing....And one day, waking up to embrace the freedom of the mystery. Savoring the not knowing. Resting in faith. Being in awe of a God who sees and knows, and who waits. It all happens in such incremental moments, as you work out your life into some kind of reflection of Him in your everyday world. You are making trails, even when you don’t know quite where you are heading.

Psalms 32:8 says, ‘I will...guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch your progress.’ (TLB) How incredible to know that His hand is leading and His eye is watching over us. And Proverbs 16:9 states, ‘We can make our plans, but the final outcome is in God’s hands.’ (TLB)

[I thank] God for all the times during my journey that I’d begged for rescue, for change, for intervention—and God in His inscrutable wisdom had left me just where I was. Because it was in the waiting, and the wondering, and the plodding that I had to do the most trusting. And found the most grace.

You can’t always see the destination, but perseverance will take you there. He is with you each step of the way. Always.”

- Submitted by Koreen Boettcher