



# Rainbow Notes

## Jesus Loves Me

Anna Warner and her sister, Susan, grew up near West Point Military Academy, where they became known for leading Sunday School services for the young men there. After the death of their father, a New York lawyer, the sisters supported themselves with their various literary endeavors. Susan became known as a best-selling novelist. Anna also wrote novels and published two collections of poems. She wrote this simple hymn in 1860 to be included in one of her sister's novels.

"Jesus Loves Me" is a Christian hymn set to words by Anna Bartlett Warner. The lyrics first appeared as a poem in the context of a novel called *Say and Seal*,

written by Susan Warner and published in 1860, in which the words were spoken as a comforting poem to a dying child. The tune was added in 1862 by William Batchelder Bradbury who found the text of "Jesus Loves Me" in that book. Today millions of voices around the world sing these words: "Yes, Jesus loves me!" Once, when asked to summarize the essential truths of the Christian faith, the great Swiss theologian Karl Barth gave his simple answer: "Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. " This profound yet simple truth is certainly worth singing about!

Along with his tune, Bradbury added his own chorus "Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus Loves me..." After



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publication the song became one of the most popular Christian hymns in churches around the world.

*For God so loved the world, the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should perish but have everlasting life.*

*For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world through him might be saved.*  
**John 3:16-17, KJV**

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CROP Hunger Walks are community-wide events sponsored by [Church World Service](#) and organized by local congregations or groups to raise funds to end hunger at home and around the world. With its inception in 1969, CROP Hunger Walks are "viewed by many as the granddaddy of charity walks." On October 17, 1969, a thousand people in Bismarck, ND, walked in what may have been the first-ever CROP Hunger Walk – and raised \$25,000 to help stop hunger. Several other CROP Hunger Walks occurred soon thereafter, and before long there were hundreds of Walks each year in communities nationwide. Currently, well over 2,000 communities across the U.S. join in more than 1,600 CROP Hunger Walks each year.



## HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Worship: Sunday 10:30 Sunday School 10:45

I watched the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington the other day and began to correlate it with the Gospel and the way that Jesus acted within his time. Both were times of turmoil yet ripe with opportunity for change, if people accepted that change.

I wonder if there is a greater reproof in the Bible. When asked, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" the leaders kept silent.

To stand silent when the power to heal is within reach; that is sin. They knew Jesus could heal, that wasn't the question. The question was whether he would heal on the Sabbath! They stay silent waiting to catch him when all they had to do was say, "Please, heal the poor man!"

We have witnessed those who have not remained silent. Who would have thought that relatively powerless persons could bring shifts in history? Gandhi, an unsuccessful lawyer, adapted the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount and the writings of Tolstoy and became the key to bringing independence to India, because he was ready.

Rosa Parks, in refusing to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery, sparked the beginning of the civil rights movement of the '50s and '60s. She was a rather inauspicious person to take such a critical action, but she was ready.

Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. He was released to bring a shift in the politics of South Africa at a critical juncture when many thought either that change would never come or if it did, it would be accompanied by a vast bloodbath. The transition to a more just society came relatively peacefully under his leadership after he was unexpectedly released from prison. Prison had prepared him, made him ready.

It is not that we have to be like these people, they have done their work. What is asked of us is not to be like them but to be what God has created in us and to speak when the time is right. We have the ability to empty our jails of criminals, our shelters of the abused, our rest homes of the lonely and our streets of hopelessness. Our world could beat hunger, fight AIDS, educate its masses and so much more; if only we would speak. Too many are silent, too many are critics. We are invited to be the laborers in the harvest. It will happen when we respond and say, "Here am I send me."

Pastor Houck

## Hope's Happenings

Faribault's Christian Women's Connection will hold a luncheon at noon on Tuesday at the Faribault Moose Lodge, 1810 Fourth St. NW. The special feature will be Dave Flair, owner of Flair Furniture, and speaker will be Sandie Heinsch-Waters. The Group is open to all women and no membership or dues are required. Call 334-7481 for reservations to the luncheon.

*The mission of Stonecroft Ministries is to impact women and their communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ..*



UMW will meet at Connie Tuin's at 2601 Woodland Drive on September 7, 2013 at 9:30. The men will meet for a work morning at the church at 9:30.

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- "Rice County Food Shelf**
- "Food of the Month"**
- September**-Mashed Potato Flakes
- October**-Canned fruit and fruit juice
- November**-Canned Vegetables
- December**-Rice
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### **Gathering of the Churches**

4th Avenue will host the 2nd annual Gathering of the Churches. Please join us on September 15, 2013 at Hope UMC for a combined Worship Service at 10:00 am. United Methodist Churches from Kenyon, Nerstrand, Prarieville, 4th Avenue, and St John's UCC will attend. Bishop-Bruce Ough will also worship with us. A Hog Roast picnic will follow. Please bring a dish to pass. Buns, condiments, beverage, and tableware will be provided.

### **Faribault's 23rd annual CROP Walk**

Faribault's 23rd annual CROP Walk will be held on Saturday, October 5. Registration will be at 8:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior and the WALK will start at 9:00. Walker envelopes are available at church; and for those who have questions or would like to sponsor walkers, please call Mary & Mel Sanborn at 334-6541.



*"And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Will he not first sit down and estimate the cost to see if he has enough money to complete it? For if he lays the foundation and is not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.'" Luke 14: 27-30 (NIV)*

## **Hope Church Council Meeting from July 3rd, 2013; 7PM**

**Present:** Donna Smith, Harold & Carole Schneider, Pastor Dana Houck, Judy Lee, Carolyn Hanson, Carol White, Bev Witt

**Acceptance of Minutes:** Carole Schneider made a motion to accept the minutes from May 1st, 2013. Donna Smith seconded. Motion carried.

**Finance Report:** reports by Donna Smith and Carol White

Hope Church Checking Account Balance is \$2,905.28. \$3,695.00 due to be paid on the mortgage yet. Opportunity Fund has gone up this year so far.

Apportionments will be \$7,706.00 for 2014.

Building Loan at \$73,978.04. Loan down by \$16,223.06 in saved interest and FOCUS Dollars. Seeds has gifted \$3,025.00 to date.

Harold Schneider made a motion to accept. Judy Lee seconded. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** Things are going well. No Bible Study during the summer months.

Ideas to do for the summer are Chanhassen Dinner Theater – Joseph and the Technicolor Dream Coat. Plays until the middle of September. Could do matinee with pizza after or dinner. Try to set up for August. Carolyn Hanson will talk to the kids about attending. Dinner is always a good experience.

**Seeds of Hope Report:** report by Judy Lee There have been some parent concerns. In the future Judy will give the Pastor a heads up. Bank Balance \$9,277.24. Enrollment is stable. Baby room is busy.

Licensing coming in July or August. Judy was asked to consider getting rid of some stuff. Some members would like to see the partitions pushed up closer to the wall. Would like to see the tractor and trailer gone also. Judy will look into this. Hired help has changed. See handout.

**Old Business:** Carol check to see if materials are in the garage for the roof ridge row. Carolyn will ask Dave if he knows anything about materials. Hope Church received a check from Church Mutual Insurance for the amount of \$7,711.58 for claims made from water damage.

Flom Septic & Drain say it is still too wet to finish work needed to do on landscaping. The pump has been replaced and the electrical work has been done. Kirk Flom told us we shouldn't place any trees or flowers on the septic mound. Carolyn will have Dave talk to him to see what his time line may be to finish work.

It cost over \$400.00 to have IFS come look at the alarm system. It has been working since, but too expensive to have them come again. Found out that Kevin Voracek will come in the future for free.

Copier update – we own the old one. Mel will put an ad in the paper to sell it. Suggested we could give it to some charity. Carolyn will put in the Bulletin and Newsletter.

Annual Church Picnic – Pastor Dana will talk to Pastor Temple. Six churches will be attending. The Bishop will be attending also.

Light in the men's room not working again. There is an old light in the garage we may be able to use for parts. Carol will get the Men's Group to look at this.

The insulation on the furnace pipe in the pantry has been insulated and covered with a wood partition.

Twins Game – Carolyn will get tickets tonight for the 26th.

Would like to have a Family Movie Night in July. The last Friday night of July. Could be just treats or could be a pot luck. Carolyn would like help getting this together.

Friday Night at Vikings Game. If there is any interest there is a discount. Carolyn will call and get the information for this.

August 3rd Mel & Mary want to use the church for a gathering.

Garden – Heather is to be setting up a way to water the entire garden. Josh will weed whip. Garden is going okay. Community Garden in town is looking for space. Extra vegetables from the garden went to the Food Shelf last year. There are concerns about the stuff setting around the garden area. It makes it very difficult for the men to mow the yard.

**New Business :** Salad Luncheon – advertising needs to be done several times in FDN and to all the churches. Rose is the Chairperson.

Any ideas what direction the church should go?

Need to get bids and/or information for a different dishwasher.

**Adjournment:** Harold Schneider made a motion to adjourn. Carolyn seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,  
Carol White  
Secretary

| <u>Cash Flow</u> | <u>IN</u>   | <u>OUT</u>  | <u>Overall Total</u> |
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| <b>May</b>       | \$8,862.93  | \$10,057.29 | - \$1,194.36         |
| <b>June</b>      | \$11,260.   | \$8,529.16  | +\$2,731.34          |
| <b>July</b>      | \$17,540.76 | \$20,158.46 | -\$2,617.70          |

## Kid's Page

**Sunday, September 8, 2013 at 10:45 begins of our Sunday School Year.!**  
**We have a great line-up of teachers and material that will follow the lectionary. If you are interested in helping in any way please see Nancy De-Coux. We look forward to seeing you there.**



## Kids Devotional

Luke 14:11 (NIV)

This morning I have some balloons with me. A balloon is a simple toy, but it brings a lot of pleasure to people of all ages. There are so many things you can do with a balloon. You can use balloons for decorations at a party or you can bat them around in the air like a ball. If you have a long, skinny balloon, you can even make it into the shape of different animals. Yes, a balloon can bring a lot of happiness, but it can bring sadness and disappointment too. Haven't you ever seen a small child cry when his balloon bursts?

You and I are sometimes like a balloon. We sometimes get all puffed up with our own importance. (Start blowing up the balloon) We think we are great and we expect everyone else to think so too. (Blow) Maybe it is because we are so good looking, (Blow) or maybe it is because we are so smart. (Blow) Maybe we are really good in sports, (Blow) or perhaps we are the best singer in the choir. (Blow) Sooner or later, if we keep getting puffed up with our own importance, something will happen to burst our balloon. (prick the balloon)

Jesus warned us that this would happen. The Bible teaches us that if we are too proud and think too highly of ourselves, we are headed for a fall. On the other hand, if we are humble, and realize that it is through God's strength that we are able to do great things, we will be given a place of honor in the kingdom of God.

From now on, when you see a balloon, I hope it will remind you that we should not become too puffed up with our own importance -- or something may come along and burst our balloon!

Jesus, help us to be humble. Remind us that whatever abilities we have are a gift from you and that you are the one who deserves the praise! Amen





Happy are those people who are fair, who do what is right at all times.

Psalm 106:3

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When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.'

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are."

1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?"

2) How many seconds are in a year?

3) What is God's first name?

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow."

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"