



Pray First!

A 12th century young Italian man named Giovanni de Bernadone had a wealthy father, who often went to France and nicknamed his son Francis. Young Francis could wear the finest of clothes, have an expensive carriage and go to parties where the rich frolicked together. In short, he could have whatever money could buy. Young Francis, however, began to mature, spiritually speaking, and helped the poor have food, clothing, and other needs met. He worshipped regularly, prayed deeply and wore a common brown robe in contrast to the finely tailored clothes he had worn before.

He became so devout, loving, and good-hearted that other men began to join him in his ministry. Their Christian work was so important that the pope allowed them to become an order of monks known as the Franciscans. After the pope's blessing was given to them, the order began to spread across the world and is still an effective order to this day. The lesson we learn from Francis is that the stewardship of one's talents, time, and resources of whatever sort are greatly important in living the Christian life. To be a Christian is not only to believe in Christ, but to serve him by serving others in his name.

Prayer: *O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, not so much to be understood as to understand, not so much to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying, that we awake to eternal life. Amen*

- for all service men and women, and their families, especially *Juan Fraustro, Andrew Wright, Casey McCarthy, Mike Copponi, Lee Walden, Josh Canaan, Zachary Russell and Kendra Linn.*
- for Christ to be made known in our companion synods - *Zimbabwe and Zambia*, and our partner synod - *Central/Southern Illinois Synod*
- for the Franciscan community at *Mt. Irenaeus* and the *Burkhart Retreat Center for Life* - retreats in our local area
- for our Bishops, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton (ELCA) and Marie Jerge Upstate New York Synod), Assistants to the Bishop Dave Preisinger, Mary Johnson, and Dean Daniel Rumfelt. for the mission congregations in our synod—*Organic Faith* in Amherst and *Todos los Hijos de Dios* in Amsterdam
- for the pastors and congregations in our Southwestern Conference and our for our congregation council leaders - President *Bryan Hatch*, Secretary *Jo Kile*, Treasurer *Doug Ploetz*, and members *Gary Murray, Rick Giberson, Marie Franquet, and Jerry Maerten*
- for our sister congregation, *Peace Lutheran* and their ministry in Slidell, LA for the ministry of *ELCMA - Evangelical Lutheran Coalition for Mission in Appalachia*
- for area ministries: *Genesis House, Portville Community Food Pantry, and Interfaith Caregivers.*



BUDGET AS MISSION STATEMENT

By: Rev. Judith VanOsdol, Director for Evangelical Mission

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<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Committee Assignment</u>
Bryan Hatch	Council President
Pastor Ivy	Worship and Music
Jo Kile	Stewardship
Doug Ploetz	Treasurer
Jerry Maerten	Outreach/Evangelism
Marie Franquet	Education
Rick Giberson	Property
Gary Murray	Fellowship



Bethel Lutheran Church

December 2013 Financial Summary

Beginning Checkbook balance	\$3,876
Beginning Savings balance	\$100
General offering	\$7,454
Designated giving	\$2,878
Fund raisers- for Bethel	\$0
Total Income	\$10,332
Total Expenses	\$15,804
Net Income	-\$5,472
Ending checkbook balance	\$4
Ending Savings Balance	\$100

Bills due

2013 Synod Benevolence	\$1,400
Total Bills Due	\$1,400

An Additional \$1,600 was drawn from the Church Improvement fund at year end to pay 2013 Bills current. A total of \$9,700 was drawn from savings and Church improvement fund during 2013 to pay church expenses.

One of the joys of the DEM call is visiting all over our synod territory and working together with folks of faith on a variety of issues. Meeting with the United Lutheran/ Presbyterian Parish in Dolgeville, a tiny parish outside of Utica, we were conversing about the call process. This congregation has been without a called pastor for some time; three of four worship services, members rise up and give witness to their love of Jesus and how they see God at work in their lives and community.

Later in the meeting, they gave me a copy of their annual report-and I was struck to see that the first two lines of their budget was their mission support-to two different denominations! I smiled and remarked that this was indeed a mission statement-and they replied, "That gets paid first! Pastor, isn't mission what the church is all about?"

Budgets are mission statements!

I have been privileged to work with other congregational councils who placed mission support first (yay, Christ the King, Vestal!) along with working on a narrative budget-teaching tools that help the entire congregation view their budget as a mission statement. At St. Mark's in Baldwinsville, there are large, colorful poster boards placed around the narthex, illustrating their budget as "narrative" pieces, weeks before their annual meeting. This gives folks a chance to read, discuss, think and pray about where their giving and mission support is designated.

Do we view our budget as a mission statement-both personally and in our congregation? How can we work to prioritize our mission support-a visible sign of linking us to God's wider mission in the whole church of which we are part? If mission support is an "afterthought" -last on the list, should we have anything left over, we make a statement that misses the joyful generosity to which we are called-giving the first fruits, beyond ourselves and our own needs to the amazing ways our Generous God is at work beyond our doors, in the wider mission of Christ's church.

Isn't mission what the church is all about?



Choir practice is held Sunday mornings at 7:45am. All are welcome to join. **No audition necessary.**



Baskets of Promise

Donate items for Lutheran World Relief Kits to help people in need. This Lenten season, our congregation is taking part in LWR's Baskets of Promise appeal. Each week in Lent, we'll collect items to form LWR Personal Care Kits that help impoverished people stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Check the bulletin each week for the collection schedule. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ivy.

Once again we are entering a New Year and need people to sign up as worship servants. We are in need of Lectors, Prayer Leaders, Ushers, Communion assistants and Altar Guild. There are sign-up sheets on the table in Fellowship Hall. Please sign up for one or more of these positions as you feel led. Thank you.



If you are new to our church or if you noticed that your anniversary or birthday never appeared, please let Nannette, June or Pastor Ivy know your information so we can start the new year off with an updated birthday and anniversary list. We sure don't want to miss wishing anyone a Happy Birthday. Thanks.

Notice: Deadline for newsletter articles is the third Sunday of each month. Please send them to me at my home e-mail at Junebug44@frontiernet.net or you can leave written ones in the top basket on the secretary's desk in the office. If you ave questions you can call me at 814-698-2648.



Memorials given December 2013

In Memory of Linda Giberson
Jon and Amy Giberson

In Memory of Mary Lang
Bill and Judy Graves
Kurt and Caroline Miller

In Memory of Conrad Linn
Hatch and Hartwig Families
Paul and Gloria Preston
Richard and Mary Follett

Memorials given January 2014

In Memory of Linda Giberson
Norm and Wilda Miller
Marion McClarin

In Memory of Keith Gardner
Cliff and Marge Nix
Marion McClarin

In Memory of Conrad Linn
Norm and Wilda Miller



Dear Friends,

Lake Chautauqua Lutheran Center is truly blessed by friends like you who give to our ministry. Through gifts such as yours, we are able to provide programs that encourage and nurture the spirit of our guests and campers.

Your generous donation will help us continue to reach out and connect with many individuals. Thank you for sharing in LCLC outdoor ministries. Please accept this letter acknowledging your donation. We appreciate your ongoing support and are grateful for the ways you bless LCLC!
God's Peace,
Lee M. Lindeman
Executive Director

The Prayer Shawl knitters would like to say a big Thank You to whomever left the 2 blue shawls at Bethel. One of them has already been given to someone in need of one and we are most happy to have the shawls. “

Judy and Kay Anderson



The Perfect Prayer

By Van Varner

You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind. Luke 10:27 (TIB)

Many years ago, my prayers to God tended to resemble letters to Santa Claus—long lists of things I wanted God to do for me.

Nowadays, however, I seldom close my eyes to pray that a simple little anecdote doesn't flash across my mind. It was one that actor Robert Young told.

He was listening to the bedtime prayers of one of his four daughters and she, like me, was going through her list of wants and “gimmees.” But then she stopped, raised her head, opened her eyes to heaven and said, “And now, dear God, is there anything I can do for You?”

Ah, there it is again: the unvarnished faith of little children. And did I call that a “simple little anecdote?” It's not.

That one tender question goes straight to the mark of what God expects of us children, big and little: to be mindful of God. After all, that was God's first—and greatest—commandment.

A Sweet Reminder to Pray

A bowl of peanut M&Ms inspired her family to spend time with Jesus.

By Cynthia Ruchti, Wausau, Wisconsin

Pray without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (KJV)

My brother-in-law needed a place to stay. Our simple life in the country offered the kind of reflection time he craved while he waited for the sentence that would change his life dramatically for the next seven years. So my husband and I took him in for two months and adapted to his habits as he did to ours.

We quickly became accustomed to his peanut M&M addiction. When he left our house to begin serving his court-ordered sentence, we held on to the ever-present bowl of peanut M&M's and turned it from addiction to a prayer ministry. Guests and family who knew the story were told, “You're welcome to the M&M's, but if you take one, use it as a reminder to pray.”

The grandkids were especially interested in a prayer ministry connected with a big bowl of M&M's. “Who are you praying for now, Josh?” I asked as he swiped another from the bowl. “The whole world.” “Oh. Okay.” Can't fault a child for knowing the whole world needs prayer.

Five-year-old Andy grabbed a chocolate-covered peanut, bowed his head and leaned it against the buffet on which the bowl rested, ate the peanut, then promptly grabbed another and bowed his head again. What had we started? When I'd caught Josh with his hand in the bowl too many times one afternoon, I asked, “Now, be honest with Grammie. Who were you praying for just now?” “I was just telling Jesus how much I love Him.” “Um...carry on.”

Faith step: How many quick but deeply meaningful “Jesus, I love You so much!” prayers pepper your day and mine? I have to believe He's at least as pleased to hear it as I am to know my grandsons—whatever the motivation—are faithful to say it.

February 2014



Worship Assistants

Acolyte *Kassie Lopes, Carly Keenan*
.....*Dajita Brewer*

Communion Assistants .. *Caroline Miller*
Bev Robinson

Lectors:

Feb. 2nd*Ruth Brewer*
Feb 9th *Doug Ploetz*
Feb 16th*Judy Graves*
Feb. 23rd *Hunter Kile*

Prayer Leaders

Feb 2nd *June Murray*
Feb 9th*Ruth Brewer*
Feb. 16th *June Murray*
Feb. 23rd*Ruth Brewer*

Ushers.....*Gary Murray*

Altar Guild.....*Ruth Brewer*

Bread Bakers*Ron Kile*

2—Marilyn Ploetz
—Troy Giberson

3—Annie Blicharz

4 -- Pastor Ivy

5—Robert Baughman

12—Robert MacPherson

14—Kay Anderson

15—Wanda Stebbins

19—Irelynn MacPherson

20—Kevin Hepfer

20—Warner Johnson

21—Skip Robinson

26—Linda Scott



20—Bill & Karen Snow

BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR - FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday, Feb. 2

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am-Choir rehearsal
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship following
10:30am- Sunday school and Confirmation class
11:00am-Adult Bible study

Monday, Feb. 3

Pastor Ivy's Day Off

Tuesday, Feb 4

6:00pm - Stewardship Meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 5

6:00pm -Bible Study

Friday, Feb. 7

Due date for reports for Annual Meeting

Sunday, Feb. 9

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am- Choir rehearsal
9:00am - Worship with Fellowship following
10:30am - Sunday school and Confirmation Class
11:00 am-Adult Bible study

Monday, Feb. 10

Pastor Ivy's Day Off

Tuesday, Feb. 11

3:00 pm Worship and Music meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 12

6:00pm - God Sightings Bible Study

Sunday, Feb. 16

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am-Choir rehearsal
9:00am- Worship with Fellowship.
10:30am - Sunday school and Confirmation class
11:00am-Adult Bible study

Monday, Feb 17

Pastor Ivy's Day Off

Tuesday, Feb 18

3:00pm-Christian Education Team

Wednesday, Feb 19

6:00pm -Bible Study

Thursday, Feb 20

7:00pm - Church Council

Sunday, Feb 23

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

7:45am - Choir rehearsal
9:00am - Worship with Congregational meeting following.
10:30 am- Sunday School and Confirmation Class
11:00 am-Adult Bible study



Getting to what really matters

by Presiding Bishop [ELIZABETH A. EATON](#)

All our work flows from being a church first, foremost

When I served a parish in Ashtabula, Ohio, I had the opportunity to be part of a bond issue campaign for the school system. Those of you who have served in a similar capacity know the bruising intensity of local school politics. The French Revolution pales in comparison.

On our first try the bond issue failed by a narrow margin. On our second try we had our heads handed to us. We decided to hire a consultant.

At a strategy meeting the consultant asked us what we thought was the one thing we needed to do in order to pass the bond issue. We had all kinds of ideas: better campaign literature, more radio ads, more coverage in the local paper, compelling photos of adorable but underserved children, puppies. The consultant listened until we ran out of ideas. “No,” he said. “The one thing you need to do to pass the bond issue is to have one more vote than the opposition.”

The main thing is the main thing.

All of the ideas we had come up with (well, maybe not the puppies) were means to pass the bond issue. If advertising or publicity became our primary focus we would be distracted from our goal. Stating the simple fact that all we needed to do was to get one more vote than the opposition brought clarity to the campaign.

We do many wonderful and important things together as the [ELCA](#). We alleviate hunger, we're stopping malaria, we give voice to the most vulnerable in our society, we shelter the homeless, we heal the sick, we rebuild communities after disaster strikes, we work for justice. I am not suggesting that we stop doing any of this. But we must be clear that we are church first. We aren't a non-governmental organization. We aren't the government. We aren't the American Cancer Society.

Baptism makes a difference and makes us different. We are in Christ. Baptism means the death of our old self. This implies sacrifice. It should also mean that we as church do not fit in with the surrounding culture. There are many socially conscious, kindhearted, generous, morally upright, compassionate atheists in the world. How are we distinguishable from them? If our life together consists primarily of being affirmed by God's unconditional love and doing works of justice and charity without understanding that God has brought about the transformation of justified sinners through the costly grace of the crucified Christ, then we are not church.

How are we to live as church first? This is how I see it. At the center of our life together is worship and at the center of our worship is the crucified and risen Christ. When we gather for worship we turn our gaze away from ourselves to the source of our life and hope and salvation. When we gather for worship we are encountered by the living God in Scripture, proclamation of the gospel and the sacraments. God meets us and transforms us. We taste, touch and see the love of God in Christ. Sinners are forgiven. Freed from the incessant human striving for self-justification we can be "lost in wonder, love and praise" (Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 631).

We are a community of spiritual discernment. Employing secular business strategies can be very helpful to the church so long as they are used in service to God. But as church it is important that we understand the difference between decision-making and discernment. Decision-making is something we do. Discernment is something we receive from the Spirit. Paul takes an entire chapter ([1 Corinthians 2](#)) explaining this. We need to move beyond reliance on human thinking and strategizing to a place of deep listening — intentional, intense, disciplined attending to God.

We are a community of faith. Our members, congregations, synods and churchwide organization need to be intentional about incorporating prayer, worship, Scripture study, silence and giving into daily life. We are in the faith formation business; not to get more members, not to get more market share, but to know Christ and Christ crucified.

We are church first. All of our work flows from this. Let's keep the main thing the main thing.





The Cure for After-Christmas Blues

Don't miss what Jesus wants to share with you... heavenly peace.

By Erin Keeley Marshall, Rogers, Arkansas

"I've told you all this so that trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace." John 16:33

Although the holidays recently passed, this morning I found myself slipping a Christmas CD into the player. I'm sort of a Christmas carol fanatic, as evidenced by my collection of twenty-five holiday CDs. I grew up on Bing, Perry, and Nat every December, and my heart feels all cozy and peaceful whenever I hear them sing.

As determined as I was last month not to get caught up in the hoopla (aka crazy busyness disguised as holiday cheer), I lived through my share of moments feeling swamped beneath the glittery decor overtaking my house when I wondered if I was missing the best parts of what Jesus wants to share with me during His birthday month.

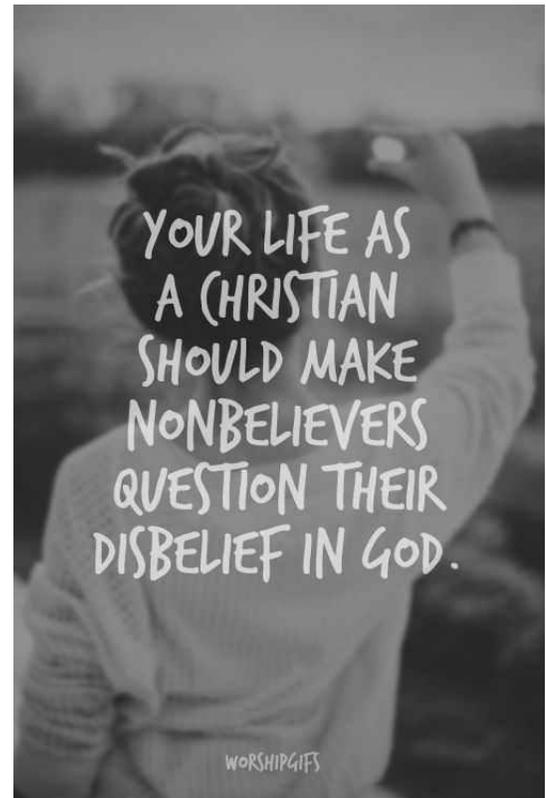
What things might those be? Love, joy, hope. all favorites. But the one I like best when I'm feeling overwhelmed is peace.

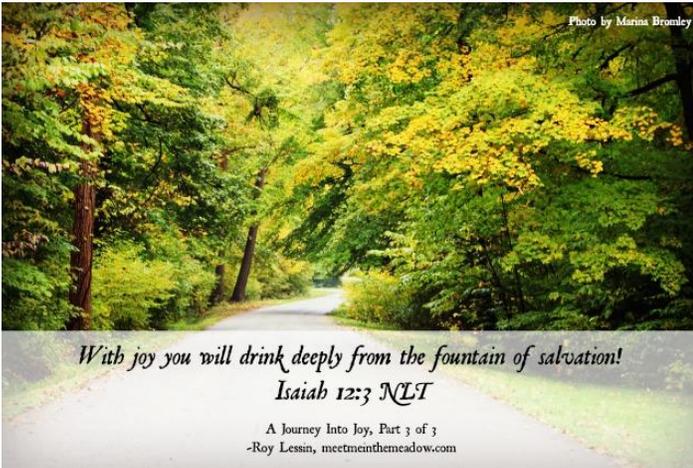
Peace. Say it out loud. Isn't it wonderful? It even sounds calming. The first song that rang from my CD this morning was "Silent Night," which embodies the peace that enveloped the land surrounding the manger where the Conqueror and King of the world came to us as a tender, vulnerable baby.

I know Jesus loves peace. He says quite a bit about it. He says in John 14:27 (NIV), "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." He offered His frightened disciples peace in John 20:19–20, and He readily doles it out to us today.

We need peace in ceaseless, flowing amounts. Trouble is here to stay until Jesus demolishes it forever. His peace reigns over all that. Ask Him for peace today, and enjoy His love, hope, and joy that fill your heart along with it.

Faith Step: Look up these verses next time you need a reminder of the peace Jesus offers you: Acts 10:36; Romans 1:7; Romans 5:1; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 1:3.





With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation! [Isaiah 12:3 NLT](#)

A few years ago I heard the Holy Spirit speak these words to my heart...Don't say "no" if you hear me saying "yes". This was a reminder to me of how important it is to be a good listener and to pay attention to what the Holy Spirit is saying.

When I heard these words, it was very clear to me why the Lord was saying them. Due to a voice condition I had developed when I was in my late 30's, it became extremely difficult to speak in public. Saying "no" to speaking invitations became a normal response. I lived this way for over 20 years.

One day, while sitting through a church service, this question came to mind, "What if the person preaching today happened to be you?" The thought terrified me. There was no way I could do such a thing. The thought kept me uneasy throughout the day.

Several weeks later, one of the pastors from the church I was attending, made an

appointment to see me. During our time together he asked me the following question, "We are soon to begin a new sermon series in our church and we would like you to bring the opening message." My flesh immediately wanted to say "no", but before I could give my answer I heard the Spirit's voice telling me "say yes".

Although my "yes" answer went against what my flesh wanted to do, God's peace quieted my heart and calmed my fears. In that moment, I took a faith step of obedience that brought me the joy of pleasing Him. I didn't fully realize it at the time, but this step of obedience allowed me to discover a new found freedom in public speaking that has continued to this day.

How do you begin your journey into joy in the coming year? You begin by taking a simple step of obedience. Is there anything God is asking you to do that you have been putting off?

Perhaps God is asking you to surrender an area of your life that you have been trying to control; perhaps He wants you to release a burden that has been weighing you down; perhaps He is asking you to extend forgiveness to someone who has hurt you; perhaps it is time for you to say "yes" to something you have been saying "no" to for a long time.

What does your next step of obedience look like? Are you willing to take it? Are you ready to say "yes" and begin your journey into joy in 2014?

7th Annual Fun Fleece Festival

When? 5:30 to 7:30 on Monday, February 10, 2014

Where? First Presbyterian Church, Portville

Dinner and drinks provided



What is the purpose?	Who will receive them?
To make as many tied fleece blankets as possible in one night	 <p>The Southern Tier child advocacy center <i>Working Together for our Children</i> Olean, NY</p>

Who can come? Anyone who can cut and/or tie a knot

What will you need to bring? Material for **one** blanket, pair of good shears (or rotary cutter and pad), a willingness to help others

For small child 1.5 yards of 2 different colors of fleece (3 yds.)

For larger child 2 yards of 2 different colors of fleece (4 yds.)



Every February 14, across the United States and in other places around the world, candy, flowers and gifts are exchanged between loved ones, all in the name of St. Valentine. But who is this mysterious saint, and where did these traditions come from? Find out about the history of this centuries-old holiday, from ancient Roman rituals to the customs of Victorian England.

The Legend of St. Valentine

The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's

actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Origins of Valentine's Day: A Pagan Festival in February

While some believe that Valentine's Day is celebrated in the middle of February to commemorate the anniversary of Valentine's death or burial--which probably occurred around A.D. 270--others claim that the Christian church may have decided to place St. Valentine's feast day in the middle of February in an effort to "Christianize" the pagan celebration of Lupercalia. Celebrated at the ides of February, or February 15,

Lupercalia was a fertility festival dedicated to Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture, as well as to the Roman founders Romulus and Remus.

To begin the festival, members of the Luperci, an order of Roman priests, would gather at a sacred cave where the infants Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome, were believed to have been cared for by a she-wolf or lupa. The priests would sacrifice a goat, for fertility, and a dog, for purification. They would then strip the goat's hide into strips, dip them into the sacrificial blood and take to the streets, gently slapping both women and crop fields with the goat hide. Far from being fearful, Roman women welcomed the touch of the hides because it was believed to make them more fertile in the coming year. Later in the day, according to legend, all the young women in the city would place their names in a big urn. The city's bachelors would each choose a name and become paired for the year with his chosen woman. These matches often ended in marriage.

Valentine's Day: A Day of Romance

Lupercalia survived the initial rise of Christianity but was outlawed—as it was deemed “un-Christian”—at the end of the 5th century, when Pope Gelasius declared February 14 St. Valentine's Day. It was not until much later, however, that the day became definitively associated with love. During the Middle Ages, it was commonly

believed in France and England that February 14 was the beginning of birds' mating season, which added to the idea that the middle of Valentine's Day should be a day for romance.

Valentine greetings were popular as far back as the Middle Ages, though written Valentine's didn't begin to appear until after 1400. The oldest known valentine still in existence today was a poem written in 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London following his capture at the Battle of Agincourt. (The greeting is now part of the manuscript collection of the British Library in London, England.) Several years later, it is believed that King Henry V hired a writer named John Lydgate to compose a valentine note to Catherine of Valois.

Typical Valentine's Day Greetings

In addition to the United States Valentine's Day is celebrated in Canada, Mexico, the United Kingdom, France and Australia. In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th, it was common for friends and lovers of all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes, and by 1900 printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of

one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings.

Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700s. In the 1840s, Esther A. Howland began selling the first mass-produced valentines in America. Howland, known as the "Mother of the Valentine," made elaborate creations with real lace, ribbons and colorful pictures known as "scrap." Today, according to the Greeting Card Association, an estimated 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent each year, making Valentine's Day the second largest card-sending holiday of the year. (An estimated 2.6 billion cards are sent for Christmas.) Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all valentines.



SUCCESSFUL SLED RIDING PARTY

