

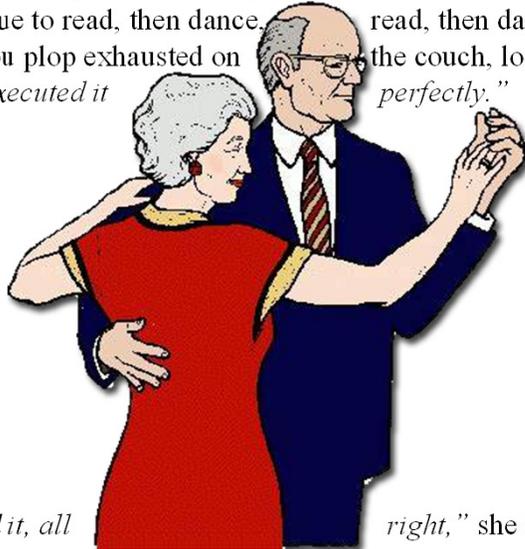
Hearing God's Music

by Max Lucado

Let's imagine that you want to learn to dance. Being the rational, cerebral person you are, you go to a bookstore and buy a book on dancing. You take the book home and get to work.

Finally, you think you've got it, and you invite your wife to come in and watch. You hold the book open and follow the instructions step by step. You even read the words aloud so she'll know that you've done your homework. "Lean with your right shoulder," and so you lean. "Now step with your right foot," and so you step. "Turn slowly to the left," and so you do.

You continue to read, then dance. You read, then dance, until the dance is completed. You plop exhausted on the couch, look at your wife, and proclaim, "I executed it perfectly."



"You executed it, all right," she sighs. "You killed it." "What?" "You forgot the most important part. Where is the music?"

Music?

You never thought about music. You remembered the book. You learned the rules. You laid out the pattern. But you forgot the music.

"Do it again," she says, putting in a CD. "This time don't worry about the steps; just follow the music." She extends her hand and the music begins. The next thing you know, you are dancing—and you don't even have the book.

We Christians are prone to follow the book while ignoring the music. We master the doctrine, outline the chapters, memorize the dispensations, debate the rules, and stiffly step down the dance floor of life with no music in our hearts. We measure each step, calibrate each turn, and flop into bed each night exhausted from another day of dancing by the book.

Dancing with no music is tough stuff. "Let God have you, and let God love you—and don't be surprised if your heart begins to hear music you've never heard and your feet learn to dance as never before."

~ Max Lucado ~

Psalm: Psalm 47: 1-2, 5-7

Clap your hands, all you peoples;

shout to God with loud songs of joy. The LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

God has gone up with a shout, the LORD has ascended with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

Lesson: 1 Samuel 2: 2, 8-9

Let it be known: "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. He will guard the feet of his faithful ones."



Gospel: Luke 24: 44-51

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

SALEM FAMILY EVENTS

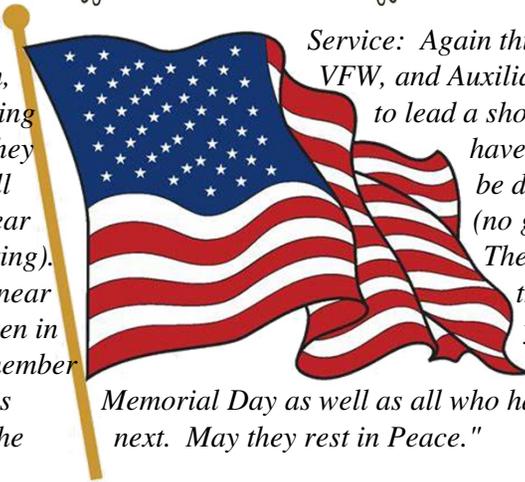


The building maybe....NOT the church!!!!

Due to the Coronavirus, the building will be closed for services...this does **not** mean we cannot worship!! Just visit our website <http://www.salemlc-oxford.org> and click on the Virtual Church sign. The "doors" are open 7 days a week...virtually!! New service each Sunday posted no later than 8:00am and they stay up until the following Sunday!

As best we know now, this will remain in effect until **at least** June 7th when we will revisit this plan. In the meantime, visit us on the Internet and be safe from catching anything except the Holy Spirit!!!

"Memorial Day American Legion, planning on coming our cemetery. They times, as they will differently this year bus for transporting). will be at Salem near that they have been in (9/9:30). We remember especially, on this from this life to the



Service: Again this year, the VFW, and Auxiliaries are to lead a short service at have not posted be doing it a bit (no gun-salute, no They think they the same time years past our veterans, Memorial Day as well as all who have passed on next. May they rest in Peace."



"Please take two minutes and respond to the on-line survey that Pr. Rob sent out last week. - Thanks."



UPCOMING EVENTS



Food Shelf - they are in desperate need at local food shelves...if anyone can donate to Family Pathways at this time, please do so! You can donate either (or both) foodstuffs or dollars. For food, simply drop off at Family Pathways' building across from the North Branch movie theater.

For dollars, simply mail a check to: **Family Pathways,**
6413 Oak St.

North Branch, MN 55056



Prayer List – Updates – please send name to either Pr. Rob robkrajewski72@gmail.com or, Jerry Youngquist

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Please send your offering to the parish's street address –

Salem Lutheran Church of Oxford
26950 Furman St. NE
North Branch, MN 55056



GRINABLES

- My three favorite things are eating my family and not using commas.
- How do you make a pirate furious? Take away the p.
- The world tongue-twister champion just got arrested. I hear they're gonna give him a really tough sentence.
- I own the world's worst thesaurus. Not only is it awful, it's awful.
- I hate Russian dolls, they're so full of themselves.
- 250 lbs. here on Earth is 94.5 lbs. on Mercury. No, I'm not fat. I'm just not on the right planet
- If we shouldn't eat at night, why do they put a light in the fridge?
- Do I lose when the police officer says papers and I say scissors?
- If I got 50 cents for every failed math exam, I'd have \$ 6.30 now.
- A lot of people cry when they cut onions. The trick is not to form an emotional bond.
- Moses had the first tablet that could connect to the cloud.