

St. Margaret's Bulletin

Raffle Prizes for Harvest Fundraise—Every household is asked to provide a prize for the raffle. You can ask a business to donate, someone who makes crafts or find something wonderful yourself. Please let Trish Eklund know what you are donating. We hope to begin selling tickets October 4.

Baby Shower Items—Early this summer we had a baby shower to collect items to donate to agencies that support young mothers and babies. Half the items were delivered to the agency in Lewistown. The plan to deliver the remaining items to an agency in Havre fell through. Please contact Trish Eklund if you can help with this.

Reflection by Trish—Living in the question with hope

A number of years ago I purchased the book Living in the Question by Basil Pennington. The book reflects on many of the questions Jesus asked and suggests that living with the questions of Jesus, living *in* these questions, can bring us to a much richer perspective on our lives. Frequently we do not find answers to the questions. Basil Pennington states, “It is good to live in the question. A definite answer is closed; it is finished. That is it. It goes nowhere and leaves little room for hope. A question opens space for us. It is full of possibility. Our faith, solid as it might be, is full of questions, and therefore full of life and hope.”

Everyone has questions and concerns in life. It maybe personal issues, illness, difficult relationships, economic struggles, or coping with the struggles of a loved one. The political climate in our country raises questions and concerns. There are many questions on our minds. There are no easy answers for many of the questions we struggle with. It is our faith and hope that carry us through. Our belief that we are held in the hands of the Mystery of Great Love that strengthens us. Jesus asked ‘why’ questions of God. We can do the same.

Questions become powerful tools for living and growing. We need not be in hurry for the resolution to our question. We need to continue to pray and talk to God. We can ask God questions with the belief that the Holy One holds us in great love. This Love never leaves us and can give us strength even when our questions are not resolved.

We cannot have the answers for others, or even ourselves when dealing with uncertainty. Our faith can bolster us, one another and brighten the horizon. Our beliefs give us hope for the future.

Rainer Maria Rilke wrote to a friend the following:

Have patience with everything unresolved in your heart and to try to love the questions themselves as if they were locked rooms or books written in a very foreign

language. Don't search for the answers, which could not be given to you now, because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps then, someday far in the future, you will gradually, without even noticing it, live your way into the answer.

A French poet, Paul Claudel, wrote:

Christ did not come to do away with suffering. He did not come to explain it. He came to fill it with his presence.

Trusting in an Ever-Present God,
May the Lord fill our hearts and calm our fears,
May we grow to be a hope filled loving presence.