

B-Dawg's Buzz by Brenda Post, Secretary

My little Omar is a thinker. I love that about him. He always says things like, "when I get older I'm going to invent..." or has a story to tell that he has thought through. This past week I had him for 4 days at my house in Sibley, and trust me, he had lots to tell me during this time. This past Friday was no different. As I was walking out to the garage, Omar followed me out and out of the blue stated, "Brenda, I don't think the world could ever flood," and he went on to explain why he didn't think that this was possible. Without missing a beat, I said to him, "Omar, did you know that the world already flooded once?" He looked at me and I continued, "have you ever heard of a guy named, Noah?"

I proceeded to tell him of God and Noah. I told him how God told Noah to build the Arc and how Noah obeyed. I told him how the other people around Noah made fun of him. I explained how God instructed Noah to gather all the animals, two-by-two and the reasons why God wanted it that way. I told him of the rains that came and how the earth was flooded for 40 days. Omar asked me great questions ("Why did God pick Noah and his family? If Noah and his family were the only people left, are we all related? Why did God do that? and finally, Brenda, if there is a God...")

I forgot to mention anything about the rainbow and the promise from God that He would never destroy the earth by a flood again. Ugh. I will tell him that the next time I get to see a rainbow with him. What struck me most though, was how unprepared I am to share my faith with someone else.

I can make many excuses as to why this could be true. I am scared to say something that might not be true. I doubt what I know. I find it difficult to articulate why I believe as I do. I also believe that I might not be as good as someone else. I can think of several people who "do this better than me". All of these reasons are true. But the truest reason of all? I am plain scared. I know that I am not alone.

Some people worry that witnessing to a stranger might seem distasteful and turn them away from the gospel. Others worry that witnessing to close friends or relatives might change something in the relationship. They don't want to risk the friendship or damage their family ties. Some people fear rejection. Others worry that they don't know enough about Christianity to give good answers. Once you identify the cause of your fear, you can begin to understand why fear should not stand in the way of evangelism. First, we have been commanded to make disciples. Christ does not provide any loopholes in his statement. It is a command for all able Christians. We are not commanded to evangelize only when we overcome our fears (that may never happen); we are to make disciples despite our fear. Secondly, we should realize that we have little reason to fear. When you speak kindly and graciously about the gospel, you will find that most people react kindly and politely, even if they reject your call to repentance.

If lack of knowledge is one of reasons you are afraid to share the gospel, then do some more learning. Be ready to answer and give a defense for your faith. Dive into some books of the Bible and have some resources handy. Whenever you are asked something you do not know the answer to, simply be honest and admit your lack of knowledge. It is okay to say, "I don't know. Let me get back with you." Although sharing our faith may be difficult, telling others about Jesus is the most loving thing we can do for a person who doesn't know Him. Jesus is with you and has equipped you. Love those around you. Share your faith.

The Newsletter

Words from Pastor Luke

September 2016

First Reformed Church

Glorify God in all we do,
Grow with Him daily and
Go with Him to share His love.

Bible Word Search:

BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

T H S M I S B C S T N H Q X V
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LEVITICUS
JEREMIAH
AMOS
ZECHARIAH

HABAKKUK
JONAH
GENESIS
PSALMS
LAMENTATIONS
MICAH
MALACHAI

DEUTERONOMY
ISAIAH
NUMBERS
ECCLESIASTES
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HOSEA

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CONSISTORY MINUTES

August 15, 2016

ELDERS MINUTES

8 present a quorum

177. Pastor Luke opened the meeting with prayer.
178. MMSC to approve the Baptism for Lindy Tracy, daughter of Greg and Tami Tracy.
179. Elders/Deacon calling for the month was discussed.
180. The Constitutional Question was asked: are there any members who need spiritual care?
181. New Business: we received a notice to meet for the regular fall session of the East Sioux Classis to be held on Tuesday evening, September 13, 2016 at the First Reformed Church in Orange City. Elders who plan to attend at this time are Ron Dykstra and Henry Fisher and Deacon, Derek Heronimus.
182. MMSC to approve the use of the church for Kaitlin Michelson on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6 and 7, 2017 for a wedding rehearsal and wedding.
183. MMSC to approve the use of the church kitchen and Fellowship Hall for Arnie Langstraat on Saturday, July 15, 2017 for a family reunion.
184. MMSC to approve the minutes.
185. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Cal Runia.

CONSISTORY MINUTES

August 15, 2016 7:00 pm

14 present a quorum

186. Pastor Luke opened the meeting by reading from Mark 10 dealing with blind Barimaeus, and opened with prayer.
187. Ministry Team Reports were given:
 - Outreach:** possible mission trip to Romania was presented. MMSC to allow our church to collect backpacks for kids in Haiti.
 - Worship:** our Piano fund was discussed, there is enough money in the fund to start looking into the purchase of a new piano. The Worship Ministry Team will be doing further research on this.
 - Property:** discussion was held about the house across the street. Now looking in to what the next steps need to happen for the removal of the house.
 - Youth Ministries:** Heath De Jong updated us on our search for a youth pastor.
 - Administrative:** Pastor Luke gave us an update on our Administration Meeting held on July 18, 2016
188. Elders Minutes were read for information.
189. Treasure's Report was given by Derek Heronimus.
190. Deacon's Business was given by Dean Van Marel.
191. MMSC to approve the minutes as read.
192. MMSC to adjourn following prayer by Kevin Klaassen.

News From Brian and Donna Renes

Dear Friends,

Translation work in Nigeria. There are over 2,100 languages spoken by the 1.1 billion people who live on the African continent. I have been traveling to Africa often in recent years and just returned from a trip to Nigeria. In Nigeria alone there are over 500 languages. The Bible Society in Nigeria has worked hard to reach many of these groups but also faces the reality that each translation takes a lot of time, effort and money. Even if finances were not a problem, each project needs gifted translators.

The translators I worked with these past weeks come from different seasons of life. Some of them are young, single and recently out of school. One translator, named Endure, celebrated his 72nd birthday during our training event. Most of them have come from careers in teaching or pastoral ministry.

One of the translators, Abraham, continues to pastor a large church. I asked how he balanced the commitments and why he pushed himself in two very challenging occupations. His response was, "It is hard, but we need the Bible in our language." Abraham is very gifted and a true leader for the Epie translation team.

Gideon is one of the translators for the Ogbia language. He taught agriculture and now has been given a leave of absence for the next four years. With a smile, he shared with me how God has provided since he was a young man. Gideon added that he was thankful for government leaders who see the value of getting the Bible translated into the Ogbia language.

Pray for the work of translation in Nigeria. The country has been hit by low oil prices and many people as well as the Bible Society in Nigeria are struggling financially. Pray for their perseverance.

Thank you for being faithful partners in ministry of Bible translation.

Brian and Donna Renes

Brian and Donna's ministry

Brian serves as a computer consultant for Bible translation projects. He teaches national workers how to effectively use the computer in their work of translating the Bible into languages such as Quechua, which is spoken in Peru, and the Kuna language of Panama. Donna ministers to Hispanic children in the Sioux Center, Iowa, area through the teaching of English as a Second Language. Learn more at www.rca.org/renes.

Greeters for September, 9 am

- Sept. 4** West-Gerald and Sylvia Bosma
Middle-Randy and Daphne Bremer/family
East-Jerrad and Tracee Brouwer/family
- 11 West-Jamie and Jennifer Bruxvoort/family
Middle-Jane Buysman and Nate Buysman/family
East-Larry and Rhonda Riebeling
- 18 West-Jo Ann Calsbeek and Margaret Calsbeek
Middle-Tom and Ruth Dagele
East-Brian and Jamiey Daiker/family
- 25 West-Dale and Marilynn De Boer
Middle-LeRoy and Glenda De Boer
East-Marcus and Angela De Boer



Nursery for September 9:00 am

- Sept. 4:** Kayla Hoekstra and Chelsea Hulstein
11: Rachel Wills and Sandy Lamfers
18: Ashley Heronimus and Diane Langstraat
25: Kim and Alex Mc Dougall



Nursery for September 11:00

- Sept. 4** Melissa Anderson and Melissa Langstraat
11: Sarah Loerts and Megan Loerts
18: Marvella and Britta Harberts
25: Darcy Martinez and Tami Tracy

Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love. ~Romans '8:39

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Ken Loerts, Chair

- Areas of responsibility will include the Sunday School, Wednesday night activities, Vacation Bible School, Children and Worship, Library, and all other educational programs.
- Schedule dates to begin and end programs.
- Provide curriculum, materials and supplies and make sure that the Reformed faith is being taught.
- Find teachers and helpers, and set up standards and qualifications for same.
- Provide teacher training.
- Arrange for keeping accurate records.
- Oversee Sunday Bible Study groups and Adult Groups.
- Keep Congregation informed through the monthly newsletter, bulletin announcements, etc.
- Provide for observance of special days, such as Christmas Program, Graduation Day, etc.
- Wednesday night Bible time

YOUTH MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Heath De Jong, Chair

- Areas of responsibilities will include Middle school and High school activities.
- Schedule dates for yearly programs with approval
- Assist DYM in providing curriculum, materials and supplies and make sure that the Reformed faith is being taught.
- Assist DYM in finding adult leaders and set up standards and qualifications for same.
- Provide leader training
- Provide youth participation in worship and teaching
- Arrange for accurate keeping of financial records
- Approval of Retreats and mission trips
- Assist DYM in Fundraising Events
- Keep Congregation informed through monthly newsletter, bulletin, announcements, etc...
- Provide for observance of special days, such as Christmas, Graduation, Youth Sunday, etc...

PROPERTY AND GROUNDS MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Jeremy Leusink, Chair

- Upkeep and maintain church property.
- Conduct an annual inspection of the church, the parsonage and any other church owned property.
- Ensure reasonable accommodations for all individuals with physical limitations.
- Maintain Church Equipment and loaning of it out
- In Addition:
 - A. You are to check with the office as far ahead as possible to set a date.
 - B. If there is a donation suggested for using the church, you are to pay that to the church in care of Special Funds, before the date of use.
 - C. Permission to use church equipment - chairs, table, etc., must be obtained from the Property Chairman, Jeremy Leusink or the church office.
 - D. All gatherings must be out of church by 7 pm, or by permission of Elders, on Saturday evenings.
- Note: By Consistory decision on January 20, 2005, live flower/plants are not allowed to be placed on the piano or organ.

Who do we contact when we need something from the church?

Whether you need assistance getting to an appointment, or you just had a baby and you would like meals delivered, you need to know who to call. The Church Ministry teams are formed to help out in all areas of life. When you need help, this is a handy list to have so you know what ministry team can assist you! As always, you can always call the church office.

Responsibilities for Ministry Teams:

OUTREACH MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Cal Runia, Chair

- Oversee local evangelism opportunities with appropriate training.
- Encourage the congregation to support missions.
- Arrange missionary programs when missionaries are home on furlough.
- Encourage the congregation to pray for, with, and if possible to send out members as volunteers, short term or life missionaries.
- Appoint prayer partners for missionaries, etc.
- Arrange follow-up calls or mail for visitors.
- Arrange Meals on Wheels.

WORSHIP MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Lennis Harberts, Chair

- Appointment of Greeters and Ushers.
- Securing and administration of music.
- Evaluate the number of services and when to have special services.
- Evaluate and work with minister(s) in accordance with the RCA Constitution.
- Assure proper administration of Sacraments.
- Create and maintain a proper worship environment in the church, including banners, decorations and flowers.
- Study new forms of worship.
- Operate and maintain all recordings, sound systems, projection equipment, and visual aids in the church.
- Provide video taping and airing of morning worship services on Cable TV.
- Implement tape ministry (audio/visual).
- Provide Nursery care during all appropriate services.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY (RESPONSIBILITIES OF MINISTRY)

Henry Fisher, Chair

- Oversee lay ministry groups (i.e. Willing Hands groups, Men's Ministry, work groups, etc.).
- Implement ministry to singles, divorcees, widow(er)s, senior citizens.
- Insure the adequate introduction of new members to our church family through Newsletter articles, pictures, and new member fellowship dinner.
- Oversee to publication of the church pictorial directory at least every five years.
- Oversee aspects of church social life (fellowship).
- Provide hospitality for members (food, etc.) in need.
- Provide transportation for church members as needed.
- Appoint "Shepherding" partners for all new members of the church to help them become assimilated into our church.

Music for September

***If anyone would like to sing/play an instrument please contact the office and we will work you in when there is nothing scheduled. We would love to have you "praise God with your talents"! ***



Coffee Servers September

Sept 4 Glenn & Paul Doorenbos
Sept 11 Harold & Luella Eggink
Sept 18 Harold & Mim Ernst
Sept 25 Stan & Gert Gaalswyk

Coffee With the Pastor

WE'RE BACK!!!! Come join us on Wednesday, September 7th at 9 am to have coffee with the pastor. Both Pastor Luke (and Brenda) would love to see you!!

Women's Bible Studies

Faith Bible Study will meet on Monday, September 19th. Anita will be the leader and Helen will be the hostess.

Patience Bible Study will meet on Monday, Sept. 19 at 4 pm. The leader is Barb and Ellen is hostess. Lesson #5

Our true value doesn't lie in our abilities, but rather in our identity as a child of God.

After Church Greeters for September

4 SE: Pastor Luke

C: Dale Honken

SW: Dan Janssen

BE: Corky Koerselman

BW: Dr. Greg Kusters

11 SE: Arnie Langstraat

C: Pastor Luke

SW: Ken Loerts

BE: Ed Meendering

BW: Lyle Peelen

18 SE: Larry Riebeling

C: Cal Runia

SW: Pastor Luke

BE: Bob Tiedeman

BW: Duane Vande Hoef

25 SE: Paul Vander Linden

C: Pastor Luke

SW: John Van Diepen

BE: Curt Van Kley

BW: Harvey Van Ruler

Library Volunteers

Sept.4-Phyllis Vander Linden

11-Imogene Rasmussen

18-Alfreda Verdoorn

25-Kathy/Joel Verdoorn

Sunday School Nursery

Sept. 11 - Luella Eggink and Jan Henrichs

18 - Lana Hibma and Sandy Lamfers

25 - Jill Leusink and Megan Loerts

No Eye has Seen, no ear has heard, no mind has imagined, what God has prepared for those who love Him. ~1Corinthians 2:9

Willing Hands Group

Willing Hands Group #3 will be responsible for services during the month of September. Co-chairpersons are Leona and Ed Meendering, Pauline and Jim Van Engen and Sandy and Dave Lamfers.



Sportsmen's Devotional

Bible Study Verses: Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. (NIV)

Thoughts:

I recall a fascinating experience while bow hunting in Minnesota. I was in my deer stand when I heard quite a commotion in the woods. The leaves were rustling, twigs snapping, accompanied by clashing sounds. I came down from my stand and headed toward the commotion. Two big Whitetail bucks, 14 and 10 pointers, had locked horns and were struggling to get apart. I tried to get close enough to get a shot, but they pulled apart and took off in the woods.

Even more fascinating are the Bighorn Sheep rams that have head-to-head combat. They rear back on their hind legs, then drop to all fours and charge each other at speeds greater than 20 mph. Fortunately, they have double-layered skulls shored with struts of bone for battle protection. They also have a massive tendon linking the skull and spine to help the head pivot and recoil from the blows.

These above mentioned displays of aggression are typical in the animal kingdom to prove dominance hierarchy.

Action Point:

God made us in His image and in His likeness. We don't have to fight for a position in a hierarchy of creation. We have Christ as our role model of love.

To be controlling, abusive and dominant in a marriage, or in any other relationship, is not what God had in mind for us. "Clothe yourselves" with Christ-like attributes.

Sportsmen's Tip of the Day:

Come to the Wind River Range of Wyoming and see the largest herd of Bighorn Sheep in North America.

Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Class

It is time again for our Christian Education Programs to begin again at FRC. Wednesday Night Bible Classes will begin on September 7 and Sunday School will resume on September 11.

Wednesday Night Bible Class will start at 6:30 pm and go until 7:15 pm. This will be a 45 minute session with Bible time and discussion. We offer a few gentle reminders:

- Students should be guided and taught to conduct themselves in a godly manner. There should be general guidance, using the Golden Rule: “Do to others as you would have them do to you.” Luke 6:31
- Walk at all times in the church building.
- Use an inside voice, which respects others and builds others up!
- Respect and care for the church building, and all furnishings, equipment and supplies.
- Food and drink are to be kept in the fellowship hall at ALL TIMES! Eat and drink in the fellowship hall BEFORE coming to your classrooms. Teachers, please insist on this, and be a good example for our students! Keeping food to one area saves our carpets!
- Our church building is actually God’s church! Please treat it in a very special way!

Sunday School is held each Sunday morning from 10:05-10:55 am.

Middle School Remnant will be meeting on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 7:15 pm in the Youth Room starting September 7.

High School Remnant will meet on Wednesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 pm in the Youth Room starting September 7.

We need you! The education ministry team is putting together the schedule and curriculum for First Reformed Church's education program which will be in session from September 2016 through April 2017. To complete this program we need adults with a heart for sharing their love for Christ with our children. Would you prayerfully consider spending 4-6 weeks mentoring and teaching the youth of our church on Sunday morning or Wednesday evening? Would you be willing to be a storyteller in our Children and Worship center on Sunday morning? Are you willing to direct our Sunday School Christmas program in December? You do not have to do it alone, sign up with a friend or your spouse. Training and materials are available. Sign up sheets are on the information booth or you can contact Deb Kusters or Diane Langstraat.

September Faith In Action:

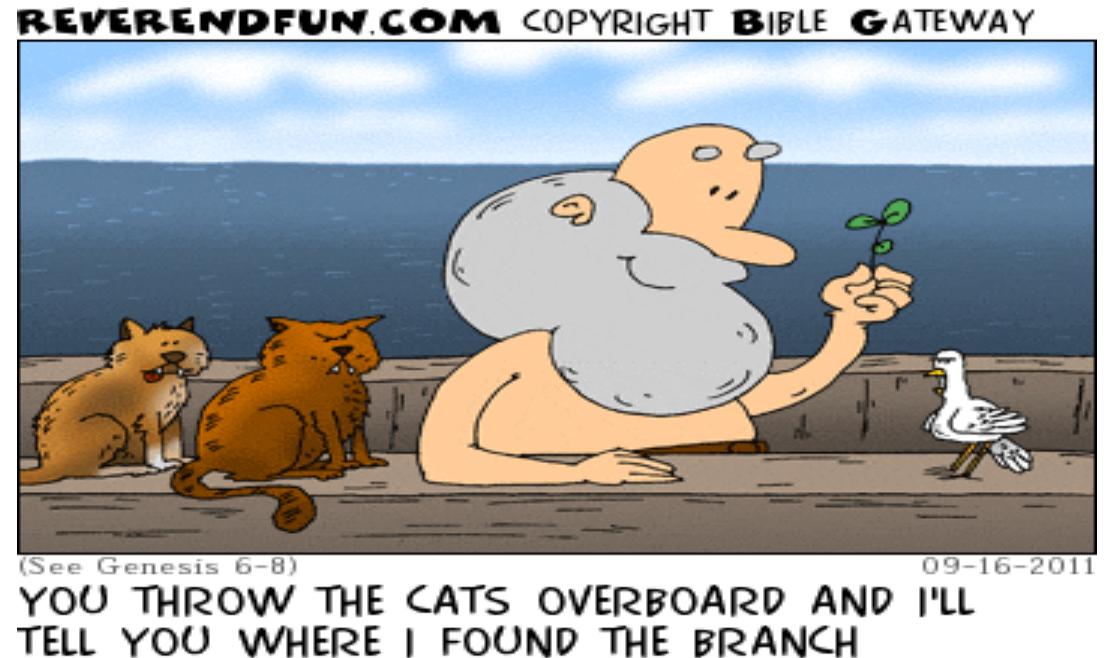
Faith in action for this month is ATLAS. Here is what is on their list:· Canon Printer ink: #240—black #241—color; Pop Diet or Reg. Mountain Dew, Orange, Coke, Root Beer; Card Stock Paper—white; single serving chips; cans of coffee; 30 gal trash bags; tall kitchen trash bags.

From the Church Library

It’s difficult to believe September is here already. I don’t know about you but then I start thinking of cooler weather and longer evenings. Don’t forget to check the library for books you can enjoy during the coming days and longer evenings. New books have been processed so watch for a couple to be put out each week.

If you want to have a family movie night, GOD’S NOT DEAD 2 and MIRACLES FROM HEAVEN are now available in our library. Also, for lots of laughs check out MOMS’ NIGHT OUT. The following is from the back of the DVD container: “All Allyson and her friends want is a peaceful, grown-up evening of dinner and conversation, a long needed mom’s night out. But in order to enjoy high heels, adult conversation and food not served in a paper bag, they need their husbands to watch the kids for three hours—what could go wrong?”

Jeannette Juffer and Alfreda Verdoorn



The following is from Jill Leusink. Jill lost her brother Dr. Jeff Knobloch on August 13, 2016. Jill spoke this message at her brother's funeral. We encourage anyone who is struggling with mental illness to please visit: www.mentalhealthamerica.net.

Hi...I am a very emotional person so I would like to have you please refrain from any tears until I am finished. (that was a joke)

Jeff was a promoter of education and loved to learn new things. He liked a challenge and was instrumental in helping so many people. In Jeff's legacy, I am speaking today to try and educate you and give you some understanding of a very real disease called depression.

In my family, I am not the public speaker, Jeff was. I am not the entertainer, Jeff was. I am not the smart one, Jeff was. But I feel it is important to carry on his great attributes and talk to you about mental illness. Jeff had a heart of gold and a love for his God. But his brain was sick. In the same way a heart attack doesn't define a person, the way Jess passed doesn't define him. He was so much more. The Jeff we knew was authentic!

For some of us, when I say the word depression it is a mystery and for others it will resonate very close to our hearts and life. Depression is caused by different things including, physical changes in the brain, changes in the chemicals of the brain that control our emotions and thought processes, genetic tendencies and even hormones. Along with this, events and situations can all add to the outcome of depression. There are varying degrees of depression and some of the symptoms can include ~~the~~ extreme sadness, anxiety, difficulty thinking and concentrating, loneliness, worry, doubt, irrational thoughts, and loss of interest in normal activities. This list is not all-inclusive and these symptoms can present in wide range of severity. And oftentimes, as in the case of Jeff, it can be disguised for a very long time.

There is huge negative social stigma surrounding mental illness, which makes it often seem necessary to keep our burdens hidden. I don't have a slew of statistics to back up this statement but I know it's true because I see it everyday. I've experienced it and I've helped people who suffer from it. Jeff was one of the most compassionate doctors who helped numerous patients battle their depression on a personal level. As Patch Adams says, "you treat a disease, sometimes you win, sometimes you lose, but when you treat a human being you always win." Jeff treated the human being.....

If you asked someone, "how are you doing?" and they responded with "I'm sad," what would you do? Jeff would sit and weep with a patient and then help them find their next step. Most people just don't want to be around depressed people. It's uncomfortable. It's scary. It's no fun. But that is the time when the most love and compassion is needed. This is not a disease you can just snap out of or pray away. It is a vicious disease, it is real and it is everywhere.

I don't want to ramble on today, but I implore you to take notice of your family and friends and look for signs of depression. If you find yourself relating to this message, please reach out, as hard it may be. There is no shame in getting help. You are made in the image of God and you are important!

I also want to talk about Jeff as my one and only brother. He called me Beavis and I referred to him as Butthead. When we were young, we fought as normal siblings did. I sat on his head when he tried to wrestle me. He made fun of me when I said stupid stuff. He had great one-liners that could always

lighten the mood. He puked in my hair on a long road trip across Iowa, and then my Dad bought a bunch of pine tree scented air fresheners to cover up the smell the rest of the way home. UGH! To this day neither of us could stand that smell. We also share a strong dislike of the smell of Lysol as our mom would spray it around our heads when we were sick.

My brother told the grossest stories and was the first to share disgusting bodily function statements. (think about the result of eating too much corn on the cob) This was Jeff. He was my big brother and I love him. I already miss him, but I am going to do my best to carry on his legacy of compassion, empathy, and humor.

Finally - It is important for you to know Jeff loved God, he was a forgiven child of the One True King. On Saturday, the angels were exuberant to see Jeff coming home. They are all rejoicing and praising God as we are also celebrating Jeff's life today. May the despair we feel be replaced with the joy of the angels. To God be the glory!

In the parting words of Jeff Knobloch, Peace and chicken grease!

Mission

by Jeff Knobloch

It means learning, stretching, tasting, loving, aching, seeing, questioning, laughing, mourning, hoping, and yes, digging.

It means people ill-equipped to answer a calling to do it anyway,

It means interacting in an economy of love where there is no balance sheet, just self-catalyzing transactions. It means getting to create and reveal glory in the lives of others while the exact mirror image happens in your own life,

It means knowing that God's creation is being redeemed and that history is heading somewhere.

It means experiencing community and the kingdom in the here and now. It means repairing brokenness where it exists.

It means interacting with the divine at points surprising and unexpected, It means the celebration of the good news and a sharing of the good gift.

It means carrying out the revolution that triumphs without domination, violence, or coercion.

It means forgiving ourselves and each other.

It means understanding my circumstance and not being ashamed or guilty of it.

It means understanding the circumstance of others to have empathy but not pity.

It means feeling your heart soften and not feeling threatened that it will be hurt.

If there is one thing that God is about, it is transformation.

When there was void, there was creation.

When creation was incomplete, humanity began.

When humanity was lost; God became human.

When violence ruled, peace overthrew.

When the cross killed, resurrection happened.

A new heaven is coming here, and we are here (as transformed people) to present it and unwrap it.

We are God's transformation and we are agents of transformation. This is mission.