

# The Church Organ

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## From Your Pastor's Pen

### A Father's Example

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."*

(Deuteronomy 6:5 ESV)

We are living in days when the place of fatherhood is downplayed in our society. All one need do is look at the advertisements on TV, the domestic laws of the land, and the ridicule in today's sitcoms to see that men and fathers are seen by society as inept and inconsequential for family life.

But God says something entirely different. He sees fathers as not only important, but essential! And we dads need to step up to bat and become all God intended for us to be. And that means we need new commitments and new dedication. And it all begins with us fathers leading by example in obedience to the above admonition from Deuteronomy. Let us lead in the example of truly loving the Lord our God the way he ought to be loved, by word and walk.

Malachi stated it this way in a prophesy concerning Elijah: *"He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."* (Malachi 4:6 ESV). From the very

creation of mankind, God intended for the father to take the lead in teaching, leading and worshiping in the home. It is as the father loves God and leads his family in demonstration of that love that the children learn to follow the Lord.

It has been my experience in the past that families are more likely to gather in worship, even as extended families, on Mother's Day than they are on Father's Day. Sadly, Father's Day often finds families away from the worship of the church and pursuing sporting or outdoor events rather than setting worship as a priority for the home. But if we fathers truly want to make a spiritual impact on our families, then the Lord must take the highest priority in our own lives. Our children see our priorities by the examples we set; and if worship and service of the Lord is not the priority in your life, they will "catch it" even if we try to teach them otherwise.

We have been studying much about the way of the cross and the kingdom. We fathers really need to take the lead in demonstrating this dedicated life to the cause of Christ. We need to focus on the eternal over the temporal; something that we often find hard to do in our hectic lives. But we need to ponder thoughtfully the

proverb: "Only one life will soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." We need to instill into our families an eternal perspective to life and not get bogged down by the temporal and passing things of this world.

Remember the truth that the Apostle John passed on to us in his first epistle. He wrote, *"Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions—is not from the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does*

*the will of God abides forever"* (1 John 2:15-17 ESV). We fathers need to take the spiritual lead which will turn our children's eyes from seeking their fulfillment in things that are passing away to things that will truly last for time and eternity.

Men; let us evaluate our lives and refocus our love on the Lord for the sake of the next generation. We keep hearing that the next generation is falling by the wayside and turning away from the Lord and His Church. We need to lead the way back! We need to show the way by

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# Oak Lake Activities

## Picnic with American Friends

Are you wishing for an opportunity to get to know international students and their families? Do you wish to share Christ with another culture? Your opportunity has arrived! Kurt and Nanette Olsen (InterFACE Ministries) along with Oak Lake are sponsoring a picnic to help you meet these individuals. The picnic is being held this Wednesday, June 2, at 5:30 PM at the Oak Lake Park Open Shelter (Sun Valley Blvd. & Charleston). Bring enough food and table service for yourself/your family plus enough food for 1 or 2 additional people. The grill will be hot and ready for meat.

If you are interested in attending, sign up at the foyer counter, or RSVP to Jim Kalisch at [jk1123@windstream.net](mailto:jk1123@windstream.net).

--Kurt and Nanette Olsen

## ELL Summer Conversation Classes

Are you looking for a fun activity for a summer evening? How about an activity that won't have you pulling a muscle or leave you sweating? Come join the fun at the English conversation classes. We have many students who are anxious to learn. We invite you to come visit, sit in on the classes and see how easy it is to make a difference!

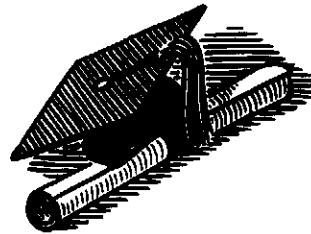
The classes will meet on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:15 PM here at Oak Lake beginning Tuesday, June 1 and run through Tuesday, August 31. Questions can be directed to Jim and Karen Kalisch. See you there!

**Note:** ELL is continuing to meet once a month through the summer for a meal and lesson time with those individuals who wish to further learning English. This month's meeting will be Monday, June 28, from 6:30-8:00 PM.

--Karen Kalish

# Oak Lake Digest

## Graduation News



This is a busy time of the year for college and high school graduations. We would like to continue to extend our congratulations to those who are graduating. This month, we will make mention of one college graduate and remind you of the remaining open houses for our high school grads.

**Mary Luber** graduated on May 15 with a Master's of Science in Nursing from Nebraska Wesleyan University. She is currently employed in Omaha at Select Specialties Hospital which is a long term acute care facility. She is also presently job seeking.

The following is a list of the open houses that are remaining for our high school graduates to which you are cordially invited:

**Amy Tucker's** graduation party will be Saturday, June 5, at the Tucker's home, 2930 S. 74<sup>th</sup> St., from 12:00-2:30 PM.

**Kristen Vance's** open house will be held Saturday, June 5, at the Vance's home, 819 Manes Ct., from 3:00-6:00 PM.

**Dillon Bridgmon's** graduation party will be held at the Bridgmon home, 800 West "S" Street, Sunday, June 6, beginning at 3:00 PM.

## Upcoming Housing Need

We have been contacted by a member of the First Evangelical Free Church of Racine, Wisconsin, about a housing need for Cindy Weitzell. Cindy, a coach with the Special Olympics, needs housing for herself and her beagle dog, Jasmine, from July 18-24 during the Special Olympics here in Lincoln. Cindy works at Shepherd's Home in Union Grove, Wisconsin. Shepherd's Home is a highly regarded Christian home that trains those with developmental disabilities. If you are interested in housing Cindy, please contact her at [cweitzell@yahoo.com](mailto:cweitzell@yahoo.com). More

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## 50 FACTS ABOUT GOD THE FATHER

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1. He is the Father of all life.
2. He tends and cares for vegetation.
3. He tends and cares for brute nature.
4. He tends and cares for the weather.
5. He tends and cares for the seasons.
6. He is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
7. The Father **SENT** His Son.
8. The Father **COMMANDED** the angels to worship His Son.
9. He sealed His Son.
10. He **HONORED** and honors His Son.
11. He bore **WITNESS** to His Son.
12. He **LOVED** and **LOVES** His Son.
13. He **GLORIFIED** His Son.
14. He **TAUGHT** His Son.
15. He **ANointed** His Son.
16. He **DELIGHTED** in His Son.
17. He **LISTENED** to His Son.
18. He **OFFERED** His Son.
19. He was totally **SATISFIED** by His Son.
20. He **RAISED** His Son.
21. He **EXALTS** His Son.
22. He makes His Son head of the Church.
23. He commits **JUDGEMENT** unto His Son.
24. He is the Father of all believers.
25. He **FOREKNEW** the believers.
26. He **PREDESTINED** the believers.
27. He **ELECTED** the believers.
28. He gave all the elected believers to Christ.
29. He **CALLED** the believers.
30. He **CONFORMS** the believers to the image of Christ.
31. He **REDEEMED** the believers.
32. He justified the believers.
33. He indwells the believers.
34. He **SEALED** the believers with the Holy Spirit.
35. He keeps the **BELIEVERS**.
36. He honors the believers.
37. He **BLESSES** the believers.
38. He loves the believers
39. He **COMFORTS** the believers.
40. He **SANCTIFIES** the believers.
41. He bestows peace upon believers.
42. He is glorified when believers bear fruit.
43. He reveals **TRUTH** to believers.
44. He supplies the needs of believers.
45. He seeks the worship of believers.
46. He **DISCIPLINES** believers.
47. He **RESTORES** the believers.
48. He will someday gather all believers in Christ.
49. He will someday reward all believers.
50. He will someday **GLORIFY** all believers.

Look for the **BOLD** words in the puzzle. There are 30 words.  
 Solution is on the back page.

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laying down our lives for the sake of our families. Their eternal condition depends on our getting this right.

"By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers" (1 John 3:16 ESV).

Happy Father's Day!

--Pastor Dale

(Digest continued.)

information is available on the bulletin board in the foyer or on the bulletin boards in the west hallway.

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### 50 FACTS ABOUT GOD THE FATHER

#### Solution to 50 Facts About God The Father

Word Puzzle

By Jim Hart

