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Lauvers Mennonite Church Newsletter

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Come Join Us!

Sunday School @ 9:00 a.m.

Church Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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“Jesus Loves Me”

"Jesus loves me, this I know for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, we are weak but He is strong.
Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,
Yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so!"

A song with such a simply message and yet such a profound message. A song that many of us learned as a young child. A song that is true for young and old alike.

Years ago, a large Atlanta church had asked a retired 92 year old minister to preach from its pulpit. There was a warm welcome as he was introduced, and as the applause quieted down, the old man rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort, to the podium.

Without a note or written paper of any kind, he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak.

"When I was asked to come here **today** and talk to you, your preacher asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson I ever learned in my 50 odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak, pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me. The only thing that would comfort was this verse:

"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong. We are weak but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me... The Bible tells me so."

When he finished, the church was so quiet you actually could hear his footsteps as he shuffled back to his chair.

How very true it is that Jesus does truly love and care deeply about each one of us. The Bible is full of verses that show and tell us that God loves us.

Yes, even in the difficult times of our lives Jesus loves us. John 3:16 *"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever should believe in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

God loved me so much that He sent His only son to die so that I could have everlasting life.

If you have never experienced Christ's love or if you are struggling with difficult circumstances in your life we would love to pray with you so that you may feel the LOVE that Christ so desires for you to experience.

God bless you as you live in the Love of Christ,
Pastor Glenn

Secrets of the Teddy Bear Lady

Most of the people at Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago did not know her name. They only knew her as the sweet lady who wanted to make sure that every child, patients & their siblings, had a teddy bear to hug and love. She kept bringing the stuffed animals, purchased with her own money, to give to the children. That's why she was called 'the teddy bear lady.'



Her name was Gladys Holm, a retired secretary for a hospital supply company, who never made more than \$15,000 a year and lived alone in a tiny apartment in Evanston. No one except her attorney knew that she could have afforded much more. When she died at age 86, she left \$18 million to the hospital.

Everyone was shocked by the news; even the hospital authorities had no idea that the happy woman delivering teddy bears to ailing children had such wealth. As they learned more of her life story, they discovered something else. Handing out teddy bears was just a means to an end. When she learned that parents did not have hospitalization insurance or enough to cover medical expenses, she very quietly had taken care of their bills.

You can wonder if Gladys Holm was simply putting into practice what the Great Physician had recommended: "When you give don't sound a trumpet before you ... when you give ... do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your gift may be in secret Matthew 6:2-4

At the hospital's memorial service for Gladys, someone put a teddy bear on every chair.

There is a net of love by which you can catch souls. -Mother Teresa

How Can I Say "I Love You?"

Jesus said we are to love one another even as he loved us. His intention was not just for one day a year, but for every day. For those who might be struggling with this, here are a dozen ways of saying "I Love You."

Cambodian:	Bon sro lanh oon
Chinese:	Wo ai ni
French:	Je t'aime
German:	Ich liebe dich
Greek:	S'agapo
Hebrew:	Ani ohev otahk
Hungarian:	Szretlek
Italian;	Ti voglio bene
Norwegian:	Jeg elsker Dem
Polish:	Kochem cie
Russian:	Ya vas luibliu
Spanish:	To quiero



Are any of these too hard to pronounce? Then just live the meaning of them!