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# Trinity Lutheran Church

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## A Word from the Pastor



As 'Happy New Year' echoes through the streets, I can't help but wonder what this new year truly will bring our seemingly optimistic world. What I mean is that it never seems long before the refrain is once again on our lips, "I'm in turmoil". And I don't think the answer is more new year resolutions. Christians know this.

We have a message to proclaim which will always be greater than what the world has to give from its limited scope of imagination. The Lord has a bigger plan for us than to provide for our every comfort at this time and in this place. In this we have a greater wisdom and can confess with Job, *"The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord"* (Job 1:21).

There are some things that are just not good for us, as much as we plead and beg God. Sometimes the answer is just , 'No'! And if we don't understand that, then, we simply don't see yet what God wants for us. What Christians know is that, first and foremost, God really wants to give us His salvation and not reject His grace. That's a good place to start to appreciate every other gift we have! In other words, 'what could be better than the promise of eternal life?' Temporary relief? No. I know that when we are in pain, drugs or comfort seem the most important thing or that when we're poor just a little money would help or even when we're hungry a full stomach is the immediate answer. But the truth is even the best things to be received here and now are only a shadow of the things to come. We who believe know that there is a better life awaiting us in paradise. So every weakness in this life actually reminds us that God promises a perfect body one day in the resurrection; that in our suffering we can be patient; that we can still hope in God's healing even though we still hurt. Essentially everything we can do for ourselves falls short compared to God's act of redemption for us. And yet God still blesses us today with His gifts of peace and joy which we share with each other. And it's true now because of what will be.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### SUNDAYS

SUNDAY SCHOOL/  
BIBLE STUDY

- At 9am -

DIVINE SERVICE

- At 10am -

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### WEDNESDAYS

BIBLE STUDY

[WOLFMUELLER.CO/BIBLE](http://WOLFMUELLER.CO/BIBLE)

- At 11am -

## NEW YEAR RECIPE

### Cape Cod Cocktail Meatballs

#### *Ingredients*

2 pounds of ground beef  
1 cup of bread crumbs  
1/4 cup of fresh chopped parsley  
2 eggs  
2 tablespoons of grated onion  
2 tablespoons of soy sauce  
1/4 teaspoon of garlic powder  
1 can of jellied cranberry sauce  
1 1/2 cups of ketchup  
2 1/2 tablespoons of brown sugar  
1 tablespoon of lemon juice

#### *Directions*

##### Step One

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

##### Step Two

- Mix ground beef, bread crumbs, parsley, eggs, grated onion, soy sauce and garlic powder in a bowl until thoroughly combined. Pinch off about 2 teaspoons of meat mixture per meatball and roll into small meatballs. Arrange meatballs in a large, deep baking dish.

##### Step Three

- Bake in the preheated oven until meatballs are browned, about 25 minutes. Drain excess grease.

##### Step Four

- Combine jellied cranberry sauce, ketchup, brown sugar, and lemon juice in a saucepan and place over medium heat. Stir the sauce until cranberry sauce has melted and brown sugar has dissolved.

##### Step Five

- Pour the sauce over meatballs and bake 25 to 30 more minutes until sauce forms a glaze and meatballs are no longer pink inside.

# THE OLD CLOCK

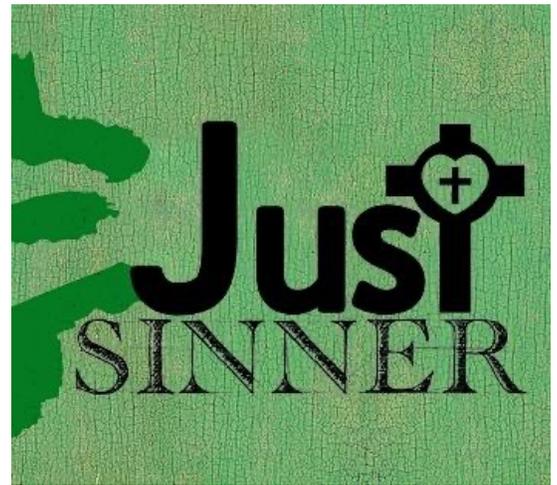
It was the dark of the midnight hour.  
The Old Clock eagerly waited.  
"I strike the New Year in," he said.  
"For so it has been fated.  
A hundred years I've ushered in!  
Full well I like my task.  
I think myself supremely blessed,  
No finer work I ask.

"A hundred years!" the Old Clock said.  
"Just think of the changing times!  
Think of the history in the making!  
It's a subject for ringing rhymes!"  
"I strike the New Year in!" said Old Clock,  
"And now the hour is here!"  
The Old Clock solemnly lifted its gong –  
And struck in another New Year.

by Lenore Hetrick

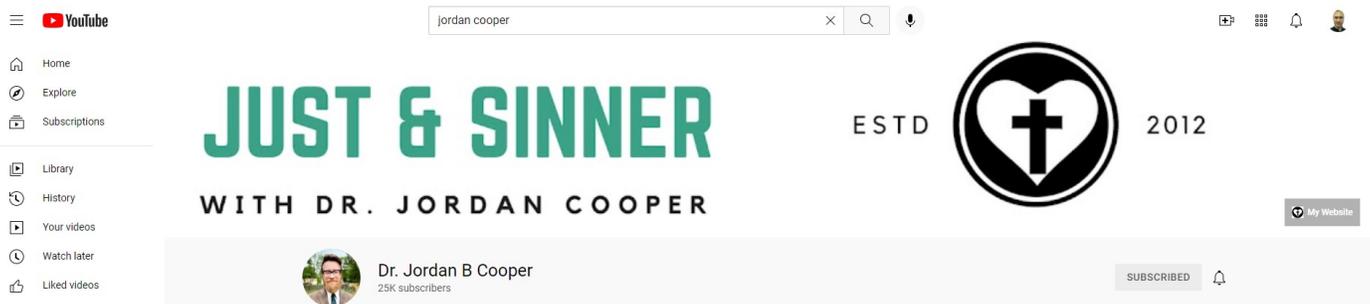


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BEING RATHER CLUMSY, HAROLD OFTEN ENTERTAINS ANGELS UNAWARE

### ENTERTAINING ANGELS!

*“Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares”* (Hebrews 13:2)

As humorous as the cartoon is, angels play a very important role in giving glory, honor, and praise to the Lord, and we do well to meditate on their purpose in bearing witness to events here on earth and, then, the grace with which God provides us in that, as history has testified, angels even relate with us, help us, and minister to us.

In Genesis 19, when Sodom and Gomorrah was about to be destroyed, *“angels urged Lot, saying, “Up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be swept away in the punishment of the city.”* In Genesis 28, Jacob is given permission to see *‘angels of God ascending and descending on a ladder, the top of which reached to heaven’*, in order to give him strength for his next meeting with his brother Esau. In Matthew 18, though we never get to see this interaction ourselves, Jesus describes the reality that *‘in heaven our angels always see the face of His Father who is in heaven’*. Some may well conjecture the concept of a guardian angel from this context. And who can forget the glorious heralds of Luke 2?! But the majority of what the angels are doing cannot be seen. If we take a moment to ponder the things that are of above, what joy and comfort may be brought to us, and I have every confidence that the purpose for revealing to us the existence of such creatures is for our Lord to give us such encouragement by them. The Lord promises eternal life and He gives us strength by communicating the existence of a very real yet invisible realm called heaven. Luke 15 tells us the angels are constantly rejoicing over the souls that are being saved, who come to believe in Christ as their Lord and Savior. They appear to faithful women at the empty tomb of Jesus. What do we make of this? They appear and then disappear but they’re still there. They’re still eagerly watching history unfold and with great interest watch the conversion of men and women to their infinite joy and praise of their Creator and King: As Paul says in 1 Corinthians 4:9, *“we have become a spectacle, both to angels, and to men.”*