

BUT GOD
DEMONSTRATES HIS
OWN LOVE FOR US
IN THIS: WHILE WE
WERE STILL SINNERS
CHRIST DIED FOR US

ROMANS 5:8

The Herald

From the Pastor's Desk

I'm Unique!

I think I just heard a sarcastic “You sure are!!” Well maybe they meant that with a strong affirming tone, and a smile of appreciation.

Whatever the response, the truth is we are all unique and God says that is a good thing. Most of us are familiar with 1 Corinthians 12 where Paul makes the analogy of the church as the body of Christ being compared to our physical body. He writes:

¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.”

1 Corinthians 12:14-21

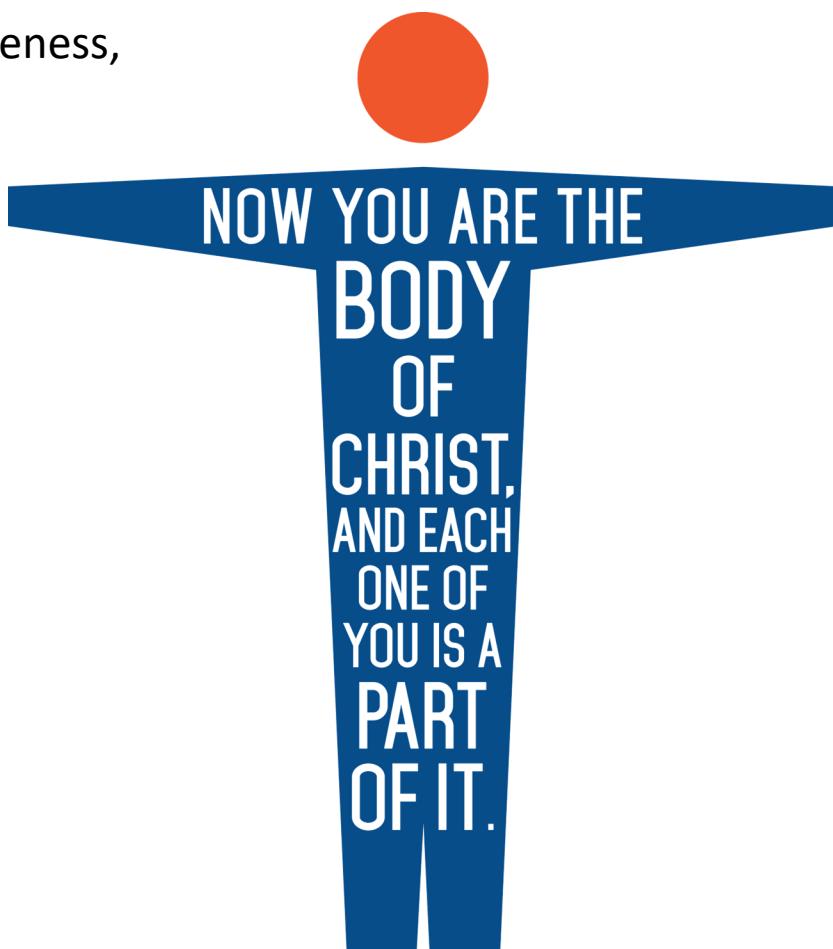
I like the fact that my body has different parts with different skills. Now, I have noted some people make amazing and unique use of their body parts. Some who did not have the use of their hands have become very skilled with using their feet to do tasks I would use my hands for. I recall on some warm summer evenings attempting to pick up small stones with my toes and throwing them across the driveway. With a little practice I became fairly consistent at throwing the stone. Of course, not anywhere as capable as picking the stone up with my fingers and throwing it. Some might even say why would you waste time trying with your toes when you have well functioning fingers and hands? You know they have a point there.

From the Pastor's Desk

I just want to remind us that we are all unique. Unique in our personalities, our looks, our interests, our skills and our spiritual gifts. God created us with these unique skills and he choose to put us in this portion of the body of Christ. He has brought us to be part of LWC and we are a necessary and useful part to help LWC represent Jesus to our region and communities.

Christ would also tell us that each of our uniqueness's makes for a better body when we each allow the Spirit to use us for his purposes. So, when someone does things differently than I do I am trying to appreciate that special contribution they make to our body. In fact your gifts, complement what I do and make us a better team. God has a great design. The only limiting factor is how well we each do our part.

Celebrating our uniqueness,
Pastor Dennis



1 CORINTHIANS 12:27, NIV

Missions Moment—Forgotten Ministries

Forgotten Ministries "is a local missions and para-ministry based in Enid, Oklahoma. Our mission is to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth, as Christ has commissioned us, and to empower God's church to do the same. We believe every place is a mission field and recognize that Satan is actively trying to steal, kill, and destroy the body of Christ. In our nation, we witness sin rampant in communities and in the lives of individuals. However, we are confident in the power of the Gospel; Jesus triumphed over Satan through His death on the cross and resurrection from the grave. We are pushing back against the enemy's schemes and proclaiming the Gospel through various channels, including mobile outreach initiatives, meeting physical needs such as food and clothing, hosting local mission trips, internships, community gardens, and more. We strive to be a community of dedicated, unwavering believers who live by God's Word at any cost. Our purpose is to serve God through the love and assistance we provide to our communities. We aim to create simple and effective pathways to share the Gospel, empowering churches to fulfill their true calling of living out the Great Commission." Thank you Little White Church for supporting and participating with this ministry.

In their December Newsletter Forgotten Ministries reported: "To God be all the glory for what He has done. This month, part of our team traveled to Colombia for a week of grill manufacturing and another week of grill-walk training with several hundred churches. That alone was a miracle. Without God's will and sovereign hand, none of this would be possible in our power. He gets all the credit, He gets all the glory and honor for what He has done! Thousands of salvations and countless Gospel conversations that we'll never know the result of. Hundreds of pastors trained and encouraged to share the Gospel with their communities, both in Enid and all over the world.

This month alone we have seen: 1,994 Salvations; 9,625 People Served; and 675 Volunteers."



The Lord Will Pour Out His Spirit

“And it will come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female servants in those days I will pour out my spirit.” Joel 2:28-29 ESV

I read a donation to our library called “*Inside the Revolution*” by Joel Rosenberg. Perhaps it captured my attention because I was in my mid 20’s when some of these events started to unfold in 1979 and I recognized names and places and events. Now over 46 years later these events are back in the headlines. Here is a brief summary from Joel’s introduction about this, not one, but three revolutions transpiring in the Middle East.

Thirty years after the rise of the Ayatollah Khomeini to power in Iran, it has become clear to me that there is not simply one Revolution under way; there are three. Each is pursued with equal passion and vigor by groups I define as the “Radicals,” the “Reformers,” and the “Revivalists.” And with the stakes so high—and the time so short—there are important questions to be answered, and fast.

How, for example, can citizens and leaders in the West properly understand and counter the threat Islamic Radicals pose to Judeo-Christian civilization? How can we understand what is really going on inside the minds of the Radicals? When they read the Qur'an what verses drive them to rob, kill, and destroy? Is there any way to persuade them to not carry out their apocalyptic agendas? Diplomacy has not worked so far, but might direct negotiations at the highest possible level—president to president—work? Or is that a fool's errand?

At the same time, are there any Muslim leaders pushing back against the jihadists? Are there any leaders who think the Radicals are crazy and dangerous and who are willing to say so? If so, who are they? What verses in the Qur'an do these Reformers point to in making their case that Islam is a “religion of peace”? What are their personal stories? How did they climb to power, and why don't we hear more about them in the media? Do such Reformers really have any chance at remaking the modern Middle East and winning the war of ideas—as well as the war of bullets and bombs—with the Radicals?

What's more, are war and politics the only prescriptions for what ails the people of the Middle East today? Are there any sources of true hope? Is Christianity really dying out in the lands of its birth, as many claim, or is it true that more Muslims are coming to faith in Jesus Christ today than at any other time in history? Is there any evidence that Christianity is surging in the epicenter? Who are the Revivalists, and what is the message of spiritual hope and change they are trying to spread? And if Muslims are converting to Christianity in record numbers as some have suggested, what are the implications of this trend for the Church in the West and around the world?

I found this book to be very enlightening and hopeful especially at a time when so many current events appear to be terrifying like wars and rumors of wars, nuclear weapons of destruction, terrorism, revolts, killing, poverty and the list goes on. I highly recommend Joel's book. He has done much research, interviewed some amazing folks with incredible stories and experiences, and presents the information in a very easy to read style.

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"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God, our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4 ESV

I am so encouraged by The Little White Church "Pray 7:14" effort and hope our church body continues to make prayer a daily routine.

Let's Pray:

Lord, You have been merciful to us. You have blessed us, and we thank You. You are the Author of liberty and freedom. You are faithful and true. Governments and empires rise and fall—they have as long as human beings have organized themselves. But You and Your Word never fail.

We pray now for our leaders—for all those in authority, irrespective of alliance or affiliation—for our president and vice president, our governors, and the leaders of our cities and towns. Give them wisdom and understanding from You. Direct their decisions, that You might bring Your blessings to our communities, cities, states, and nation.

Between the BookENDS

Article Submitted by: Georgie Neff

We come in humility to ask that our leaders—from the lowest offices to the highest—will fear Your name and make decisions with the desire to honor You and bring Your very best to our people. **Raise up voices to proclaim the truth of God to this generation, and may those persons who oppose Your purposes be silenced and ineffective in their efforts.** Grant us a spirit of unity and cooperation in the days to come, and silence the voices of division and hate. Our future is supported and affirmed by Your promises and nothing less.

We trust You, Lord. Let Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. In Jesus' Name, amen.

• Pastor Allen Jackson

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Checkout reminder:

Our library is a self-service library and relies on users to follow the checkout procedure posted on the checkout table so we can track who have various items. We also need folks who borrow items for Sunday School or Bible studies, etc. to check them out...even for an hour, a day or 3 months. Be sure to put the item in the return basket and not back on the shelf so we can match it up with its card.

It's very important that we have your first **and** last name on the checkout card. Make sure that the due date on the card and due date slip in the media item are the same so we can match them up when you return your item. Also, if a CD or DVD is not working properly or a book is falling apart, etc., just attach a note to the front when you drop it in the return basket. Thank you!

If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We look forward to serving you in the library!

February Librarians: Millie Holle & Georgie Neff



Keeping the Family Strong

By: BJ Reese

GETTING TO KNOW YOU . . .

It happens every Sunday. Well, almost every Sunday. I see a face I recognize; someone I've enjoyed talking with on previous Sundays. So, I wander over to say 'hi'. She sees me approaching, and starts to smile. "Hi, Bonnie! How are you?"

Flashing a big smile, I confidently respond, "*I'm good . . . how about you?*"

That gap (. . .) is where her name belongs. I ***know*** this face! I ***love*** her smile! Why on Earth can I never recall her name when I see her?!? I've even had her tell me her name -- more than once. Of course, the mystery deepens -- later -- as I realize an even more embarrassing truth: SHE remembered MY name! Ugh!

Fortunately, there's a solution waiting for me at home: our church directory. Ever since I learned that we have one, I've kept a printed copy on our telephone stand in the kitchen. In the pages of that wonderful little notebook are pictures, and names, of members of our church family.

If they've provided a photo and their information, it's IN there! Plus, birthdays, anniversary dates, and contact information. Even a mailing address. After standing in the fellowship hall with my absentmindedness flowing out of my ears, I can now remedy the problem. Opening the directory, I can search the photos for that smiling face I encountered this morning. AHA! ***There*** she is! Her name is Carol.

I can stare at her picture, and recite her name a few times, memorizing features that will etch her name into my longer-term memory. I even allow myself to recall where she and her hubby usually sit during the service on Sundays. So that, maybe next time, I will remember it all when I see her in person.

But, wait! There's even MORE magic . . . the ONLINE version of the directory! Have you LOOKED at this yet? I never had -- not until just last month. It has names and photos in it that don't appear in my printed directory. Why have I taken so long to access it? I'm not sure, but I know I had lots of excuses, including not knowing the login info we were supposed to use for it. I knew it was for members' convenience, but I never bothered to learn more.

Then, came the Sunday I ***finally*** talked to Stephanie Larsen -- our devoted Office Administrator. She promised to email me all the needed info the next day. Y'all, I cannot believe I wasted SO much time procrastinating about this! What a gold mine! And a pleasant, unexpected surprise.

Keeping the Family Strong

By: BJ Reese

Accessing our church's online directory is SO easy! Ya' don't even need a password! (One *less thing for me to remember!*) You just have to be one of the people *listed* in the directory. Then, you just need the email address you gave to Stephanie. So, for everyone who -- like me -- feels challenged by new ideas and new methods, I want to share this wondrous discovery with you:

ONLINE: go to www.members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts. When prompted to create your login (*they may want to email you an access code*), simply type in the email address, as you have it listed in the directory.

Boom! You're in! There, you will see the names and faces of our church family and the staff. When you click on a name/photo, you'll be shown other info about the family. Great, right? But, what if you do ALL your online stuff through your phone? No problem. As they say, 'there's an app for that'!

Just go to the Apple App Store in iTunes, the Google Play Store, or the Amazon Fire App Store. There, search for 'Instant Church Directory', and download it. Then, create your login. Once you've finished, you will be able to connect with anyone who's listed in our church directory.

Why am I sharing this here? Because, I want to help ALL of us move past the doubt and apprehension created by not knowing what to do or how to do it. Who can't access the directory's fountain of useful information because we never bothered to ask or try.

Our church staff has created a way for us to stay in touch in ways we never could before, making use of modern technology to do it. AND, they have kept it simple enough that we can understand it. We can ALL use this marvelous tool to grow closer and more informed about our church family. We can use it to get to know each other better . . . or to discover '*who was that delightful person that we spoke to Sunday morning?*'

In short, we can eliminate those embarrassing blank spots when we say 'hi' to each other . . .

Isn't that a great way to keep this family strong?

Oh, by the way, I'm Bonnie (BJ) Reese.

Echoes of God's Glory in Creation

Roseanne Hilton

Reflections from Psalm 65:5-8

“You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

You formed the mountains by Your power and armed Yourself with mighty strength.

You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves and silenced the shouting of the nations.

Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of Your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, You inspire shouts of joy.”

New Living Translation, 1997

Many of us have sailed on distant seas, or felt small while gazing up at the mountains. We have seen the pounding waves and experienced raging storms and sometimes we have been afraid. We have perhaps been alarmed at the shouting of the nations.

These verses encourage us to look to the One who is our hope, who is strong enough to quiet the oceans and to silence the shouting.

Even if we don't live at the ends of the earth, we stand in awe at the wonders which give evidence for the greatness of the Creator.



The Keystone Project 2025 Impact Report

Asia

Disciple-Making Movements & New Communities

Across South Asia, **five new disciple-making movements** were launched in 2025. Through these movements, **41 new disciples** were formed and **three new redemptive communities** emerged in previously unreached villages and urban neighborhoods. Families are now gathering regularly—often under trees or in simple homes—to worship, pray, and walk in obedience-based discipleship.

In December 2025 alone, our Asia Team trained **more than 500 leaders** in evangelism and disciple-making, significantly strengthening the long-term capacity of local churches and movements.

Training, Missions & Regional Expansion

In India, Malaysia, and Indonesia, leaders were trained through Keystone Project workshops and seminars, resulting in the formation of new mission teams reaching neighboring nations. Across Southeast Asia, **over 700 leaders** were equipped—including one woman over 60 years old who has committed to serve as a missionary in Indonesia beginning in 2026.

Stories of Transformation

We witnessed God raise up leaders like *Raja*, a disciple from an unreached mountain village who stepped forward to lead when his mentor was forced to leave. Raja trained new leaders, reached a neighboring unreached village, and helped establish a new redemptive community.

We also saw the courageous faith of *Rahul*, a 15-year-old disciple who, despite hardship and opposition at home, boldly chose to follow Jesus. Today, he testifies that the church has become his true family.

Africa

From One Family to a Growing Fellowship

In the village of Ongino, God began something small—and deeply powerful. In 2024, a single family encountered Christ and surrendered their lives to Him. What followed was not a program, but a movement. That family opened their home, and soon a fellowship was born.

Today, members of the community gather weekly under a tree to open the Scriptures, worship together, and share the Gospel. What began with one household has become a redemptive community marked by faith, unity, and obedience.

The Keystone Project 2025 Impact Report

Children Sharing the Gospel

One of the most moving moments of the year came through children. After being trained to share the Gospel, a group of children boldly entered a nearby community. With simple words and sincere faith, they shared the message of Jesus.

That day, **14 people—including adults—gave their lives to Christ**. These children are learning early that they are not just future leaders—they are disciples today.

Shepherding Through Service

Beyond preaching, ministry leaders embraced holistic shepherding—walking alongside families through practical care, consistent presence, and faithful Gospel witness. As trust was built, hearts opened to the message of Christ.

Reaching the Multitudes

In partnership with Global Outreach, believers were sent out two by two across Africa. Through these efforts:

- **19,100 people heard the Gospel**
- **5,641 people surrendered their lives to Jesus**

Outreach took place through crusades and open-air meetings, as well as in schools, prisons, children's remand homes, trading centers, and local communities across the region.

Looking Ahead to 2026

We enter 2026 with faith and expectation for what God will do next. With your continued partnership, we plan to:

- Train mission teams within the domestic church to reach the unreached in the United States
- Strengthen alumni coaching and regional disciple-making hubs
- Publish and distribute **The Keystone Project Manual** globally
- Produce additional digital discipleship resources, podcasts, and missional teaching
- Equip even more leaders to reach the unreached with the Gospel

We believe 2026 will be a year of multiplication—more teams, more movements, and more disciples of Jesus among the nations.

See a Need—Fill a Need—Ministry for LWC Body

See a Need—Fill a Need is a ministry to help the members of the LWC!

Do you need help with mowing your lawn, shoveling snow, minor electrical repairs.... or??? *The list could go on and on.*

If you do, please check out the **See a Need—Fill a Need Information Center** on the Bulletin Board.

Fill out an informational form (hanging on board) and stick it in a giving box in the sanctuary.

Forms will be processed by the office.

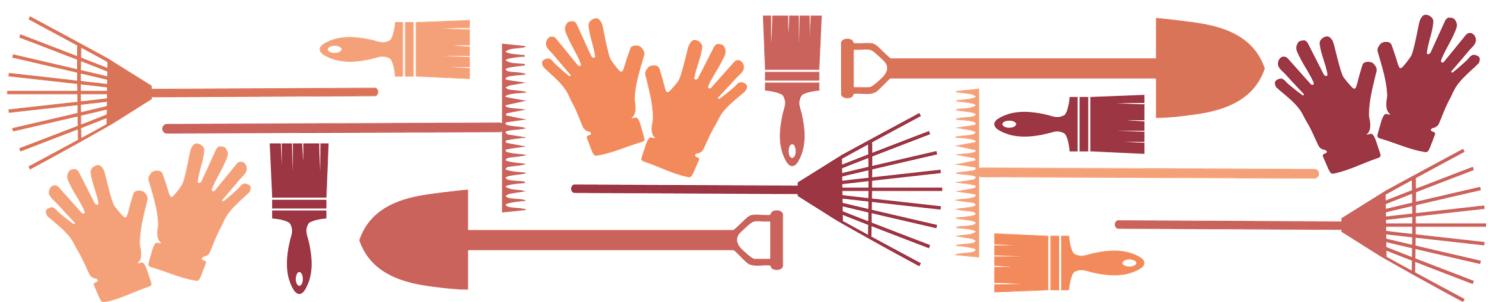
When approved they will be placed on the board for LWC members to review (names will be kept confidential).

Members can contact the office for details and once need is met, it will be removed from board!

Questions?? Talk to Stephanie in the office.

“Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.”

Romans 12:13



***Want to help fulfill See A Need requests?
Please contact Stephanie in the Office.***

Announcements

We are excited to announce that Clay & Marci King have accepted the position of Worship Directors for the LWC!

Please be in prayer for them as they start leading in this role!

Couples Cooking Class—Crème Brûlée & Truffles (made easy)

Thursday, February 12th from 6-8 pm in LWC Kitchen

Class size limited to 11 couples. Sign up in Church Foyer!

Please bring 1 egg each, 1 ramekin cup (4-6 oz).

A Place at the Table (church) cookbooks are available for purchase, \$10 each. Books can be purchased online through the church's website giving tab or by emailing office@thelittlewhitechurch.net.

Fellowship Time Snacks Needed!

Please sign up on the sheet by the kitchen!

Want to be added to our church directory? Please send info & family picture to Stephanie at office@thelittlewhitechurch.net!

PRAY 7:14



Get your phone out and turn on your alarm for 7:14 AM and 7:14 PM and pray with us every day!

February Prayer Focus: Forgotten Ministries and LWC Kid's Church

Pray 7:14 is based on 2 Chronicles 7:14

UPCOMING
Events

Coming in March...Newcomers Lunch—March 1st at Noon

Connections Class Sundays, March 8th, 15th & 22nd at 10:15 am



the art of **marriage**

Join us for this 6-week class that will help couples build stronger, God-centered marriages through sessions on love, intimacy, communication, and conflict resolution.

Sundays at 6 pm (begins February 15th) at LWC.
Led by Pastor Ben & Stephanie Larsen

How to register: Sign up in the Foyer at the Information Table or online at thelittlewhitechurch.net/marriage

Childcare will be available!

Cost: \$20 per couple



Faith & Hope COMMUNITY EVENT

Thursday, May 28 • 7:00pm



ANNE GRAHAM LOTZ
AnGeL Ministries

featuring Worship & Music with



FERNANDO ORTEGA
*Nationally Acclaimed
Contemporary Christian Artist*

Please Join Us for the Women's Brunch!

Thursday – May 28, 2026

Doors Open 9:30am • Program – 10:00am

The Monument – Rushmore Hall
444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City

Tickets On Sale for \$30.00

at Alternative Fuel Coffee House • 512 Main St., Suite 110, Rapid City
or Fischer Furniture • 1830 W. Main, Rapid City

Please Join Us for the Community Event!

Thursday – May 28, 2026

Doors Open 6:30pm • Program – 7:00pm

The Monument – Fine Arts Theatre
444 N. Mt. Rushmore Road, Rapid City

Tickets On Sale for \$20.00

at www.themonument.live/events

Timberline Lodge—Ascent Weeks

Where adults and families grow through adventure and Bible teaching

Ascent Weeks are Timberline's summer programming designed for adults and families of all ages and experience levels to spend time away together in the Colorado Rockies.

We offer multiple weeks each summer, all with the same goal of bringing guests outside to fellowship with their Creator and be refreshed through God's Word.



These week-long retreats are open for everyone: college students on summer break, career focused adults who need a week away, or those wanting to spend quality time with family in a beautiful and uplifting environment.

All ages are welcome, and you don't even need to love the outdoors to participate! We believe all who come will be blessed and impacted by this week spent in God's Word.

How much does Ascent Week cost?

Here's the basic breakdown for the full week. This includes lodging, towels, linens, all meals, and guided activities.

Adults (18+): \$625

Youth (11-17): \$400

Child (4-10): \$284

Infant/Toddler: \$0

There will be a \$149 non-refundable deposit after registration. Remaining balance will be due one month before your trip. If the week is already filled, your registration will be added to our waiting list.

Ascent Weeks will be held

July 19-24 ~ July 26-31 ~ August 2-7

For more information, go to: timberlinelodge.org/aw



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All Dolled Up



A husband and wife had been married for 60 years and had no secrets except for one: The woman kept in her closet a shoe box that she forbade her husband from ever opening. But when she was on her deathbed—and with her blessing—he opened the box and found a crocheted doll and \$95,000 in cash.

“My mother told me that the secret to a happy marriage was to never argue,” she explained. “Instead, I should keep quiet and crochet a doll.”

Her husband was touched. Only one doll was in the box—that meant she’d been angry with him only once in 60 years.

“But what about all this money?” he asked.

“Oh,” she said, “that’s the money I made from selling the dolls.”



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