



Round Valley Faith Lift

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News from the Pews



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Rob & Lynn Larmour welcomed a new Grandson Daniel on 12/27/2012. Their Son Rob and Daughter-In-Law Angela are Daniel's proud parents. A brand new little baby boy to fill your lives & hearts with Joy. Congratulations!

The combined service of special music on 12/30/2012 was a huge success! It provided much comfort, relaxation and peace for our souls and was a memorable way to bring an end to 2012. A special thank you to all!

David Wells broke his right wrist snow-boarding in January 2013! Healing prayers were with you David!

Rick Galando was seen by Dr. Marc Dinkins who specializes in Neuro-Ophthalmology in NYC in January 2013. Dr. Dinkins confirmed that Rick's blindness was permanent but urged them to still hold on to hope. With the continued medical advances and research, anything is still possible! Please continue to keep Rick, June and their family in your prayers, especially healing prayers for Rick. God will continue to give you the light of his Grace and Love Rick.

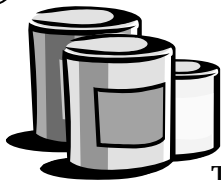
Mary Walls was hospitalized in February for abdominal bleeding. She was then transferred to Rolling Hills Care Center for convalescence and rehabilitation. She was discharged on 03/19/13. Thank you God for answered prayers. Welcome Home Mary and continued good health.

Pastor Andrew & Jeanne drove to Ohio in February to attend Tim's first Cello solo performance. Your family and church family are so proud of you Tim! Congratulations!

Jim Walls is now part of the custodial team at Voorhees High School. Jim began his new job in February. This is an answered prayer for Jim. God is so Good!

Joan Alpaugh fell and broke her hip in March. She had surgery at H.M.C. and was later transferred to Rolling Hills Care Center for convalescence and rehabilitation. Joan & Mary were a good source of comfort and support for each other. Our prayers and love continue for you Joan!

Leah Rothstein fell from a swing in her back yard and fractured her right wrist in March 2013. Happy healing and prayers for you Leah!



Loaves of Love

Hours—1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month...or anytime by calling 908-642-0531

The Loaves of Love food pantry continues to do what it has been blessed to do, feed and nurture the families in our community. We are currently helping 16 families totaling 55 people altogether. Our generosity, love and compassion helps to nourish not only their bodies but their spirits as well. Thank you to everyone who cares and gives so much to this ongoing need.

Blessings,

Sandy Dabb

Sing a New Song unto the Lord, in new Choir Robes

The Choir Director, Jeanne Paek, and the choir debuted their new choir robes and stoles on Easter Sunday. The robes and accessories were purchased from "The Charlotte Hoffman Memorial Fund". Charlotte was Choir Director at our church for many years directing both junior and senior choirs. Her passion and love for music was evident in the talent and time that she put into her commitment. Miss Charlotte is smiling down on us saying "Well done my good and faithful servants".



*I will sing to the Lord,
for He has been good to me.*
—Psalms 13:6

Coffee Hour



We all enjoy our coffee hour each week following Sunday worship. Please consider signing up by yourself or with someone else. You can bring a couple of store bought coffee cakes or some donuts or do a whole lunch. We are thankful for whatever you can do. We use this time for fellowship and welcoming any visitors that we may have. You do not have to worry about making the coffee, someone else will take care of that before church service. It is a good idea to check the dates on the milk or cream in the fridge prior to your Sunday and bring fresh if it is outdated or not available.

Thank you – Carol Gulick

Flowers Bring Smiles!

We are going to have flowers on the altar each week. Anyone who wishes to participate can sign up on the new “flowers sign-up sheet”. You can dedicate your flowers in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone or in celebration of a special occasion or whatever reasons you so choose and it will be printed in the bulletin each week. We believe this program can take care of itself if we follow some guidelines. With spring on the way you can pick flowers from your garden, buy them from the grocery store or order from the florist. Nancy at Four Seasons in Lebanon will deliver them to the church for you. We ask that you

take your flowers home after Sunday Service so we can avoid having wilted or dead flowers. You can either bring your own vase or use one that can be found in the cabinet over the kitchen sink but please return it in time for the following Sunday. There are also bud vases if you would like to just place a single rose or flower for any occasion. We hope to have a tasteful artificial bouquet for those weeks where no one has signed up.

Let’s beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.

Thank you – Carol Gulick



Every flower is a soul

Blossoming out to nature

R o a s t B e e f D i n n e r

(or as Jack Dabb likes to call it Roast **Beast** Dinner)



Sandy Dabb is organizing a roast beef dinner fund raiser. The dinner is scheduled for May 11th from 4:30 – 7:30pm. The dinner will include roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, beets, apple sauce, rolls and homemade desserts and ice cream. Sandy is asking that we save 12oz empty jelly jars for her! These will be used for gravy for the takeout meals and can be left in the kitchen and marked accordingly.

Mark your calendars and remember to tell your family, friends and neighbors.

Adults \$12 Seniors \$8 Children \$6 Children under 5 free.

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

"Batter Up!" Next fall the umpire will say one last time. The batter--I hope its a Met-- will swing and score the winning run of the 2013 World Series. That run will conclude a "Championship Season." But that is next fall. Now we are at the beginning of the baseball season. To have a winning season the athletes must start with the discipline of Spring Training.

You and I are not NY Mets, or Yankees, or Phillies. We are Christians. Our Championship Season begins each year with the discipline of Lent which is our Spring Training. Our regular ball game begins with the Easter and continues throughout the Easter Season. As Christian athletes we must keep in shape and play well every day in order to win the "Championship" in the kingdom of God. Here are some questions we can ask if we are willing to be on the winning side:

AM I putting Jesus first in every area of my life or am I still in charge?
AM I putting a priority on fellowship and worship with fellow Christian believers?
AM I praying and asking the Lord to help me to be available to witness for God each day?
AM I seeking to love rather than hate or judge others?
AM I willing to confess my sins and truly seek the Lord's forgiveness?
AM I willing to completely let go of my selfish control to surrender and let God take over?

These are just a few of the many reflective questions that you and I can ask and answer as we continue our regular season of 2013.

St. Paul put it this way. ***"Athletes deny themselves all sorts of things. They do this to win a crown that is imperishable"*** (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Go Christians!

God loves you and so do I,

Your Brother and Pastor

Pastor Andrew

Carrot, Egg or Coffee Bean?

A young woman went to her Grandmother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling.



Her Grandmother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans.

She let them sit and boil without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl.

Turning to her Granddaughter, she asked, "Tell me, what do you see?" "Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

She brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft and mushy. She then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hardened egg. Finally, she asked her to sip the coffee.

The daughter smiled as she tasted its deep flavor and inhaled its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What's the point, Grandma?"

Her Grandmother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity - boiling water - but each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin, outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened.



The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her Granddaughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg, or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong? But with pain and adversity, do I wilt and lose my strength? Am I the egg that starts with a fluid spirit but, after death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and a hardened heart? Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water - the very circumstance that brings the adversity, the pain, the hardship - into something quite wonderful. When the water gets hot, it releases its fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better, and change the situation around you for the better.

When the hours are the darkest and trials are their greatest do you elevate to another level? How do you handle adversity?

ARE YOU A CARROT, AN EGG, OR A COFFEE BEAN?

~ Author Unknown



Twist on Words

How Does Moses Make his tea?
Hebrews it.

Venison for dinner again?
Oh deer!

I use to be a banker, but then I lost interest.

Haunted French pancakes gave me the crepes!

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liver-
pool.

I tried to catch some fog, but I mist.

They told me I had Type-H blood, but it was a Type-O.

When chemist die, they barium.

Why were the Indians here first?
They had reservations.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her
job because she couldn't control her pupils.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

I got a job at the bakery because I kneaded the dough.

I didn't like my beard at first, then it grew on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarian
Club, but I'd never met herbivore.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabu-
lary?
A Thesaurus.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and
then it dawned on me.

Broken pencils are pointless.

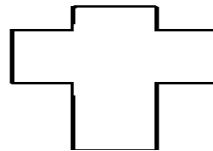
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Tech Support

This ought to make you feel better about your computer skills!

Tech support: What kind of computer do you have?

Customer: A white one...

Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on the left of the screen.

Customer: Your left or my left?

Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha. I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't Find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it.

Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am?

Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11.

Customer: My keyboard is not working anymore?

Tech support: Are you sure it's plugged into the computer?

Customer: No. I can't get behind the computer.

Tech support: Pick up your keyboard and walk 10 paces back.

Customer: OK!

Tech support: Did the keyboard come with you?

Customer: Yes.

Tech support: That means the keyboard is not plugged in.

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.

Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?

Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it.

Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was?

Customer: Five dots.

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: Ok, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the little circle around it?

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows?

Customer: 'No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his print is working fine.'

Tech support: 'Ok Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter 'P' to bring up the Program Manager.'

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: 'P'...on your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!



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B i r t h d a y s & A n n i v e r s a r i e s

Birthdays are a special time to remember that God creates beautiful people...He created you!

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| Lois Larmour | April 12 |
| Barbara Galusha | April 19 |
| Deb Rosene | April 23 |
| Michael Patuto | April 30 |
| Camille Demech | May 4 |
| Alan Dutka | May 8 |
| Ida Hauchwitz | May 15 |
| Debbie Cerra | May 17 |
| Joan Alpaugh | May 31 |
| Linda Drake | June 3 |
| Richard Schultz | June 10 |

Anniversaries are a time to celebrate the joys of today, the memories of yesterday and the hopes of tomorrow.

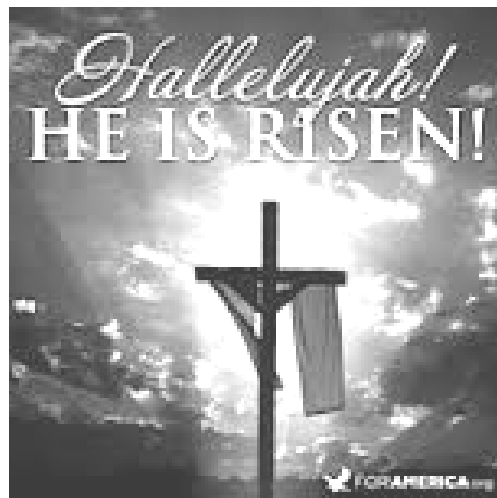
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| Jim & Anne Walls | April 6 |
| John & Jennifer Patuto | April 20 |
| Jim & Margaret Simpson | May 3 |
| John & Linda Drake | May 14 |
| Tom & Debbie Cerra | June 8 |

D a t e s t o R e m e m b e r

- Roast Beef Dinner—Saturday, May 11th from 4:30-7:30PM.
- New time for choir practice—Sundays after worship service.

**Jesus Christ
is Risen
Today!**

Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!



**Let Us
Rejoice &
Open Our
Hearts with
Praise!**

Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!