



December 2019 - Lappe Lutheran Church

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- Divine Worship 11:15 am - Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday
- Second Sunday of every month there is birthday coffee after the service.

December 8 – Children's Christmas program
Christmas Eve services: Cemetery 5pm
Church 6pm



May your **Home** be warm,
your **Holidays** grand,
& may your **Heart** be
held gently in the Lord's hands.

The fairy at the top of the Christmas tree was originally a little figure of the baby Jesus. In late seventeenth century Germany this became a shining angel. In Victorian Britain, little girls would take the angel down after Christmas and dress him in dolls' clothes. Eventually the angel turned into a thoroughly female fairy, complete with wand. The transformation was boosted by the pantomimes that became popular in the Victorian era - and, naturally, included a good fairy in the cast.

Cherubs hung on trees, represent the angels who heralded the birth of Christ. The star, which forms one of the most important ornaments of the Christmas tree, indicates the guiding star which led the shepherds and the magi to the new born Jesus Christ in the stable in Bethlehem. Stars have knocked angels off the top of the nation's Christmas trees. A decade ago angels were still outselling star tree toppers but now stars outsell angels more than 10-fold.

It was the day after Christmas at a church in San Francisco. The pastor of the church was looking over the crèche when he noticed that the baby Jesus was missing from among the figures.

He hurried outside and saw a little boy with a red wagon, and in the wagon was the figure of the little infant Jesus.

So he walked up to the boy and said, "Well, where did you get your passenger, my fine friend?"

The little boy replied, "I got Him at church."

"And why did you take Him?"

The boy explained, "Well, about a week before Christmas I prayed to the little Lord Jesus and I told Him if He would bring me a red wagon for Christmas I would give Him a ride around the block in it."

From 1558 until 1829, Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. Someone during that era wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of their church. Each element in the carol has a code word for a religious reality which the children could remember.

1. The partridge in a pear tree was Jesus Christ.
2. Two turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds were the four gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
5. The five golden rings recalled the Torah or Law, the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stood for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the Holy Spirit: Prophecy, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Contribution, Leadership, and Mercy.
8. The eight maids a-milking were the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, and Self Control.
10. The ten lords a-leaping were the Ten Commandments.
11. The eleven pipers piping stood for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. The twelve drummers drumming symbolized the twelve points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.



Lessons for My Kids

by Kim Bongiorno of LetMeStartBySayingBlog.com

Hold the door.

Ask the elderly lady how she's doing today. Listen to her reply.

Don't trust everyone. Don't not trust anyone.

Pick up what you saw fall, even if you didn't drop it.

Smile and make eye contact.

Give the benefit of the doubt, especially when you're really cranky.

Give a kid a penny to toss into the fountain.

**Be strong enough that people know not to mess with you,
but soft enough that people know they can hug you.**

Don't park in handicap parking spots unless it actually applies to you.

Don't sneak extra items in the 12 or Less lane at the grocery store.

Be light in your heart and steady on your feet.

Trust your gut, both good and bad.

Take chances that won't hurt yourself or others.

Learn to make people laugh without making anyone cry.

Remember how good your life is.

Think before you act.

Write down birthdays.

Get mad, but don't get even.

Admit to your mistakes.

Share.

Use *please*, *thank you*, and *excuse me* every day.

Do the work it takes to make a good life for yourself.

Don't take advantage of the kindness of others.

Absorb the lessons you learn the hard way.

Look for rainbows, no matter how rare they may be.

Know that when you look away from an electronic screen,
the most important connections to be made are all around you.

Tell people when you are proud of them.

Don't make it hard for others to make you happy.

Offer to shovel her driveway if you know her husband's away.

Don't say "I know how you feel" even if you've been there before.

Just say "I'm sorry, what can I do for you?"

Play to win, but play fair.

Someone always has to lose. Sometimes it will be you. Don't whine about it: learn from it.

**Show your loved ones your support,
even if what they are excited about bores you to tears.**

Offer your seat, your ball, your friends to the new kid.

Return library books on time.

Give credit where credit is due.

Patience and practice will help you learn to tie your own shoes.

They'll also help you do all the other hard things you want to conquer.

Pretend Grandma's fruitcake is delicious.

Try to remember to floss, and not just the week before your dentist appointment.

Let him – and only him – know his fly is down.

Stand up to bullies by being smart and kind.

Learn tact.

Learn what all the basic tools do.

Read to someone who can't. Write notes to someone who can.

Drink water.

Enjoy that cupcake.

Eat your vegetables.

Know who has trouble saying "I love you," and let them show you, instead.

Be the kind of person your mom always knew you could be.

The Bible was written centuries ago by the Apostles. But what if it was written by college students? Most likely it would be a lot different. Here's what it might look like if College Students Wrote the Bible:

-The 'Blood of Christ' would be switched from red wine to beer in a keg.

-The Last Supper would have cold leftovers for the next morning.

-The Ten Commandments would be only five, double-spaced, and written in large font.

-A New edition would be written every two years in order to limit reselling.

-The Forbidden Fruit would have been eaten not because it was forbidden but because it wasn't dorm food.

-Paul's Letter to the Romans would be Paul's E-Mail addressed to abuse@romans.gov.

-The reason Cain killed Abel would be because they were roommates.

-The place where the end of the world occurs would be Finals, not Armageddon.

-Instead of mules, the preferred mode of transportation would be mountain bikes.

-The reason why Moses and his followers walked in the desert for 40 years would be because they didn't want to ask directions and look like Freshmen.

-The Tower of Babel would be blamed for the Foreign Language requirement.

-Instead of God creating the world in six days and resting on the seventh, He would have put it off until the night before it was due and then pulled an all-nighter.