



THE REPORTER

*And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise.
(Hebrews 6:15)*

Patience is a virtue that is quite lacking in our society today. We don't want to wait for things to happen. Our patience is stretched even further when we are awaiting the fulfillment of a promise.

Abraham had been promised not only an heir but a dynasty: "I will surely bless you, and I will surely multiply your offspring as the stars of Heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore" (Genesis 22:17). He receives this promise of a dynasty multiple times. The last one occurs after God stopped him from sacrificing Isaac. This dynasty had been promised to come through Isaac (Genesis 21:12).

God's first promise to Abram came at a time when Abram's patience was likely very thin. Seventy-five years old and childless. He and Sarai had spent their entire adult lives under the shame of barrenness. As they aged out of the normal child-bearing years, they had likely come to terms with their condition. Then God brings out the massive promise of a dynasty (Genesis 12:1-3).

But the promise doesn't come immediately. They wait another twenty-five years before they finally obtained the promise. Abraham had the promise, but he thought it was ridiculous to continue to hold onto it. When God appears to him to announce Isaac's birth the following year, "Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, 'Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?'" (Genesis 17:17)

The promise seemed ridiculous. But God is the God of ridiculous promises. He is the God who calls for His people to patiently wait and endure the troubles of this life. A few chapters after laughing, Abraham and Sarah rejoiced over Isaac's birth (Genesis 21:1-7). It wasn't perfect patience, but God knows that none of us will ever be perfectly patient. But faith in God's promise gives life, as the author to the Hebrews summarizes Abraham and Sarah, "Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of Heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore" (Hebrews 11:12).

Abraham's descendants came from a man "as good as dead." Jesus' descendants come from a man who was dead. The God-Man who died to give us life. That everlasting life, as we have heard about it from our readings from Revelation this Easter season, only comes from patiently waiting for the fulfillment of the promise. Just like Abraham.

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Minton

Vacation Bible School

We will host at one-day VBS on June 25, 2022. Lunch will be served at noon. We will head to the pool for a party at 4pm and have pizza in the park at 6pm. Register today! If you have any questions, please talk to Brenna S.

15th Anniversary of Ordination Celebration

Join us Saturday, June 11 to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of Pastor Minton being Ordained into the Holy Ministry. We will host an Open House 3p - 7p at the parsonage for food and fellowship. Stop in and share your well wishes with Pastor. If you haven't been able to visit with us yet, now is a great time! We will have seating inside and out, but feel free to bring your lawn chair. If you have a favorite yard game, bring that also.

Danville Women's Care Clinic

The Women's Care Clinic is in need of volunteers. If you can volunteer to be an Advocate/Mentor, be part of the Child Care Team while parents are attending appointments, or Chaperone an ultrasound, please contact Stacy, the Volunteer Coordinator ad DWCC.

Radio Sponsorship

If you have a special day you would like recognized, you can sponsor a Sunday morning radio broadcast. The cost for us to broadcast our service each week is \$150. Radio sponsorship donation is \$75 or more. Give donation and date sponsoring to Renee anytime throughout the year.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We will meet the second Saturday of each month. We will meet on June 11 at 8am. We are working our way through The Story. **We encourage ALL men (teenage to 99) of the congregation to join us!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is good! After 41 days in the hospital, Gordon is home and his recovery continues. We send out heartfelt thanks for ALL the prayers, thoughts, cards, and calls during a most difficult time. Every kind gesture has been appreciated beyond words. God's blessings to each of you.

-Gordon and Cheryl Anderson

Church Insurance

As requested at the April Voter's meeting, Church Mutual Insurance was contacted regarding our current coverage. Our current policy is for 3 yrs, effective April 2020 to April 2023. Our current coverage for the church building and parsonage is \$1.5 million (up from \$1.3 million at the April 2020 renewal). Coverage will be reevaluated at renewal, which is April 2023. If you have any questions, contact Renee.

Remember Those Unable to be with Us on Sunday Morning

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St. Paul's Lutheran Church 150th Anniversary

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Woodworth invites your congregation to our 150th anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 12, 2022. This date is also our annual Church Picnic. The theme for this day is "Abiding in Him - Celebrating 150 years of God's Blessings". We would love your parade entries and/or antique vehicles and tractors. The Picnic Food Stand will open at 11:30 a.m., with the parade starting at 1 p.m., followed by games for all ages. A Natural High will sing for us at 5 p.m. followed by an evening program by the church organizations. At 11:30 a.m. we are serving hamburgers, pork burgers, hot dogs and homemade pies. From 4 to 7 p.m. we will add Woodworth style fish sandwiches - no carry outs. Please call Erich & Karen Borgers at 815-383-1623 to reserve your spot in the parade. We look forward to seeing you all for a time of fellowship, food and fun!

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School Job Opening

St. Paul's Lutheran Church and School of Woodworth is seeking a custodian for the church and school. Salary and compensation to be discussed at the interview. Interested persons may contact the office at 815-889-4209, office@stpaulspk8.org or Dave Kosik, trustee, at 815-450-1840.

Youth Center of Milford

The board of the Cross Roads Youth Center are happy to announce the construction of the new building! Construction will begin later this spring on East Jones St. Donations are being accepted at Milford Building and Loan and at Milford Village Depot. Money will be put towards the building fund. The youth of Milford THANK you!

Podcast of the Month!

The Podcast of the Month for June is **History that Doesn't Suck**. Departing from theological podcasts this month, we look at American history as it is presented to us in story format every two weeks by Professor Greg Jackson from Utah Valley University. He is currently at the beginning of Teddy Roosevelt's presidency at the beginning of the 20th century.

Moments of Meditation

Moments this month prepares us for the Flood as we look at the generations involved in the Flood (Genesis 4-5). Listen weekday mornings at 8am on WHPO.

Wrestling with Theology has some wonderful programming lined up. Here are the highlights for the regular programming in May.

Week of	Confessional Corner (Monday)	Digging Deeper (Thursday)
June 5	Proper Repentance (SA III III 1-24)	Stumbling Blocks (Psalm 106:28-33)
June 12	Repentance Continues until Death (SA III III 25-45)	Complacency in the Promised Land (Psalm 106:34-43)
June 19	The Basics of the Gospel (SA III IV-IX)	God Remembered His Covenant (Psalm 106:44-48)
June 26	The Church in Action (SA III X-XV)	God Has Redeemed Us from Trouble (Psalm 107)

An Author Among Us

Bertha Parsons combines columns into 'Corner' book

Bertha Parsons has had many roles in her life: daughter, wife, mother, grandmother and friend, to name a few. She recently added a new one: published author.

Bertha, who has written "Bertha's Corner," for the former Hoopeston Chronicle and currently Just the Facts, has collected some of her best columns for a new book, "Bertha's Corner: Positive In-sights of Faith Family Friends," which was released April 2.

Bertha's road to becoming an author started early, with advice from her mother, Martha Lashley. It was furthered through encounters with people throughout her life. Meeting new people, getting to know them and what makes them tick has always been one of her greatest joys.

During her years with Tupperware, she earned numerous awards for sales and recruiting and was promoted to manager. She was invited into hundreds of homes, meet-ing thousands of people that she shared life with through her parties.

Following Tupperware, Bertha worked with House of Lloyd, a privately-owned home party company featuring home decor and gift items.

After several years Bertha became manager of the Chronicle. This provided her the opportunity to visit businesses and individuals all over the area. Often, she was confronted by those who complained of the bad news and would enjoy reading something positive.

She created "Bertha's Corner," providing down-to-earth positive insights into everyday happenings in life. It was a big hit, soon becoming a favorite with readers. When Bertha retired from the Chronicle, the Corner ceased.

Nearly five years later, it was resurrected, this time in Just the Facts, where her twice-monthly article is available to



local and area residents in print, email and fax and viewed online around the country at www.justthefacts.net.

After reading several of the "Corners," Bertha's cousin in California advised, "you need to put together a book so everyone can be lifted up by these treasures."

Taking the suggestion to heart, Bertha and her husband, Marty, began combing through her columns, looking for those they felt would resonate with readers. Their efforts produced the 338-page paperback, published by MAE-VAK Publishing.

"Bertha's Corner: Positive Insights of Faith Family Friends" is available at amazon.com or by calling (217) 283-6876.

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Worship Service 9:00 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 10:30 am

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JUNE REPORTER

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starting at 9:00 am**

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