

The Saltshaker

May, 2019 LOVING GOD. COMING TOGETHER.
making a difference.



By Elliott TenClay

World Impact Sunday will be June 2 this year. We will be showing the work and highlights of our missionaries. We appreciate the support of our congregation over the last year to enable them in their work for the Lord. We would appreciate it if you would prayerfully consider pledging your support for the coming year. Your pledges determine our budget for the coming year since the Great Commission Team is not part of the church budget. The amount pledged determines how much we can pay our missionaries and how much we can support the different projects they undertake

needing financial help. We also use this money to support our mission trips as well as other members of our church that feel called on a short term basis and need short term support. Pledge cards will be available in the bulletin on the Sundays around June 2.

We are very thankful for what God has done, is doing, and will do through our missionaries. Please join us in supporting and encouraging them.

Thank you!

Pancakes - Anonymous



Six-year-old Dan decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor.

He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten.

Dan was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove, and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly, he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically, he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

Just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Dan's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him.

Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process. That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky, we insult a friend, we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour.

Sometimes, we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him. But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying for God or for others. Sooner or later, we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

			1 Nick Maloni Levi Princehorn <i>Joe & Jane Addison Marcus & Kolandra Carpenter</i>	2 Jamie Clay Adriennene Contreras Debbie LaReau Jenna Ortiz <i>Chris & Rhonda Denman</i>	3 Kennedy Curtis Connor Freel Victoria Gillespie Angie Kelly Megan Scanland Sara Shirer Megan Zirbel <i>Joe & Sue Krusza</i>	4 Daniel Bergan Jonathan Hoekstra <i>Larry & Deb Broertjes</i>
5 Elisha Abramczyk Glenda Coney Ebony Lawson Forrest Sodergren	6 Samantha Krusza Mike Putney	7 Kenan Brown Danny Fernandes	8 Annie Caporale Mary Marsh Mary Munoz Isaac Sodergren <i>Jeff & Zenda Brown</i>	9 Natalie Brown Mikaili Simon Rena Simpson- Savoy	10 Sarah Bergren Eileen Dykstra Shirley Elmore Natalie Plutz Tierra Smith <i>Andy & Janet Gatto Scott & Lisa Reese</i>	11 Dale Derks Rosalin Henke Rosa Price <i>Anthony & Diane Ferracane</i>
12 Rich Scanland Glenn Sterrett	13	14 Don Bartak <i>Jim & Roseann Grutzius</i>	15 Katie Abramczyk Arie DeBruin Bob Dowell Robyn Jackson	16 Ken King Harold Koning Grace Malin	17 Diane Ferracane Ceaser Norfleet	18 Ron Baldauf <i>Rich & Sara Scanland</i>
19 Jonathan Freel Brian Krusza <i>Greg & Kelly Castady</i>	20 Alvharist Alexander Alice Hoekstra <i>Joel & Shevawn Mikell</i>	21 Samuel Princehorn	22 Angela Albrecht Evan Derks	23	24 Niya Williams <i>Marlon & Chevon Warner</i>	25 Shawn Mohan Bob Orr Cheryl Poindexter
26 Tim Bultema Dave Dore Lee Shirer <i>Freddy & Jenny Howes</i>	27 Delani Scheutzow <i>Melvin & Cynthia Hubbard Mike & Maribeth Putney Glenn & Carol Sterrett</i>	28 Karin Brown	29 Mark Prestriedge	30 Vivian Werner <i>Troy & Hillary Grevengoed</i>	31 Anthony Angelini <i>Jeffrey & Abigail Archer Mark & Linda Prestriedge</i>	



In anticipation of Summer!

Back by popular demand, we will once more return to one worship service for the summer months. This is, once again in part, to combat the “summer slump” many churches, including Living Springs, often experience. Many times vacation, sports, and all kinds of other interests can hijack weekend worship. We also acknowledge that while the summer break is great for teachers, not having Sunday School on Sunday mornings in summer can

be rough on families – particularly with young kids. Sitting through a long worship service can be...well... not such a blessing for parents and not terribly engaging for kids. Therefore, we once again will include children’s messages with every service, with hopes that the entire family can stay engaged. The new service schedule will begin – 10 a.m. Sunday Mornings, June 2 – August 25.