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*Through Christ we put God first by teaching reaching and loving all!*

# The R E A C H O U T

To write a front page is very difficult for me. I need to be in the right mood. I need to be in the silence and solitude of being by myself. I like being isolated I really do. During the last part of March, I do not think I have had a moment where I could find a good mood. I am blessed and I have faith in God, but my goodness, I can't seem to get a break. My concern and love for my people is at its peak. I am held back by the rules and social concerns. I have not slept well since this all started, between my friends dying and then my fur baby almost dying. Between the confusion of these times. You know? Right? There is a new bug out there. A new way to be slowed down. Infected! If you get the virus, it drains your body of strength. I have the humble pleasure to be the person a few people feel safe to call when their life is smacked and the wind is knocked out of them. Helpless is a hard place to be and being helpless and not allowed to personally be there is a double whammy!

It is okay not to know what to say! It is okay not to be there. We all are in the same place. Fear is the monster that lurks in the uncertain times. We are afraid to get sick. We are afraid to get others infected. We are afraid to see where our families are going to and where they are coming back from. We are isolated when we want to grieve together. You know, we just want to sit with people hold their hands, maybe cry with them, hug them. We are used to gathering during times of death showing death it is not the victor here. Yet death has brought along with it this social distancing. Fear of contamination, fear of the spread of death. We all certainly know of someone who has died from this sickness and yet we even are afraid when people survive this sickness. We don't know who has had this virus or who hasn't. We are just trying right now to stop the hurricane wind blowing on the fire of disease, fanning the flames of sickness to spread like wild fire, the pain and torment of death.

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RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN  
YOUR ARTICLES  
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES IS**

April 25

I know a gentleman who is very intensely demanding for us to isolate, but yet I see him everywhere I am. I hear a woman saying we are not being socially responsible, but yet she is not isolated, but out and about. I know a woman who is screaming at the top of her lungs how wrong the churches staying open are, yet she babysits the child of a nurse, who drops that child off at her house daily! We all are sinners and we all fall short, don't ask who sinned, the child or the parents. Please ask, how is God going to reveal his glory in this?

I recently read a story of a man who was born blind. (John 9 :1-12) He did not know who was speaking to him as the Messiah spat on the ground and made mud and placed it on his eyes. He only listened to the directions and washed. He was cleansed and his eyes were opened. He could see!! Everyone who knew him wanted to know, how now do you see? He honestly doesn't know. That man put mud on my eyes told me to wash and I did, now I see. The authorities want to know and he tells them. The authorities did not like his answers so they went to his parents. His parents said, don't ask us ask him, he is of age. They ask him again and he says I told you. Why do you want to know? Do you want to follow him? They did not like his answer and threw him out. Jesus found him and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" The man said point him out to me sir, so that I can believe in him." Jesus said, "You are looking right at him. Don't you recognize my voice?" "Master, I Believe," and the man worshiped him. You see for us today we have to read the story then go back to the beginning and look again. We must go back to verse 1 to 5: <sup>1</sup>As he walked along; he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. <sup>4</sup>We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. <sup>5</sup>As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

We are being blinded by fear, and we are jumping into every situation wanting to know all the details. No one seems to have the right answer. I do. The answer is we will not know the whole story until we have lived it. We just have to do our best to care for each other with the gifts we ourselves have and watch God work. We must not by any means be so afraid that we hurt each other. How are we going to find joy the next couple of weeks? With our sights on Christ the messiah. We must stop focusing on the death and be smart and pay attention to the life. Is Christ in the world or not? God's works will be revealed in this, we just need to put away our fear so we may see it.

We are in some dark times but I recognize the savior. I am looking right at him and he is the light of the world and as long as he is in this world, we have work to be done. Amen.

*Pastor Ralph*

Hello Everyone,

I hope this note finds you all doing well and staying healthy. Pastor Ralph and I want to thank you for your notes, letters, and phone calls to keep in touch. We also thank you for mailing in your offering. This is much appreciated!

In the next newsletter I would like to share your stories of what you've been up to, how things are going, and how God is showing himself in your life. Please mail or email me anything you would like to share.

We miss you,

Wendy

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Exodus 12: 1-14

Psalms 116: 1-2, 12-19

1 Corinthians 11: 23-26

John 13: 1-17, 31b-35

**GOOD FRIDAY**

Isaiah 52: 13—53: 12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10: 16-25

John 18: 1—19: 42

# Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT NAME	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
April 5th	Palm Sunday	purple	Isaiah 50: 4-9a Psalm 31: 9-16 Philippians 2: 5-11 Matthew 27: 11-54	Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.
April 12th	Easter Day	white	Acts 10: 34-43 Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24 Colossians 3: 1-4 John 20: 1-18	This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.
April 19th	Second Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 2: 14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1: 3-9 John 20: 19-31	In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.
April 26th	Third Sunday Of Easter	white	Acts 2: 14a, 36-41 Psalm 116: 1-4, 12-19 1 Peter 1: 17-23 Luke 24: 13-35	Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

## **Circle News ~ Team News**

### **HANNAH CIRCLE NEWS**

Hannah Circle met March 10th at 10:00am at the church with 6 members present. We proceeded to visit Mildred Allan and enjoyed our time with her.

After visiting we enjoyed food and fellowship at Pizza Joe's after Loetta Haller gave the blessing. I'm sorry we had to postpone our Rescue Mission Cookie Project. We'll let you know when it will be in the future.

Please continue to save tin foil and aluminum cans for Hannah Circle. The price of aluminum is down at the recycling centers, so we need your help now more than ever as this is our only fundraiser.

### **DORCAS CIRCLE NEWS**

Dorcas Circle members will meet again in April.

### **STEWARDSHIP TEAM**

Our next meeting will be May 12th at 7pm. We are not sure yet if the March for Jesus will be postponed. We will keep you posted as information comes to us.

### **DINNER TEAM**

Pasta Bake: Thanks to all who helped make this meal a success! The proceeds were \$660 and were split between Good Hope and the kitchen. This was the third dinner in a row that was sold out. Great job dinner team!

2020 dinner team schedule:

Sunday April 5 -soup to go from 12-4pm

May 15 & 16 -rummage sale with smoker from 9am-4pm

# Our Prayer List

The One Call system allows us to contact the prayer chain all at once to lift up prayers. If you would like a One Call sent out please contact the Church office at 330-549-2406.



Pam & John Nock  
Nancy Crouse  
Brooklyn Hostetter  
Charles Mohn  
Carol Coleman  
Gerald Hostetter  
Dolores Kuhar  
Lynne Grant  
Dave Sweeney  
June Casity

Kerry Gumbs  
Sarah Corey  
Karli Hostetter  
Marilyn Wire  
Joe Kreidler  
Ned Ziegler  
John Chuey  
Debbie Dulovich  
Heath Lude  
Stephanie Razo

Scott MacDonald  
Karen Holisky  
Amy Hambrick  
Serving in the military:  
Jakeb Fry  
Lyndsey Liberty  
Jodie Brimmer & squadron  
Morgan Rhinehart  
Alyssa  
Bryce Liberty

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



8- Ralph & Wendy Edwards  
11- John & Pam Nock  
11- Ken & Leslie Lude

## April 5

Dianna Allen  
Sam Allen  
Anna Anderson  
Chadd Anderson

## April 12

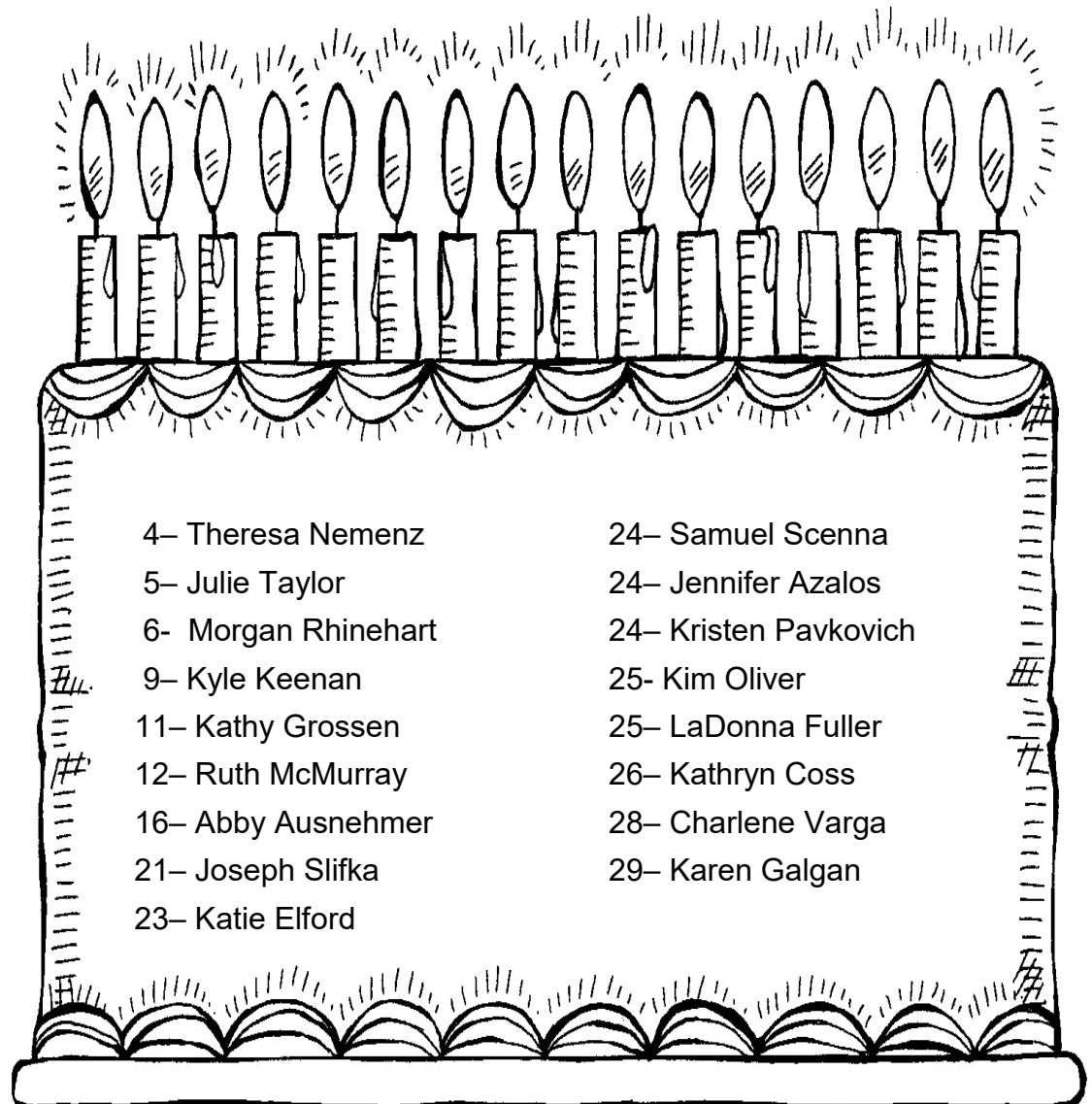
Natalie Anderson  
Nathan Anderson  
Frank Ansevin  
Gabriella Ansevin

## April 19

Kristen Ansevin  
Landon Ansevin  
Kelly Ansevino  
Jennifer Aszalos

## April 26

Kevin Barret  
Nancy Barret  
Pogo Bartell  
Alicia Bentley  
Irene Bentley



4- Theresa Nemenz  
5- Julie Taylor  
6- Morgan Rhinehart  
9- Kyle Keenan  
11- Kathy Grossen  
12- Ruth McMurray  
16- Abby Ausnehmer  
21- Joseph Slifka  
23- Katie Elford

24- Samuel Scenna  
24- Jennifer Azalos  
24- Kristen Pavkovich  
25- Kim Oliver  
25- LaDonna Fuller  
26- Kathryn Coss  
28- Charlene Varga  
29- Karen Galgan

# MEETING MINUTES

## Council Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2020

present: Sarah, Sue, Peggy, Andy, Wendy, P. Ralph, Jeff H., Stephanie, Greg, Jeff W.

excused: Kelly

The meeting opened with prayer led by Sarah.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kelly wanted council to note that we had a net loss for February.

## Pastor's Report –March– 2020

### Area of Focus Last Month:

- ✓ I had 14 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ✓ 1 Funeral Jack Crouse
- ✓ 3 Hospital Visits Jamie Whithman, Marilyn Wire, John Chuey
- ✓ We had our regular number of Saturday night, Sunday morning Services
- ✓ Over the past month, I have presided at 18 worship services and prepared 6 sermons.
- \* Jan 31-Feb 1 Confirmation Retreat Prayer, Camp Frederick
- \* Feb 2 Youth Sunday
- \* Feb 2 Souper Bowl Sunday Young Collecting in Soup Bowls
- \* Feb 5,12,19, Bible Study "Concerned Persons Group"
- \* Feb 9 Winter Festival and Chili Cook-off, Camp Frederick
- \* Feb 9 Congregational meeting
- \* Asked Jamie to leave House
- \* Feb 2 Youth Sunday
- \* Feb 2 Souper Bowl Sunday Young Collecting in Soup Bowls
- \* Feb 5,12,19, Bible Study "Concerned Persons Group"
- \* Feb 8 Beef Tips and Noodles
- \* Feb 9 Winter Festival and Chili Cookoff, Camp Frederick
- \* Feb 9 Congregational meeting
- \* Feb 16 Teen Challenge at worship
- \* Feb 21 I do worship at Teen Challenge
- \* Feb 26 Imposition of Ashes 11am to 1pm and at 7pm
- \* Feb 26 Ash Wednesday Worship at 7PM

### Secretary's Report:

Prepared and sent Annual report to Synod

Wrote Thrivent grants for Pasta Bake and kids' Good Hope shirts

Attended: Bible study, Beef Tips dinner, stewardship meeting, and chapel at Teen Challenge

Updated outdoor sign

Completed office duties

Assisted with confirmation class

Created and distributed flyers and press releases

Took meeting minutes for council

Prepared 10 bulletins

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Prepared 4 Sunday school bulletins

### Old Business:

a. Sarah has met with P. Ralph and Wendy to review employee evaluations. She plans to meet with Sue, Kelly, and Heidi in the near future.

b. Jeff H. has met with Team Office and states we should keep the color printer because we own it. He also states we should wait until May to purchase the new black and white printer.

**(council cont.)**

c. Peggy has been meeting with the Chrema teams to answer questions about counting. She is also designing new forms to record offering.

d. Jeff H. motions to postpone paving the parking lot. Peggy seconds. Motion carried.

**New business:**

## a. COVID 19

Sarah states that we should all pay attention to the guidelines and precautions given out by health professionals and the CDC. She opens the field for discussion.

Council decides to keep worship services open for now. To avoid close contact, bulletins, passing the offering plate, and sitting close together are temporarily suspended.

P. Ralph is asked to make use of our one-call system to keep everyone updated.

**Special Council Meeting April 2, 2020**

present: Sarah, Jeff W., Sue, Wendy, P. Ralph, Andy, Peggy, Jeff H., Stephanie, Kelly

excused: Greg

Sarah opened the meeting and called for discussion.

Kelly reports she would like to apply for a Paycheck Protection Program to help cover the church payroll and utilities.

Jeff motions that Kelly be allowed to apply for the PPP. Stephanie seconds. Motion carried.

Meeting closed.

**March Offering Report**

	<u>March 1</u>	<u>March 8</u>	<u>March 15</u>	<u>March 22</u>	<u>March 29</u>
Operating income-	\$4,020.00	\$3,987.00	\$3,459.80	\$1,939.00	\$3,535.00
Capital improvements-	\$100.00	\$265.00	-0-	\$50.00	-0-

**Treasurer's Report Ending February 29, 2020**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual budget remaining
Income	\$14,537.38	\$30,340.15	\$161,584.85
Expense	\$17,673.76	\$35,646.14	\$156,278.86
Net Total	(\$3,136.38)	(\$5,305.99)	\$5,305.99

**Capital Improvement Fund: Goal = \$50,000.00    Current Balance = \$33,550.49**

**Thank you for your donations!**



**Good Hope Lutheran Church**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for continuing to partner with us on the clothing drop-off shed program! In 2019 roughly 5,538 garments of clothing were donated to your shed. This was enough to clothe an estimated 671 people all over the world.

Based on this volume of clothing, your organization received \$1,612 in 2019.


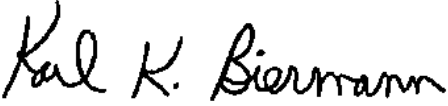
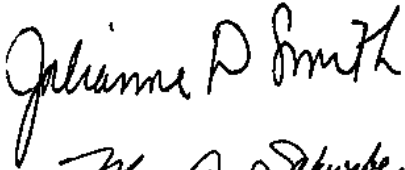


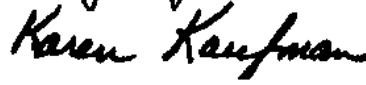


Thank you for continuing to spread the word about the clothing shed to other community members. We truly appreciate all the support you've given this program!

Sincerely,

The Team at St. Pauly Textile, Inc.



Bishop Abraham Allende and the staff of the  
 Lutheran Center of the Northeastern Ohio Synod,  
 ELCA lifted your congregation up in prayer.  
 May God bless your ministry with wisdom, vision,  
 courage, understanding and joy.



# SOUP – TO – GO

WHERE: GOOD HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
12030 MARKET STREET, NORTH LIMA

WHEN: SUNDAY APRIL 5<sup>th</sup>

TIME: 12-4pm or until sold out

COST: \$7.00 PER QUART

## SOUPS OFFERED:

TWICE BAKED POTATO  
STUFFED PEPPER  
WEDDING  
BEEF VEGETABLE  
CHILI



Please remain in your car and we will take your order and bring your soup out to you.  
Thank you!



**May 15-16:** The Annual Rummage Sale will be held from 9am –4pm both days. This is a big project and help will be needed to organize and set –up the week before. We also need people to work during the sale to help customers and take money. One of the days, we will also have a barbeque. Help is needed May 10-14 for pricing and organizing items. Help is needed May 14 to carry things from the basement to tables outside. On Friday, May 15, at least 8 people are needed to open the sale at 7:30am. On Saturday, May 16, at least 8 people are needed at 8am to open the sale. Monday, May 18-Thursday, May 21 help is needed to take away the unsold items and clean up. This is a big money-maker for our church. Last year the profit was \$2,594.00! You can help as you are able. Even a couple of hours will make a big difference. Please contact John Chuey if you have any questions at 330-549-3527. Please contact the office if you want to sign up to help at 330-549-2406.

You may bring your donations to the church starting this week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 10am– 2pm.

\*\*Please call ahead to the office so the basement door can be unlocked for you.

Tuesday - March 24, 2020

Hi - -

Since we cannot gather as a class, we thought we would share with you some things that we would have shared if we were actually meeting. We have such a close-knit group that this is also a way to just keep in touch with everyone. We often discuss God in our lives or where we have observed God. That is why we would have shared these things with the class.

This was said while a pioneer couple was looking over their pond at a beautiful sunset on the prairie in Kansas.

*"Fields of Grace"* by Kim Vogel Sawyer

"Sometimes I marvel at the extra God provides. He meets our needs, yes, but so much more. He did not have to make the world a bright, colorful place of beauty. He could have simply provided the things our bodies require to survive. But He also chose to feed our souls. He designed flowers, singing birds, and even little furry barking creatures that pop out of holes and make us laugh. And He created a sky that begins and ends each day with a show of color."

Later in the same chapter the husband made this comment:

"He thought of his comment that God hadn't needed to make the world beautiful, but beauty was his gift to mankind."

During this time of confusion and concern, we really have to take some time and look for the beauty that God has given us as a gift.

May you stay safe and stay healthy!!

Loetta, Donna Jean, Alice Ann



### Just a Note

All Holy Week services have been cancelled. Most other events are postponed and we should have new dates soon.

Sunday services at 8 & 10:30 will stay open for now. We ask that you please take the following precautions should you choose to attend: if you touch a book or pencil in the pew leave it out to be disinfected, sit apart from others, take offering up to the plate during or after the service instead of in a group. We have had 8-10 people for worship at each service so we are having no trouble spacing out from each other.

I thank the Haller Family for sharing this story! Thank you to Nancy Crouse for the Recall Notice on the next page! I welcome everyone to send in (mail or email) stories you've read, articles, or anything else you would like to share. Maybe you've rediscovered an old hobby or picked up a new one. I'm sure you are keeping busy and we would love to hear what you're up to!

## Recall Notice:

The Maker of all human beings is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to the serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart. This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units, code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been technically termed, "Subsequential Internal Non-morality, or commonly known as "SIN".

Some Symptoms include but are Not limited to:

- \* Loss of direction
- \* Lack of peace and joy
- \* Depression or confusion in the mental component
- \* Foul vocal emissions
- \* Selfish, violent behavior
- \* Amnesia of origin
- \* Fearfulness
- \* Rebellion

To correct this SIN defect, the Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory authorized repair and service free of charge. The Repair Technician, Jesus\*, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required.

The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**

Once connected, please upload your burden of SIN through the REPENTANCE procedure. Next, download ATONEMENT from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

- \*\* Love
- \*\* Joy
- \*\* Peace
- \*\* Kindness
- \*\* Goodness
- \*\* Faithfulness
- \*\* Gentleness
- \*\* Patience
- \*\* Self Control

Please see the operating manual, Holy Bible, for further details on the use of these fixes. As an added upgrade, the Manufacturer has made available to all repaired units direct monitoring and assistance from the resident Maintenance technician, the Holy Spirit. Repaired units need only make Him welcome and He will take up residence on the premises.

**WARNING:** Continuing to operate the human being unit without making these corrections voids the Manufacturer's warranty, exposing the unit to many dangers and problems -- and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded in a place called Hell.

**\*For Free emergency service, call on JESUS.**

Thank you for your attention.

Please notify everyone you can of this important recall notice!

**Isaiah 41:10:** Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your GOD. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you. I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**Phil 4:13:** All things are possible through Jesus Christ who strengthens me.

**Psalms 100:3:** "Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture."

**Zephaniah 3:17**

"The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing."

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