

Slices of Life

By: Jill Perter

Kindness worth a tail wag

I love kind-hearted friends.

You know, the type of person who brings a stray dog home from the park and gives him food and water and never once says, "If we feed him he'll never leave."

Those kind of friends.

After the dog's belly is full, a kind-hearted person will comb the tangled mats out of his hair and give him a warm bath, during which she will discover that his fur is creamy white and not dark brown after all.

When a kind-hearted person notices the dog shivering after his bath, she will say, "Go get the blow dryer so we can fluff him. He's spent enough nights being cold."

After all this, the dog will be tired. A kind-hearted person doesn't bring a dog home, feed him and clean him up just to make him spend the night outside on the freezing concrete. She makes a bed for him on the floor near the radiator with an old quilt. She attaches the dog's leash to the radiator so he can't roam the house and mark his territory during the night. (Kind does not equal naive.)

Next, a kind-hearted person contacts the animal shelter. She isn't ready yet to bring the dog in, but wants to inquire whether he's been reported missing. She is not hopeful. This dog was very dirty and hungry. His paws were muddy and his snout was scraped. He'd been outside for more than a day or two.

No one has called looking for him. At this, a kind-hearted person will simply sigh.

Just because a person is kind-hearted does not mean she collects pets on a regular basis. A kind-hearted person might help a stray pooch, but she doesn't necessarily want to keep him forever. She and her kind-hearted family decide to call the dog, "Dog," because they understand once you give an animal a real name, he is yours for good.

Within the next few days a kind-hearted person sees to it Dog is visited by the veterinarian and pet groomer. He gets shots and a haircut

and is beginning to look quite handsome and feel rather healthy.

His photo is posted on Facebook, in case anyone wants a nearly cream-colored curly-haired dog named Dog. Even though he's cute and doesn't shed, there are no takers.

For the next week, Dog stays with the kind-hearted person. He is loving and grateful. His tail wags more often. He knows where to find his water. He sleeps on his blanket. He even takes possession of a stuffed animal, which he carries around in his mouth.

The kind-hearted person doesn't worry about the toy being chewed or getting wet from slobber. She is glad Dog has found a friend.

Soon the leash is no longer permanently tethered to the radiator and Dog enjoys intermittent run of the house. He's pretty well-behaved about his new-found freedom. He may have an accident or two, but feels guilty afterward and tries to make up for it by licking the kind-hearted person's legs.

The kind-hearted person notes all this and thinks, "At least he doesn't shed." Then she gives him a maple-flavored dog biscuit, but not too soon after one of his accidents because she doesn't want him to think he's getting treats for doing bad things. Then she pets him behind the ears right in the spot where he likes it best.

A kindhearted person realizes bringing Dog home to sleep by the radiator was a temporary situation. He can't live in limbo forever. He needs a real home and a real family.

I talked with my kind-hearted friend yesterday and she told me some news. "I think we've decided on a name for him," she said.

I realized then that a little stray pup had found a new kind-hearted family and I was glad because I like stories with the happy endings almost as much as I like having kind-hearted friends.

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Church News

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church:

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! The words and sentiment are repeated on Easter each year. They are also repeated in many hymns sung on Easter morning. All to celebrate the unexpected the resurrection of Jesus, once thought dead, and now brought to life by God, his father.

Remember how Easter week started.....with Jesus riding into Jerusalem and people cheering him, placing palm fronds along his way. Then Maundy Thursday, when Jesus broke bread with his disciples and instituted communion with them.

Friday he was given a

trial of sorts, then condemned to death by crucifixion on the cross. All in a few days time.

Is it any wonder that the two Marys who went to the tomb Sunday morning, encountered an angel and were told that Jesus had risen were astounded, as were the disciples they told? And when the two Marys actually encountered Jesus, could that have been any more incredible?

For us, despite reading or being told the story, it might seem too incredible.....too unbelievable. So thought some of the disciples until sometime later when Jesus appeared to them. Is that what it takes

for us to believe? Or is our faith strong enough to believe without seeing?

Church calendar:
Thursday, April 28, 4:00 PM,
Good

Shepherd Singers
rehearse; Sunday, May 1, 9:15
AM

All-Comers Bible Class,
10:00 AM, Worship and
Communion

Community Bible Church

In Luke 24:13-35 we read about two of Jesus' disciples talking about the events that happened before and after Jesus' arrest, crucifixion, burial and missing body from the tomb. As they were having this discussion, Jesus joined them, he was disguised, and explained to them how it was written by the prophets that the Messiah must suffer these things and rise again. Then he let them recognize him. They ran back to report to the 11 what they had seen and heard for our Savior.

This is an indication of our hard hearts that are hard to this day. We find it hard to accept the simple truth of Christ's sacrifice for mankind. That HE would take all our sin and iniquity on HIS shoulders because the Father doesn't want to lose a single soul. So I ask that you examine your hearts and decide that you are are hopeless without HIM. Ask Him to forgive you and to come into your heart and lead you to heaven through Him. Because HE is the only way to heaven.

Mark your calendars for the Community

Christian Academy's Bake Auction May 1st
12:15 PM

Last AWANA Club meeting for the school
year May 4th 6:15 PM

Men of the Illinois Valley - You are invited to "The Breakfast of Champions", the last men's breakfast before summer break, May 7th, 2011 @ 8 AM Community Bible Church, 113 S. Caves Ave., CJ. This is a chance for you to invite your son, grandson, friend, next door neighbor to meet with other men who love the Lord. Please call 541-592-6132 or 541-592-3896 (please leave a message) by 5 PM 5/5, so we can plan. Thank you.

The Lord bless you & keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
And grant you peace. Amen

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Facilitator (Men's Ministry)
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from Taylors to Dairy Queen

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HELP CAVE JUNCTION BE HEARD!

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Places of Worship

**BRIDGEVIEW
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5181 Holland Loop, CJ
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"We celebrate God's Presence
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

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265 S. Old Stage Rd., CJ
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Saturday Worship 11 a.m.

Prayer/Praise 7 p.m. Tuesday

Pastor Marvin Clark

Church (541) 955-4943

Madrone Adventist School

541-592-3330

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

OF SELMA

18285 Redwood Hwy., Selma

541-597-4169

Pastor Monty Pope

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Worship - 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Pastor Dave Gordon

113 S. Caves Ave., CJ

Office: 541-592-3896

Email: cbcca@cavenet.com

Sunday Worship - 10:30 a.m.

Christian Academy

Pre-K to 12th grade

Awana - Wednesdays - 6 p.m.

**IMMANUEL UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH**
200 Watkins St., CJ
Phone 541-592-3876

Pastor Charles Chase

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 9:15 a.m.

Child-care for small children

Web Page:

<http://UMCImmanuel.org>

**ST. PATRICK OF THE FOREST
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

407 W. River St., CJ

541-592-3658

Fr. William Holtzinger, Pastor

Mass - Sunday 11 a.m..

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

Holy Days TBA

**GOOD SHEPHERD
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

East River Street

& Lewis Court, CJ

Pastor Don Torala

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10 a.m.

Tuesday Youth group - 6 p.m.

Church Phone: 541-592-2290

www.goodshepherdlutheraniv.net

TAKILMA BIBLE CHURCH
10300 Takilma Road, Takilma

Pastor Dan Robinson

Bible Study / Prayer Time

9:30 a.m.

Morning Worship 11 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Study

7 p.m.

**VALLEY EVANGELICAL
FREE CHURCH**

498 Laurel Road, CJ

P.O. Box 1248

Pastor Marvin Porter

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.

Worship Service - 11 a.m.

evfree@frontiernet.net

541-592-6160

**FOUNTAIN OF LIFE
ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

451 S. Junction Ave., CJ

541-592-3956

Pastor Mark McLean

Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

Wednesday - 7 p.m.

Adult Bible Study

**ILLINOIS VALLEY
PENTECOSTALS**

987 Caves Hwy., CJ

541-592-4716 or 541-218-279

Sunday - 2:30 p.m.

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS
CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY
SAINTS**

209 S. Junction Ave., CJ

Sacrament Meet - 10 a.m.

Sunday School - 11:20 a.m.

Priesthood, Relief Soc. -

12:10 p.m.

Bishop G. Frank Sybrant

541-245-3394

**ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

25904 Redwood Hwy., CJ

541-592-2006

Rev. James Boston

Worship Service - 5 p.m.

1st Sunday of each month



"A friend died, and I don't know what to do or say to
his wife and family..."

It is a common experience to feel unsure how to best speak with or help people who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Being fearful of saying or doing the wrong thing can even result in avoiding visits. It is important to have contact. In addition to saying "Call me if you need me", it is meaningful to say that you will call on a certain day, then keep the promise. Your true caring and presence speaks eloquently. Each person grieves individually, and grief can take forms such as anger, guilt, sadness or loneliness. Children, adolescents, and adults have common as well as very different needs particular to them. Lovejoy Hospice has a community library with resources and books about coping with grief and loss. Call or stop by for more information.

541-474-1193

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Lovejoy Hospice & Hospice Foundation of America
present:

"Spirituality & End of Life Care" Teleconference

Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Lovejoy Hospice
939 S.E. 8th Street

5:00 p.m. Registration, 5:30 p.m. Program

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♥Spirituality in illness, death and grief

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