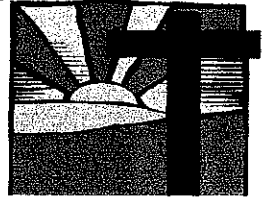


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Basic Rules for Clotheslines

1. You had to wash the clothes line before hanging any clothes—walk the entire lengths of each line with a damp cloth around the lines.
2. You had to hang the clothes in a certain order, and always hang “whites” with “whites” and hang them first.
3. You never hung a shirt by the shoulders—always the tail. What would the neighbors think?
4. Wash day on a Monday! Never hang clothes on the weekend, or Sunday, for Heaven’s Sake!
5. Hang the sheets and towels on the outside lines so you could hide your “unmentionables” in the middle...
6. It didn’t matter if it was sub-zero weather—clothes would “freeze-dry”.
7. Always gather the clothes pins when taking down dry clothes! Pins left on the lines were “tacky”!
8. If you were efficient, you would line the clothes up so that each item did not need two clothes pins, but shared one of the clothes pins with the next washed item.
9. Clothes off of the line before dinner time, neatly folded in the clothes basket, and ready to be ironed!
10. IRONED?!? Well, that’s a whole other subject!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1st- Kolson Herstad
2nd-Amy Horne
4th-Paula McAfee
12th-Ernie & Tina Barclay
16th- Dorothy Legge
18th- Mark Kite
19th- Deanna Elzey
25th- Jeanette Gilbert
25th- Ron Winkler
30th- Mindy Drayer

A Clothesline...

A clothesline was a news forecast
To neighbors passing by,
There were no secrets you could keep
When clothes were hung to dry.
It also was a friendly link
For neighbors always knew
If company had stopped on by
To spend a night or two.
For then you'd see the "fancy sheets"
And towels upon the line; You'd see the
"company table cloths"
With intricate designs.
The line announced a baby's birth
For folks who lived inside—
As brand new infant clothes were hung,
So carefully with pride!
The ages of the children could
So readily be known
By watching how the sizes changed,
You'd know how much they'd grown!
It also told when illness struck,
As extra sheets were hung; then nightclothes,
And a bathrobe, too, haphazardly were strung.

It also said, "Gone on vacation now"
When lines hung limp and bare.
It told, "We're back!" when full lines sagged
With not an inch to spare.
New folks in town were scorned upon if
Wash was dingy and gray, as neighbors
Carefully raised their brows
and looked the other way...
But clotheslines now are of the past,
For dryers make work much less.
Now what goes on inside a home
Is anybody's guess!
I really miss that way of life.
It was a friendly sign
When neighbors knew each other best
By what hung on the line.



A NOTE FROM THE PARSONAGE...

Dear Church family,

Our little community has endured a horrific tragedy with the death of little Jake Michuda. Suzanne and Mackenzie, Jake's mom, played basketball together in high school and remained friends. Mackenzie's post on Facebook blessed my soul so much I wanted to share it with you.

Here is what Mackenzie wrote:

I want to thank each and every one of you for your thoughts and prayers. In this time of tragic sadness, I have been overcome with such a peace and stillness knowing my baby is taken care of and safe with his creator. Although it's not easy now and I see him everywhere I look, I can smile at his memories knowing that he is up in heaven looking down. God has already sent me signs that only validate my belief that my baby wouldn't come back even if I asked. Again, your

thoughts and prayers are more than I could ever ask for. Jake entered this world at 3:16 am and left at the exact same time. JOHN 3:16 "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Jake's life will be celebrated TUESDAY from noon to 8 at Lancaster. His funeral will be Wednesday at 11 am at Lancaster. Please keep Warwicks, Michudas, & the Shanks in your prayers.

How blessed we are to have a God that is ever present in our lives. We don't know what the future holds, but we know that God will walk each day with us. Each day is precious and we need to be loving, not only our children, but each other. Hug your kids today or tell someone that you care for them.

God Bless, Troy and Mindy

Confessions of a single girl, living in a small town...

"Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than wine." Song of Songs 1:2

Let's face it: *I'm a romantic at heart.* I've always been one that wants the boy and the girl to fall in love and live happily ever after. While growing up, I loved attending weddings regardless of how well I knew the bride and groom. I've read countless books that portray a man and a woman falling in love despite circumstances they had to overcome. I love watching chick flicks and the feelings they stir up seem to put me on an emotional high. Even after my bad dating experiences, I still (for the most part) have a very positive attitude towards relationships. I've always been so happy for my friends throughout the years who have found their "significant other". The stories I've been told of past generations, including my grandparents, always bring a smile to my face. And of course, the story of my parents, meeting on a blind date, and being married a year later, is one of my top favorite stories. I just can't help but enjoy these stories of love. I know that despite how much love there is in a relationship, the prince and princess are not always living a "happily ever after" life. Life is hard. It takes work for relationships to survive. All relationships must go through tough times. But those difficult times only make the relationship stronger...that is if both parties are willing to work through them. When talking about relationships, I, of course, think about my own relationship with Christ. Because I'm human and not perfect, there are times when I struggle in my walk with Him. There are times when I'm angry or frustrated. But regardless of those times, I love Him and He continues to show me how much He loves me everyday. God has this incredible plan for me...He has one for all of us. And it takes trust and patience to continue to walk that road with Him. Fortunately, He will never leave us which makes the road easier to walk (although we don't always feel that way at the time.) I haven't had a lot of romance in my life—it's especially difficult when family and friends around me do. However, I have learned that God is the only one who can fill that void in my life and I'm clinging on to Him. My favorite book in the Bible is Song of Songs because it tells the story of two people falling in love—a love that's pure and shows God's love as well. Another favorite verse in Song of Songs is, *"Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires."* This is one that really speaks to me. Love is a gift from God and He created us to give that love to those around us. But when it comes to romantic love, it's not something that can be forced. It happens in its own time—in God's timing. We have been so blessed by a God who loves us and who continues to love us regardless of our actions and attitudes. I pray that you'll feel His love and spread that love to others.

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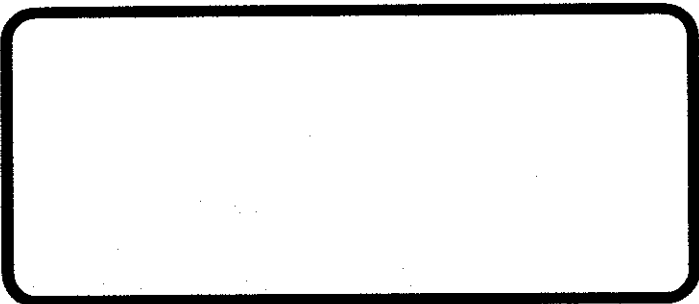
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Foster Children/Foster families
Our Servicemen Abroad
Our Missionaries
Norman Jackson
Helen Trout
Opal Gilbert
Unemployment
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Students and Teachers
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UPCOMING EVENTS!!

- August 1-7** Drayer's camping at Barton Lake, Fremont, IN. Please call our cell phones if you need anything
- August 8** Education committee meeting at the parsonage at 7:00 pm
- August 14** Communion
- August 21** Fellowship breakfast
- Sept. 4** Labor Day Sunday – wear your work clothes—Communion
- Sept. 11** Troy is riding his bike for MS; Barry will be attending his brother's wedding in AZ.; Special speaker and Mindy will be leading music
- Sept. 17** Ice Cream Social and out side Entertainment. We are looking for church talent. Ladies choir, instrumental specials. More information coming...stay tuned!
- Sept. 18** Church Kick-off - special music—Adult and children Sunday school and Jr. Church – new and exciting things coming!!!!