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SAGACITY, n. [OF, fro, Latin sapiens, fr, sapere to be wise]

Quality of being sagacious; keenness of discernment or judgment.

SAGE, n. [OF, fr. sage, fr. L sapers to be wise]

A profoundly wise man; a person of high repute for wisdom; often someone who is venerated for the store of wisdom that has been accumulated during a long life.

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NOTICE: Due to ill health, Rev. Ted Schreoder is unable to be the 2018 GATHERING presenter. We are thankful for the availability of Rev. Todd Stocker.

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**MN SO DISTRICT OLDER ADULT
MINISTRY PRESENTS**



*Rev. Todd
Stocker*

**AS THE FEATURED
PRESENTER**

MAY 7 & 8, 2018

AT

GATHERING XXX

**Due to change in venue, please note
MAKING HOTEL RESERVATIONS FOR THE S.A.G.E.S.
GATHERING MAY 7 AND 8, 2018**

RESERVATION DEADLINE: APRIL 7, 2018!

Contact the Country Inn & Suites, 1900 Premier Drive, Mankato, directly by calling 507-388-8555.

The block of rooms is under the name SAGES using this code
1805SAGESL.

The room rates are \$89.00 (non-smoking 2 Queen beds) plus 15% tax
and \$94.00 (non-smoking King size bed and sofa) plus 15% tax.

Check in time is 3:00 P.M.

Your room may not be ready to move into until that time!
The hotel is located at the intersection of Highways 14 and 22.
The restaurant, Axel's Bonfire, is on site.

UNDER OBSERVATION



Entry one: I got a double air horn toot and a wave from a semi driver! Absolutely made my day.

Entry two: Henry, my backyard squirrel, has established his superiority at the feeders and consequently is gaining weight exponentially! How do I know it's Henry? One ear is flat and white.

Entry three: The Carol Burnett retro-special; was wonderful – clowning, comedy, satire – all in the hands of real comedians. How does so-called humor measure up to it today?

Entry four: Biographies recently became long (950 pages in the one I'm trying to read) full of minutiae and speculation – always a writer's print of view, but ... really? If these people are interesting there may be a reason, but some of these I'm reading (and may quit soon) really aren't.

Entry five: My view of the moon: a clear night with a temperature of a negative 20 and the full moon shining on a snow-covered earth! What a way to greet a new year! Then, a second full moon coming in January so I'm warming up a rendition of "My Sweetheart's the Man in the Moon."

Entry six: On an LCEF trip to Northrup I was greeted by Marge selling coffee as a fund raiser – "This is Most Certainly Brew" gourmet coffee with a nearly smiling Martin Luther on the label. The school people have a wonderful story to tell!

Entry seven: An ad from the "We can make you healthy folks", un-named to protect us, recommends frozen spinach instead of fresh to lower the risk for hypertension. Who in the world tested that? And pumpkin seeds promote healing, in case you care.

Entry eight: Hippocrates said, "Let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food." A lot of people these days seem to operate on the basis of tautologies like this. That's assuming people think at all. Communication should improve our understating and ability to function at a job or as a citizen. Instead devices multiply and people are divided.

Entry nine: When I cleaned a closet full of books, a copy of Cicero's various orations appeared. Sad to say, reading them is an exercise that leads quickly to the land of Nod. Should have done this when I was young and alert. Actually in a time of news clips and Instagram, orators don't stand a chance.

Entry ten: Two animated movies now in theaters are the best entertainment available. "Ferdinand" is a delightful rendition of the children's story. "Coco" is another Pixar gem, but the experience of seeing it in an audience of primarily Hispanic people was another good thing. They were really pleased by the way people could learn about their culture and how entertaining it was. Small towns are more interesting than some people think.

Entry eleven: On a cold day, a man went into the bakery and his pickup jumped the curb and followed him. The result was astonished staff and patrons, two very large broken windows and a cold business. The driver's name apparently is a well-kept secret, maybe.

Entry twelve: A January thaw early in January is refreshing after two weeks of below zero temperatures. Sort of like a quiet day reading a good book and not dealing with the world's problems or a mouse in the house.

NO ONE HAS DONE HIS BEST UNTIL HE
HAS TRAINED SOMEONE ELSE TO TAKE
HIS PLACE.

TELL THE NEXT GENERATION Bible Study

What would you want to 'tell the next generation' about your life?

What would you want to tell them about your Christian faith?

What do you glean from these verses about telling the next generation?

Psalms 78:4-7

Psalms 71:17, 18

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Proverbs 22:6

Acts 2:39

Proverbs 1:8,9

Ephesians 6:4

Are you surprised that St. Paul would tell this to the next generation?

1 Timothy 1:15

Romans 7:15-24

What would you tell the next generation about that in your own life?

What did St. Paul specially want to tell them?

1 Corinthians 15:3-11

Romans 7:25-8:1

What would you tell the next generation about your prayer life?

What does Jesus say about prayer in a Christian's life?

Matthew 6:5-13

What does St. Paul say about prayer in his own life?

Romans 1:8-10a

1 Corinthians 1:4

Ephesians 1:15,16

Philippians 1:3-5

Colossians 1:3

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

2 Thessalonians 1:3

What does his example say to us?

1 Timothy 2:1-4

What other words of encouragement does St. Paul have for us to tell the next generation?

Galatians 5:16-25

Philippians 3:12-14

Colossians 3:12-17

1 Thessalonians 5:12-25

S.A.G.E.S. Gathering XXX

(Saints Alive, Growing, Ever Serving --
MN South District Older Adult Ministry)

will be held at Country Inn & Suites, Mankato, May 7 and 8, 2018, with presenter Rev. Ted Schroeder. The theme chosen for this year's thirtieth (XXX) GATHERING is

Pearls of Wisdom



ENTRUSTING THE TREASURE
TO THE
NEXT GENERATION

Theme verses: Psalm 145:4-7 NIV

⁴One generation **commends** your works to another; they **tell** of your mighty acts. ⁵They **speak** of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. ⁶They **tell** of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. ⁷They **celebrate** your abundant goodness and joyfully **sing** of your righteousness.

The **Gathering** is designed to provide information and fellowship, and to demonstrate how older Christians can serve each other as well as have activities or entertainment that they will find enjoyable. Program activities include three presentations by Rev. Schroeder, eight workshop topics, a wine and cheese reception, vendor displays and the Monday evening banquet with entertainment - *Just Friends*. There will be time for music, meet and greet, and fellowship. A poster, workshop descriptions, program outline and registration form, are available at the end of this issue, online at www.mnsdistrict.org, or check at your church office.

Our presenter, Rev. Todd Stocker, is a published author, speaker and the Executive Pastor at Trinity Lutheran in Hudson, WI. He writes a blog (https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3848810.Todd_Stocker) to share his thoughts, experiences and learning's in the areas of leadership, personal development and the journey of a

Godly disciple. He has leadership experience with such organizations as Hilton Corporation, US Airways, The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod and American Express Corporation and has been a presenter at the Best Practices in Ministry Conference in Phoenix AZ.

Welcome to SAGES, Rev. Stocker!

PEARLS OF WISDOM



God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.

1 Peter 4:10



A Minnesota man left the snow filled streets of Minneapolis for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unfortunately when typing her address, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, her family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen: Dearest Wife, Just got checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow. P.S. Sure is hot down here.

The children of a prominent family chose to give the patriarch a book of their family's history. The biographer they hired was warned of one problem. Uncle Willie, the "Black Sheep," had gone to Sing Sing's electric chair for murder.

The writer carefully handled the situation in the following way: **"Uncle Willie occupied a chair of applied electronics at one of our nation's leading institutions. He was attached to his position by the strongest of ties. His death came as a true shock."**

The focus of the website of Dr. Rich Bimler and Dr. Charles Mueller Sr. (richandcharlie.com) is to “*encourage one another through words, reflections, laughter, wondering, wandering, connecting ...and lots more!*” The following is an excerpt from Dr. Mueller . . .

Just Watching – January 2018

By Dr. Charles Mueller

“2017 REMNANTS”

“During the year I collect and pile up items that I think will fit Just Watching and the Rich and Charlie Resources goal of encouraging people/parents/parishes and church leaders. Each month I Review what I’ve gathered and use what seems most appropriate for the moment. But there are always left over “pearls”. In this last issue of 2017 I want to string together some of them and pass them on to our R and C readers. I hope they speak to you. . . .

“As a member of a still sizeable Silent Generation that is composed of those born between about 1925 and 1944 I yearn for the ability to communicate across the Generations that separate me from my sixteen great-grandchildren, . . . More than anything else I want to pass on to them the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus. What capacity could be more valuable than that?

“I also want to do my best to effectively prepare them for what they will face in the four Life Stages that God has established. However many of Audie (*Mrs. Mueller*) and my sweet sixteen great grandchildren will live into all four of those Life Stages is the Father’s business. Preparing them to do so is Audie and mine together with any of His 21st century community of saints that are on duty during their lifetime. Of course, R and C Resources is also here to do all it can to encourage and support parents, clergy and church leaders as they weigh in with help. May we all do our part in the name of the gift-of-all-gifts, Bethlehem’s Babe.”

(Used by permission. Full text found at richandcharlie.com under Dr. Charlie Mueller “Just Watching Archive”)

Father: Don’t you think our son gets his brains from me?

Mother: Probably, dear. I still have all of mine.

Dan was a single guy living at home with his father and working in the family business. When he found out he was going to inherit a fortune when his sickly father died, he decided he needed a wife with whom to share his fortune.

One evening at an investment meeting, he spotted the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. Her natural beauty took his breath away.

“I may look like just an ordinary man,” he said to her, “but in a few years, my father will die, and I’ll inherit 20 million dollars.”

Impressed, the woman obtained his business card and three days later, she became his stepmother.

Women are so much better at estate planning than men!

PEARLS OF WISDOM



“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.”

Albert Einstein

Don’t knock the weather. Do you realize how many people couldn’t start a conversation if it didn’t change once in a while

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around WalMart when they collide.

The old guy says to the young guy, “Sorry about that. I’m looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn’t paying attention to where I was going.”

The young guy says, “That’s OK, it’s a coincidence. I’m looking for my wife, too. I can’t find her and I’m getting a little desperate.”

The old guy says, “Well, maybe I can help you find her . . . what does she look like?”

The young guy says, “Well, she is 27 years old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom .. wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?”

To which the old guy says, “Doesn’t matter, let’s look for yours.”

SPOT-
LIGHT
ON...

- ## OLDER ADULT MINISTRY GROUPS ACTIVE IN MINNESOTA SOUTH DISTRICT.

The November presenter was a local gentleman who shared how his mom is coping with Alzheimers in a way that makes life as good as it can be. His presentation was well received - a wonderfully uplifting story, generating a lot of discussion.

Previous topics: City of Rochester update by City Council president; helping the homeless in Rochester by Central City Housing speaker; security from scams by a local law enforcement official; weather information from a local TV meteorologist.

(Editor's Note: This is a new feature that can only continue if readers would share the details of their particular older adult group activities. A write-up can be sent via email to sages@mnsdistrict.org or sent through regular mail to SAGES, Redeemer Lutheran Church 869 7th Ave SE, Rochester MN 55904. Please be sure to include a contact name, address, phone number)

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Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Hebrews 11:1

He quickly replied, "My mother can. She takes one look at my report card and tells me what will happen to me when my father gets home."

Some people are like Slinkies . . . not really good for anything, but you can't help smiling when you see one tumble down the stairs.

Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next 16 years telling them to sit down and shut up.

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it
with all your might. Ephesians 9:10

Every Saturday morning Grandpa Walt found himself babysitting his three grandchildren, all boys. The kids always wanted to pay 'war' and Grandpa somehow always got coaxed into the game.

His daughter came to pick up the kids early one Saturday and witnessed Grandpa take a fake shot as Jason pointed a toy gun and yelled, "Bang!" Grandpa slumped to the floor and stayed there motionless. The daughter rushed over to see if he was all right.

Grandpa opened one eye and whispered, "Sh-h-h, I always do this. It's the only chance I get to rest."

Satan walked up to the man and said, "Do you not know who I am?"

The man replied, "Yep, sure do."

Satan asked, "Aren't you afraid of me?"

"Nope, sure ain't," said the man.

Satan was a little perturbed at this and queried. "Why aren't you afraid of me?"

The man calmly replied, "Been married to your sister for over 31 years."

A couple was returning to their seats after a trip to the movie theater concession stand.

"Did I step on your toes on the way out?" the guy asked the man at the end of the row.

"You certainly did," the man responded angrily.

"All right," the husband said to his wife, "this is our row."

A young man comes home after being issued a driver's license. To celebrate, his entire family gets in the car for his inaugural drive. The father immediately heads for the back seat, directly behind the new driver.

"I bet you're back there to get a change of scenery after all those months of sitting in the front teaching me how to drive," the teen says.

"Nope," the father replies. "I'm gonna sit here and kick the back of your seat while you drive just like you've been doing to me for sixteen years."

Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

PEARLS OF WISDOM



I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. Maya Angelou

Great Truth About Life That Little Children Have Learned

No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.

When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.

If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.

Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.

You can't trust dogs to watch your food.

Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.

Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.

Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time.

School lunches stick to the wall.

You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.

Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.

The best place to be when you are sad is in Grandma's lap.

A lawyer was reading out the will of a rich man to the people mentioned in the will.

"To you, my loving wife Rose, who stood by me in rough times, as well as good, I leave her the house and \$2 million."

The lawyer continue, "To my daughter Jessica, who looked after me in sickness and kept the business going, I leave her the yacht, the business and \$1 million."

The lawyer concluded, "And, to my cousin, Dan, who hated me, argued with me, and thought that I would never mention him in my will - well, you are wrong. Hi Dan!"

Best vitamin for a Christian is B1.



Disclaimer: In all health issues, consult your personal medical professional for diagnosis and treatment.



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