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MARCH MESSENGER

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The Duck & the Devil

By LaVerne Kling

A little boy was visiting his grandparents on their farm. He was given a slingshot to play with out in the woods. He practiced in the woods, but he never could hit the target. Getting a little discouraged, he headed back for dinner. As he was walking back he saw Grandma's pet duck. Just out of impulse, he let the slingshot fly, hit the duck square in the head and killed it. He was shocked and grieved by it! In a panic, he hid the dead duck in the wood pile; only to see his sister watching! Sally had seen it all, but she said nothing.

After lunch the next day Grandma said, "Sally, let's wash the dishes". But Sally said, "Grandma, Johnny told me he wanted to help in the kitchen." Then she whispered to him, "Remember the duck?" So Johnny did the dishes.

Later that day, Grandpa asked if the children wanted to go fishing and Grandma said, "I'm sorry but I need Sally to help make supper." Sally just smiled and said, "Well that's alright because Johnny told me he wanted to help". She whispered again "Remember the duck?" So Sally went fishing and Johnny stayed to help.

After several days of Johnny doing both his chores and Sally's, he finally couldn't stand it any longer. He came to Grandma and confessed that he had killed the duck. Grandma knelt down, gave him a hug and said, "Sweetheart, I know. I was standing at the window and saw the whole thing, but because I love you, I forgave you. I was just wondering how long you would let Sally make a slave of you."

Thought for the day and every day thereafter: Whatever is in your past, whatever you have done ... and the devil keeps throwing it up in your face (lying, cheating, fear, bad habits, hatred, anger, bitterness, etc.) ... whatever it is ... You need to know that God was standing at the window and He saw the whole thing. He has seen your whole life. He wants you to know that He loves you and that you are forgiven.

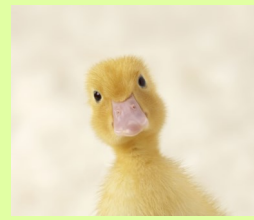
He's just wondering how long you will let the devil make a slave of you. The great thing about God is that when you ask for forgiveness; He not only forgives you, but He forgets. It is by God's grace and mercy that we are saved.

Always remember: God is at the window!

[Source Unknown]

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

Easter is around the corner and God reminds us, "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." John 3:17



CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Don't see your Birthday or Anniversary listed in the monthly Messenger? Please contact Joanne in the Church Office (office@parknaz.org) for it to be added.

Weekly Services: (services: in person & online)

Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Go to: www.facebook.com/parknaz/
www.youtube.com Parkside Nazarene Church

Life Groups are weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays!

Go to: <https://parknaz.org/ministry-news/> for details

Weekly Prayer: Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. (Currently at Home)

The March Messenger Continued..

SIGNIFICANT MARCH DATES:

02: Trumpet Ministries



05: Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins)



08: Sort & Pack Food Donations

09: Daylight Savings Time Begins



17: St. Patrick's Day



18: Gals w/Grace

27: Pastor Don's Birthday



March Birthdays

Joan Burnham	06
Elizabeth Ruple	21
Pastor Don Lain	27
Ina Bert	27
Lucy Adams	28
Jenny Bishop	31

COME ON SPRING...



As March arrives, we find ourselves ready for the cold, snowy weather to finally give way to the beauty of spring. We're eagerly anticipating the return of the warm sun, flowers, fresh grass, and all the vibrant colors of the new season.

March is often a quiet month as we transition into a new season. Our classes have been experiencing a bit of cabin fever, and we're excited for the opportunity to spend more time outside once conditions improve. When the weather allows, we take advantage of every chance to get outdoors.

Come on, Spring – we're ready for you!

If you have any questions regarding the Child Care Center, please contact Cheryl Sczcepanski or Nancy Lain in the school office.

PACK/SORT FOOD DONATIONS



Thank you for all the great donation in February to the Westlake Community Services Food Pantry!! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

On Saturday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m. we will sort and pack these donations to prepare them to be delivered to the Food Pantry. Contact Joanne in the Church Office if you have any questions.

PASTOR DON'S BIRTHDAY



Pastor Don's birthday is March 27.

We will recognize his birthday on Sunday, March 30th with a presentation of gift(s) and a treat following the service.

Please feel free to give cards and/or gifts to Pat Whitney by March 23rd, to be presented on March 30th or directly to Pastor on your own at anytime.

His favorite color is blue and he enjoys Decaf Coffee, Nuts, Chocolate Covered Peanuts, Holiday Reese's and Apples. A few places he likes are: Mojos, Starbucks, Amazon, Longhorn, Cheesecake Factory, Chick-Fil-A, Five Guys, and Mitchells Ice Cream.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Save the Date– Saturday, April 19 will be our annual Free Easter Egg Hunt open to the Community!

Planning will begin this month. Please watch for dates for planning meetings and egg stuffing parties! Please begin bringing in candy donations beginning Sunday, March 9. Keep in mind this is for small children (please limit the nuts/peanut butter) and the candy needs to fit into small plastic eggs. Donations of larger plastic eggs is also appreciated.

Please watch the Monday morning email and Sunday morning slides as more details become available.

Please see Stephen Murphy or email Joanne in the Church Office with any questions.

