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“Many Hands Make Light Work”

The title of this article contains an old favorite saying I have heard many times in my life in the Church. I have never doubted the truth of it. But, during my days serving at First Christian Church in Omaha, Nebraska, I followed with interest a story covered by the local media over a period of months that illustrates the point in an extraordinary way.

At issue is a dilemma confronted by a farmer by the name of Herman Ostry, soon after he bought a piece of land near Bruno, Nebraska (about an hour northwest of Omaha). His new purchase had a big problem. You see, one of the nice selling points of the land was a very nice barn that was included. However, as Mr. Ostry would soon learn, every time it rained a lot, the nearby creek would rise, and the barn would be flooded. Several attempts were made at solving the issue, including digging trenches to divert the water, but nothing really worked. After one spring storm which again caused the creek to flood, Mr. Ostry found his barn 29 inches underwater.

Exasperated, he half-jokingly said to his family, "I bet if we had enough people, we could pick up that barn and carry it to higher ground." Which reminds me of another favorite saying: "Be careful what you ask."

One of Mr. Ostry's sons put his mind to work. He did a careful survey of the barn, noting the number and sizes of the boards and timbers. After consulting with some local carpenters regarding what to allow for the weight of the materials (including nails) he concluded that the barn weighed-in at roughly 19,000 pounds. After some more consultations and calculations, he determined that with 344 of their best friends, they could pick the barn up and move it to higher ground!

Well, that may be. But there is another problem: "How do that many people get a grip on the barn in order to lift it? Is that even possible?" Mr. Ostry's son put his mind to work again and designed a grid of steel tubing and attached it to the inside and outside of the barn, thus providing handles to get a grip. (Are these people for real? Maybe the barn isn't the only thing "needing a grip!")

Amazingly, over time Mr. Ostry was able to get some traction with friends and towns folk about his crazy idea. He even managed to get his unique version of a "barn-raising" included as part of Bruno's Centennial events planned for the next summer. Word got out and spread far and wide about this seemingly impossible idea.

The day for the planned "barn raising" finally came. (On this point I am a little fuzzy, but I believe it was late July or early August in 1987 or 88). It turns out that Mr. Ostry had his pick of participants as thousands of people from eleven states showed up. Volunteers were interviewed and sorted with the 344 most likely to be helpful in the task identified, each with a back-up in case of no-shows or those who thought better of what they were trying to do. The moment of truth finally came. With several people on bullhorns shouting in unison, they counted: "One, two, three, LIFT!" – and "344 of their best friends" did just that – and the barn rose off the ground as if it were no big deal. The thousands gathered to witness the event cheered and applauded raucously as the barn was not only lifted but carried about a hundred and fifty feet to its new prepared position – far from the flood zone of the creek – as if it were no effort at all. Gently it was lowered in place. The whole operation took about 3 minutes.

Yes! It is true! If you get enough people to work toward a common goal, spreading out the load evenly and equally, and in coordination with one heart, one mind, one purpose – you can seemingly achieve the impossible. But be sure you do not miss the lesson. The real work is in the preparation: the research, the calculations, the promotion of your idea, helping others see your vision, and listening as the wisdom of others helps to refine it.

Hmmm, it makes me wonder, what "barn-raising" ideas might be in the future of Linwood Christian Church? Got any thoughts?

Pastor Frank

Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Doreta Terry, Sharon Williams

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Meyers, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Ariel Horne, Toby Parson, Jenn Streyckman, Donna Bray, Dee Miller, Jim Graham, Tom May, Andy Wysong, Jessica Moore, Harper McVey, Floyd Nott, Patricia Chick, Roger Schumaker, Jimmy DeBord, Margie Wilson, Jessie Patton, Sheila Patton, Lee Harding, Amber Stafford's father, Larry Nigh, Beth Purkerson, Lorrain Smith, Tiffany Tuttle, Janie Ball

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

the family of Chet Mosley, Linda Cuff, Joe Brooks and family, Kelly Scrougham & family, Jon & Jill Ware and family, Michelle Miller's nephew Zach, Kristi & Fletcher Moore and family, Robert & Connie

We offer prayers of Condolences to the family and friends of: Stephanie Pickett on her passing June 12th, Jack Bevans passed on June 15th, Brian Guld who passed on June 16th, Martha Etheridge's daughter, Yvonne Herring, who passed away on June 26th. David Wilkerson passed on June 29th

We offer prayers of Joy for: Julie Hendley who had a minor mishap with a flat tire June 23rd on her way to Linwood but several people helped her out and she was home with a replacement by 1p; Ron Pastrick who has passed all of his tests with "Flying Colors" and is now ready for GOLF again!; Robbi's surgery on his leg Cleaned out his cancer; Brian Slowinski's cancer treatment protocol appears to be working; Ethan Wolheter who has been elected Indiana President of Future Farmers of America; Jim Thistlewaite is finally back home and learning to maneuver around his home with a walker waiting for his broken hip to heal; Shirley Lee is doing much better – thanks for all of the prayers!



The Book Nook

As you *cool-off* this Summer, consider reading our sizable collection of great books by **C. S. Lewis**:

The Chronicles of Narnia is your passport to magical lands, and enchanted happenings. In our library we have:

Prince Caspian has an army of talking beasts to conquer the Telmarines.

The Voyage of the Dawn Trader sails thru magic waters to the end of the world.

The Silver Claw tells of Prince Rilian who escaped from the Emerald Witch's underground kingdom.

The Magician's Nephew tells how Aslan created Narnia and gave speech to the animals.

The Last Battle tells how evil came to Narnia and Aslan led his people to a new paradise.

The Four Loves provides insight into affection, eros, fellowship and charity.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

Adult Sunday School Class



Ed Urban continues to lead the class on a journey through the book of **Psalms**, adding insight and commentary as we go.

We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:25 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

From the Pews:

Back to School already!!

Well, summer vacations are almost over and kids will be going back to school soon. Immunization Clinics and Registration have already started with classes beginning as early as next week. Now is the time to go to the sales on school supplies, and of course, those youngsters have outgrown last year's clothing. Be sure to watch out for all of the children getting on and off those school buses in the midst of the sea of orange construction barrels. While you are stopped behind a bus and waiting, have patience and pray for their safety and that they have food in their bellies and a good night's sleep so they can learn as much as possible.

Back to Church already!

August ushers in our back to church activities. We will start having meetings for the Worship department and the Elders, the Cabinet and the Board, and best of all, rehearsals for our wonderful Choir and Bell Choir.

Have you ever considered joining the Linwood Choir? The Choir Work Day is the perfect time to get your feet wet and see how things work! On Saturday, August 24, all current and potential choir members are invited to meet in Fellowship Hall for a day of singing, eating, and fellowship. Coffee and doughnuts will be ready for early birds at 8:30 and the singing will start at 9. With a break for a pitch-in lunch in the middle, we will sing through all of the anthems scheduled for the choir to sing during the 2024 - 2025 choir year, finishing up for the day by about 2:30. This is not like choir practice - we sing each anthem through from beginning to end, come what may! Some of the songs will be old favorites but several of them will be brand new for everyone. If you have any questions, please see Beth. Otherwise, we would love to have you join us!

Special Note:

If you'd like to view the actual barning moving described by Pastor Frank, go to:
www.onlyinyourstate.com/nebraska/bruno-barn-ne

Email us at: linwoodcc@sbcglobal.net Or mail to:

With Subject: Lindy

Entries for next Lindy: Aug 19 4p

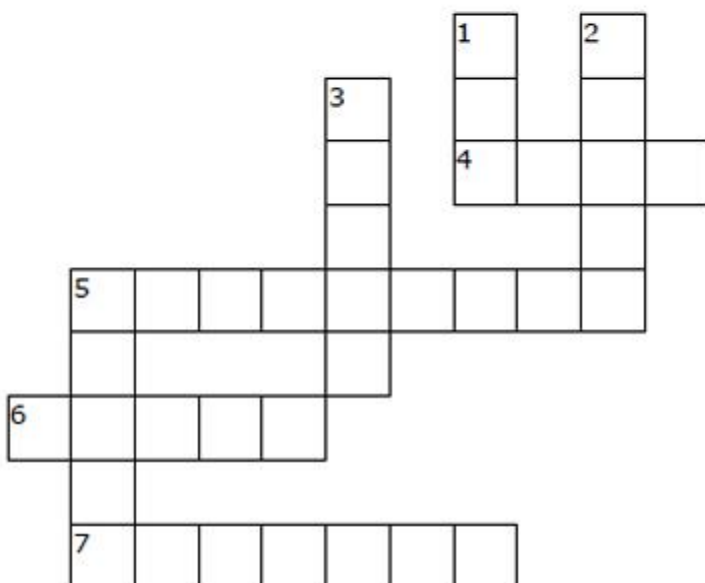
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Your Lindy Crew

Dance with All Your Might

Wearing a linen ephod, David was dancing before the Lord with all his might. 2 Samuel 6:14 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19



ACROSS

4. A male ruler of a nation
5. To present an animal as an offering to God
6. Not old
7. A high-pitched musical instrument usually made of brass

DOWN

1. A large, gold-plated box containing the ten commandments
2. To skip, leap, or move to music
3. A shepherd boy who became ruler of Israel
5. To cry out in a loud voice

YOUNG	ARK	SHOUT	KING
SACRIFICE	TRUMPET	DAVID	DANCE