

Announcements

BUILDING HEALTHY FAMILIES Thanksgiving isn't the only time to be thankful! What is one thing you're thankful for or something good you could find in the day? Don't keep it to yourself! Share your thoughts with family members or your spouse. And remember to thank God who is the giver of good gifts! "Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows." *James 1:17* **Lutheran Family Service of Iowa** - 6200 Aurora Ave., Ste 410W, Urbandale, IA 50322 (515-251-4900)

LIFE QUOTES "[T]here's more ... more to life than sensual pleasures, more to love than the shriveled-up version that has captivated our Western imaginations. So today, ask yourself, 'How am I responding to so great an expression of love as what God has shown us?' Valentinus's response was to give up his own life. For us, too, a kind of 'death' is required—a death to self, a death to the desires that our culture treats as ultimate. Now of course, guys, none of this lets you off the hook with your wives. So don't forget the flowers." *John Stonestreet with Roberto Rivera, www.breakpoint.org* - A "Life Quote" from **Lutherans For Life** - www.lutheransforlife.org.

FELLOWSHIP REFRESHMENTS We are in need of cookies, bars and brownies for fellowship. If you'd like to bring any of these items it would be greatly appreciated. Thank you!

LWML DATES TO SAVE Quilting dates have been set for the new year. We will continue quilting **February 18th & 20th** starting at **9:00am**. Any help is appreciated.

LWML BOOK FAIR The Book Fair continues **TODAY!** Fill a bag for \$1.00.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT will be held on **Sun., Feb. 17th**, (snow date 2/24). Fun times will start at 3 pm with pizza & snacks served. Plan on joining us for a pick me up during the winter months! All ages are invited! Please sign up in the narthex if you'd like to bring a snack to share.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES FOR unused small chairs and 3-ring binders. They will be in the narthex. If you are interested, please help yourself to them. Whatever is left on February 18th will be taken to Orphan Grain Train.

Thank you

Mark 12: 28-31 states: One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear Oh Israel, the Lord, our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

It has been one year since I had the surgery that caused my life to be nearly taken away and that required me to have a very long period of recuperation. Through this time, JoAnn and I have received the love and care of our Christian family and many others in so many ways that we cannot count them. Pastors Brandt, Picard, and Provost have made certain that we had the Word and Sacrament of Holy Communion administered to us. Our church family faithfully prayed for us and offered many acts of kindness whenever there was a need. People that we know, and some that we don't personally know prayed for us all across the country, and some from overseas as well! **The outpouring of love from you, our OSL family, has been, and continues to be beyond anything I could have imagined! You are the body of Christ and we have definitely received the love of Christ through each of you!** Being able to return to Our Savior Lutheran Church to worship with our church family is a huge blessing! Thank you for your prayers, visits, and for your many acts of kindness!

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