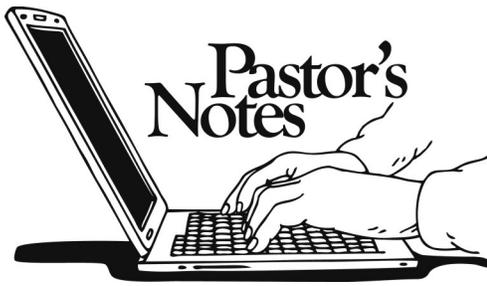


July 2019



Recently, the board of Pacific Gas & Electric voted to award \$11 million in bonuses to the company's executives. Since the company is in bankruptcy following repeated wildfires caused by faulty equipment, infrastructure and practices, resulting in dozens of deaths and billions of dollars in property damage, not to mention scarred lives and lands, the bonus recommendation has to be approved by a judge. There are a couple of different ways to approach this. One is to look at what the law allows. Another is to look at what would promote a greater good. And of course, you can always not care.

July 4 always raises questions for me. I grew up in a very patriotic home, said the pledge of allegiance every morning at school, went to Scouts. I even toyed with ROTC in college. I've served as a school board trustee and continue to work as an election judge, believing that grassroots democracy is one of the greatest forces in history. I've said prayers at dozens of ceremonies on Veterans Day and Memorial Day and other occasions. Once I got to give the invocation at the state capitol when Jessie Ventura delivered his first State of the State address.

Yet I struggle with what we as human beings do with freedom. It almost seems against our nature to think beyond ourselves. Given the choice, we tend toward selfishness and arrogance. Is the PG&E bonus thing a symptom of basic human nature, or is it an aberration of disregard for the consequences of our actions? We now have almost more freedom than we know what to do with, and perhaps we deserve it less than ever. I count myself as one of the guilty.

When Paul said it was for freedom that Christ set us free, he meant we were free to live in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control toward one another. Not fractious, greedy, suspicious, demeaning, and self-indulgent. As followers of Jesus, we of all people should be so alert in our conscience on July 4, to check what we have done with this precious freedom as Americans, and even more the freedom we enjoy as citizens of God's kingdom. Like Private Ryan in the movie, we should be weeping at a cross unsure if we've done enough to earn it. Enjoy the holiday, celebrate with friends and family, watch the fireworks...and ponder this thing called freedom.

Pastor Carl



Pray for those who are serving our Nation's defense: Todd Livingston with the U.S. Air Force at Hickam A.F.B, HI.

Pray for those in the care center: Vivian Royce.

Pray for Betty Derby, Bev Stucky, Jean Weinknecht, Nancy Miller, Char Sveska and Folmer Carlsen for better health.

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Erdmans tapes dated January 2019 through June 2019 are due.

The buzzards congregated

On a lovely summer Sunday, a church in Mantua, NJ, took their worship service outside on the church lawn.

People brought their own beach chairs and blankets.

“The purpose is to revel in the beauty of God’s creation, to remove the borders that separate our congregation from the rest of the community, and to extend an invitation to anyone passing by to join with us,” explained Rev. Dr. Karl R. Kraft.

As the congregation was singing the opening hymn, Rev. Kraft looked up and spotted some uninvited guests. Kraft called a halt to the singing and remarked, “I’m not saying that our singing is exactly dead, but if you look up in the sky, you will notice that a flock of buzzards has gathered over us. I think we need to add some lift and vitality to our singing and send those buzzards over to another church.”

Kraft later reported: “The people must have done a good job because the buzzards were gone before we finished the hymn. When you place yourself at the mercy of the element, you have to be open to any and all possibilities.”



Christian Trivia

- Jul. 1 Julia Breza
- Jul. 2 Brock Bexell, Dylan Dutton
- Jul. 4 Troy Andrist
- Jul. 6 Josie Gruhn
- Jul 7 Devyn Borgstrom
- Jul. 8 Alexander Pogalz, Aaron Wilke
- Jul. 9 Steve Johnson
- Jul. 10 Leah Brogan, Conner Pogalz
- Jul. 11 Stuart Swygman
- July 12 Michelle Willert
- Jul. 14 Libby Prenzlów
- Jul. 19 Jaden Abbott
- Jul. 21 Justin Lynde, Laurel Prenzlów
- Jul 22 Stella Gransee
- Jul. 24 Rosalie Trom
- Jul. 29 Noah Kase

What was Abraham and Sarah's son's name?

Which king ate grass?

How many wings on a Seraphim?

Is honour your Father and your Mother the 5th or 6th commandment?

How old was Mephibosheth when his nurse dropped him?

In what year was the Authorised Version of the Bible first produced?

Which is the shortest verse in the Bible?



Anniversaries

- Jul. 8 Jeremy & Julia Breza
- Jul. 12 Arlin & Marsha Brigham, Roma & Bill Stromme
- Jul. 17 Aaron & Nicky Wilke
- Jul 23 John & Kirsten Rausch
- July 25 Paul & Ann Riggs
- Jul. 28 Jay & Deb Manitz
- Jul. 31 Quinton & Melissa Kase

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Five
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Six
Nebuchadnezzar
Isaac

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 NAMI 7:00 PM	3	4 	5	6
7	8	9 NAMI 7:00 PM	10 Session 6:00 PM	11	12	13
14	15	16 NAMI 7:00 PM	17	18	19 Office open 7-11 am	20
21	22	23 NAMI 7:00 PM	24 Newsletter Deadline 8:00 AM	25	26	27
28	29	30 NAMI 7:00 PM	31			

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