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**Spiritually Speaking**  
*Father Thankachan Joseph*



**Give to the lord generously**

Today's readings invite us to reflect: Have I a hunger for the word of God, sure that He will satisfy my need as He fed the five thousand in the wilderness out of nothing? Do we feel any active solidarity for such people who experience spiritual hunger for the Word of God?

The Second Book of Kings (4:42-44) speaks of the Prophet Elisha, who lived in the ninth century B.C., the successor of the mighty prophet Elijah. Today's Elisha story takes place during a time of famine. The people bring some food for the prophet, the man of God, but the prophet directs the food be given to the people instead. There is a huge number of people, so his servant hesitates to take the meager food – bread – to the people. The servant protests that the task is impossible, yet the prophet insists, and the people are fed with a small amount of food, and, in fact, food is left over. The bread was the bread of the first fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha gives it to the people. The miraculous food is a sign of God's concern for His people. The leftovers stress God's generosity.

In Paul's Letter to the Ephesians (4:1-6), Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony. We must do everything possible to preserve the unity of spirit among us by our words and/or deeds. Paul further emphasizes that there is one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all. This oneness of faith should lead us to share all we have with others so that we might witness to our faith in action.

The Gospel reading from John (6:1-15) narrates the faithful, merciful, and compassionate heart of the Lord as He feeds the hungry and needy. (Many of us may not have experienced physical hunger, but there are many people in the world who are dying of hunger and malnutrition at this very moment.) Jesus, "the new Elisha," replicates the miracle of Elisha. He feeds more than five thousand people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. John tells us that the crowds were huge – about five thousand men, with perhaps double the number of women and children. Jesus says to Phillip, "What are we going to do? How are we going to feed them?" Jesus knew what He was going to do but He is testing His disciples. Phillip, with his calculating mind, is working out the solution: "You just buy the food, but where are you going to get so much food in this place? Just one piece of bread for each one would probably cost hundreds of denarii. How are we going to manage?" Andrew, with a practical bent of mind, suggests a solution: a boy with five loaves of bread and two fish. But what use is that for this large crowd? Jesus is ready to take the little that is offered by the boy and work with it. He is not asking for huge resources beyond our means, but He seeks generous people who are ready to share the little they have. Jesus asks His disciples to divide and share the bread with the multitude, and as they break bread and share, more and more is available until everyone has more than enough. Jesus then says, "Please collect the leftovers," and they collect twelve basketfuls. Jesus must have given them to the little boy; after all it was his bread and his fish that made it all possible.

Why was Jesus interested in the leftovers? Wasn't the big happening all that mattered? Jesus is also the God of small things! Every small detail counts in God's eyes! Jesus needs what we can bring Him, even if not much. Little is always much in the hands of Christ. The miracle continues through us every time we give ourselves faith to the Lord. He takes our limited resources, blesses them, multiplies them, and distributes them to His people, and paradoxically, we still find more left over for ourselves – either in psychic satisfaction, a sense of fulfillment, or inner peace. The right question to ask of the Lord is not, "Where shall we find this or that? Instead, we should ask, "What is it I have that you want to multiply?"

**Updates on the Snake and Monkey Creek fires**

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54,228 acres  
Total Personnel: 876  
Crews: 10  
Engines: 125  
Dozers: 17  
Helicopters: 5  
Weather: High temperatures in the mid-90s up to 100 degrees in the valleys. Relative Humidities in the teens. Light winds. Dry and breezy conditions are forecasted for Wednesday and Thursday.

Operations: Firefighters continued firing operations along Highway 19 in an effort to secure the southwest corner and stop

the southern progression of this wildfire. According to Operations Section Chief Dan Trapenese, the west flank off of Forest Road 25 is one of the last areas of open line. Today, aerial ignitions using a helicopter to drop incendiary devices will be implemented to burn large pockets of unburned fuel within control lines. A few spot fires occurred last night on the west side of the fire, but a group of local landowners supporting the incident are expected to have them lined this morning.

**HRD temporarily closed**

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pner Ranger District and two other large wildfires (Cougar Creek and Battle Mountain Complex) burning in the Umatilla National Forest, compounded by multiple active large wildfires burning across the region, firefighting resources are stretched thin. Forest officials have implemented

the Heppner Ranger District closure for public and firefighter safety.

This closure means that the public is prohibited from entering lands, roads, trails, and recreational facilities in the Heppner Ranger District. Access to county, state, or federal roadways will not be affected by this order.

**Good News Only** by Doris Brosnan

"Since my name (should be with a y, not an e) appeared in the paper two times, I thought I should offer an update!" said Monty Crum last week. Some readers might be curious to know Monty's plans for the Highway 74 Café building: Purchased for the purpose of providing temporary office space for a company planning some work in Ione, the building has been reroofed and mold has been removed. After the expected temporary use, the building will be for sale. "In fact, it is for sale now," Crum notes. Even though it remains almost totally equipped for a restaurant, "I don't plan to run a restaurant," he says, or any other business, although a few other businesses that would be useful in Ione come to mind. Now, inquiring minds know!

Thirteen area women – Ione, Lexington, Condon, Heppner, Arlington – enjoyed their monthly "Happy Birthday Lunch" at the Elks Lodge last Thursday. This month's honored were Karen Thompson and Betty Gray. July is also Chef Heath Colvin's birthday month, so these appreciative patrons included him in the celebration with a card and a financial gift.

Area friends were happy to have Karen Haguewood include them in her eleven-day (9<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>) visit from Arizona. Karen spent some of her time in LaGrande with family, able to be with six of her eight grandchildren and enjoy two of her great grandchildren.

Betty Gray hosted her daughter, Deloy, for the July 4 celebration in Ione and headed for Deloy's family home in Seattle the next day. She was able to stay a week to enjoy the family and celebrate her birthday with them.

Short or long Good News depends on readers who offer a tidbit or not. Please take a few minutes to add yours for the pleasure of the GT readers. Send to [dbrosnan123@gmail.com](mailto:dbrosnan123@gmail.com) or call 541-223-1490.

Here's hoping that good news comes to everyone reading this.

**Baking and canning fair competitions**



Bev Sherman creating one of her famous apple pies, with Cal overseeing the process. - Contributed Photo

No county fair is complete without the food departments full of baked and canned goods. The cookies, cakes, pies and breads are meant to be eaten fresh from the oven, while the pickles, jams and applesauce can be stored for the months to come.

Superintendents of the Foods Department, Karen Clough and Karen Smith-Griffith are pleased to announce some additional prizes that have been added for 2024. The Judge's Choice Award includes a \$25 cash award given by Morrow County, and a gift certificate from Linsey Hanna of Hinton Creek Bakery. The "Amazing Apple Pie Contest" honoring Bev Sherman is sponsored by Bev's daughters, Jan Huddleston and Barb Watkins. A special gift will be awarded to the winning pie. For youth entries, Whitney Haguewood of Cross Hill Confections is sponsoring the Cupcake Wars with prizes for winners in the two age groups. The Morrow County Wheat Growers contests make use of a plentiful staple of Eastern Oregon gardens, zucchini. The adult contest is a chocolate zucchini cake with a first and

second prize, and the youth contest zucchini muffins with chocolate chips sports first, second and third. Both contest awards are cash prizes sponsored by local wheat ranchers, Snow-McElligott. Another new addition to the awards is a \$25 award for the baker with the most ribbons. This prize is donated by Jake Lindsay, President of the Morrow County Wheat Growers. The Superintendents, Karen and Karen, say, "Bake it happen at the MoCo Fair!"

In the Canning Department, Superintendent Janie Allen notes there are several new prizes this year. In addition to the Judge's Choice \$25 from Morrow County, there is a \$25 prize for the best dill pickles, donated by the Molly Rill family, and \$25 for the best vegetable salsa sponsored by the Elguezabal family. The best sauerkraut will receive bratwurst from Neiffer Ranch, while there is a special Superintendent's Choice award and the outstanding exhibitor in the Canning section. The best youth entries will receive cookie mixes in Mason jars and the best soups win Mason jars with soup mixes.

**Obituaries**

**Keith Eugene Lewis**



tain. He was well liked by all his fellow troupers and had many fond memories of his work and fellow troupers. Keith began a second career as an investigator for the Oregon Lottery. He did this for several years commuting to Salem for the occasional meetings. Keith had many interests. He was an avid outdoorsman enjoying fishing and hunting. He took great pride in his bird dogs. He owned several race horses. He instilled these passions in his grandchildren, these grandchildren were a great source of joy for Keith. He attended their sporting events spent holidays and vacations with them, and the families went many times to Hawaii where they all enjoyed the beaches and family time together. He will be remembered most for kindness to all, even temperament and sense of humor. His hearty laugh will be with us always.

Keith was preceded in death by his daughter Teresa Vaughan, his step children Kathy Cutsforth Fulmer and Kraig Cutsforth. Keith is survived by his wife Sharon Bryant Lewis, his son in law Charlie Vaughan, stepdaughter Kim Cutsforth Coil (Jay), Grandchildren: Sam Vaughan (Allison), Kate Hansen (Gus), Pat Vaughan, Maggie Armato, Joe Armato, Kelsey Cutsforth, great grandchildren: Nora Vaughan, Adler Vaughan, and Jack Hansen.

A grave side service will be held at the Heppner Masonic Cemetery Saturday July 27 at 11:00. There will be a luncheon to follow at the Heppner Elks Club.

Those wanting to remember Keith can donate to The Heppner Elks Club PO box 494 Heppner, OR 978326 or Willow Creek Terrace Assisted Living, 400 Frank Gilliam Dr, Heppner, OR 97836

Sweeney Mortuary is in care of arrangements. You may sign the online condolence book at <http://www.sweeneymortuary.com>

**OFH to host Bingo July 28<sup>th</sup>**

Are you tired of the smoke and heat? Grab a friend and go have a yummy meal at the Odd Fellow Hall in Lexington, where it will be cool, this Sunday July 28<sup>th</sup> at 3pm for only \$5. This month it will be a va-

riety of sandwiches, green salad and chips. Following the meal at 3:30 BINGO will be held. A packet of 10 cards is available for \$5 where you have a chance to win from a variety of prizes.

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**AUGUST 15**  
6pm to 10:30 pm  
Morrow Co. Fairgrounds, Heppner

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Additional Drink Tickets \$5  
ID REQUIRED  
Dinner provided by: Taste of the South  
Music by: Caitlyn Ochsner