



# ST. BARTHOLOMEW NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2013



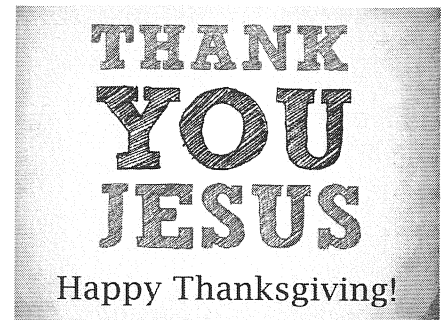
*"To God be the Glory!"* (1 Peter 4:11)

GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF JESUS OUR SAVIOR WHO HAS  
BLESSED US WITH FORGIVENESS, LIFE, AND SALVATION!

With November comes Thanksgiving. It's the first thing we think of. As I write this, I'm wondering what new can be said about Thanksgiving Day and all that it entails. We continually hear that we should give thanks and not just on Thanksgiving Day. We are reminded that we often forget to say, "Thank you," especially to God for all of His wonderful blessings. We are asked to count our blessings. (Has anyone finished counting yet since you were ever told to do this?)

The very familiar Thanksgiving hymns says:

"Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms  
Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love  
And still is ours today." (LSB #895 v. 1)



The song reminds us to say thank you to God "with hearts and hands and voices." Let's not just say thank you, but let us feel the thanks in our hearts, show our thankfulness with our hands, and as always, say thank you with our voices.



"All creatures that have breath and motion,  
That throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
Come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
Help me to sing God's praises high.  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
Declare the wonders of His might.

Creator, humbly I implore You  
To listen to my earthly song  
Until that day when I adore You,  
Together with the angel throng  
And learn with choirs of heav'n to sing  
Eternal anthems to my King." (LSB #811 vs. 4-5)



May all of you have a happy and safe Thanksgiving!

Together in Christ,

*Pastor Kueper*

## OFFERINGS

As of 10/20/2013

Weekly need to meet budget	\$ 3,322.00
Given year-to-date	\$116,076.74
Budget year-to-date	\$139,524.00

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## SPECIAL FUNDS CONTRIBUTORS

### Stained Glass Window Fund

Meta Krahn

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## Future Monthly Newsletters

Beginning with the November newsletter and calendar we will no longer be placing copies in each member's mailbox. For any members with an email address on file, an email will be sent when the newsletter and calendar are available on the church website for you to view.

If you have had an email address change within the past year, please make sure to provide the church office with the updated address. Also if you have a work or alternate email you would like us to include, please be sure to pass it along as well.

Those members who do not have an email address or would prefer a hard copy, we will have a limited number in the literature rack.

This change is being implemented to reduce printing expenses.



DON'T FORGET TO TURN  
YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1  
HOUR BEFORE YOU GO TO  
BED ON NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.

Sunday School (all grades) will sing in the  
service on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>!

### Thanksgiving Worship

Wednesday, November 26  
7:00 p.m. with Communion

## KINGDOM WORKERS · NOVEMBER

The following members are listed as Kingdom workers for October in the following areas:

Ushers (Wednesdays): Gary Koerth, Elliot Maile  
(Sundays): Harlan Krahn

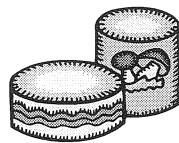
Altar Guild: Norma Drumm, Rhonda Geiger, Sue Juno

Acolytes: Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Gunner/Parker  
6<sup>th</sup>: (Wed.) Savannah  
10<sup>th</sup>: Dominik  
13<sup>th</sup>: (Wed.) Tanner  
17<sup>th</sup>: Kortney  
20<sup>th</sup>: (Wed.) Zach  
24<sup>th</sup>: Ian  
27<sup>th</sup>: (Wed.) Thanksgiving – Emily

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## SHARE YOUR BOUNTY!

### Food 'N More



Bring non-perishable food items, toiletries, and/or paper products. Items collected will be given to the Food Pantry at Holy Family Church in Brillion.

### Adopt-A-Tot



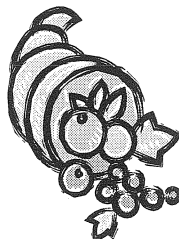
Take an ornament with the age and gender of the child off the tree and purchase a toy or personal items for the child. Bring the gift (with the ornament attached) to church.

**Do not wrap the gift.**

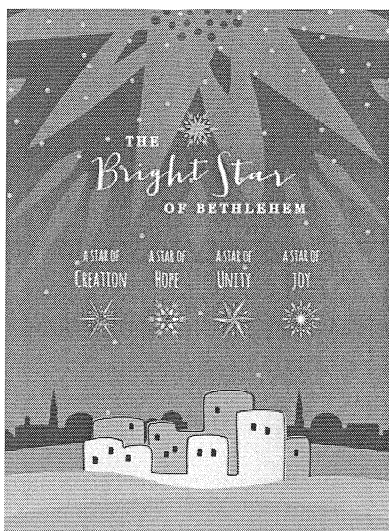
*(Boxes for both projects are located in the coat room.  
Deadline is Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.)*

## JOYFUL RESPONSE-Stewardship & Thanksgiving

In this season of thanksgiving, a sincere 'thank you' is in order to everyone who supports our congregation throughout the year with their attendance, service and regular financial contributions.



For those of you who are interested, the church offers electronic giving options for making donations on a scheduled, automated basis. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed financial consistency for the church. Pick up an authorization form.



See the birthplace of Christ in a whole new way this Advent season with *The Bright Star of Bethlehem* midweek Advent series.

Our midweek Advent services will be on December 4, 11, & 18 at 7 p.m. Watch the bulletin and next newsletter for more information.

## A Thanksgiving Prayer

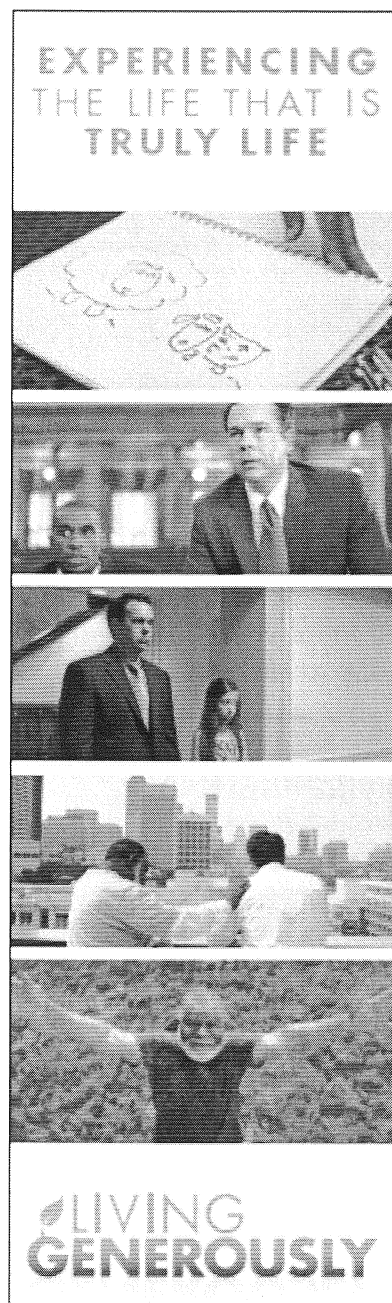
Our Father, giver of life and joy, who is like you, Oh Lord, that we should come to you with our praise? You need not these words, for you formed our lips. What is man that you are mindful of him? You own the lives of all that inhabit the earth.

Your power, might, and love are seen in the bounty of this season. We gather this day around a table laden with food that you have brought forth. We gather as family and friends whom you brought into this world. We bow before you with humble hearts knowing we live because you brought us to life.

We celebrate this day as a nation of people who have been blessed more than any other people on the face of the earth and at any time. We acknowledge you as the giver of the good we so easily take for granted. Forgive us as we are a forgetful people. Grant us on this Thanksgiving Day, the time to reflect on all the ways you have blessed each of us who has gathered. Increase our understanding of your ways, defeat us when we use our blessings for selfish gain, and remind us to love one another.

Thank you for providing all that we need for life and godliness. Make us to be a light and a blessing to the nations of the world. We acknowledge you as the only true and living God.

We pray this in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.



## THE JOURNEY CONTINUES -

**Wednesday, November 6 & Sunday, November 10** – Every family will receive a special gift.

**Wednesday, November 13 & Sunday, November 17** – A special treat will be “served.”

**Wednesday, November 20 & Sunday, November 24**

# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WIND SYMPHONY TO PERFORM



September 25, 2013

Area resident Maralyse Bedroske will perform with the Concordia University Wind Symphony in Oshkosh on November 3 as part of its annual fall concert tour. The Wind Symphony is conducted by Richard Fischer, Distinguished Professor of Music and Director of Instrumental Music at Concordia University Chicago.

The ensemble will perform at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2450 West 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, Oshkosh, WI on Sunday, November 3 at 4:30pm. The Wind Symphony is the premier instrumental ensemble at Concordia University Chicago. This 48-member organization maintains an active performance schedule, having performed in schools, churches, and concert halls, in 43 states, Canada, Eastern Europe, and most recently, China. The group has a commitment to the finest traditional and contemporary, sacred and secular repertoire. To date, the Wind Symphony has recorded twelve CDs of sacred music.

A variety of music in many forms and styles, programmed for wide audience appeal, will make this event a pleasure for everyone. Admission is free; however, a freewill offering will be received. For additional information please contact Camala Bedroske at 920.379.2037.

Concordia University Chicago is a distinctive, comprehensive university of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, centered in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and based in the liberal arts. Concordia University equips men and women to serve and lead with integrity, creativity, competence, and compassion in a diverse, interconnected, and increasingly urbanized church and world.

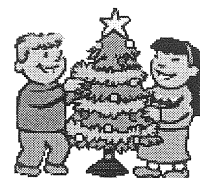
A country preacher in Georgia came to the pulpit Sunday morning and declared: "My job is to preach and your job is to listen. If you get finished before I do, please raise your hand."



"Life without God is like an un-sharpened pencil. It has no point."  
—via Lowell Yoder  
Holland, OH

## DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS...

On December 7<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:00 a.m. we will need volunteers to help with decorating the tree and church as well as putting up the outdoor Christmas display. Please consider helping even if you can only give an hour of your time. *Thank you!*



## CHRISTMAS TREE SALES BEGIN...

St. Bartholomew will begin selling trees on Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Help is needed from the congregation to tend the tree lot and sell trees. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the days and times sellers are needed.



### Tree Lot Hours

Monday-Friday	3-6 p.m.
Saturdays	9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sundays	Noon-6 p.m.

*Proceeds from our sales will go to 'Food for the Poor' to build a house in a Caribbean or Latin American country.*



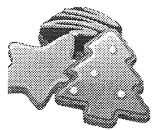
## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The DQ Family Fun Night will be held on Tuesday, November 12 from 4-7pm. We will need members to help that night bringing food out to the customers, wiping tables, and just being friendly St. Bartholomew members greeting the people as they come in. We ask that members donate at least 1 hour of their time (this should fit in with our "living generously" program currently underway for Stewardship/Evangelism). The sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board. Instead of money, we lose sight of the fact that we can serve the Lord with our time and talents, too. This is a good opportunity to do just that.



## NEW WEBSITE UPDATE

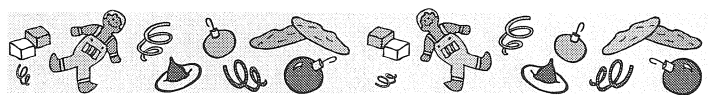
Unfortunately, the new church website is not available yet due to domain name issues. We will keep you posted on when the site will be up and running. Thank you for your patience.



## COOKIES....COOKIES... COOKIES!

Donations of **homemade** Christmas cookies are very much needed by **all members** of the congregation to help Ladies Aid with their Christmas Cookie Walk on December 7. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board for the various types of cookies that we need. We're asking **all members** of the congregation to donate **4 dozen (or more)** from the varieties listed on the sign-up sheet. *Ladies Aid greatly appreciates everyone's help!*

The Cookie Walk will take place Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall or until the cookies are sold out. You may walk through and pick out the cookies of your choice. The cookies will sell for \$3.50/dozen.



## CHURCH CLOSINGS

Before you know it, winter will be upon us. We ask that you let us know your email address if you want to be notified of any church closings this winter season due to inclement weather. Thank you.

# Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers, concerns, and well wishes before and after my surgery. A great big thanks to everyone who dropped off meals after my surgery. They were delicious! Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. *Thank you again, Amy Krahm & family.*

A smile – is a sign of joy.  
A hug – is a sign of love.  
A laugh – is a sign of happiness.  
And a friend like me? – Well,  
that's just a sign of good taste!  
We'll be friends until I am senile.  
Then we'll be new friends.

*-via George Goldtrap  
The Joyful Noiseletter*

## ADVENT MEALS 2013

We are in need of people to host an **Advent Meal**. If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board. The dates for the meals are December 4, 11, & 18. Anyone who volunteers to do an Advent Meal can get reimbursed for the cost of the food. Please consider this as it is a great time for fellowship. Look for sign-up sheets with menu and cost on the bulletin board coming soon.

Any questions, please contact Holly Schlender 756-3492 or Melissa Pope 756-2622.

## C.H.A.O.S YOUTH GROUP



Meetings are back!! They are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m. and are open to all youth grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

The youth group is currently selling Christian calendars and magnetic notepads as a fundraiser. The items are available on a table in the church narthex. The calendars sell for \$6 and the notepads sell for \$4 each. They make wonderful gifts for family and friends.

The youth will hold a Bake Sale on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> after worship. Please stop by to purchase some delicious treats provided by the youth.



## FOOD FOR THE POOR UPDATE

As of October 17<sup>th</sup>, the gifts from St. Bartholomew as the result of my visit on Sept. 22 totals \$486. The really good news is that I had 'Food For The Poor' put all of the contributions from St. Bartholomew under one account from previous speakers and from Christmas tree sales. It totals a very impressive amount. Thank you so much for your leadership and for the support from your members. I suspect that when one divides the contributions to FFP by your average church attendance, St. Bartholomew would rank very high among churches in terms of dollars per member. Thank you again for your support. *Blessings, Dr. John Buuck*

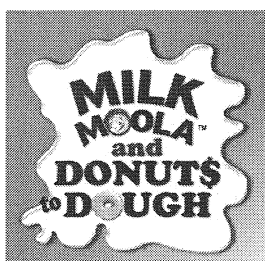


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**Caps and bag tops from Nature's Touch products and price ovals from boxes of Glazers donuts help earn cash.**

Please deposit your Milk Moola caps and bag tops from Natures' Touch Milk, Orange Juice, Water, and Kwik Quencher products and the price ovals from boxes of Glazers donuts in the labeled collection container on the shelf by the church mailboxes. St Bartholomew can earn 5¢ for each cap or bag top and 10¢ for each Glazers price oval.



## LUTHERAN MALARIA INITIATIVE UPDATE



St. Bartholomew recently concluded the Lutheran Malaria Initiative. We began this initiative in October 2012 pledging \$10 per family. As of October 13<sup>th</sup>, our congregation contributed \$1,636.00 to the initiative surpassing the church's goal of \$1,500.00. Great job everyone!

## POINSETTIAS FOR THE ALTAR

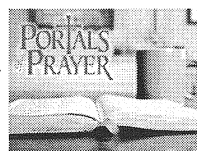
Watch for order forms in your church mailboxes for anyone wishing to donate a poinsettia for the altar this Christmas season. The deadline for ordering will be Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



Please drop your form off in the church office along with your payment.

## 'END OF YEAR' CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

The 2013 'end of year' statements will be in the church mailboxes by Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to pick them up for tax purposes. We will **not** be mailing them.



## PORTALS OF PRAYER

If you are not receiving a copy, but would like the quarterly publication; let the church office know and we will gladly place a copy in your church mailbox four times a year. We receive regular, digest-size, and large print of this publication. Let the office know which size would be best for you.



When he died recently, a Cleveland man, who was a longtime fan of the struggling Cleveland Browns football team, requested in his will that six Cleveland Brown players be his pallbearers because he "wanted the Cleveland Browns to let him down one last time."



## Moses and the Red Sea

Nine-year-old Joey was asked by his mother what he had learned in Sunday school.

"Well Mom, our teacher told us about how God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When he got to the Red Sea, he had his army build a pontoon bridge and all the people walked across safely. Then he radioed headquarters for reinforcements. They sent bombers to blow up the bridge and all the Israelites were saved."

"Now, Joey, is that really what your teacher taught you?" his mother asked.

"Well, no, Mom, but if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it."

## Go and Bear Fruit

Just as branches of plants remain alive and bear fruit when connected to the vine, we are able to *live generously* because we are connected to Jesus. When we stay connected to Jesus by spending time in His Word and participating in the Sacraments, we will be fruitful. When we abide in Jesus, we minister to the needs of others as Jesus, the Vine, did during His life on earth.

We cannot *live generously* apart from Christ. Like the apple, which stays red and juicy for a long time after being picked, appears to be as healthy as when it hung on the tree, we, too, may look and act healthy, but, apart from a true connection with Christ, we will wrinkle up and rot as surely as an apple in a bowl on a table.

Some of us may try to maintain an outward connection with Him by attending church once in a while, but, even if we are regular in our church attendance and are actively involved in the work and mission of the church, without faith linking us with the Person of Christ, our busy-ness is fruitless. "*Apart from Me,*" Christ said, "*you can do nothing*" (John 15:5), nor are our works even acceptable to God without faith in Him (Hebrews 11:6; Isaiah 64:6).

**As believers, even if we don't have much in the way of material things, we have all we need in Jesus.**

## Thanks "Giving" Mission

Once again the South Wisconsin District (SWD) is partnering with Brookfield Lutheran church to provide "Thanksgiving Baskets" to families and individuals in the central city of Milwaukee, who may not otherwise enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. To learn more, visit <http://swd.lcms.org/Newsevents/News/tabid/2853/articleType/ArticleView/articleId/14079/Thanks-Giving-Mission.aspx>.



A special thank you to Carol Clausing, Mildred Behnke and Linda Streck for helping to make new Christmas tree skirts for the church proper and narthex Christmas trees.



Keep saving your used postage stamps and place them in the container on top of the coat rack in the hall. Thanks to everyone for helping.

Keep saving your EconoFoods UPC's and place them in the marked container above the coat rack. Ladies Aid appreciates your help in saving these items.

*Submitted by Janet Kalies, Ladies Aid*



## PROJECT CONNECT

The Project Connect pamphlets have been restocked and are up-to-date on the displays outside the church office. Please stop by and take a look at the various pamphlets we have available such as 'Finding Peace', 'Reasons to Believe', 'The Bible What? When? Why?' and many, many more.



## FOR ALTAR GUILD

We are looking for any new volunteers willing to serve on Altar Guild in 2014. If you are interested, please contact the church office. This opportunity is available not only for the women of the church. We also encourage men and husband/wife teams to join the Altar Guild.

Current volunteers will be contacted soon to determine their interest and availability.

Here is yet another opportunity to be *Living Generously* at St. Bartholomew. Thank you for your consideration.

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



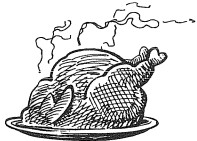
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bailee Schlender	16 <sup>th</sup>	Aliya Buboltz
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sheri Levash	16 <sup>th</sup>	Casey Kalies
4 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Horn	16 <sup>th</sup>	Barbara Kupsky
5 <sup>th</sup>	Gary Lemke	16 <sup>th</sup>	Jared Plate
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Streck	17 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Sonnabend
6 <sup>th</sup>	Florence Behnke	19 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Geiger
6 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllip Eichhorst	20 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Kabat
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jody Denor	21 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Horn
9 <sup>th</sup>	Zachary Eichhorst	21 <sup>st</sup>	Dwane Kalies
9 <sup>th</sup>	Chris Gade	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Derek Koffanus
9 <sup>th</sup>	Patsy Wendling	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Joan Lemke
10 <sup>th</sup>	Harlan Krahn	25 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Fels
11 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Woldt	29 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Davidson
13 <sup>th</sup>	Kelvin Gilbertson	29 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Krahn
16 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Boldt		

## ANNIVERSARIES

8 <sup>th</sup>	Simon & Rhonda Geiger
10 <sup>th</sup>	Matt & Vanessa Reinke
14 <sup>th</sup>	Andy & Cara Geiger
14 <sup>th</sup>	Joel & Connie Koerth
17 <sup>th</sup>	Pete & Judy Vechart



Please forgive us and politely notify us if an anniversary or birthday is missing from the list. Thank you.



When the whole family came over for Thanksgiving dinner, an eight-year-old boy asked to say the prayer.

"Father," he prayed, "we thank You for the turkey, the rolls, the

sweet potatoes, the red jiggly stuff, and the bread stuff, even though I don't like it. We ask that You not let us choke on this food."

-The Joyful Noiseletter



"Since you can't get up early enough, I brought the church to you."

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## SEPTEMBER SCRIP TOTALS

CARD NAME	TOTAL	PROFIT
TARGET	100	2
BP	1350	20.25
EXON	250	25
KWIK TRIP	1800	162
KOHL'S	825	33
MENARDS	50	1.5
PIGGLY WIGGLY	200	6
SHOPKO	775	23.25
WALMART	850	21.25
APPLEBEES	0	0
COBBLESTONE	75	3.75
DAIRY QUEEN	55	11
MAC DONALDS	75	3
PIZZA HUT	0	0
RANDY'S	30	3
RL/OG	0	0
RED ROBIN	0	0
SUBWAY	40	4
QDOBA	25	1.75
SHELL	1000	100
COPPS	550	22
ECONO FOODS	3975	119.25
FESTIVAL	150	4.5
FLEET FARM	200	10
SCHROTH	80	4
WOODMANS	700	35
JC PENNEY	0	0
MARRIOTT	0	0
HOME DEPOT	0	0
BUILD A BEAR	0	0
BATH & BODY	0	0
REGAL	0	0
BUFFALO WILD WINGS	0	0
I TUNES	0	0
STARBUCKS	0	0
CHAMBERS	0	0
GORDMANS	0	0
GANDER MTN	0	0
MARCUS	0	0
DICKS	0	0
AEROPOSTALE	50	3.5
TOTALS	13205	619

"One good thing, about being wrong is the joy it brings to others."

-Author unknown  
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