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Mark Your Calendar

3/4

Pinocchio 6:30 pm

3/5

Pinocchio 1:00 pm

Math Quiz Bowl

Spelling Bee

3/9

Lenten Service

3/10

Pioneer Meeting

3/16

Lenten Service

3/19

Easter Egg Hunt Eagan

3/24

Maundy Thursday Services
6:30 pm WSP, 7:00 pm Eagan

3/25

Good Friday Services
Noon & 6:30 pm WSP, 7:00 pm Eagan

3/26

Easter Egg Hunt WSP

3/27

Easter Sunday Services

9:00 am Eagan

6:00, 8:00 & 10:30 am WSP

Breakfast 7:00-10:00 am - WSP

Wounded on Good Friday

By Mark Kom

Good Friday has always been intriguing. It's where God's Law and Gospel collide. All of God's anger over sin and all of his grace to sinful people can be found on that cross on that day. Let's take a closer look at the event in our preparation for Holy Week – coming soon.

A Day of Physical Suffering

Quite a bit had happened before Jesus had to carry His cross to Calvary. Jesus had gone without sleep, been flogged and beaten and was probably suffering from dehydration. Guards had beaten Jesus with their fists. He was flogged by the Roman soldiers. Some years ago Dr. William Edwards of the Mayo Clinic published a paper entitled: "On the Physical Death of Jesus Christ." Dr. Edwards stated the extent of blood loss suffered during the flogging would determine how long the victim would survive on the cross. A flogging usually resulted in deep lacerations that even reached the skeletal system. After the flogging of Jesus the Roman soldier threw a purple cloth on Jesus and ridiculed Him some more. After they ripped off this purple cloth they no doubt reopened the wounds Jesus had just sustained. Dr. Edwards surmised even before the actual crucifixion Jesus was at least in serious and perhaps in critical condition.

Matthew also tells us that Simon from Cyrene was forced to carry Jesus' cross ... no doubt because Jesus was unable to carry His own cross. When Jesus reached Calvary someone offered Him wine mixed with gall. This narcotic mix was supposed to nearly knock a person out. The Roman soldiers wanted this to happen because the person would put up less resistance when he was crucified. Tradition says wealthy Jewish women

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supplied this mix for all people who were to be crucified; they supplied this expensive narcotic because they didn't want the person to suffer pain. And what did our Savior do? He refused to drink this cup because He knew that He had to drink His Father's cup – the punishment of the sins of the world. Jesus was to feel every bit of His suffering.

Crucifixion was generally reserved for the worst of criminals so that other people would see what happened to people who disobeyed the Roman government. Victims were usually nailed to the cross with a heavy nail driven through the person's wrist; a nail through a wrist can hold a person's weight. Dr. Edward's report stated a nail driven through a wrist crushes the major nerves running to the hand and produces excruciating bolts of fiery pain in both arms. The worst part of crucifixion had to do with breathing. Exhaling would be incredibly painful because of the position of the body and the pull on the arms. When I was in high school our religion teacher demonstrated all of this to us students by allowing us to hang onto to a cross for as long as we could. We held on to leather straps that were fastened to a cross. We could also push up on a nail down by our feet – a nail that hurt our feet when we pushed up on it. Most of us could only hang on for a few minutes before our arms, shoulders and rib cage hurt too bad to continue. Dr. Edwards stated the cause of death of crucifixion victims was usually suffocation or hypovolemic shock.

A Day of Psychological Suffering

The Bible does not spend a lot of time talking about Jesus' physical suffering – probably because their original readers knew all about the horror of crucifixion, but also because there was another kind of suffering going on – psychological suffering. Jerusalem was bustling with activity because the Passover was to be celebrated the next day. All sorts of visitors were

streaming into Jerusalem as Jesus was being persecuted. Perhaps the Jewish leaders told them they had caught Jesus blaspheming the Heavenly Father and that they – God's chosen leaders – had seen to it that Jesus was put to death for it. The visitors simply shook their heads and joined in the ridicule.

The taunts of His enemies must have been especially painful to Jesus because they showed that the leaders had no idea why Jesus was here on this earth. They had everything wrong, everything backwards. They said, Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God! Instead they should have shouted, "Stay on the cross because You are the Son of God who is paying for our sins". They said, "He saved others but he can't save himself!" Instead they should have said, "He is saving other's by not saving Himself." They said, "Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him." They should have said, "If He stays on the cross we will believe in Him." They said, "Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" They should have said, "Since He is the Son of God His death will save us from our sins."

Seeing Jesus on the cross was no pretty sight; what He went through – even just the physical and psychological pain to say nothing of the spiritual pain – is unspeakable and causes us to shudder. Yet it's just as the hymn writer says in that popular Lenten hymn, "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded,"... "I joy to call Him mine." This is our Savior Jesus Christ – the One who came as a little baby for us, the One who took time to help the blind, deaf and hurting, the One who cared enough to get involved in our lives – on the cross. We joy to call Jesus ours because He did all this for us. The season of Lent is a time for us to pause to meditate on the suffering and death of Jesus. It is my prayer that our Lenten worship will help us to once again appreciate what Jesus did for us during holy week. God's blessings on our worship!

2016-17 REGISTRATION BEGINS

Registration runs from March 21 – 31, 2016. Applications and a \$500 per child registration should be turned into the school office. *The fee will be \$550 for applications turned in after March 31, 2016.* 2016/2017 Tuition will be established before March 21. The application fee is a deposit toward your family's tuition. *Note: Pre-K may register at any time.*

Freedom Isn't Free

Salvation is free – a gift to us from our Father in Heaven. Paul makes that point so clearly in Ephesians 2:8-9: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” We neither earned it nor deserved it. “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Free to us, yes, but salvation came at a cost, didn't it? The Apostle Peter tells us, “It was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed... but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect” (1 Peter 1:18-19). Jesus paid the price for our salvation. “He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed” (Isaiah 53:5).

JOIN US for a different kind of food fight!



During the month of March, our congregation is joining people of good will from across the state to help alleviate hunger. Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign is the largest food drive in the state, and congregations like ours are at the heart of the campaign.

We will be collecting both food and cash contributions throughout the month of March for our local food shelf, Neighbor's Inc. at both Crown of Life campuses.



Stewardship Thought

Who among us likes sacrifice? Do we not seek to please ourselves, to spare ourselves, to shield ourselves and those we love from pain or disappointment or failure? Unlike us, “Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things...Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him.” Peter loved his Lord; He didn't want Him to suffer. Our answer to the temptation to self-centeredness should echo Jesus' answer to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan...You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men” (Matthew 16:21-23).

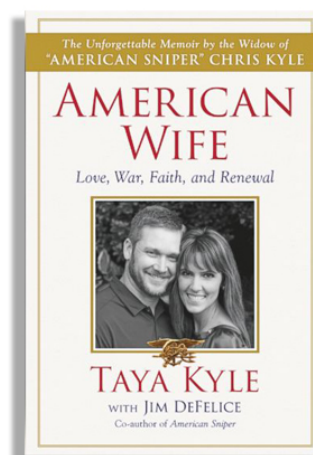
BOOK REVIEW

Taya Kyle's *American Wife*

Reviewed by April Ulrich

This book is the account of the private story of “American Sniper” Chris Kyle and his wife Taya. It's a compelling story spanning the years of their courtship, marriage, Chris' tours of duty in Iraq, the making of the movie “American Sniper” and finally his murder and the events that followed.

Taya writes with bold honesty and humor in an easily readable style. She skillfully weaves her Christian faith into the book as well. I found it to be a compelling read, touching and inspiring as she recounts living through unimaginable events, and yet emerging with grace, strength and new-found purpose. “American Wife” is also a loving tribute to Chris Kyle. I highly recommend it.



ASK THE PASTOR

Answered by Pastor Pudlo

Q In Revelations 2:10, what does it mean when it says “Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days.” Who do they mean and for how long....really 10 days?

A The Apostle John is giving the Christians during the first century a “heads up” of the kind of suffering they are going to face because of their faith. The devil worked through governments to persecute believers at that time, and many of them actually spent time in real prisons just because they were Christians.

John tells them, “you will suffer persecution for ten days.” He doesn’t mean a literal 10 days. In this book, 10 often represents the number of completeness. So what John is saying is that the Christians will complete the process of persecution. They will make it through the hard time. There will be a limit to how long they will suffer.

In 313, Emperor Constantine the Great made Christianity a legal religion. This can be seen as one of the literal fulfillments of John’s prophecy that the persecution of Christians will be 10 days, a.k.a. for a limited time.

Q What happens to stillborn babies? Do they go to heaven even if they haven’t been baptized or had a chance to believe in God?

A “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” (Mark 16:16) God tells us that baptism is important, but not necessary to go to heaven. Those who have faith go to heaven. In Luke 1:41 it says that John the Baptist leaped in the womb of Elizabeth. The Holy Spirit was working in John’s heart even before he was born. This is a reminder that faith is something babies and even unborn babies can have. We can have tremendous comfort from God knowing that stillborn babies can have faith. If that unborn baby was part of a family of believers, we can have the assurance that we will be reunited with them in heaven!

DO YOU HAVE A QUESTION?

Submit to: zacharypudlo@crownoflifemn.org

Senior Community Luncheon

Seniors got together on February 11th to celebrate the love of Christ. Beth, from Neighbor’s, Inc. told us more about her organization. A grant from Thrivent helped us to donate 110 pounds of goods. The generosity of the seniors gave \$153 for this cause. We are encouraged to give generously, especially during the March Food Drive.

We also had a speaker from OWLS (Organization of WELS Seniors). Retired professor John Paulson came from New Ulm to tell us about this group of caring Christians who are age 55 or better. Among other things, they help support the WELS Civilian Chaplaincy in Europe and the Nursing Home ministry. He also talked about some of the fun things local chapters do. Some of the seniors are interested in getting a chapter started here at COL so watch for more information about that.



We topped off the day with a great lunch. Thanks to all those who helped with set-up/clean up, serving, and transportation, as well as Beth Rupprecht for playing piano for us. We are still looking for someone (or more) to help with planning future lunches. Contact the church office if you are interested. Our next luncheon will be May 12th. Corelle Cady will tell us about Kingdom Workers in Asia.

Who better to tell you about the sixth grade than the students themselves! With that in mind, the students were asked to write about what they enjoyed in sixth grade, focusing on what made this year different. They came back with many great responses on a variety of the changes they've had since last year. Here is just a small sampling of what they wrote!

What I like about sixth grade is how we have lockers. It's sort of easier to find things in it (when it's clean). I also like the fish tank in the science classroom. It's fun to watch the fish swim. – R.

What I like about sixth grade is the cupcake party. I like that you get rewarded when you get your Accelerated Reader point goal. Only four people got their goal, but it was still really fun! We got cupcakes with a lot of toppings and we even had time for recess. – A.

What I like about sixth grade is how we get to go to different classrooms instead of staying in the same room all day. I also like how we have different teachers. – A.



What I like about sixth grade is technology. This year we get to use the computers a lot more. We get to use all the cool Google apps. This year we used Google Drawing to make an avatar of ourselves. – O.

What I like about sixth grade is art. I like the activities that we do. One activity is yarn painting. Yarn painting is where you need a lot of yarn, wood, and glue. You use different colored pieces of yarn and make pictures out of it. – K.

What I like about sixth grade is that when you're done with homework we can play games like chess, checkers, and play with potato heads. We get reading chairs when we're done with homework and read. – K.



Basketball Camp!

This year Crown of Life hosted its first basketball camp for the lower grades. The purpose was to education and coach our future Raiders on the fundamentals of the game so they are better equipped to play when they are in 5-8 grade. Here's some of the stats:

- Camp was hosted on four Saturday mornings
- Grades 1-2 went from 8-9 am
- Grades 3-4 went from 9-10 am
- 35 participants (1st - 8, 2nd - 7, 3rd - 12, 4th - 8)
- Skills learned: ball handling drills, triple threat, defense, boxing out, dribble moves, past and cut
- Worked in stations focusing on a specific skill that day and repping it
- In the last two Saturdays players were split and competed in a 3 on 3 game the last half of the session.
- Great energy and enthusiasm from the players!

REPORTS

TREASURER – Fiscal Year 7/1 to 6/16

January ended the fiscal year to date (FYTD) with \$781,630 in total income with expected budget income to be \$879,759 which was \$140,040 below budget. Expenses (FYTD) were \$878,706 which gave us a FYTD of a negative \$104,962. We owe \$89,654 to our savings account to keep our bills paid up to date. Clear the Path contributions as of 1/31/2016 totaled \$544,244 which was paid directly to reduce our loan balance down to \$955,000. Detailed treasurers' reports are on the bulletin boards at church. Direct questions to PerryAbel@gmail.com.

CARE COMMITTEE

During the month of February, the Care Committee provided meals to 7 families and individuals in our congregation. Two families celebrated the arrivals of babies, three experienced the loss of a love one and two individuals were recovering from surgery.

If you would like to be a part of this special ministry, please call Liz Oldfield at 651-455-4483 or make a contact via email at joldfield@usfamily.net.

DEATH – Irene Weber died 01-25-16, funeral with Pastor Kom on 01-29-16.

VISTING SHEPHERDS: Our Continued Program

Visiting Shepherds is an effort by our congregation to have members reach out, support, and encourage other members in their faith-life. It's still a work in progress but it has proven to be vitally important. Staying connected to Jesus and the Word is the one thing needful. (And a little help in that regard is always good!).

If you haven't been contacted by a Visiting Shepherd yet, or if you'd like to be a Visiting Shepherd yourself and support your brothers and sisters at Crown of Life, contact Pastor Kom or Lucas Boehm and we will plug you in.

Welcome New Members!



Peter and Gina Chan – Peter, Paul and Jacob Transferred from Christ Lutheran in Pewaukee, WI. Pete is an Engineering Quality senior director at Medtronic, Gina is a homemaker, Peter (junior) Paul (8th) attend St. Croix and Jacob (4th) attends COL.



Doug and Paula Gaedtk – Luke and Abby Gaedtk Transferred from Bloomington Lutheran. Doug works for NASCO, Paula works for Thomson Reuters, Luke (junior) at the University of Iowa, and Abby (freshman) at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.



Drew and Jill Kock – Jocelyn, Brita and Charlotte Transferred from Emanuel, New London, WI after Drew took a call to teach at St. Croix.

New Members not pictured – Glenda Stein
Rebecca Ludden – Abbey, Erik, Kory, Evan

March 2016

Tuesday, March 1

6:30pm Handbells rehearsal
7:00pm Evangelism
7:00pm Technology Team

Wednesday, March 2

4:00pm Worship WSP
5:15pm Light Supper-WSP
6:30pm Choir-WSP sing
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN
8:00pm Praise Band Reh

Thursday, March 3

2:30pm Southview Sr.
Living Service

Friday, March 4

Good Samaritan
8:15am Matins
6:30pm Pinocchio

Saturday, March 5

Math Quiz Bowl
Spelling Bee
1:00pm Pinocchio
5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 6

8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday
School WSP
10:30am Worship WSP

Monday, March 7

6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Mary/Martha - WSP
7:30pm Worship Committee

Tuesday, March 8

9:00am Mom's Time-EGN
6:30pm Education
6:30pm Properties
6:30pm Handbell rehearsal
7:00pm Stewardship

Wednesday, March 9

4:00pm Worship WSP
4:00pm PreK-1 Sing WSP
5:15pm Light Supper-WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN

Thursday, March 10

1:00pm Circle C - WSP
2:30pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30pm Pioneer Meeting WSP
7:00pm Elders

Friday, March 11

8:00am Matins & Muffins and Panera

Saturday, March 12

5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time Begins
8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday
School WSP
10:30am Worship WSP
1:00pm EGN-Piano Recital

Monday, March 14

6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Fellowship

Tuesday, March 15

7:00pm Council

Wednesday, March 16

4:00pm Worship WSP
5:15pm Light Supper-WSP
6:30pm Worship WSP
7:00pm Worship EGN

Thursday, March 17

2:30pm Southview Sr. Living Service
7:00pm Riverview Cemetery

Saturday, March 19

Egg Hunt WSP
8:30am Pioneer-District Pine Car
Derby
5:00pm Worship EGN

Sunday, March 20

8:00am Worship WSP
9:00am Worship EGN
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday
School WSP
10:30am Worship WSP

Monday, March 21

6:30pm Worship WSP

Tuesday, March 22

9:00am Mom's Time-EGN
6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal

Thursday, March 24

2:30pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30pm Choir-WSP sings

Friday, March 25

Good Friday
6:30pm Choir-WSP sings

Saturday, March 26

Egg Hunt WSP

Sunday, March 27

Easter Sunday
Pioneers Serving Easter Breakfast
8:00am Choir-WSP
8:00am Worship- WSP
9:00am Choir-EGN
9:00am Worship- EGN
9:15am Bible Study/Sunday
School WSP
10:30am Choir-WSP
10:30am Worship WSP

Monday, March 28

2:30pm Lilydale Sr. Living Service
7:00pm Youth & Adult Education

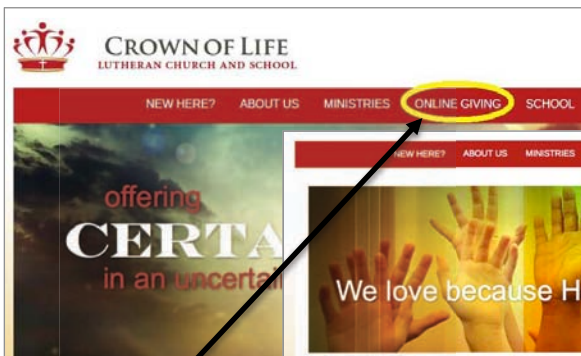
Wednesday, March 30

6:30pm Bible Class EGN
6:30pm Public School
Confirmation Class EGN

Thursday, March 31

2:30pm Southview Sr. Living Service
6:30pm Pioneer Meeting WSP

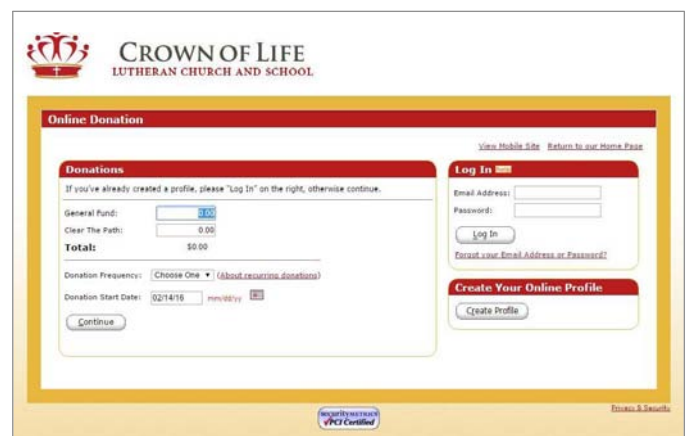
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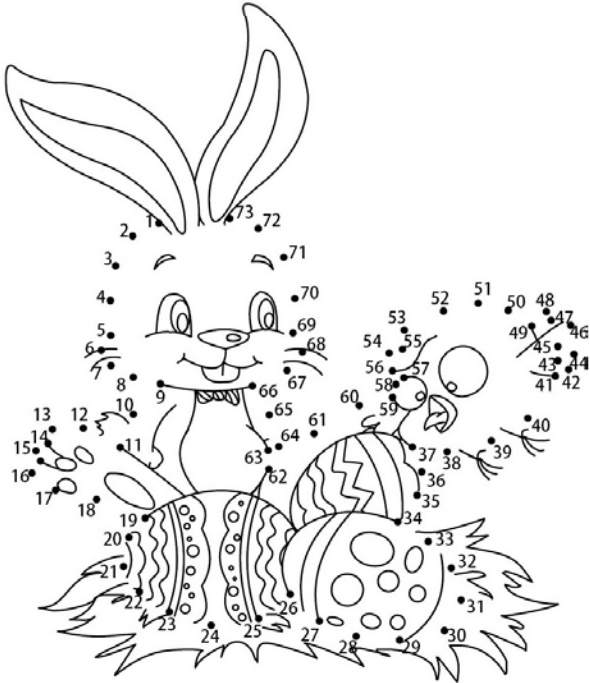
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You may donate to the General Fund or
Clear The Path Fund as seen above.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Joel Gerke | 6 Maggie Tuhy | 14 Kristina Gurgel | 21 Megan Diaz | 28 Jordan Johnson |
| Rachel Montgomery | 7 Trinity Belmares | Jeffrey Jensen | Emma Leitch | Michael Marzinske |
| Kathy Patton | Nancy Klocow | Bobbi Jo Lander | Daniel Lemmer | 29 John K. Franz |
| Nicholas Spott | 8 Colin Fischbach | Christopher McCall | Lorina Schaefer | Marion Franzmeier |
| Timothy Stettner | Robert Garcia | Pearl Wegwerth | 22 Jordan Fox | Sean R. Gras |
| Charles Wagenknecht | Olivia Nichols | 17 Gregory Bethke | Darlene Lucas | Debra Hunter |
| 2 Amber Neubauer | 9 Benjamin Bejblik | Rachelle Danner | Emma Ohm | Mike Koker |
| Jessica Rupprecht | Wyatt Koker | David Lemmer | 23 Joshua Gorsky | Alexander Yoder |
| Callie Waldhauser | 10 Jeremy Burkhart | Kaleb Wiplinger | Tyler Swiderski | 30 Tye Lander |
| Pat Weber | 11 Meghan Paul | 18 Jonathan Otterstatter | Evan Wilson | Kdee Lemmer |
| 3 Joyce Boche | John Schaefer | Alexis Simonett | 24 Nicholas Kapanke | Allyse Schletty |
| Michelle Enger | 12 Katy Narog | 19 Seth Beebe | Todd Olson | Jan Tako |
| Brad Fuoss | Dave Rupprecht | Adrienne Brittain | 26 Steven Boche | |
| 4 James Boyer | Andrew Voigt | Olivia Footh | Audrey Brittain | |
| Meagan Gustafson | Katherine Voigt | Marie Holen | Matthew Fetzer | |
| Ky Heak | Jonathan Wandersee | Darrell Isebrand | Maija Mullins | |
| 5 Audrey Adelman | 13 Lorelai Beebe | 20 Elizabeth Duff | Marley Mullins | |
| Meredith Carlson | Michael Frederick | Rachelle Johnston | Nicole Paul | |
| Donna Harley | Marggy Hei | Bobby Marrier | 27 Stanley Bougie | |
| Hunter Johnston | Jordan Myhre | Vincent Rider | David Danner | |
| Keith Neubauer | Bethany Otterstatter | | Malachi Hulse | |
| Diane Wenker | | | | |

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QUOTE FALL

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WORD SCRAMBLE

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Answer to February Quote Fall: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

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Please direct ideas, questions or comments about this issue to ZacharyPudlo@crownoflifemn.org



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