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The R E A C H O U T

Since this is the Season of Love, I thought I would talk a little about love. Well, my love was born in February. We celebrate her birthday with a dinner out and one of those times out to eat we had a special time. I invited her children and my children and we celebrated her birthday. To top it off, while our children were present, I proposed to her and the next year we got married on the Sunday after Easter. It was wonderful. So, what is it about Love?

The ancient Greeks were sophisticated in the way they talked about love, recognizing six different varieties. They would have been shocked by our crudeness in using a single word both to whisper “I love you” over a candlelit meal and to casually sign an email “lots of love.”

So, what were the six loves known to the Greeks? And how can they inspire us to move beyond our current addiction to romantic love, which has 94 percent of young people hoping—but often failing—to find a unique soul mate who can satisfy all their emotional needs?

1. Eros, or sexual passion

The first kind of love was eros, named after the Greek god of fertility, and it represented the idea of sexual passion and desire. The Greeks didn’t always think of it as something positive, as we tend to do today. In fact, eros was viewed as a dangerous, fiery, and irrational form of love that could take hold of you and possess you—an attitude shared by many later spiritual thinkers, such as the Christian writer C. S. Lewis.

Eros involved a loss of control that frightened the Greeks. Which is odd, because losing control is precisely what many people now seek in a relationship. Don’t we all hope to fall “madly” in love?

2. Philia, or deep friendship

The second variety of love was philia or friendship, which the Greeks valued far more than the base sexuality of eros. Philia concerned the deep comradely friendship that developed between brothers in arms who had fought side by side on the battlefield. It was about showing loyalty to your friends, sacrificing for them, as well as sharing your emotions with them. Another kind of philia, sometimes called storge, embodied the love between parents and their children.

We can all ask ourselves how much of this comradely philia we have in our lives. It’s an important question in an age when we attempt to amass “friends” on Facebook or “followers” on Twitter—achievements that would have hardly impressed the Greeks.

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3. Ludus, or playful love

While philia could be a matter of great seriousness, there was a third type of love valued by the ancient Greeks, which was playful love. Following the Roman poet Ovid, scholars, such as the philosopher A. C. Grayling, commonly use the Latin word ludus to describe this form of love, which concerns the playful affection between children or casual lovers.

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We've all had a taste of it in the flirting and teasing in the early stages of a relationship. We also live out our ludus when we sit around in a bar bantering and laughing with friends, or when we go out dancing.

4. Agape, or love for everyone

The fourth love, and perhaps the most radical, was agape or selfless love. This was a love that you extended to all people, whether family members or distant strangers. Agape was later translated into Latin as caritas, which is the origin of our word "charity."

C.S. Lewis referred to it as "gift love," the highest form of Christian love. But it also appears in other religious traditions, such as the idea of mettā or "universal loving kindness" in Theravāda Buddhism.

There is growing evidence that agape is in a dangerous decline in many countries. Empathy levels in the U.S. have declined sharply over the past 40 years, with the steepest fall occurring in the past decade. We urgently need to revive our capacity to care about strangers.

5. Pragma, or longstanding love

The use of the ancient Greek root pragma as a form of love was popularized by the Canadian sociologist John Allen Lee in the 1970s, who described it as a mature, realistic love that is commonly found amongst long-established couples. Pragma is about making compromises to help the relationship work over time, and showing patience and tolerance. There is in fact little evidence that the Greeks commonly used this precise term themselves, so it is best thought of as a modern update on the ancient Greek loves.

The psychoanalyst Erich Fromm said that we expend too much energy on "falling in love" and need to learn more how to "stand in love." Pragma is precisely about standing in love—making an effort to give love rather than just receive it. With about a third of first marriages in the U.S. ending through divorce or separation in the first 10 years, we should surely think about bringing a serious dose of pragma into our relationships.

6. Philautia, or love of the self

The Greek's sixth variety of love was philautia or self-love. Clever Greeks such as Aristotle realized there were two types. One was an unhealthy variety associated with narcissism, where you became self-obsessed and focused on personal fame and fortune. A healthier version enhanced your wider capacity to love.

The idea was that if you like yourself and feel secure in yourself, you will have plenty of love to give others, as is reflected in the Buddhist-inspired concept of "self-compassion". Or, as Aristotle put it, "All friendly feelings for others are an extension of a man's feelings for himself."

The ancient Greeks found diverse kinds of love in relationships with a wide range of people—friends, family, spouses, strangers, and even themselves. This contrasts with our typical focus on a single romantic relationship, where we hope to find all the different loves wrapped into a single person or soul mate. The message from the Greeks is to nurture the varieties of love and tap into its many sources. Don't just seek eros, but cultivate philia by spending more time with old friends, or develop ludus by dancing the night away.

We should abandon our obsession with perfection. Don't expect your partner to offer you all the varieties of love, all of the time, with the danger that you may toss aside a partner who fails to live up to your desires. Recognize that a relationship may begin with plenty of eros and ludus, then evolve toward more pragma or agape.

The diverse Greek system of loves can also provide consolation. By mapping out the extent to which all six loves are present in your life, you might discover you've got a lot more love than you had ever imagined—even if you feel an absence of a physical lover.

It's time we introduced the six varieties of Greek love into our everyday way of speaking and thinking. If the art of coffee deserves its own sophisticated vocabulary, then why not the art of love?

This article originally appeared in [Sojourners](#). It has been edited for YES! Magazine. For a more detailed discussion of the six loves, including a full list of scholarly references, please see Roman Krzanic's book [How Should We Live? Great Ideas from the past for everyday life](#).

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Pastor Ralph

Sundays & Seasons Worship Planner

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DATE	EVENT	COLOR	READINGS	INTRODUCTION
February 5th	5th Sunday after Epiphany	green	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 112: 1-10 1 Corinthians 2: 1-16 Matthew 5: 13-20	Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.
February 12th	6th Sunday after Epiphany	green	Deuteronomy 30: 15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9 Matthew 5: 21-37	In today's reading from Deuteronomy we are called to choose life by loving and obeying God. Much of today's gospel reading echoes portions of the Ten Commandments. Jesus' instructions to the crowd reveal a pattern of behavior that honors both God and the neighbor, resulting in life and health for the whole community. We too are invited to embrace these commandments, not out of fear of retribution, but because God has promised that to do so means life for us.
February 19th	Transfiguration of Our Lord	white	Exodus 24: 12-18 Psalm 2 2 Peter 1: 16-21 Matthew 17: 1-9	Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.
February 22nd	Ash Wednesday	purple	Isaiah 58: 1-12 Psalm 51: 1-17 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 Matthew 6: 1-6, 16-21	On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. We humbly pray for God to make our hearts clean while we rejoice that "now is the day of salvation." Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world.
February 26th	1st Sunday in Lent	purple	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5: 12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11	Today's gospel tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE FEBRUARY

Serving in God's house	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Lector 8:00 Lector 10:30	Nancy Crouse Sarah Ross	Greg Razo Pam Nock	Nancy Crouse Kathy Kramer	Greg Razo Sarah Ross
Communion bread	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller	Loetta Haller
Chrema	Tammy Chuey Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards	Tammy Chuey Sandy Kuntz Sarah Ross	Nancy Barret Wendy Edwards

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE MARCH

Serving in God's house	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
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Communion bread	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey	Tammy Chuey
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The Furry Friends Fundraiser



- For the month of February the Church will be collecting supplies for animal rescue agencies around the area.

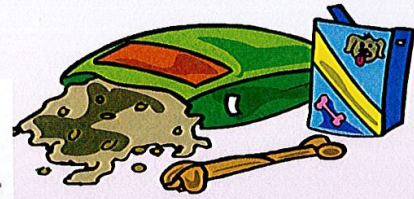
Supplies Needed for dogs & cats:



Other Supplies Needed:

- Cleaning supplies
- Buckets, rags, ect.
- Gloves
- Clorox
- Spray cleaners

- Food & water dishes
- Towels
- Blankets
- Pet beds
- Cat & dog food
- Toys, bones, etc.
- Leashes & collars
- Cat litter



Please consider making a generous donation. These agencies have no funding and need our help. If you have any questions please contact Penny Felger at (330)-503-7690. Thank you!

The Furry Friends collection has started. Please bring your donations to the Narthex by February 26th. Cash donations can be placed in the jar on the table.

Our Prayer List



Joe Kreidler	Ruth Thompson	Brian Huddleston
Brynn Peters	Darla Allen	Keith Martin
Anthony Chipperro	Maime Felger	Michael Haraway
Irene Bentley	Patty Cavanaugh	In the military:
Terry Ward	Nora Sabella	Alyssa
Debra Wrenn	Josh Hostteter	Bryce Liberty
Nikki Armes	Karen Winebolt	Jakeb Fry
		Lyndsey Miller

Our weekly intercessory prayer for the people of our congregation :



14– Jim and Linda Lude
27– Art and Barb Gray

February 5

Leslie Warren
Michael Warren
Helga Wengler
Wolfgang Wengler

February 12

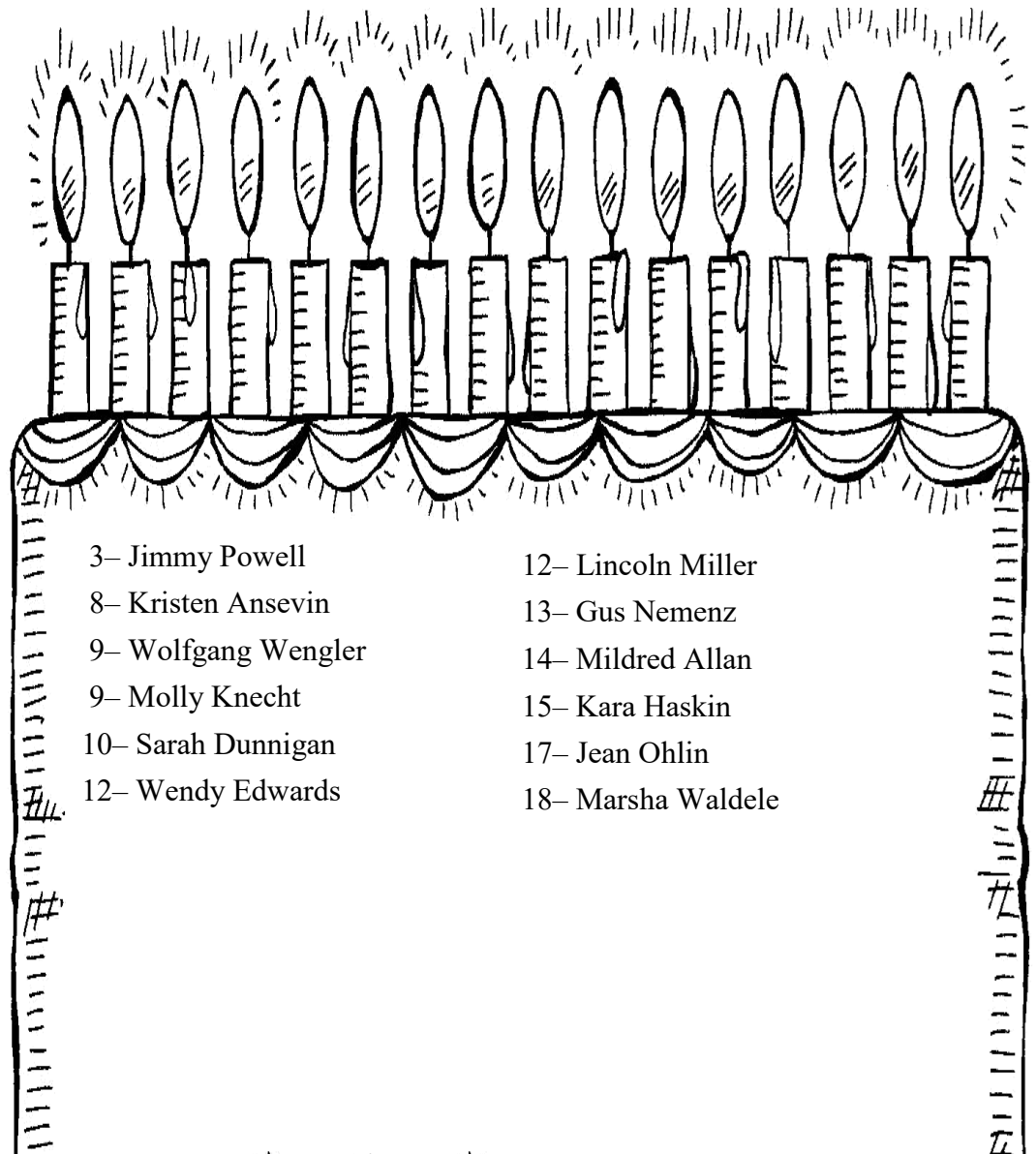
Corie Williamson
Katie Williamson
Jessica Wirkner
Mike Wirkner

February 19

T.J. Yerkey
Jan Yoakam
Mildred Allan
Dianna Allen

February 26

Sam Allen
Anna Anderson
Chadd Anderson
Natalie Anderson





BEEF TIPS AND NOODLES DINNER

Saturday February 18

4pm– 7pm

Served with tossed salad, bread, beverage, and dessert.

Dine in or carry out. \$13

Please sign up in the Narthex if you wish to serve or provide a dessert.



LENTEN FISH DINNER

Provided by Barber Drive BBO

Every Friday in Lent from 3- 6:30pm.

Meal includes: baked or breaded fried haddock both served with coleslaw and your choice of two sides. \$15

Desserts are \$4.



COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2023

present: Erik, Greg, Nancy, Kevin, Mike, Kim, Carl, Pastor Ralph, Wendy

excused: Lauren

Greg opened the meeting with prayer.

There was discussion about the finances of Good Hope. We were about \$4,000 negative for 2022. Council will continue brainstorming on fundraisers and cut-backs where possible.

Pastor's Report –January– 2023

Area of Focus Last Month:

- ⇒ I had 25 counseling sessions and numerous significant contacts with members and others.
- ⇒ 1 Funeral Harold Powell
- ⇒ I had 28 contacts by phone for significant help.
- ⇒ We had our regular number of Saturday night and Sunday morning services
- ⇒ Over the past month, I have presided at 13 worship services and prepared 5 sermons.
 - Dec 4 Second Sunday of Advent
 - Dec 8 Mark Powell Fixed Dishwasher Switch, Flood Lights in Narthex, Filled Holes by the Sign, Toilet in men's room downstairs and Ladies room downstairs
 - Dec 11 Third Sunday of Advent
 - Dec 10th & 11th Christmas Festival Camp Frederick
 - Dec 11 Baptized Adalyn, McKenna, Olivia, Colson, Damon
 - Dec 12 Harold Powell Funeral
 - Dec 17 Played Santa at Five Branches Smokehouse
 - Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship 7PM & 11PM
 - Dec 25 Christmas Day Worship 8AM & 10:30AM
 - Dec 25 Candy delivered to Adult and Teen Challenge Men and Women
 - Dec 25 – Jan 7th After church Wendy and Pastor on vacation back before church on the 8th (Taking care of services Dec 31st and Jan 1st – Loetta Haller).
 - Dec 31 worship 5PM

Secretary's Report:

Volunteered at Christmas Festival

Helped Santa at 5 Branches

Helped distribute gifts to Shepherd and Doris homes

Helped pass out cany at Teen Challenge

Changed paraments

Answered calls for 3 c's

Worked fish fry

Updated electronic sign

Organized clothing shed

Completed office duties

Prepared agenda and reports for council and took minutes

Prepared 5 bulletins and 9 power point services

Prepared and distributed the Reachout

Faxed all bills and statements to Kelly

Old Business:

a. The 2022 audit is scheduled to be completed by Kevin, Nancy, and Lauren within the next two weeks.

New Business:

a. Pastor Ralph motions to accept Adalyn Drnak, McKenna Drnak, Colson Derr, Olivia Derr, and Damon Derr-Lockner as members of Good Hope as of December 11, 2022. Nancy seconds. Motion carried.

b. The next congregational meeting will be held Sunday, February 12, at 9:15am in the sanctuary.

c. Wendy will email a roster of Good Hope members to council by the next meeting.

d. Adam DeSantis will be updating the office computers this week.

Kevin led the Lord's Prayer to close the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report for December 2022**

Negative shown in parentheses	Actual this period	Actual this year to date	Annual Budget remaining
Income	\$19,189.13	\$192,352.86	\$4,076.14
Expense	\$11,234.00	\$196,292.24	\$136.76
Net Total	\$7,955.13	(\$3,939.38)	\$3,939.38

Mark Your Calendar

February 10– Fish Fry drive through only 3– 6:30pm.

February 18– Annual beef tips and noodles dinner from 4– 7pm.

February 21– Shrove Tuesday pancake and sausage fundraiser 5-7pm.

February 22– Imposition of ashes 11am– 1pm and at the 7pm worship.

February 22– Ash Wednesday worship at 7pm.

February 24- Lenten Fish Fry provided by Barber Drive BBQ. Drive through 3:00– 6:30pm.

March 1– Lent worship at 7pm.

March 8– Lent worship at 7pm.

March 15– Lent worship at 7pm.

March 22– Lent worship at 7pm.

March 29– Lent worship at 7pm.

****Special Notes****

The 2023 offering envelopes are scheduled to be here the 2nd week of February. I apologize for the delay. The envelope company says they are very short staffed and are getting them printed as quickly as they can. There are extra envelopes in the backs of the pews for you to use if you wish.

The 2022 giving statements are available in the Narthex. Please pick them up so we can save on postage. Thank you.

Bible study has started back up. Every Wednesday at 6pm until February 8th. We are studying Song of Solomon. All are welcome to attend.

Hannah Circle news:

Hannah Circle has been dissolved. The funds in the treasury have been dispersed as follows:
South Range Council of Church & Community \$502.83 and Good Hope Church \$502.83.

Used greeting cards:

Used greeting cards are collected all year long. Please put them in the container on the table in the Narthex. These cards are donated to the Alzheimer facility so they can be used to make crafts.

From St. Pauly Textile, Inc.

Dear friends at Good Hope,

Thank you so much for everything you, your volunteers, and your communities do to support the clothing shed program!

-33,717 pounds of clothing were donated to your shed in 2022.

-This was enough to clothe an estimated 6,211 people all over the world.

-Based on this volume of clothing, your church received \$1,348.69 for 2022.

Thank You

Thank you for donating chili for the dinner. Proceeds are \$950!

Thanks to all who helped take down the greens! We sure did make short work of it!

Thank you so
much for my
Christmas gift(s)
Your love and
acceptance of
Kyrle & me has
meant a lot!

Love,
Naomi

Good Hope Church
Members:

◆ Thank you one and
◆ all for another
◆ beautiful Christmas
◆ gifts. I love the
◆ sweater. Those elves
◆ sure know how to
◆ pick the size!

◆ I also love the root
◆ beer. Sure helps to
◆ achieve some "burps".
◆ I hope the New Year
brings you good help
from our Savior in all
your needs. God bless
each of you & keep you
safe Affectionately
Margaret Benchesky



Shrove Tuesday

Pancake and sausage supper fundraiser for the Community Day Camp of North Lima.

Held at Mount Olivet 410 W. South Range Road from 5-7pm.

Cost is by donation.

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Worship Services

Saturdays—5:00 pm

Sundays—8:00 & 10:30 AM & noon

Children's Sunday School during 10:30 worship

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