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Heart to head



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Proverbs 18:10 NKJV “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.”

Jake Hamilton’s song “The Anthem” declares, “I am royalty! I have destiny! I have been set free! I’m gonna shake history! I’m gonna change the world!” Most of us believe the first three declarations but stop there! There’s a heart-mind disconnect! Your heart says,”That’s me! Go! Go! Go!” But your head says, “Who do you think you are? No! No! No!” Your heart yearns for the things of God and to do the things of God. Your heart has you run toward the things of God. Your emotions often have you running away from the things of God.

You get an opportunity to step out to pray for someone, but your head says, “I don’t want to fail. I don’t want to let people down. I’m going to look foolish. I’m afraid. What if I make a mistake?” Do you recognize any of these thoughts? Is that thought from God? Is that thought me agreeing with my emotions? Or is it the ene-

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Swan song of love



MIKE CURRIER

HALLELUJAH
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In the kingdom of swans on a quiet pond of a small lake, the head drake, a “cob,” rules the flock. Usually a cob is not known to be very melodic, but when death is approaching or near, he sings the most beautiful swan song known in the kingdom, thus his most beautiful saved for the last. Today is my swan song, although I’m not sure if it is going to be my most beautiful accomplishment.

At the time I wrote my first column for the Bulletin Press, on April 2, 2021, I would not have guessed I would last over four years. At the time I was not poor of vision, but three years ago I was declared neurologically blind. Last week I was declared blind. I have no functional vision in my left eye and my right eye is 60% gone, to the point my 40-inch computer monitor right in front of me does almost no good. I knew it was coming, but did not know when, and I knew I wasn’t going to like it. Early on, I learned to read and write Braille, while it was easier to see the dots to learn them. It wasn’t nearly as hard as I thought it would be, but everything is hard before it gets to be easy, huh?

I want to end on my favorite topic — love, yes, love is a many splendored thing. Hey, that’d make a nice title for a song, wouldn’t it? Love is under-rated and over-used.

The Biblical equivalents of love are agape — God’s love for his children and the reciprocal; philaeo — our love for our brother man; and eros — a love of a spouse. Do you like your job or love your job, and all the degrees in between? Do you have a passion for fishing or just have a bent for it? Are you infatuated with your college football team, or are you merely enamored with it? Is your son smitten with that cute cheerleader, but she is only fond of him? Other similarities with the word love can be benevolence, charity, adulation, endearment, cherish and “carry a torch for”

We say silly things about love, such as we “fall

my, the lying spirit, accusing spirit, spirit of oppression? Tell that spirit to talk to the Lord and quit fussing with you! Constantly be on the alert for Satan’s schemes to keep you from fulfilling your destiny. Be diligent to remove him from your thoughts. That’s a big part of putting every hindrance aside and being set free to do! Doing what God asks you to do is not about trusting yourself. It’s about trusting the Lord. Just step out, trusting Him as you practice!

In today’s scripture, why was the Lord’s name compared to a strong tower? The people would run into the tower and climb to the top. The enemy would try to break down the door, not knowing there was a boulder up on top of the tower on a ledge. The people would push the boulder off the top ledge and squash the enemy right at their front door!

So when you go to pray for someone and fear or doubt come in as you extend your arm forward to lay hands on the person, picture yourself on top of the High Tower of the Lord. Envision yourself pushing the boulder off the ledge onto the enemy’s head, silencing his thoughts as you squash him like a bug!

in love.” I’m never going to do that again. Falling is too easy. Falling is an accident, as if you had no control over it. Is it preventable? When you fall, you go down, it hurts, there’s often an injury and it’s hard to get back up. People feel sorry for you. Why would you want to “fall” in love? Wouldn’t it be better to grow in love? It starts with a small, tiny seed that’s planted in fertile ground. It is fed and nurtured, provided with warm sunlight, sprouts, grows slowly, buds out and often blossoms into a beautiful flower of joy, and develops a fruit that is beneficial and delightful to many.

I love the Bulletin Press newspaper and its producers and readers — the philaeo type.

I’ll leave you with the best funny thing I’ve heard in years, thanks to Lonnie Hansen of Peterson, Iowa.

THERE ARE ONLY TWO THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT

Either you’re healthy or you’re sick.

If you’re healthy, there’s nothing to worry about.

But if you’re sick, there are two things to worry about.

Either you’ll get better, or you’ll get worse.

If you get better, there’s nothing more to worry about.

If you get worse, there’ll be two more things to worry about.

Either you’ll go to the doctor or go to the hospital.

If you go to the doctor, there’s nothing more to worry about.

If you go to the hospital, they’ll be two more things to worry about.

Either you’ll get better, or you’ll die.

If you get better, there’s nothing more to worry about.

If you die, there are two more things to worry about.

Either you’ll go to heaven or go to hell.

If you go to heaven, there’s nothing more to worry about.

If you go to hell, there are two more things to worry about.

Original or extra crispy.

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Time to find



GRANT MANGOLD

GOD'S WORD
MINISTRIES

Remember the parable of the good shepherd? Jesus talks about this in Luke 15 as He responds to religious leaders who grumbled against Him about the sinners coming to Him. In verses 3-5 He says, “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the 99 in the open country, and go after the one

that is lost, until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.”

SHEPHERD

As the One who has come to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10), Jesus fulfills the Old Testament pictures of Isaiah 40:11 and Ezekiel 34, as God Himself is the saving shepherd of His people, a powerful word-picture not lost on many of His hearers that day. Scholars among them also probably thought of Ezekiel 39, which describes the holy robes laid on the shoulders of Aaron the high priest. These robes had “stones of remembrance” set on the shoulders of the ephod garment, which were the names of the sons of Israel.

TO SAVE

This was yet another reminder to the failure of grumbling religious leaders. Unlike Jesus, they were not seeking and saving the lost remnant of God’s flock. Instead, they were self-righteously earning the judgment that Jesus warned was coming upon their generation. But the Good Shepherd seeks and saves His lost sheep, carrying them on His shoulders, rejoicing. Jesus continues: “And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’”

LOST SHEEP

Being saved is not just something between you and Jesus. Salvation involves the whole flock, the community of saints. The Bible gives no idea of a lone ranger Christian, a lone sheep who just walks with Jesus in his own way. Rather, the whole community of the redeemed will rejoice over the lost sheep which has been found and returned to the fold. Jesus continues, “Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who need no repentance.” God’s joy! But

these self-righteous grumbling leaders who think they don’t need to repent, in their hypocrisy they cannot even rejoice that sinners have come to repentance and follow the Good Shepherd.

LOST COIN

Jesus continues parable-telling in verses 8-10: “Or what woman, having 10 silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” It’s the same lesson.

This 10% of her assets was a day’s wage. It would take a long time to save this. Houses rarely had windows, so a lamp was necessary. Because of straw on the dirt or stone floor, sweeping was necessary. She undertakes diligent effort to find her valuable item.

THE LIGHT

Jesus is the light of the world in John 1:8,12, “I have come into the world as light, so that whoever believes in Me may not remain in darkness.” He spoke about lamps and light in Luke 8 and 11. Jesus’ grumbling critics would get the parable’s point. “Israel should have been a light to the world, but failed, just as its leaders failed,” notes Joel McDurmon. “So Jesus, the true Israel, comes with Light shining bright to seek and to save.”

THE LOST

These parables aren’t about sheep and coins, but about how God cares about lost people. That’s why sinners are coming to Jesus, because God calls them. Rabbis taught that God would receive repentant sinners, but they didn’t teach that God was seeking them. In these parables Jesus emphasizes God’s effort for sinners. He sends light for them, and draws them in for salvation through Jesus Christ. Because there is no other way!

THE WAY

Grumbling self-righteous leaders don’t think they need to repent. But Jesus said, “The time is fulfilled, the kingdom of heaven is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel” (Mk 1:15). “I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance” (Mt 9, Mk 2, Lk 5). Turn from sin to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. He seeks you, and He saves you. He gives new spiritual life to sinners dead in sin, then we live it out — all by His power within!

LEGAL

SIoux RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING JULY 09, 2025.

The regular meeting of the Sioux Rapids City Council was called to order by Jim Wise on Wednesday, July 09, 2025, at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Jim Wise, Lacy Garberding, Mike Gunderson, and Mike Katschman., Joel McCoy and Todd Reiling were absent. Amanda Caraway, Andrew Wetrich and other community members were also in attendance. Randy Koenig showed up late at 6:45.

A motion was made by Katschman, seconded by Gunderson, to approve the agenda. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Garberding seconded by Katschman to approve the consent agenda, which included minutes from June 18, 2025 meeting, accounts payable report, and the financial reports from the month of June, along with the IPAIT statements, and BV County Sheriff's Report. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT-JUNE 2025

Alliant Energy-Utilities-\$5,409.45: Brad’s Service Inc-Tires-\$120.00: Harold Rowley Recycle Cen-May Invoices-\$4,114.59: Ipers-Ipers Regular-\$2,459.60: Iowa Lakes Electric Coop-Utilities-\$1,932.00: Iowa Lakes Regional Water-Utility-\$54.59: Iowa League Of Cities-Fy 2026 Dues-\$837.00: Menards-Chairs For Swimming Pool- \$281.89: Sioux Food Center-Swimming Pool Concessions-\$1,382.37: Sioux Lumber-May 2025 Invoices-\$150.07: Sioux Rapids Fire Protect-Fire Protection Service Fee- \$22,938.99: The Daily Reporter-Legals-\$834.14: Town & Country Disposal-Trash & Recycling Contract-\$6,237.72: Treasurer State Of Iowa-May 2025 Utility Sales Tax-\$1,320.92: United States Post Office-July 2025 Utility Billing-\$195.92: Eftps-Fed/Fica Tax-\$4,688.60: Bomgaars-Swimming Pool Supplies-\$128.59: Jel Solutions - Janitor’s-Towels & Trash Bags-\$201.79: Demco-Labels-\$66.01: Wellmark Blue Cross Blue-Healthcare - July-\$1,603.15: Diamond Vogel-Paint For Swimming Pool-\$296.94: Evertex, Inc.-Library Internet & Phone-\$57.48: Usa Bluebook-Dpd 4 & Free-\$510.19:Hawkins Inc-Chemicals For Waste Water-\$1,019.01 :Randy Koenig- Boots-\$311.06:Jim Wise-Coke For

Swimming Pool Machine-\$237.21:Oriental Trading Company-Program Materials-\$176.07: Mack,Hansen,Gadd,Armstrong-Legal Services-\$800.00: Treasurer, Excise Tax-May 2025 Excise Tax-\$968.63: Andrew Wetrich-Polos And Boots-\$238.01: Baker & Taylor-Books-\$82.22: Foundation Analytical Lab-Testing-\$686.50: Amanda Caraway-Meals & Mileage To Clerkschool-\$335.77: Anp-It Help-\$84.00: Seh-Usda Grant Well #4-58,780.00: Ag State-Fuel For Street Department-\$315.29: Gfc Leasing-Copier Contract 7/5/25-8/4/25-\$210.62: The Laurens House Of Prin-Blue Laser Checks-\$139.20: Courtney Morales- Supplies For Swimming Pool-\$90.85: Elan-Float+ & Lifeguard Gear-\$1,382.50: Trionfo Benefits, Llc-Std, Ad & D, Life Insurance-\$102.91: Veenstra & Kim Inc-Ferna Administration Work -Fld-\$4,549.50: Berg-Johnson Associates-Flow Meter-\$595.00: Swank-Movie License-\$475.00: Corporate Warehousing & Wood For Deck & Council Table-\$600.00:Payroll Checks-Total Payroll Checks-\$19,723.36: -Claims Total-\$97,724.71: -General Fund-\$47,186.61: -Road Use Fund-\$3,754.67: - Employee Benefits Fund-S51031: -Fema-Flood 2024 Fund-\$5,744.50: -Water Fund-\$9,192.68: -Usda Grant Water Well Fund-\$8,780.00: -Sewer Fund- \$10,025.29: -Garbage Fund-\$12,515.11: -Storm Water Fund-\$15.54

JUNE 2025 RECEIPTS

General-\$40,572.26: Road Use-\$11,698.08: Employee Benefits-\$444.75: Local Option Sales Tax-\$8,035.64: Debt Service-\$431.77: Water-\$26,804.55:WaterMeter- \$1.54: Sewer-\$17,255.71: Garbage-\$13,953.61: Storm Water-\$1,833.58: Report Total-\$121,031.49

Ginny Smith came to verify the camping accommodations for the Civil War Reenactment crew. And the City Council went over some of the other accommodations for Tall Corn Days.

Jim Wise went over some of the quotes that he had for coolers and freezers that needed to be replaced from the flood and City Council agreed on which one to put on order to try and get them here before Tall Corn Days.

Sioux Rapids City Council also discussed the fact that they are still wanting a quote to help fix the leak for the pool, they are expecting it to come in around \$12,000 ish. They

may investigate starting up the Pool Board again in the future, at least this was a topic of discussion.

Katschman moved to approve the amended Liquor License for Wagon Wheel Bar & Grill for Outside Services, it was seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

There were no bids submitted for the plots at 100 and 102 Main Street, so there was nothing to open up. Katschman moved to Amend Resolution No. 906 to extend the bid submittal date to August 13, 2025. It was seconded by Gunderson. Roll being called: Ayes: Garberding, Gunderson, Katschman. Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion passed.

Gunderson moved to approve payment to Harold Rowley Recycling Center in the amount of \$6,358.00, for 1st quarter Annual Operation Assessment it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

Gunderson moved to approve payment to Veenstra & Kimm Inc in the amount of \$7,609.00 for FEMA administration work - Flood, it was seconded by Garberding. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion earned.

Katschman moved to approve payment to Hawk -1 Electric, Inc in the amount of \$9,357.15 for the Shelter house repair - Flood, seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

Garberding moved to approve payment to Hawkins Inc for \$1,347.68 for chemicals for the swimming pool, it was seconded by Katschman Ayes: all; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling. Motion carried.

The next regular city council meeting has been arranged for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 6:30 pm at City Hall, 100 Front Street.

Garberding made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gunderson. Ayes: All; Nays: none. Absent: McCoy and Reiling.

Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Attest: Amanda Caraway, City Clerk /s/ Jim Wise, Mayor #237

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PETERSON FIRE DAYS

Friday, August 1st

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Registration for -Fire in The Hole -Urban Golf (Call 712-334-0305 for info)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Hot dogs and beef wrap meal at Community Center (Tuesday Club)
- Beer Garden Open @ Tent on Main Street

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Street Dance A Moments Sunshine! (Country Band)

9:00 pm Kids Movie in the park with pop and popcorn (Kirchner Park)

Saturday, August 2nd

7:00 am • 5k Run (call 515-291-3793 for info Sioux Central Cross Country)

8:00 am - 5:00 pm • City Wide Garage Sales (call 605-920-0568 for info)

9:00 am • Pedal Pull on Main street (Sponsored by State Bank) (712-260-4348 for info)
• Softball Tournament (Call 712-334-0648 for info.)

9:00 am - 11:00am • Coffee and Donuts at Boarding House (Peterson Heritage)

10:00 am - 5:00 pm • Ceramics painting with Deb Shanley of D and L Ceramics (@ Shelter House)

11:00 am • Parade (Line up at 10:00 on Front Street 712-363-1584)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Baked Potato meal @ community center by American Legion

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Kids Carnival @ Kirchner Park (Face painting, balloons, bubbles, tattoos)

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm • Swimming pool open and hosting games

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm • Bingo @ tent on main - (Sponsored by Wetherell Sand and Gravel)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm • Car Show (Main Street w/door prizes. Call 712-870-1392 for info)
• Heritage Museums (maps available at Machinery museum for Heritage sites)

3:00 pm -12:00 am • Beer Garden Open (Tent on Main Street)

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Corn Hole Tournament @ Main Street (Register at 3pm. \$20/person, 80% payback.)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm • Pulled Pork BBQ with Cowboy Beans (Tent on Main Street)

8:00 pm -12:00 am • The Rude Band (Street Dance Tent on Main Street)

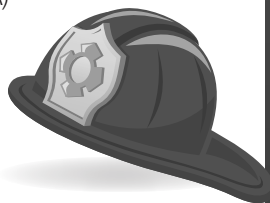
Sunday, August 3rd

10:00 am • Church service (Tent on Main street)

11:00 am - 1:00 pm • Pork Loin Sandwich meal (by 4H Rabbit Wranglers)

12:30 pm • Fireman's Badge Installation Ceremony

1:00 pm • Pie Auction (Community Center -Call: 712-390-0262 to donate!)



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