



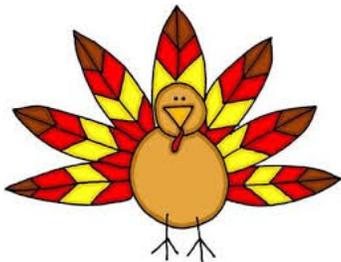
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FROM THE PASTOR'S KEYBOARD

Ever since Dodgson told us about Alice's adventures in Wonderland, a "rabbit hole" has been seen as a place of confusion, with strange twists and turns. Anyone who goes down the rabbit hole risks seeing things not as they are, but as others wish them to appear. As Christians, we are regularly faced with a variety of rabbit holes. What is Thanksgiving all about? Is it the launch of the shopping season, with a 3-inch thick newspaper filled with ads for items soon to be in thrift stores? (Seriously, would you ever buy a Chia Pet™® for yourself?) "Tomorrow may be the best day to get your best deal on a new truck!" Didn't they say the same thing about Labor Day, Memorial Day, Valentine's Day, etc.? Perhaps as Black Friday creeps into black Thursday and black Monday and more than a month of "Black" ads, we should keep our eyes on God, with thanks for His blessings and comfort through the trials of this life, and eternal joy in the life to come.

But other rabbit holes are of our own making. Some Christians say that the Greek word for "sin" is actually a word that means to miss the mark, as with a spear or arrow. This helps us to understand that sin isn't necessarily some evil deed or thought on our part, but anytime we fail to achieve God's perfect standard, a standard that only Jesus met. But other Christians argue (Christians argue? I know, I'm surprised too!) that "miss the mark" was an outdated use even by the time the books which became the New Testament were written, and that it dilutes the full importance of violating God's commandments. Others point out that the New Testament alone contains 10 different words in 33 forms that mean some type of what I will call

"error." Believe it or not, there is good news at the end of all this. We need not choose to go down any rabbit holes. Remember that God knows our hearts. If you, in faith and prayer, believe something to be a sin, then in your heart it is. Avoid it! Saying (wink wink) "I didn't think it was a sin." doesn't work, for the same reason- God knows our hearts. And there's more good news: When (yes, sadly it's "when," not "I") we do sin, by whatever definition you choose, Jesus' love and sacrifice for us ensures that we will "hit the mark," and we can leave chasing rabbits (with or without watches) to those with more spare time than we seem to have.

God bless you

- Pastor Keith

BIBLES TO SHARE

We have good news! And the other 23 books as well. Huh? Remember that “gospel” means “good news” and the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John contain the good news of the arrival of our savior, and His lessons and sacrifice which give the promise of eternal life to all who believe in Him.

Now you can more easily share that good news with others. We have copies of the New Testament (NIV translation) that you may take to share with (give away to) family members, friends, or anyone you meet that you think would be willing to read the word of God. Note that these are just the New Testament, not the whole Bible. The idea is that people, especially new or prospective Christians, benefit more initially from reading about Jesus, the early Church, and how we are to live in faith, than reading about who begat whom, and how many archers were in the tribe of Dan.

As with buffet meals, take all you want, but use all you take. These are not intended to add a place to keep your dust collection (or am I the only one who has a prized dust collection?) or to help weigh your bookcase down so that it won't float away. These are to be shared with others, discussed, used to bring people closer to Christ, no matter how near or far they are from Him right now. And if the Holy Spirit inspires people to eagerly request all the copies we have, since we are blessed to live in a country where we can worship without fear, we can get more copies

-Pastor Keith

NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

NIV
HOLY
BIBLE

NEW TESTAMENT



**Join us on
November 19th
for the
“Hanging of the Greens”
at Estancia UMC!**



Immediately following our 9 am Worship Service

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Meagan helping with offering



Landon leading King Kids prayer



Rev. Terry Ann Blessing Sacraments



EUMC Halloween, 2017







Haunted House





**Fire Truck arrived... A haunted house fog machine next to a smoke detector...
What could possibly go wrong??**

November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 TRUNK or TREAT	1	2	3	4
5 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	13	14	15	16	17	18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
19 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM HANGING OF THE GREENS	20	21	22	23  THANKSGIVING	24	25
26 Worship 9:00 AM Mtair 11:00 AM	27	28	29	30		



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PROMISES TO HELP YOU FIND JOY IN YOUR WORK

In all the work you are doing, work the best you can. Work as if you were doing it for the Lord, not for people.

Colossians 5:25

I can do all things through Christ, because he gives me strength.

Philippians 4:15

Those who work hard make a profit, but those who only talk will be poor.

Proverbs 14:25

The Lord gives strength to his people;
The Lord blesses his people with peace.

Psalms 29:11

From:

Joy for the Journey

Elisabeth Elliot

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