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Lappe Lutheran Church

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Judas: still on for Friday?
Jesus: Friday?
Judas: yeah, the last supper
Jesus: the what?
Judas: supper. Normal supper with the fellas

Pulling into my service station 45 minutes late one morning, I shouted to the customers that I would go turn on the pumps right away. What I didn't know was that the night crew had left them on all night. By the time I got to the office, only one customer had stayed to pay. My heart sank. Then the customer pulled a wad of cash out of his pocket and handed it to me. "We kept passing the money to the last guy," he said. "We figured you would show up sooner or later."

A golfer is in a competitive match with a friend, who is ahead by a couple of strokes. The golfer says to himself, "I'd give anything to sink this next putt." A stranger walks up to him and whispers, "Would you give up a fourth of your sex life?" The golfer thinks the man is crazy and that his answer will be meaningless, but also that perhaps this is a good omen, so he says, "Okay," and sinks the putt. Two holes later he mumbles to himself, "Boy, if I could only get an eagle on this hole." The same stranger moves to his side and says, "Would it be worth another fourth of your sex life?" The golfer shrugs and says, "Sure." He makes an eagle. On the final hole, the golfer needs yet another eagle to win. Though he says nothing, the stranger moves to his side and says, "Would you be willing to give up the rest of your sex life to win this match?" The golfer says, "Certainly!" He makes the eagle. As the golfer walks to the club house, the stranger walks alongside and says, "You know, I've really not been fair with you because you don't know who I am. I'm the devil, and from now on you will have no sex life." "Nice to meet you," says the golfer. "My name's Father O'Malley."

- Divine Worship 11:15 am - Holy Communion on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month. - Sunday School (Sept to June) - Second Sunday birthday coffee

A little girl became restless as the preacher's sermon dragged on and on. Finally, she leaned over to her mom and whispered, "Mom, if we give him the money now, will he let us go?"

Two Baptists were talking, and one asked the other, "How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb?" The other one said, "I know that one. None, Lutherans don't like change."

A preacher asked a Sunday school class the following question. "If all the good people in the world were green, and all the bad people were red, what color would you be?" Little Linda thought for a minute and said, "I think I'd be streaky!"

On a church bulletin board: "Even moderation ought not to be practiced to excess."

A Nebraska church listed the sermon topic as "Gossip." Immediately following was the hymn, "I love to Tell the Story."

An old man named Jones was in his home when a flood came. He refused to evacuate, but climbed up on his roof when the water eventually reached his ankles. Soon a neighbor paddled by in a canoe and shouted, "Can I give you a ride to higher ground?" "No thanks," answered Jones, "I have faith in the Lord. I know he will save me." A bit later the water was up to his waist. A man in a rowboat pulled up and hollered, "Hey! Can I give you a lift out of the flood?" "No thanks," Jones answered, "I have faith, the Lord will save me." The water kept rising until a helicopter flew in and dropped a rope. "Grab on," the pilot yelled. "I'll pull you up." "No thanks," responded Jones, "the Lord will save me." Later Jones drowned and went to meet his maker. In heaven, he complained to the Lord, "Tell me Lord, I don't understand it, why didn't you save me?" The Lord replied. "I can't understand it either. I sent two boats and a helicopter."

Twin seven year old boys were always getting into trouble. Their parents knew if any mischief was reported in town, the twins were probably involved. Their mother heard that a preacher in town had been successful in disciplining children, so she asked if he would speak with her boys. The preacher agreed, but he asked to see them individually. The mother sent one boy in the morning, with the other boy to see the preacher in the afternoon. The preacher, a huge man with a deep booming voice, sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Do you know where God is, son?" The boy made no response, sitting there wide-eyed with his mouth hanging open. So the preacher repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?!" Again, the boy made no attempt to answer. The preacher raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face and bellowed, "WHERE IS GOD?!" The boy screamed, ran directly home and hid in his closet. When his twin brother found him in the closet, he asked, "What happened?" His brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time! GOD is missing, and they think WE did it!"

The elderly priest, speaking to the younger priest, said, "You had a good idea to replace the first four pews with plush bucket theater seats. It worked like a charm. The front of the church always fill first now."

The young priest nodded, and the old priest continued, "And you told me adding a little more beat to the music would bring young people back to church, so I supported you when you brought in that rock 'n roll gospel choir. Now our services are consistently packed to the balcony."

"Thank you, Father," answered the young priest. "I am pleased that you are open to the new ideas of youth."

"All of these ideas have been well and good," said the elderly priest, "But I'm afraid you've gone too far with the drive-thru confessional."

"But, Father," protested the young priest, "my confessions and the donations have nearly doubled since I began that!"

"Yes," replied the elderly priest, "and I appreciate that. But the flashing neon sign, 'Toot 'n Tell or Go to Hell' cannot stay on the church roof!"

Two seniors (Jacob, age 92, and Mary, age 89), are all excited about their decision to get married. They go for a stroll to discuss the wedding, and on the way, they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in. Jacob asks the man behind the counter, "Are you the owner?" The pharmacist answers, "Yes."

Jacob says, "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?" The Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?" Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism?" Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about suppositories and medicine for impotence?" Pharmacist: "You bet!"

Jacob: "Medicine for memory problems, arthritis, and Alzheimer's?" Pharmacist: "Yes, a large variety. The works."

Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, antidotes for Parkinson's disease?" Pharmacist: "Absolutely."

Jacob: "Everything for heartburn and indigestion?" Pharmacist: "We sure do."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers and canes?" Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "Adult diapers?" Pharmacist: "Sure, how can I help you?"

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."

WHO WAS SAINT PATRICK? : St. Patrick was patron saint and national apostle of Ireland who is credited with successfully bringing Christianity to Ireland. **March 17** is widely accepted as the date of St. Patrick's death in A.D. 461.

Was there really a St. Patrick? Definitely. Did he really drive the snakes out of Ireland? Probably not, since snakes weren't native to Ireland.

St. Patrick was born in Britain as Maewyn Succat. At age 16 (around A.D. 400), he was kidnapped from his home on the west coast and carried off to Ireland to become a slave who worked as a shepherd. After six years, he escaped; upon returning home, he received his call (in a dream) to preach the Gospel. He spent the next 15 or so years in a monastery, preparing for his missionary work. When he became a priest, his name was changed to Patricius, and eventually, Patrick. Although some Christians lived in Ireland at the time, it was Patrick who spread Christianity throughout the land and brought an organized church into existence.

THE SHAMROCK: We wear a shamrock on St. Patrick's Day because, legend says, St. Patrick used its three leaves to explain the Holy Trinity. (The Trinity is the Father, the Son, and the Spirit as three divine persons who are one divine being [God].) The truth of the St. Patrick legend, however, is in question, as there is no direct record that the saint actually used the shamrock as a teaching tool.

Note: The symbol of St. Patrick is a three-leaf shamrock, not a four-leaf clover. However, long before the shamrock became associated with St. Patrick's Day, the four-leaf clover was regarded by ancient Celts as a charm against evil spirits. In the early 1900s, O. H. Benson, an Iowa school superintendent, came up with the idea of using a clover as the emblem for a newly founded agricultural club for children in his area. In 1911, the four-leaf clover was chosen as the emblem for the national club program, later named 4-H.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FACTS, FUN, AND FOLKLORE

- Blue was the color originally associated with St. Patrick, but green is now favored.
- The first St. Patrick's Day parade in the American colonies was held in New York City on this day in 1762.
- St. Patrick's Day is the traditional day for planting peas, even in the snow!
- Cabbage seeds are often planted today, too, and old-time farmers believed that to make them grow well, you needed to plant them while wearing your nightclothes!