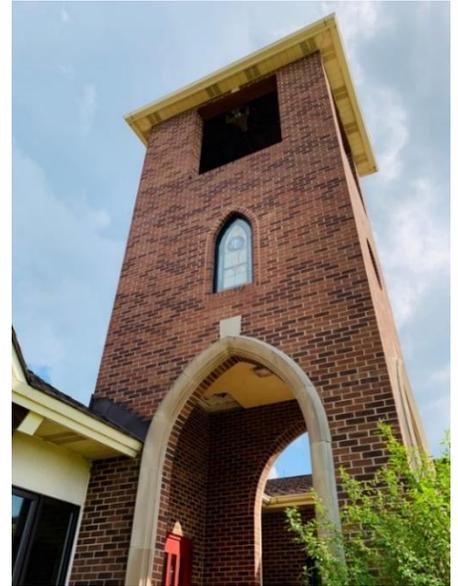
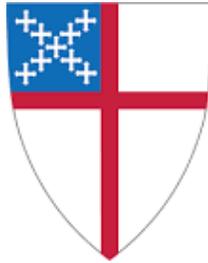


THE GOOD NEWS

February 2023



Talking to the Salt



The celebrated Chilean poet Pablo Neruda wrote many odes. An ode, you will recall, is a poem that addresses its subject in an exalted fashion. Thus, we have poems by Keats such as “Ode to a Nightingale” and “Ode on a Grecian Urn” in which an enchanting bird and an ancient ceramic vessel are directly addressed. Pablo Neruda follows the same pattern in “Ode to My Socks” and “Ode to Salt.”

In his “Ode to Salt,” Neruda says a great deal before reaching his conclusion, where, speaking still to salt, he declares: “The smallest, the tiniest wave of the shaker brings home to us not only your domestic whiteness but inward flavor of the infinite.”

So, the smallest grain of salt, one invisible to the eye, brings to us the flavor of the infinite, the inward flavor. Thus, the poet offers high praise to ordinary.

salt. Strange though it seems, he speaks to the salt directly, with a voice of respect, about how well it serves to bring about an epiphany, the inward flavor of the infinite.

Someone else speaks to salt, sings its praises. We heard from him today in the Sermon on the Mount. Looking out at his disciples, including us, Jesus announces, “You, you are the salt of the earth!” Like Neruda, Jesus talks to salt. A strange thing for anyone to do, but maybe not so strange if we recognize the salt as bringing home, even in its smallest quantities, the “inward flavor of the infinite.”

To put this in football language, Jesus catches a pass thrown by Neruda and runs down the field with it. The least bit of salt brings home “inward flavor of the infinite,” claims the poet, and Jesus then runs with this bold assertion, making an even bolder claim: his followers, all of them, are grains of salt through whom “inward flavor of the infinite” is encountered. Touchdown!

But do the countless fans who witness this feat roar forth their approval? Maybe not at first. For here, Jesus identifies every Christian as a living paradox. We are, each of us, so tiny, yet infinity shines forth through each of us.

Most of us don't feel like that most of the time. But sometimes, in diverse matters, we are called in this direction, and we must be ready to offer the right response, to serve as salt that has not lost its savor.

Our human discomfort with this role appears to have two aspects. First, we do not wish to appear so small. A grain of salt is easy to miss, inconsequential, unlikely to receive applause.

The second aspect is related to the first. Not only do we dislike appearing so small, but the focus on what Neruda calls the "inward flavor of the infinite" is not a focus on us; attention goes elsewhere.

Our spiritual practices can be a help here, as these practices remind us in different ways that we are not here to magnify ourselves, to draw attention to ourselves, to become large and massive, all for our own satisfaction. We are here to love and serve and give glory to God. We need reminders of this repeatedly. It is the easiest thing to forget.

And so, it is just fine that we are, and that we remain tiny grains of salt in God's vast world. As such, we can even do some good. It can even happen that the "inward flavor of the infinite" can be experienced through what we do. It may happen through one single, momentary action where our discipleship becomes unmistakable, when we sparkle as salt that has not lost its savor.

Here's a story from long ago that has proven surprisingly durable. It recounts a single action that sparkles with the inward flavor of the infinite.

In the fourth century of the contemporary era, a young man named Martin was serving in the Roman army near what is now the French city of Amiens. On a bitterly cold winter night, he encountered a beggar pleading for help near the city gate. All the other passersby ignored him; Martin wanted to help. But what could he do? He had no money or food or shelter to offer. So, he took off his big, warm army cloak, used his sword to cut it in two, gave one part to the beggar, and kept the other part for himself.

Something else happened that night. Martin had a dream, a big dream, one of the sort most of us have rarely, if at all. Jesus appeared in Martin's dream, accompanied by angels. The angels asked Jesus where he had received the half of a cloak he was wearing. Jesus replied that Martin had given it to him. The young soldier had responded in this costly way to what Jesus says at the Last Judgment in Matthew's Gospel, "I was naked and you gave me clothing."



At that time, Martin was a catechumen, engaged in the long and demanding process leading to baptism. Eventually, he was baptized and later became a monk. He founded the first monastery in Gaul, which became an important center for Christianity. Before his death in 397, Martin served many years as the bishop of Tours in the Loire Valley of what is now France.

Martin's life is well-documented. His witness is honored throughout the churches. The Episcopal Church keeps the feast of Martin of Tours on November 11. Churches throughout the world are named for him, including Anglican and Episcopal parishes in London, Philadelphia, Houston, and many other places.

Of all that can be said about Martin, what is most securely lodged in the memory of the church about him is how he helped someone in desperate need by splitting his own cloak in half. Why? Because the story shows so clearly the discipleship of Martin, even though at this point he was still awaiting baptism. We have in this story "the inward flavor of the infinite," a saltiness that remains forever.

Artwork from many places and many centuries depict the encounter between Martin and the beggar. Besides numerous icons, paintings, and statues, there is even a German Christmas stamp of 1984 that shows Martin on horseback, sword in hand, and the naked beggar receiving half of the cloak.

Talking to salt is a strange thing. Pablo Neruda did it in one of his odes. Jesus did it in the Sermon on the Mount. Martin heard himself addressed as salt in the pleading of a beggar.

God still talks to salt when we pray and find ourselves spoken to.

Perhaps you know what it is like to be addressed as salt, invisible grains that manifest the "inward flavor of the infinite."

Perhaps you will be addressed as salt in the days ahead, for certainly, our world stands in need of that "inward flavor of the infinite" available through the salt of discipleship.

Whatever the circumstances when you are summoned, do not close your heart. The world waits for what only you can provide.

-The Rev. Charles Hoffacker



Letter from your Vestry

2022 Temporal Letter:

Dear Wardens & Parish,

Let it be known and recorded.

1. Attached is the Financial Report for 2022. This reflects the funds that have been received, expended, and audited for the year of 2022. No land or property has been mortgaged in 2022.
2. On February 6th, 2022, Fr. Brian Beno served his last Mass fulfilling his 36-month contract ending February 28th, 2022. The Services were led by 6 different Supply Priests, including home visits, memorial service, last rights, and a funeral mass. Attendance during Holy Week and our two Christmas Mass's increased by 14% average. Sunday attendance increased by 7% in 2022. The Vestry filled 1 position due to the death of Merv Daehler.
3. Employment Agreements with the Office Coordinator and Organist were reviewed and updated. A Hall Donation Lease with Midlothian Counseling was executed January 2023-June 2024. The 2021 Parochial Report was reviewed, signed, and submitted to the Diocese.

4. In 2022 with funds from the Operating Reserves, Memorial Funds, and Private Donations, improvements were made to the church building and grounds, totaling around \$45,000.
5. In 2022, 14 parishioners, employees, and volunteers completed the “Keeping Gods People Safe” program.
6. The following temporary committees were approved by the Vestry: Search Committee, Stewardship Committee, & Financial Committee. The Diocesan Convention was attended by Jack Fields, Linda Mizwicki, and Roger Van Patten.
7. We continue our love and support to the community through several outreach programs including but not limited to: Gods Will Resale Shop, Lenten Fish Boils, Chuck Larson Memorial Golf Outing, Missions of the Month, and the Diocese of Chicago.

We thank our whole family on the St. Ignatius Campus, for your Faith, Trust, Patience, Communication, and your love of God to make all these things possible in 2022. We now look forward to 2023 and all the new beginning as we continue **“WALKING IN LOVE AS CHRIST TAUGHT US”**.

Peace,

-Your Vestry



Outreach Summary

The **January Mission** was to collect funds to donate to Heifer International. As a congregation we raised \$130 for this wonderful organization.

The **February Mission** is for The Penny's Purpose. This is a local charity in Antioch. We will be doing a Blanket Drive of new, gently used, or homemade blankets!

Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Episcopal Church

FEBRUARY
2023
GIVING
MONTH

**BLANKET THE
WORLD**
with Love

**WE ARE COLLECTING
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FOR
THE PENNY'S PURPOSE**

**YOUR SUPPORT AND CONTRIBUTIONS
WILL ENABLE THEM TO PROVIDE WARMTH
AND COMFORT TO THOSE IN NEED.**

For more information on the Penny's Purpose
and their mission please see their website,
@thepennyspurpose.org

Learn to give, even when blessed with less.

-Cathy Ehlers
(Outreach Committee)



PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Search Committee Update:

On January 20, Bishop Paula Clark and the Transition Ministry Office of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago approved the posting of our full-time rector position at St. Ignatius of Antioch. You can find the posting by clicking this link which takes you to the Diocese webpage: <https://episcopalchicago.org/for-clergy/clergy-openings/>

Many thanks to Kathy Fields, Jim Halwas, Ernie Kraak, and Roger Van Patten, members of the Rector Search Committee, along with the entire Vestry for the progress we have made. Special thanks to all parishioners who participated in the CAT Survey and the small discussion groups. All this work has brought us to this point.

We are now entering a new phase: making connections with approved applicants interested in our position. Over the next 8 weeks, the posting on the Diocese website, and on several clergy-focused US websites, will bring forward interested priests. The posting will close in mid-March. In addition to the postings, the Search Committee will be reaching out to a variety of networks, including our contacts associated with Episcopal Seminaries, to raise awareness and create interest about joining our community as Rector.

The Committee Co-chairs will regularly report on our progress, as the entire committee will become very active in telling our parish story to applicants while we discern candidates. Together, we will ensure transparency of the process to all parishioners.

On our St. Ignatius of Antioch website, you will find a new item about the Rector posting, the link to the

Episcopal site, and the new Parish Profile. The Profile was created by the Search Committee to tell our story and attract applicants.

If you have questions, please address them to the committee co-chairs, Linda Mizwicki lmizwicki76@gmail.com or Warren Cinnick wcinnick@hotmail.com, or anyone else on the Rector Search Committee.

Blessings and peace,

Committee Co-Chairs-Linda Mizwicki and Warren Cinnick, ,
Committee Members- Roger Van Patten, Ernie Kraak, Jim Hallwas, and Kathy Fields

108th Annual Parish Meeting

On January 22nd, St. Ignatius held their 108th Annual Meeting, with 26 family members in attendance. It started with a family prayer. The temporal letter was presented and read.



A motion was made for the nominees for the 2023-2025 Vestry positions: Jim Bletsch, Kathy Kraak, and Kevin Wood at 10:42am. At 11:32am it was voted and passed.

The 2023 budget that was previously passed by the Vestry was presented for questions and answers to the Parish.

There were reports from the 2022 Audit Committee, Administration, Building & Grounds, Fellowship, Outreach, Worship/Formation, & Search Committee.

There was open discussion on Lenten Fish Boils, the Newsletter, and Formation. The meeting was closed with a family prayer.

Meet Your New Vestry!



Jack Fields

I am a 3rd generation member of St. Ignatius, receiving sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist (First Communion), Confirmation, and

Matrimony from our church.

Over the years I have had the honor of serving at the altar, on the Vestry, several commissions, and serving the community for the family of St. Ignatius.

I love the outdoors and spending time with my wife Kathy and our dog Brooke at our home on Little Silver Lake.

We are grateful to have been Blessed with 3 beautiful daughters, son in laws, and 6 special grandchildren.



Renee Garrett

Renee Garrett has been a member of St. Ignatius Church for her entire life, baptized and receiving confirmation in the church.

Over the years, she has been an active member of the choir and taught Sunday School for a few years.

She has 4 children, Ryan, Racquel, Megan, and Phillip, and lives in Spring Grove with her husband Keith. When she is not working, you can find her hanging out with her husband and friends in bowling alley or at home. This is her third term on the Vestry.



Diane Cinnick

Diane, and husband Warren, joined St. Ignatius in October, 2020, ending a long search for a new faith community and

coinciding with a move to Antioch.

Professionally, Diane is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (mostly retired) working as a volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association as a Caregiver Support Group Facilitator and offering coaching & education to Caregivers. Earlier life experience includes a Village Commission member, Board member for a not-for-profit, Fundraiser Chair for a local charity, and Real Estate Broker.

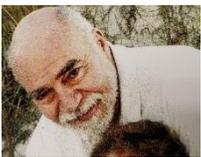
Family life for the Cinnick blended family surrounds 3 children, Marissa married to Josh, Samantha, and Michael, 2 grandchildren, and 2 dogs. Spare time is filled with artist brushes & paint, books, & crafting supplies.



Kathy Kraak

Hi, My name is Kathy Kraak. I have been a member of St. Ignatius for almost 68 years. My family roots go back to the being of the church here in Antioch. I currently serve as LEM at the altar, as a sacristan, volunteering at God's Will Resale Shop and of course a past and current Vestry member. I am married and have 5 children and 10 grandchildren. I am currently retired from Grove Gear in Union Gove, WI after 30+ years of service where I was a production planner.. I try to attend most of the functions at St. Ignatius.

We have property up in Rome, WI which we try to get to twice a month during the summer for long weekends. Most our children also enjoy coming up north with us.



Jim Bletsch

Jim and his wife Patty have been members of St. Ignatius since 2005, and have been active in many areas since joining the church.

Jim is a retired construction superintendent, having been the supervisor on many projects in the suburbs and in downtown Chicago.

Jim has 4 children, 6 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren here in the area and in Florida.

Jim, as well as the rest of the congregation, is looking forward to having a new Rector this year and a bright future for our church family.



Kevin Wood

Originally from Long Island, New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts and a short time in New Mexico, I reside in Antioch, Illinois with my beautiful wife, Elizabeth. I have been associated with Saint Ignatius Church since the fall of 2022.

Professionally, I work in Product Development Engineering for a LED lighting manufacturer in a leadership design role overseeing their products specifications, reviewing samples and prototypes and ensuring their safety compliance to industry standards. In my spare time I enjoy watching and talking sports with others, walking, driving road trips, playing golf, and vacationing in hot weather locations. I am enthusiastically looking forward to serving on the Vestry and I wish to thank all the parishioners for your nomination.



Thank you to all who have volunteered to sponsor Fellowship in the coming months. We all look forward to the variety of specialties to be offered. It's impressive to see the increasing number of people staying after service to 'visit'. I know that Fr. Jim is especially pleased with this!

Sunday, February 19th, will be a special Fellowship...sort of a "Fat Sunday" with treats related to pre-Lent celebrations. I hope you will join us!

-Diane Cinnick



Sharing Our Faith



Eric's Tree- My brother, Eric, passed away unexpectedly in his sleep at age 41 on Feb. 9th, 2016. He was living in our childhood home at the time with our mom, Sue.

After he passed away, Eric's friends gave my mom (on what would have been his 42nd birthday on Feb. 28th), a gift of \$800 to get a tree for her front yard in memory of him.

My mom researched and found the perfect little tree to plant and let grow and flourish in his memory. The morning after the landscapers had left, I had to go to my mom's to pick her up. As I was waiting for her to get into the car, I jumped out and took a quick picture of the tree.

When my mom got into the car, she asked me if I liked the new tree. I told her yes, I took a picture of it! As I was opening my photos on my phone to show her, she was telling me how she had been praying and talking to my brother all morning about his tree.

As I looked at the picture inserted here in complete dismay of the beautiful beam of light going through it, I replied to my Mom that yes, I do believe he likes it also!



God is good.

-Submitted by Jenn Bodden

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Starting on Feb. 26th thru March 26th on Sundays from 9-9:45am. Fr. Jim will lead an Adult Education group. Fr. will follow a book by Kennon Callahan titled "12 Keys to an Effective Church".

We will have 20 copies available to the family members who want to attend.

Lent Commitment- Please Join!



It always amazes me, the impact of a child's voice. From squeals of laughter to the hilarity of an obvious failed attempt at whispering, to the notes of sadness- these sounds often seem to cut through the air. In our own church family, we can often hear these small voices in the echoes of responses and in the words of the Lord's Prayer- and they add something indescribably beautiful.

Children are not just the future of our church; they are an essential part of our church family today. Because of this, it is important for us to provide our children with opportunities to grow in their faith, relationship with Christ, and love for others. Right now, there are brightly colored activity bags available at the entrance of the church (currently near the service bulletins). Inside you'll find crayons, a coloring page, and an activity bulletin that

corresponds with the weekly readings. Children are welcome to finish their coloring pages at home and are invited to email a picture of their completed coloring page to be shared in future newsletters/on the St. Ignatius Facebook page.

On the first Sunday of Lent, we are planning on beginning a between-Mass program at 9AM, to take place during the Lenten Adult Formation. These will provide children with an opportunity to learn about the theme of the readings for the week through stories, lessons, and song. Over time, this program will be adjusted to best fit the needs of the families in our church.

Finally, I would like to add that there have been some incredible youth activities in the past years at St. Ignatius and I know that many parishioners have their own wonderful ideas- we would love to hear your suggestions and we also hope you will consider participating (as a family or volunteer) as we move forward and continue to grow in faith and fellowship.

Fish Ahoy!

The cheer, “Hey, Heey!, Heeey!!” followed by, “that ball made it all the way to Waverly Ave”, was the proclamation loudly shouted when the home team made a home-run. That exuberant cry helped to energize and amp-up spirits of the fans watching from the bleachers.



After several years of there being a subdued Lenten atmosphere at St. Ignatius, we have the opportunity of saying, “Hey, Heey! Heeey!!!”, and energizing the local community with the resumption of our Lenten fish boils. And this proclamation comes from the fans, as in you & me, not sitting in the bleachers but in each of us taking an active part in carrying out these events.

There will be three Friday evening fish boil events during Lent; Feb 24 th , March 10 th and March 24 th with serving time from 4:30pm to 7:00pm.... **And here is how you can help:**

- Let your friends & neighbors know St. Ignatius is hosting Fitzgerald style fish boils. Fitzgerald’s is the premier of fish boils!
- Bake a dessert or two for the dessert table. Our home-baked desserts are always a big hit with our customers.
- Consider providing or sponsoring a raffle basket. Raffle baskets have been a big hit with our customers and were missed when the raffle was eliminated at the last fish boil.

Let's Think...

What are your favorite things to do?

**Kids
and
Adults**

- Do you play an instrument?
- Do you love art?
- Do you crochet or knit?
- Do you love to cook or bake?
- Do you love reading?
- Are you really good at solving puzzles?
- Do you love computers?
- Do you love to sing?
- Do you love gardening?
- Do you love cleaning?
- Do you love helping others?
- Do you love teaching?
- Are you a photographer?
- Or is there something else?



There are so many ways to share your gifts in our church family... and whatever your gift may be, we would **LOVE** for you to share it with us.

And remember: You are never too young or too old to share your gifts with others.

-Libby Deichsel

- Most of All, volunteer two hours of time to work. Two two-hour shifts are scheduled for each fish boil; 4pm to 6pm & 6pm to 8pm.
- **Duties to be covered include:** serving line, dining area & dessert station attendants; ticket takers; raffle promotor; dish washers.

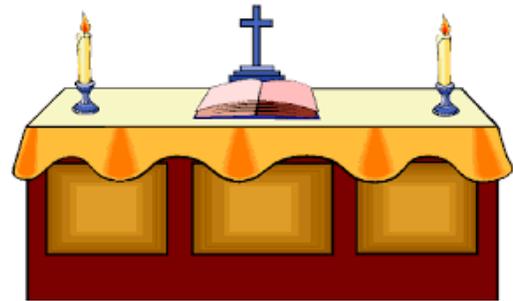
The hustle & bustle of serving 150 people in a 2 ½ hour time frame makes for a high energy event and is a great way for our congregation to come together in offering our time and talents to make these events a blessing to our local community. So please take a moment to add your name to one or more of the sign-up sheets located on the credenza in the Narthex.



Thank you for your participation,

-Kathy Kraak & Roger Van Patten

Pence Cans



Why is it called Pence? In various countries it is usually the smallest denomination within a currency system. Presently, it is the formal name of the British penny and the de facto name of the American one-cent coin.

Historical Meaning: “Peters Pence” a voluntary contribution to the Pope, made by Roman Catholics, it was instituted during the 7th or 8th century and continued until the 16th century.

Biblical Meaning: A penny or small sum paid as earnest money especially on concluding a purchase or hiring a servant. Among merchants the God’s Penny binds the contract of sale.

Spiritual Meaning: What do pennies mean spiritually? Someone explains that pennies have the numerology value of 1, thus, they are a reminder that we are all “ONE”. We are one with spirit. It represents new beginnings, the spirit of a new chapter and a fresh start.

St. Ignatius of Antioch: The Pence cans have always been a part of the history of St. Ignatius. The money collected from the cans are put into a special fund used to purchase anything used on the altar; bread, wine, candles, fair linens, cleaning of vestments, etc.

Pence cans are collected quarterly. If you need a can, please let the office know. If you have 2 or 3 laying around the house, please bring them to church on Sunday!





Feb. 5th- 8 & 10am Mass

Feb. 12th- 8 & 10am Mass

Feb. 15th- Vestry meeting 6:45pm

Feb. 19th- 8 & 10am Mass

Feb. 22nd- Ash Wednesday 7pm Mass

Feb. 24th- 1st Fish Boil 4:30pm-7pm

Feb. 26th- 8 & 10am Mass. 9am Adult Formation

March 1st- 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 5th- 8 & 10am Mass. 9am Adult Formation

March 8th- 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 10th- 2nd Fish Boil 4:30pm- 7pm

March 12th- 8 & 10am Mass. 9am Adult Formation

March 15th- 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 19th- 8 & 10am Mass. 9am Adult Formation

March 22nd- 7pm Stations of the Cross

March 24th- 3rd Fish Boil 4:30pm-7pm

March 26th- 8 & 10am Mass. 9am Adult Formation

March 29th- 7pm Stations of the Cross

February Birthday's:

2/4-Christopher McConnell

2/5- Bill Malinow

2/12- Pat Billimack

2/12- Tim Donahue

2/21- Mike Walker

2/22- Jim Hallwas

2/25- Lillian Golonka

February Anniversary's

2/14- Jack & Kathy Fields

2/20- Tim & Karen Donahue



The Moncrieff Family-The Daehler & family
Elizabeth Johnston - Jim & Pat Bletsch - Clare
Coleman - The Deichsel Family - Mildred Hamlin-
Dave Schoenbeck- George Pahlke- Mike Culat-
Pam Anast- Felix Cizewski- Ian McDonald
Margaret Slamar- Chris Szafranski

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Walking in love as Christ taught us



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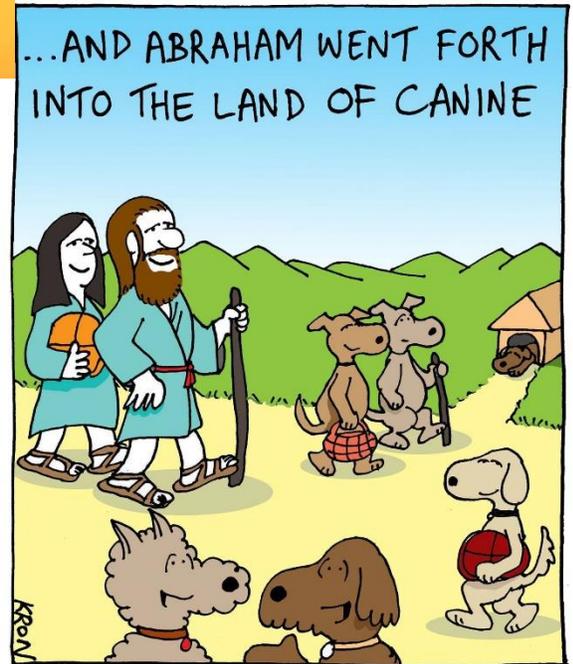
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