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Why did the scarecrow  
win an award?

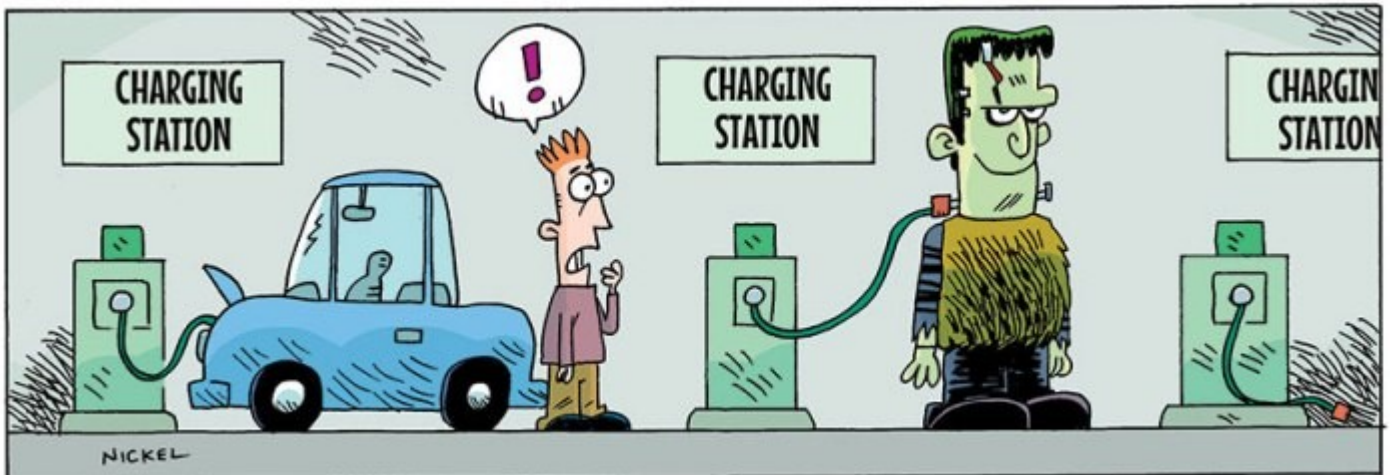
Because he was  
outstanding in  
his field.

Chuckles

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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR  
CLOTHES?



# Rainbow Notes

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## From The Pastor's Desk

As many of you know I have been diagnosed with Lymphoma. It was a shock to say the least. However, as you also know I am not the first nor will I be the last to be diagnosed with cancer or a disease. What matters most is what a person does with the diagnosis. It would be easy to roll over and give up. But that doesn't solve the problem. It is my belief that this is a soul issue that I must, with your assistance, work through to understand its presence. I will not be able to do this alone and am glad that I have a Church community that is supportive. I have discussed this with the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC or PPR) and have been encouraged by their and your support as a Church. I have also discussed this with my

Doctor and was assured that I would be able to continue as your Pastor.

Complicating all of this is the COVID-19 pandemic. We are not allowed to meet in person at this time because of the danger of contracting the virus. I am hoping to do more virtual programs and classes, and develop ways in which we all can be in contact with each other on a regular basis. These are strange times. But there have been strange and difficult times in the past that others have passed through and we can learn from their example. We can do it again and trust that the Spirit is attempting to take us to a new place and a new understanding of life. I think of Jesus reminding the people around him that You can't put new wine into

old skins (Mark 2:21-22). If you do the old skin will burst and spill out the wine. If we look at these times in this way, personally as well as a Church and society, there is hope if we are willing to be open to the new thing that God is doing with us and for us.

I am too, reminded of Job as he struggled with his condition. He lost his family, his home, his farm, livestock and servants. He complained about his situation. He yelled and shook his fist at heaven as his friends kept saying he must have done something wrong, when he hadn't. In the end Job needed to correct his view of God. It needed to expand how he understood God and the whole process was for him to see how big and great God is and

## From The Pastor's Desk Continued

how much God wanted Job to open his eyes in a new way. If we look at our present situation in this way there is hope and a direction and we don't need to despair. We can be comforted that God is guiding us through these difficult times to develop a new church, society and world. It is up to us, however if we are willing to walk down that road with God. Isn't that what matters most of all no matter what our lot in life is?

There is a story about a top executive with a telegraph company who went on a trip. It was extremely cold outside when he arrived at the bus station, so he went into a local telegraph station hoping to get warmed up. When he got inside, however, it was cold. He noticed there was no fire in the fireplace. He said to the young telegraph operator, "Why don't you build a fire in this

place and warm it up?"

The young man said, "Listen mister, I'm too busy sending telegrams to build fires."

The man then told this boy that he was the vice-president of the company and that he wanted him to send a telegram to the home office at once. The message was, "Fire this man immediately." The young telegraph operator got the message. A moment later, he brought a load of wood into the office and began to build a fire. The executive asked, "Young man, have you sent that telegram yet?"

The young telegraph operator said, "Listen mister, I'm too busy building fires to send telegrams."

The point is that somewhere in life we have to set priorities. We have to decide what really matters and make certain that the really important things are done.

Or this way. A story appeared recently in the magazine, Today's Christian Woman. A woman took her four-year-old granddaughter, Amanda, to the doctor's office with a fever. The doctor looked in her ears and said, "Who's in there? Donald Duck?" She said, "No." He looked in her nose and said, "Who's in there? Mickey Mouse?" Again she said, "No." He put his stethoscope on her heart and said, "Who's in there? Barney?" Amanda replied, "No, God is in my heart. Barney is on my underwear."

Pastor Dana



# Financial Report as of 8/31/2020

Checking Account Balance		30,640.72
Building Maintenance Fund		3,970.43
Total 2020 Apportionments	7,647.00	
Amount Received to Pay Out	<u>(775.00)</u>	
Apportionments Balance Due		6,872.00
Edward Jones Opportunity Fund Balance (as of 8/31/2020)		70,583.16
Xcel Energy Shares Account Balance (3/5/2020)		1,135.49
Building Fund Balance (Since 6/17/2015)		19,165.00
FOCUS Dollars Balance (Since 6/21/2015)		22,170.00
50% Designated for Building Fund Maintenance	11,085.00	
25% Designated for Discretionary Fund	5,542.50	
25% Designated for Grow	5,542.50	
Piano Fund Balance*		2,500.00
Checking Account Balance	30,640.72	
Minus Building Fund Balance	(19,165.00)	
Minus FOCUS Dollars Balance	(22,170.00)	
Minus Missions/Designated Funds *	<u>(2,679.06)</u>	
<b>Actual Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>(13,373.34)</b></u>	
Missions/Designated Funds (*Funds Due)		
Cinderella's Closet (1/1/2020 to present)		130.00
*Discretionary Funds (1/1/17 to present)		400.00
St. Vincent De Paul Food Shelf (3rd Quarter 2020)		120.00
Feed My Starving Children (3rd Quarter 2020)		328.06
Honey (1/1/2020 to present)		59.00
*Prom Dress Donations(4/5/2015 to present)		1,157.00
Salvation Army (3rd Quarter 2020)		40.00
*Roof (10/7/2018 to present)		140.00
UMCOR (3rd Quarter 2020)		150.00
Camp Koronis (3rd Quarter 2020)		5.00
Misc - Easter Since 1/1/2020 & Misc. 7/19/2020		150.00

## Financial Report Continued

<u>Cash Flow</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
January	11,476.69	16,188.02	(4,711.33)
February	6,639.28	6,898.38	(259.10)
March	4,765.00	6,730.19	(1,965.19)
April	7,587.79	5,356.94	2,230.85
May	4,623.46	4,075.87	547.59
June	12,429.46	10,441.30	1,988.16
July	3,456.93	5,574.68	(2,117.75)
August	12,053.03	16,704.70	(4,651.67)
September			
October			
November			
December			
	63,031.64	71,970.08	(8,938.44)

## Hope's Happenings



### Hope Church Worship Services

We will have an outside service on October 4th at 10:30 am. Communion will be served!

Due to the Coronavirus all activities and services in the church building have been suspended until further notice.

The Worship Services for Sunday are streamed live. If you would like to watch and participate please contact Jenna Dahl at [jdahl60@gmail.com](mailto:jdahl60@gmail.com). We will also attempt to put the recording on the website and our Facebook page.

### CROP WALK 2020

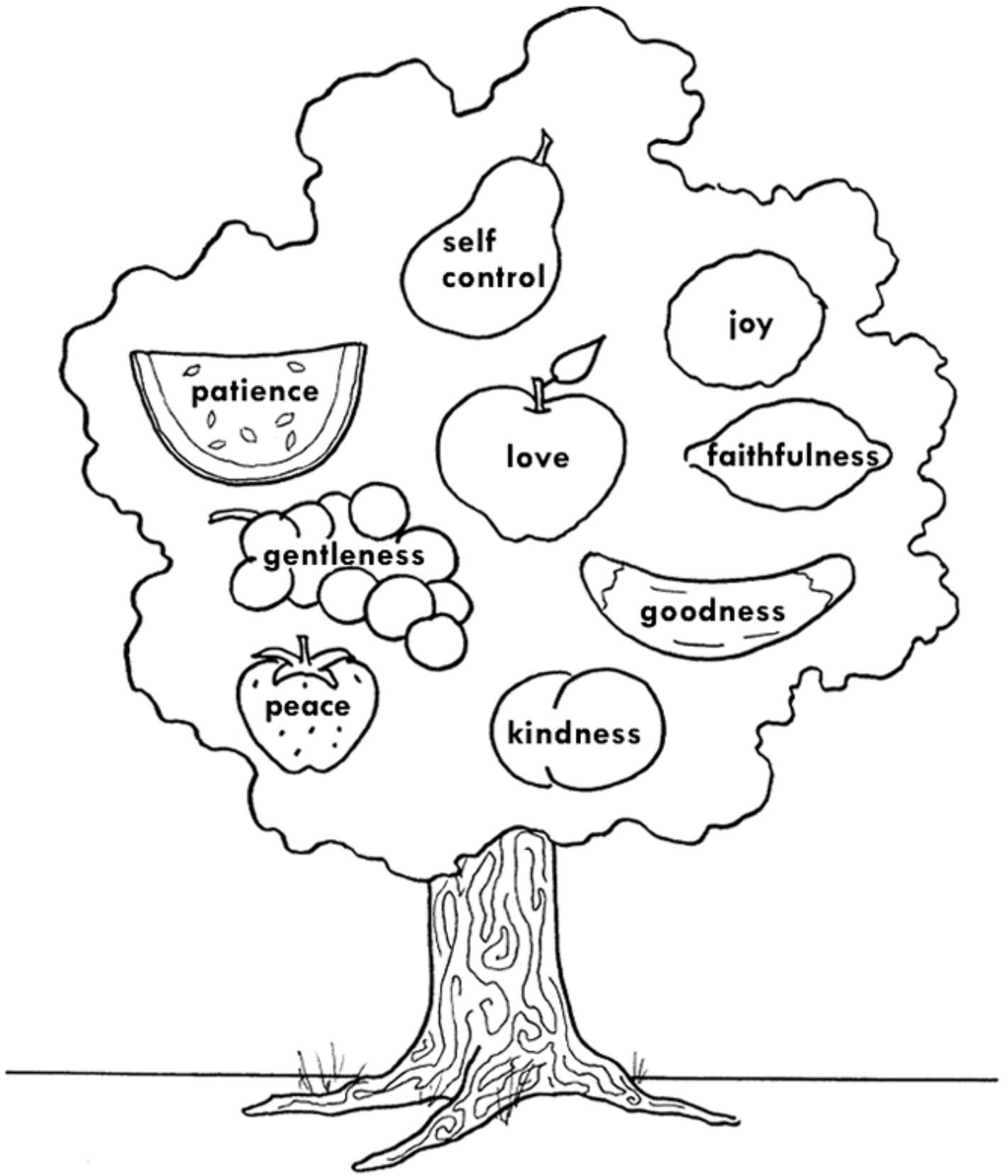
Sat., Oct. 3rd @ Cathedral outside registration at 8:30 a.m. Walk will begin at 9:00 a.m.

PLEASE support a walker or walk for the need is still very great.

This is the 51st year of the CROP Walk and the funds raised will be divided between St. Vincent de Paul and Church World Service.

For information contact Mel or Mary 334-6541 or Father Henry at 332-3742

You can also go to [webwalk@crophungerwalk.org](mailto:webwalk@crophungerwalk.org) !



self control

joy

patience

love

faithfulness

gentleness

goodness

peace

kindness

# The Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.



A	W	S	G	H	T	Y	U	I	J	F	O	V	R	K	N	P	L	Q	M	X	B	E	Z	D	C
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

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- 18-12-13-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 10-12-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-23-1-26-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 17-1-6-9-23-16-26-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 15-9-16-25-16-23-3-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4-12-12-25-16-23-3-3 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 4-23-16-6-18-23-16-23-3-3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 26-12-16-6-14-12-18 \_\_\_\_\_

KINDNESS	JOY	FRUIT	GOODNESS	PATIENCE
FAITHFULNESS	PEACE	LOVE	GENTLENESS	CONTROL

# October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

3rd - Crop Walk 2020 @ 9 AM

4th - Outside Church Service @ Hope Church @ 10:30 AM

## October Birthday's

- 2-Kristin Goodwin
- 10- Jillian Strickler
- 14-Brian Ites
- 16-Ashley Sommers
- 18-Donna Smith
- 19-Taylor Johnson
- 23-Kevin DeCoux
- 25-Carol White; Sayaka Chou
- 26-Leon Gregg
- 29-Becky Spinar

## Anniversaries

- 2-Hope & Eric Miller

