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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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A MESSAGE FROM S.A.G.E.S. PRESIDENT, REV. JAMES VEHLING

The COVID-19 virus is on our minds. We hear and read about it daily. Our everyday lives are being affected in many ways. To deal with the crisis, we are compelled to change our plans. To prevent the rapid outbreak of the disease, we are urged to stay at home. Because of the many concerns associated with this virus, **the S.A.G.E.S. Board has decided to postpone the 2020 Gathering until October 19-20.**

These are indeed strange days—days of fear, maybe even days of panic. In other words, days that simply bring all our latent anxieties up to the surface— anxieties that were there all along but are now made visible to others. So, how do we as Christians respond to these days of alarm?

First of all, times of public panic force us to align our professed belief with our actual belief. We all say we believe that God is taking care of us. So, when the world goes into meltdown, that is the time for us to reveal our real faith. It is the time to boldly confess that “though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me.” [Psalm 23:4 KJV]

Secondly, now is the time to turn to the Word of God for comfort and hope. We know how the people of God often felt throughout the Bible, especially in Old Testament times. The Psalms particularly speak to people who are caught up in mass fear or subject to a pandemic. Maybe the current cultural moment is precisely the stimulus we need to read and meditate on the Psalms, which can otherwise feel so foreign and remote from our own real-life situations.

Thirdly, in times of turmoil, in seasons of distress, we focus on Jesus with “20/20 Vision” (Hebrews 12:2). Hebrews tells us that Jesus experienced all the horror of this world that we do, minus sin (Hebrews 4:15). He knows way down deep what it feels like for life to close in on you and for your world to go into meltdown. We can go to Him. We can talk with Him. His arm is around us—stronger than ever—right now.

Fourthly, Jesus teaches us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Though we are unable to congregate, there are still ways we can love one another. Strange as it may seem, an important act of love is to “maintain social distance” and to “shelter in place”. We do so not only for our own benefit, but, primarily, for the sake of family members, our church family, our community, our nation. Paul states it well in Philippians 2:3-4, where he writes: “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above

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yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." Also, in this age of technology, we are able to keep in contact with family and friends by telephone and via the Internet. We can express our love and care by reaching out to those in our relationships who are alone, even isolated. Love stands out strongest when it is least expected, rarest, but needed most.

Finally, maybe this is the end—the end of lives, the end of the world. Jesus said no one knows the day or the hour (Matthew 24:36). Maybe the sight of Jesus descending from heaven, robed in glory, surrounded by angels, is right around the corner. If so, hallelujah! If not, hallelujah! We are being reminded that He will indeed return one day. Either way, let us rejoice our way through the chaos. For we know and believe that those who are united to a resurrected Christ are beyond the reach of all eternal danger.

Let us pray: Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. [from Vespers in LBW, p. 153]

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." [Romans 15:13 NIV]

James J. Vehling

People are unreasonable, illogical, self-centered . . .
 . . . LOVE THEM ANYWAY.
 If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives . . .
 . . . DO GOOD ANYWAY.
 If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies . . .
 . . . BE SUCCESSFUL ANYWAY.
 The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow . . .
 . . . DO GOOD ANYWAY.
 Honesty and frankness will make you vulnerable . . .
 . . . BE HONEST AND FRANK ANYWAY.
 People love underdogs but follow only top dogs . . .
 . . . FOLLOW SOME UNDERDOG ANYWAY.
 What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight . . .
 . . . BUILD ANYWAY.
 People really need help but may attack you if you try to help . . .
 . . . HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.
 If you give the world the best you have, you may be kicked in the teeth . . .
 BUT GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE .
 .. **ANYWAY!**

SAID TO BE A PLAQUE IN MOTHER THERESA'S OFFICE

ISAIAH FIFTY THREE - 'The Gospel of the Old Testament'

This chapter gives us a vivid picture of the suffering Savior who, as our substitute, gave Himself as the atoning sacrifice for sin. These events are so clear in the mind of the prophet Isaiah that he speaks of it in the past tense, even though it was written more than 700 years before Calvary!

Read Isaiah 52:13-15. These verses are an introduction and summary for chapter 53.

1. What/Who is the "Arm of the Lord"? (Is 53:1) See Psalm 98:1*
To whom/ How is he revealed? See Matthew 16:17
2. In (Is 53) v 2, who is represented by the tender plant and the root? _____
Compare Isaiah 11:1. Why do we not desire Him?
See 1 Corinthians 2:2-5.
3. Compare (Is 53) v 3 with John 1:11. How do verses 1-3 still apply today?*
4. What great doctrine of Holy Scripture is clearly taught in (Is 53) vv 4-6?
Explain the various expressions used in v 5. See Romans 5:1 and 1 Peter 3:18
(Other references Romans 4:14, 2 Corinthians 5:21; Galatians 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24, 1 John 2:2)
5. What is the picture of Christ in (Is 53) vv 7-8; See Acts 8:32-35.*
6. What events from the passion story, Matthew 27:57-60, are described in (Is 53) v 9?
7. In (Is 53) v 10 who are the seed or offspring?
See Psalm 2:30; Psalm 69:36; Psalm 102:28; Jeremiah 31:34; Revelation 7:9.
In what ways are we approaching the conditions described in these passages?
8. Who is the righteous servant in (Is 53) v 11? See 1 John 2:1.
What did he do for us? See Romans 3:24.
What important ingredient of the Gospel is mentioned in the concluding words of v 11?
9. In (Is 53) v. 12 God states that He will give to the Messiah a "portion" and the "spoil". To what does this refer? See Psalm 2:8; Psalm 22:27; Psalm 72:11; Isaiah 52:15; Ephesians 1:19-21; Philippians 2:8-10; Matthew 28:18.

(For group study --)

10. Try to list all of the prophecies contained in this chapter concerning the passion of our Savior.
Compare lists. What is your reaction to the chapter? Share your thoughts and feelings.

Base your closing devotion on the Second article of the Creed. (See Questions 140-147 in Luther's Small Catechism) and pray together the explanation to the Second Article.

*1. *Psalm 98:1*-Usually right hand/arm = His strength, power In the sense that Jesus is God's 'right hand man'
He is the arm; He is God's strength made perfect in weakness

*3. Cite an instance in the Passion of 'one from whom men hide their faces'.

*5. What details correspond with ways Jesus suffered?

(Author unknown)

UNDER OBSERVATION



Entry one: Snow now and then, here and there, makes a more normal January than last year. The leftovers from November and December are still around as the-kids and the adult kids (snowmobilers) seem to be entertained.

Entry two: Another week with funerals of 3 friends in the area. Well-done services by a variety of pastors are a good reminder that the Lord's work in small town churches is in good hands.

Entry three: A contribution from a friend for all of us: "If a cow doesn't produce milk, is it a milk dud or an udder failure?" Thanks, and I hope by now you are laughing with us.

Entry four: Has anyone ever had to tell you that "nit-picking" requires a hyphen? In the course of my career as a proof reader that never came up in a conversation.

Entry five: The headlines on P. J. O'Rourke's editorial is "We Need More of the Extreme Moderate," and the topic is opinions. How did we get to the point that opinions are the basis of our life (see TV and internet) and facts have become irrelevant to too many people. And to think that when I was teaching languages, I truly believed when people understood what they were saying life would be better. Huh!

Entry six: Four hours of training to be an elections judge, and 7 voters the first two hours of duty. We registered several people who didn't want to vote now but be on the roster in November. It seemed a bit like stealing the pay, but it's taxpayer money and I'm a taxpayer. It's that kind of logic hat describes the country these days.

Entry seven: My brother acquired a hearing aid that works! We talk and feel connected so much more than through my letters. I think his caregiver at the veterans' apartments in Denver was just as excited as we were. I love it.

Entry eight: Watching re-runs of TV shows is practically a history lesson. Entertainment comes from watching the

celebrities on "Match Game" abound in creative ways to spell their answers. Their knowledge of English is rarely the reason for their "celebrity."

Entry nine: In the midst of our isolation some friends were near my house at one time, and we all could admire my lovely crocus patch, but standing 6 ft. apart. An odd circumstance, but how we live now. And I'm sure the crocuses didn't mind; they are a wonder.

Entry ten: Starlings are bullies! They chase the little birds away from the yard and keep them out. So I yell and slam the screen door and wave the broom and think hard thoughts briefly. But the finch and cardinals and chickadees and nuthatches restore common sense and good nature.

Entry eleven: Several days of rain showers cause buildings and ground to be washed of the dreck of winter. The snow comes but goes quickly. Remember last spring? We will enjoy these days much more.

Entry twelve: Before the library closed to open traffic, I collected 18 books in 3 bags and settled in for whatever those in charge decide is the duration, with a promise of another bag in the lobby when requested. Whoopee!

Entry thirteen: A few words of advice from a library book sale book (which means it didn't sell). "The average men's idea of a good sermon is one that goes over his head and hits one of his neighbors."

Entry fourteen: Money is always there, but the pockets change.

RE: 2020 GATHERING - If room reservations have already been made for May, call Country Inn and Suites and ask them to cancel May reservation and reserve for October 19. They are very accommodating.

GRINS AND GROANERS

A gentleman entered a busy florist shop that displayed a larger sign that read, "Say It With Flowers."

"Wrap up one rose," he told the florist.

"Only one?" the florist asked.

"Just one, the customer replied, "I'm a man of few words."

Teaching pre-school has been compared to trying to keep 30 corks under water at the same time.

The teacher was instructing her kindergarten students in some of the wonders of nature and ended by saying, "Isn't it wonderful how little chickens get out of their shells?"

One six-year-old showed more curiosity than the rest. "What gets me is how they get in there in the first place!"

"I'm not saying her fiancé is cheap," whispered the office gossip, **"but every time I get close to her engagement ring, I have an over-whelming desire for some Cracker Jacks."**

Optimist: A parent who expects the teenager to bring the family car back from the prom full of gas and with no dents.

Pessimist: A parent who doesn't expect the teenager to bring the family car back from the prom full of gas and with no dents.

Cynic: A parent who was an optimist until last year's prom.

What is the most important thing to learn in chemistry? **Never lick the spoon.**

A father told his son, "Son, this is going to hurt me more than it hurts you."

To which the son replied, "Well, make sure you go easy on yourself."

One of the best tests of religion is to find yourself in church with nothing less than a 20 dollar bill in your wallet.

Every night, a doting father would sing his two young sons to sleep until one day he overheard the four-year-old talking to the two-year-old. **"If you pretend to sleep he'll stop."**

While attending a marriage seminar dealing with communication, Tom and his wife, Gracie, listened to the instructor.

"It is essential that husbands and wives know each other's likes and dislikes." He addressed the man, "Can you name your wife's favorite flower?"

Tom leaned over, touched his wife's arm gently and whispered, "It's Pillsbury, isn't it?"

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Church Sign - Sin is a short word with a long sentence.

David and Greg apply for the same job. They take a written test.

"You both got the same number of questions wrong," the Human Resource person tells them, "but Greg gets the job."

"If we both got the same number of questions wrong, how come he gets the job?" David asks indignantly.

"Well," says the Human Resource person, "one of his incorrect answers was better than yours."

"Whoa, how can that be?" asks David.

The Human Resource person replies, "For question number 46, Greg wrote, 'I don't know.' You wrote, 'Me neither.'"

A couple drove down a country road for several miles, not saying a word.

An earlier discussion had led to an argument and neither of them wanted to concede their position'

As they passed a barnyard of mules, goats, and pigs, the husband asked sarcastically, "Relatives of yours?"

"Yep," the wife replied, "in-laws."

A teacher had just given her class a science lesson on magnets. In a follow up test on the subject, one of the questions read, "My name starts with 'M' and has six letters. I pick things up. What am I?"

Half of the students answered, "Mother!"

A minister was completing a temperance sermon. With great emphasis he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

With even greater emphasis he said, "And If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

And then finally, shaking his fist in the air, he said, "And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and pour it into the river."

Sermon complete, he sat down.

The song leader stood very cautiously, and announced with a smile, nearly laughing. "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn #365, Shall We Gather At The River."

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Church sign - God wants soul custody not just weekend visits.

The **2020 Gathering** theme continues in the third verse of a favorite hymn -



1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

*Refrain: Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!"*
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love
Refrain

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,

Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Refrain

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“Lent is not meant to be a contrived spiritual season of depression. As in the general confession, Lent is intended to be a time of attention paid to the need in us that has been met by Christ on the cross. We dwell for six weeks on our need for God, not on our feelings of inadequacy. In so doing, we are prepared by God for the joy of Easter as the fulfillment of Christ’s victory over sin in us.”
-- Richard C. Eyer, “They Will See His Face”



LET US REJOICE
IN THE JOY OF EASTER

Martin Luther

When Martin Luther was dealing with The Black Death plague, he wrote these wise words that can help inform the way we approach things happening in our world right now...



“I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others. If my neighbor needs me however I shall not avoid place or person but will go freely as stated above. See this is such a God-fearing faith because it is neither brash nor foolhardy and does not tempt God.”

(Luther's Works Volume 43, pg 132 the letter "Whether one may flee from a Deadly Plague" written to Rev. Dr. John Hess)

John 16:33 “I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”

As we have been advised,
wash your hands, wash your hands,
wash your hands.

The advice includes directions to scrub for at least 20 seconds, to sing “Happy Birthday” twice to gauge time limit. Some other suggestions have arisen: say the Lord’s Prayer, or sing the doxology.



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Is worry about COVID-19 disrupting your life?

Anxiety and stress are byproducts of the pandemic we are experiencing. Mental and emotional health are as important as physical health. There are good suggestions at [newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org](https://www.newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org), a Mayo Clinic website.

Riddles



1. If you went to bed at 8 at night, and set the alarm to go off at 9 in the morning, how many hours of sleep would you get?
2. Do they have a Fourth of July in England?
3. Why can't a man living in Winston-Salem NC be buried west of the Mississippi River?
4. How many birthdays does the average man have?
5. If you had only one match, and entered a dark cold room in which there was a lamp, an oil burner and a candle, which would you light first?
6. Some months have 30 days, and some 31, how many have 28?
7. If a doctor gave you 3 pills, told you to take one every half hour, how long would they last?
8. A man built a house with 4 sides to it. It is rectangular in shape. Each side has a southern exposure. A big bear came along. What color is the bear?
9. How far can a dog run in the woods?
10. What 4 words appear on every denomination of U. W. Coin?
11. I have two coins that total 55 cents in value. One is not a nickel. What are the coins?
12. A farmer has 17 sheep. All but nine died. How many did he have left?
13. Two men playing checkers played five games and each won the same number of games. How can this be possible?
14. Take two apples from three and what do you have left?
15. An archeologist claimed that he found some gold coins dated 46 B.C. Do you think he did? Why?
16. A woman gave a beggar 50 cents. The woman is the beggar's sister, but the

beggar is not the woman's brother. How come?

17. How many animals of each species did Moses take aboard the Ark?

18. Is it legal in North Carolina for a man to marry his widow's sister?

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YEARLY BUSINESS --

This year, S.A.G.E.S. is celebrating the 32nd GATHERING. As you read in Rev. Vehling's message, the Gathering is being postponed due to coronavirus, Covid-19.

No other District in the LCMS has an older adult organization that has continued to serve this population as long as MN South District S.A.G.E.S. One of the reasons for this longevity is the quality of its leaders - truly a blessing for this district for the vision and leadership of our leaders, both on the Governing Board and executive officers. Board members come from the several geographic areas of our District. We are always looking to fill positions on the Board of Governors. Continuing to fill vacated seats has been challenging.

At each Gathering, an election of officers is conducted. Our Governing Board continues to serve as an elections committee and is seeking nominations for the offices of president and treasurer for a term of two years (2020-2022). It is ideal to have at least two candidates for each office on the ballot.

Prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve in either capacity - submit your own name or a name of someone who would be a good fit for either position by September 1, 2020.

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Office of Minnesota Attorney General
Keith Ellison

Protect yourself from COVID-19 scams:

March 13, 2020 (SAINT PAUL) — With the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases rising in Minnesota, scammers are increasingly preying on Minnesota consumers by attempting to sell them bogus products or unproven treatments, as well as attempting to trick them into revealing their sensitive personal or financial information.

"As we come together to combat COVID-19, Minnesotans need to be just as vigilant about protecting their pocketbooks from scammers as they are about keeping themselves and their communities healthy," said Attorney General Ellison. "My job is to help Minnesotans afford their lives and live with dignity and respect, now more than ever. My office is on high alert to identify and use all our resources to COVID-19-related scams. We need Minnesotans' help in doing it. I strongly urge anyone who has come across what they think is a scam or believes they've been a victim of one to contact my office immediately.

"It's important to speak up if you've been scammed. You might feel ashamed and not want to tell anyone. But if you tell us, we may be able to help you, and when you tell us, you'll be helping others," Attorney General Ellison concluded.

Scams and how to avoid them

Scam artists are exploiting public anxieties surrounding COVID-19 to victimize consumers.

Emerging scams include:

- ➔ Setting up websites to sell bogus products, fake COVID-19 vaccines, and other unproven treatments,
- ➔ Using fake emails, texts, and social media posts to deceptively solicit "donations" for victims, and
- ➔ Imposter scams where scammers send malicious emails impersonating government agencies such as the CDC in hopes that you will click on a link, and thereby download malicious software that will give the scammer access to your personal or financial information.

Attorney General Ellison is providing Minnesotans with the following tips and resources for **spotting and avoiding** these emerging COVID-19 scams:

➔ **Don't click on links from unknown sources:** By clicking on unknown links from unknown sources, you can inadvertently download malicious software or viruses on your computer, which can result in identity theft and exposure of your sensitive personal or financial information. Also, ensure that your computer's anti-virus software is fully updated.

➔ **Get updated information directly from relevant governmental agencies:** If you are seeking updates about COVID-19 and its impact in Minnesota, get your information directly from the relevant governmental agencies and not from suspect emails, sketchy websites, or social media posts from unknown origins. You can stay informed about COVID-19 by directly visiting the Minnesota Department of Health or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Minnesota Department of Health also has a COVID-19 Hotline at: 651-201-3920 or 1-800-657-3902 (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).

➔ **Ignore online offers for "miracle" health products, treatments, or vaccinations:** There is currently no FDA-approved vaccine to prevent COVID-19. Similarly, there are also no FDA-approved pills, lotions, lozenges, or any other prescription or over-the-counter health products available to treat or cure COVID-19. As a result, if you see any advertisements or offers for such products online or in emails, you should ignore them because they are a scam.

➔ **Do your research before donating to a non-profit or charity:** Don't be rushed or pressured into making a donation to a non-profit, charity, or fundraiser related to COVID-19 and never make a donation by money-wire, paying cash, or purchasing gift cards. Instead, before donating, do your research to determine if the charity is legitimate.

➔ **Report suspected scams to the Attorney General's Office:** If you believe you have been the victim of, or were targeted by, a COVID-19 scam, please contact the Minnesota Attorney General's Office immediately. You can file a complaint online or by calling (651) 296-3353 (Metro) or (800) 657-3787 (Greater Minnesota).

IT IS HAPPENING!

"No government agency will come to your home for any sort of COVID-19 testing. March 18, Olmsted County Sheriff Department issued this warning on their Facebook page after an individual knocked on the door of a county resident, stating they worked for the CDC and needed to walk through the house to check if we had the coronavirus. She stated she needed to walk through all the rooms. Luckily the homeowner knew it was a scam from the beginning and told her no, I want to see your ID. She then stated she didn't need to show him ID and that he could be arrested if he didn't comply. So the homeowner said let's call the cops then. He did call the cops as she turned and walked to her car and he followed her and reported her license plate number. The Sheriff stated this is what was happening in the Twin Cities and they recently started getting a few reports in Rochester, but this was the first case reported in this town. Please inform family members of this type of scam that is happening."

BE AWARE! BE ALERT! BE CAREFUL

The following is reprinted with permission from the LHM - PERSPECTIVES by Jerry Kieschnick

"Lexophile" describes those who have a love for words, especially in word games. Examples: "You can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish." "To write with a broken pencil is pointless."

An annual competition is held by the New York Times to see who can create the best original lexophile. One year's winner is posted at the very end. Here are some of the entries:

- I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.
- England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.
- A girl said she recognized me from the Vegetarians Club, but I know I've never met herbivore.
- Haunted French pancakes give me the crepes
- I know a guy who's addicted to drinking brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

- When chemists die, they barium.
- A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.
- When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.
- I got some batteries that were given out free of charge.
- A dentist and a manicurist were married. They fought tooth and nail.
- A will is a dead giveaway.
- With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.
- Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.
- A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.
- The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine last week is now fully recovered.
- He had a photographic memory but it was never fully developed.
- When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.
- I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.
- A crossed-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils.
- When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.
- I stayed up all night to see where the sun went, and then it dawned on me.
- No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

Hope you enjoyed this creative use of words, even without specific theological significance.

Civic Duty:

Don't forget to fill out the Census form either online or by paper copy.

Dog Thoughts to Think About

- "I loath people who keep dogs. They are cowards who haven't got the guts to be owned by a cat." - Rubin
- "Ever consider what they must think of us? I mean, when we come back from the grocery store with the most amazing haul - chicken, pork, and half a cow. They must think we're the greatest hunters in the world." - Anne Tyler
- "Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful." - Ann Landers
- "Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea." - Robert Heinlein
- "In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog that will worship him and a cat that will ignore him." - Dereke Bruce
- "When a man's best friend is his dog, that dog has a problem." - Edward Abbey
- "Money will buy you a pretty good dog, but it won't buy the wag of his tail." - Unknown
- "A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself." - Josh Billings
- "He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are the love of his life, his love, his leader. He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart. You owe it to him to be worthy of such devotion." - Unknown

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Question: Why aren't dogs good dancers?

Answer: **They have two left feet.**

A man is walking with his friend, who happens to be a psychologist. He tells him, "I'm a walking economy."

"How so?" his friend asks.

"My hairline is in recession, my stomach is a victim of inflation, and both of these together are putting me into a deep depression."

Many politicians leave office because of illness and fatigue. **People become sick and tired of them.**

Never burn your bridges. **You'll be surprised at how many times you have to cross the same river.**

RiddlesAnswers

1. one hour - a non digital clock cannot distinguish the difference between a.m. and p.m.
2. yes - every country using the Julian calendar has a fourth of July
3. The man is still living.
4. one - the day he was born.
5. The match
6. 12 - all months have 28 days
7. 1 hour - take the first pill now, 30 minutes later take the second pill, 30 minutes later take the last pill.
8. white - the house is at the North Pole.
9. halfway - then the dog is coming out of the woods.
10. United States of America/In God We Trust.
11. a half dollar and a nickel - one is not a nickel but the other one is.
12. 9 - 8 died.
13. The men were not each other's opponent.
14. 2 - when you take 2 apples you have 2 apples.
15. no - nothing is dated B.C.
16. The beggar is the woman's sister.
17. none - Moses did not build the Ark.
18. If the man has a widow, then the man is dead.
No marriage allowed by or to a dead person.





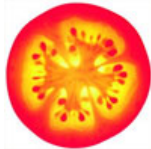
Disclaimer: In all health issues, consult your personal medical professional for diagnosis and treatment.

It's been said that God first separated the salt water from the fresh, made dry land, planted a garden, made animals and fish... all before making a human. He made and provided what we'd need before we were born. These are best & more powerful when eaten raw. We're such slow learners... **God left us a great clue as to what foods help what part of our body!**

A sliced Carrot looks like the human eye. The pupil, iris and radiating lines look just like the human eye... and YES, science now shows carrots greatly enhance blood flow to and function of the eyes.



A Tomato has four chambers and is red. The heart has four chambers and is red. All of the research shows tomatoes are loaded with lycopine and are indeed pure heart and blood food.



Grapes hang in a cluster that has the shape of the heart. Each grape looks like a blood cell and all of the research today shows grapes are also profound heart and blood vitalizing food.



A Walnut looks like a little brain, a left and right hemisphere, upper cerebrums and lower cerebellums. Even the wrinkles or folds on the nut are just like the neo-cortex. We now know walnuts help develop more than three (3) dozen neuron-transmitters for brain function.



Kidney Beans actually heal and help maintain kidney function and yes, they look exactly like the human kidneys.



Figs are full of seeds and hang in twos when they grow. Figs increase the mobility of male sperm and increase the numbers of Sperm as well to overcome male sterility.

Sweet Potatoes look like the pancreas and actually balance the glycemic index of diabetics.



Oranges, Grapefruits, and other Citrus fruits look just like the mammary glands of the female and actually assist the health of the breasts and the movement of lymph in and out of the breasts.



Onions look like the body's cells. Today's research shows onions help clear waste materials from all of the body cells. They even produce tears which wash the epithelial layers of the eyes. A working companion, Garlic, also helps eliminate waste materials and dangerous free radicals from the body.



Celery, Bok Choy, Rhubarb and many more look just like bones. These foods specifically target bone strength. Bones are 23% sodium and these foods are 23% sodium. If you don't have enough sodium in your diet, the body pulls it from the bones, thus making them weak. These foods replenish the skeletal needs of the body.



Avocados, Eggplant and Pears target the health and function of the womb and cervix of the female - they look just like these organs.



Today's research shows that when a woman eats one avocado a week, it balances hormones, sheds unwanted birth weight, and prevents cervical cancers. And how profound is this? It takes exactly

God's Pharmacy! Amazing!

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RE: 2020 GATHERING
Because of the corona virus health crisis, we encourage anyone who shows any symptoms at the time of the GATHERING, to stay home.

We assure those who register that if anyone is compelled to cancel their registration because of a health issue--even at the last minute--SAGES will refund the payment without any questions asked. Also, the hotel will cancel your reservation if called by 6 p.m. on October 19. We do appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this difficult and uncertain time.

Mark your calendars for the
rescheduled dates:

October 19-20, 2020

at Country Inn and Suites, Mankato

GATHERING XXXII

Featured Presenter - Rev. Mark Jeske

Senior Pastor, St. Marcus Lutheran, Milwaukee WI
creator of Time of Grace television program

20/20 VISION



"...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..."

Ephesians 1:18