

## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF FIRST LUTHERAN MAY 2021



"Lord, help me to live more like a tree." That was my prayer during my silent retreat. It may seem like a peculiar kind of prayer, but it will make more sense. The revelation I received while sitting inside a deer stand brought me insight into how God would like us to live our lives. Here is my story.

It was a Thursday evening. The weather was near perfect. I left the shack I was staying in and made my way to a deer stand that sat on the edge of a clearing in the woods. As I sat in the deer stand, the fields in front of me became alive with God's living creatures. Watching them, God spoke to me through each one and taught me something about life. The first thing I noticed was a fresh hatch of bugs. The only thing separating me from them was a piece of plexiglass used as a window. I watched these bugs fly aimlessly in the air. Although they stayed together as a community, there was no direction. There was no purpose. They would bump into each other trying to keep close to the bugs around them. There was no leader to guide them, but those around them. This community of bugs reminded me of the unbelievers of the world. They gather in groups, whether that be sporting events, education, or even atheist churches, they are "flying around" in this life with no direction or purpose. Would I want to live a life like that?

Then my attention was pulled to a sand crane swooping down right in front of me. It landed maybe ten yards away and began to search for food. This process consisted of the crane grabbing a clump of dirt from the ground and sifting through it for possible grub. Sometimes it would find something tasty, other times it was just dirt. This bird did not know where its meal would come from, or even if it would get a meal. There are people who live their lives like this, wondering where their next meal will come from or even if they will be fed. Would I want to live a life like that?

At the same time this crane was looking for food, a white-tailed deer came wandering in looking for food as well. She would bend down, take a few bites of the grass growing, then quickly look up. Any sound or smell would send this deer into high alert. This process would continue for several minutes. A couple bites of grass followed by a quick scan of her surroundings. This deer lived in constant fear. People live just like the deer. They are afraid of a virus, they are afraid of the government, or afraid of other people. They are constantly looking over their shoulder. Would I want to live a life like that?

Then the Holy Spirit directed my focus on a line of trees growing on the edge of the field. These trees contain the same life inside of them as the bugs, crane, and deer. They depend on sunlight, water, nutrients from the soil, and carbon dioxide to survive. The only things the tree has to be afraid of is their Creator and His image bearers, but they live where they are planted. They rely solely on God for their meals, not wondering where the next one is coming from. Not only that but their roots dig down deep in the ground and actually intertwine with other tree roots. This makes them stronger and able to withstand the nasty elements of a storm. Above the ground their branches grow up and reach towards the sun.

"Lord, help me to live more like a tree." Make my roots dig deep in Your Word. Let them intertwine with the roots of others in Your church, making us stronger together and able to withstand the storms of life. Help me not be consumed by the worries of this life and be completely dependent on You, trusting that every meal will be provided and that I will grow where You have planted me. God, give me branches that bear much fruit. And just like the tree, may my arms always be reaching up towards the Son. Psalm chapter one says the person who delights in the Law of the Lord, who meditates on it day and night is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season, and whose leaf does not wither—whatever they do prospers. Lord, help me to live like a tree. Amen.

#### PLEASE KEEP THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Bonnie Anderson
Lindsey Kennedy (cancer)
(Pat Long's granddaughter)
Jessica Nornberg
Roxanee Kaiser (cancer)
(Marlene Lindeman's daughter)
Adam Long (grandson of Dan Long)
JoAnn Artmann
(Karen Fundine's daughter)
Tamara Mack (COVID)
(relative to Clint and Lynda Converse

Wanda Beimert (cancer)
Darlene Zabel
Tim Litsheim (cancer) Dan Long's nephew
Rita Peterson (cancer)
Amber Baerg (Chris & Julie Warren's daughter)
Gary Beimert (Cancer)
Penny Stumvold (surgery) (sister to Wanda Beimert)

#### PEOPLE IN NURSING AND ASSISTED LIVING HOME

#### **Riverside Assisted Living**

Irene Pietz Ken Kelling

#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

When you need prayer support, there is a group at our church who will pray diligently for whatever the need is. Please call Marlene Lindeman at 218-746-3541.

#### **Church Council**

**President:** Tom Kavanaugh **Vice President:** Bob Harmsen

Secretary: Julie Warren

Mike Bellos, Julie Hofius, Dan Jacobson

Shirley Smith

Pastor Matthew Sundquist
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#### Harmony House/Brainerd

Char Brattlund

#### **MILITARY**

Jennifer Vasquez—Navy, Daughter to Don and Sharon Gehrke Chad Hagg—Army, Son of Arlene Hagg, Nephew of Eileen Ausland Joseph DeLude—Army, Grandson of Don DeLude Isaac Jacobson—Navy, Son of Dan & Wendy Jacobson Sonja Larson—Army, Granddaughter of Mel & Gwen Larson



#### **UPDATING**

If the military, those who are ill or in the hospital, or people in nursing homes is not up to date or if names need to be added or deleted, please contact Sharon Gehrke so that these lists can be updated. Thanks

## Check out our Website at firstlutheranpillager.net

We also have a Facebook page to check out!!!! Please free to post anything or post comments!!! Facebook page search type in First Lutheran Pillager and this should take you to the page. The Calendar will be updated as the schedule changes! Thanks to Kirstie for keeping our Web page updated!

#### FIRST LUTHERAN PILLAGER COUNCIL

#### Council Meeting Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Kavanaugh, Shirley Smith, Dan Jacobson, Julie Hofius, Pastor Matthew Sundquist Absent: Bob Harmsen, Tammie Barnett,

Julie Warren, Mike Bellos

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Matthew Sundquist

#### Pastor's Report

Pastor will plan to distribute ashes for those that want it on Ash Wednesday. Discussion on package deliveries to church and moving mailbox by back door to the street. Riverside is allowing visitors by appointment. Pastor was thinking of providing the communion cups to them.

#### Treasurer's Report

Tammie Barnett was not present, but left the Treasurer's report for January 2021 for the Council.

After reviewing the report, Julie Hofius made a motion to approve, seconded by Dan Jacobson. Motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report from January 2021 was reviewed. A motion was made by Dan Jacobson to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Shirley Smith. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

- \*Worship/Music: Pastor announced the sound monitors will be installed on 2/15 and the company will do training. The swivel camera to do live streaming will also be installed. Pastor will get trained and will then train others to operate the equipment. Discussion about future music program and compensation was made.
- \*Youth/Family: Discussion of how to get the word out and Sunday School on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Also discussed having VBS this summer.
- \*Communication: Connie ordered an office calendar to record events and she will help to track this.
- \*Hospitality: Discussed pancake breakfast to start this spring around Easter and consider an 8:30 start time. Discussion about having a couple of summer events.
- \*Sanctuary: No report.
- \*Facilities/Building: Bathroom project is still in limbo. Discussed getting an estimate from a local plumber and to talk with Bob.
- \*Nominating Committee: No report.
- \*Welcome/Visitor's Committee: Discussed promotion of the church through a mailing or online through Facebook. Discussed getting connected again with community services this fall with other churches.
- \*Missions: No report.

#### **Old Business:**

No report.

#### **New Business:**

Discussed outdoor seating space/campfires.

Adjourned: A motion was made by Julie Hofius to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shirley Smith. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

#### FIRST LUTHERAN PILLAGER COUNCIL

#### Council Meeting Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Kavanaugh, Shirley Smith, Dan Jacobson, Julie Hofius, Julie Warren, Pastor Matthew Sundquist, Tammie Barnett

Absent: Bob Harmsen, Mike Bellos

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Matthew Sundquist

#### Pastor's Report

Pastor discussed members with difficulties health wise, please pray for them. Lenten offerings will go into the General Fund. Lenten Soup & Sandwich offerings will go to MN Adult & Teen Challenge. Pastor Matt will check with Riverside regarding communion. He will also check to see if the church is open on March 20<sup>th</sup> for the Boy Scouts to use.

#### Treasurer's Report

Tammie Barnett stated that Tom needs to be added to the bank checking account. The Treasurer's report for February was reviewed. Shirley Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Julie Hofius. Motion carried.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report from February 2021 was reviewed. Dan Jacobson made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Shirley Smith. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

\*Worship/Music: Sound system is complete and up and running. Discussed live streaming with the technician. Software and other expenses are approximately \$4,400. Copyright streaming license is \$68 per year through CCLI package. Options will be checked into.

Discussed compensation for music during special services. Tom Kavanaugh made a motion to pay \$90 per service for special music during Lenten services, seconded by Dan Jacobson. Motion carried.

- \*Youth/Family: Confirmation students are participating in Wednesday Lenten services.
- \*Communication: Website does not indicate First Lutheran's core beliefs and affiliation with LCMC. Will work on updating to communicate that information. Will also add a section on marriage and how we prepare couples for marriage.
- \*Hospitality: There will be a breakfast on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. Council will serve Soup & Sandwich on March 24<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Sanctuary: No report.
- \*Facilities/Building: Bathroom project is still in limbo. Parsonage stair railing needs to be changed as spindles are too far apart, they will need replacing.
- \*Nominating Committee: No report.
- \*Welcome/Visitor's Committee: Have individuals who want to baptize their son and become members.
- \*Missions: Hope to begin having meetings soon.

#### **Old Business:**

See Worship/Music.

#### **New Business:**

No new business.

Adjourned: Shirley Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Julie Hofius. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

#### FIRST LUTHERAN PILLAGER COUNCIL

Council Meeting Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Tom Kavanaugh, Shirley Smith,
Dan Jacobson, Julie Hofius, Julie Warren,
Bob Harmsen, Tammie Barnett
Present Via Electronic Communication: Pastor

Matthew Sundquist Absent: Mike Bellos

Opening Prayer given by Pastor Matthew Sundquist

#### Pastor's Report

As one of the confirmation students tested positive for Covid19, Pastor Matthew and his family are in quarantine until their test results come back. The results should be received soon. The Easter service went well. There have been two funerals (Larry Wright and Barb Reimer). Pastor Matthew is planning on vacation May 14 – 18. He has contacted one of his professors to lead worship on May 16<sup>th</sup>. He is also planning on being gone on June 6<sup>th</sup>. He will be communicating with a member to possibly fill in.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Workers' compensation bill should be coming soon, it will be approximately \$4,000. The Treasurer's report for March 2021 was reviewed. Dan Jacobson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Julie Hofius. Motion carried. Also discussed if financial trends continue as they have been the church should consider an investment fund.

#### Secretary's Report

The Secretary's Report from March 2021 was reviewed. Shirley Smith made a motion to accept the Secretary's report, seconded by Bob Harmsen. Motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

\*Worship/Music: Discussed Live Streaming options. Software, monitor, camera & video switcher are approximately \$4,400. Although it is a larger expense, Pastor Matthew's mother has started donating to get the project started. We will also announce in church we are looking for donations for this project. After more discussion, Dan Jacobson made a motion to proceed with getting the live streaming equipment approving up to \$4,400, seconded by Bob Harmsen. Motion carried. We will still need a computer with high end graphics to finish the project. Dan Jacobson will check into options.

- \*Youth/Family: Confirmation will be on Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup> this year.
- \*Communication: Website updates are in the works.
- \*Hospitality: The Easter breakfast went really well. They are purchasing two new griddles. After May breakfast, the pancake breakfast will be put on hold until September. They will run September through May. A new sign-up sheet will be put up for sponsors. Will be asking for three sponsors per month.
- \*Sanctuary: No report.
- \*Facilities/Building: Bathroom project is still in limbo. After discussion, it was determined we will look for bids but table until this fall.
- \*Nominating Committee: No report.
- \*Call/Negotiating Committee: No report.
- \*Welcome/Visitor's Committee: Planning on a new member Sunday the end of May or beginning of June.
- \*Missions: Lap quilts were donated by the quilting ladies. Thank you to the Quilting Ladies for the work they do!

#### **Old Business:**

Discussed the cement campfire slab. Will be moving forward with the project. Will check with Leroy Smith and get bids for the cement.

#### **New Business:**

No new business.

Adjourned: Julie Hofius made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Shirley Smith. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Larry Wright





Larry Wright Sr. 77, of Pillager and formerly of Pine River, passed away peacefully when the Hand of Jesus took him home Monday, March 29, 2021. Funeral services will be on Friday April 9, 2021 at 3 PM at First Lutheran Church in Pillager, Minnesota. Visitation will take place one hour prior to services at First Lutheran Church. Interment will be at Pine Ridge Cemetery in Pine River, Minnesota. Larry was born on June 22, 1943 to Jay and Dorothy Wright in Williamsport Pennsylvania. After graduating from high school Larry met his beautiful bride Judy Heuton in Florida, they were married January 3, 1964 whom is the never forgotten mother to Larry Jr. and Tim Wright. He was a loan officer, a butcher, then self-employed tradesman and jack of the trades. After Judy's tragic sudden passing Larry fell in love again and was married to another beautiful bride Diane Schnider Strack on October 19, 1995 in South Dakota. He loved antiques, garage sales, and flea markets. Larry and Diane also enjoyed making hand carved hunting and fishing decoys together, and spent a lot of time on each one. He loved playing Rummikub and Hearts. Larry was best known for his big heart and his dedication to his family. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife Diane; children Shane (Melanie) Strack, Wayne Strack, Larry (Vanessa) Wright Jr, Lisa (Richard) Rausch, Darla (Tom) Marcy, Tim (Sherry) Wright, Lonne (Bruce) Marguette, Tonya (David) Swenson, and Troy Strack; 22 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jay and Dorothy Wright; first wife Judy; siblings Cindy Herron, Terry Wright; daughter-in-law Melanie Strack; great grandchildren Harlyn Reign Breitenfeldt, and Hailey Joe Albachten.

### Barbara Ann Roberts Reimer

Barbara Ann Roberts Reimer, age 85, died on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at Good Samaritan Society – Woodland in Brainerd. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM on Friday, April 30, 2021 at the Brenny Family Funeral Chapel, Baxter. Rev. Matthew Sundquist will officiate and a private family burial will take place at Scandia Valley Cemetery near Lake Alexander. Visitation will be one hour prior to services on Friday at the funeral home in Baxter. Barbara was born on December 12, 1935 in Motrose, SD to Amund and Anna (Ostrem) Storevik. She grew up in Sioux Falls, SD and where she started her career at the local bank. Barbara met Lee Roberts at this bank and it was love at first sight. The couple was married at East Side Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, SD. Barbara and Lee lived in the twin cities until moving to Lake Alexander in 1964. Barbara was a little unsure of this move; as the city girl had never seen the true night sky of the great up north. 20 years after Lee's untimely passing; Barbara married Joseph Reimer at Pine Ridge Golf Course in Motley. She



walked strongly in her faith and was a member of First Lutheran Church in Pillager. Barbara enjoyed singing traditional hymns, especially to comfort and provide positivity to others. She enjoyed sewing in her younger years, and most recently reading, and socializing with friends. Barbara taught her family to make good choices, be kind to others, and do not hold a grudge and see the positive. She was direct, classy, and loving. Life was always better with a fresh trip to the salon, nails perfectly manicured and polished, and lipstick just completes the day. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Barbara is survived by her children, Steve (Susan) Roberts of Cushing, Leslie (Mike) McGreevy of Branson, MO, Jennifer (Tom) Kavanaugh of East Gull Lake; step-daughters, Diane (Stan) Eddy, Michele Reimer; grandchildren, Lee Roberts, Melissa Christ, Mike McGreevy, John McGreevy, Kelley Eklund, Heather Kadus; great grandchildren, Laiken, Harrison, Hendrix, Lochlan, Freya, Liam, Elizabeth, Amelia, and Charlotte. She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Lee Roberts, Joseph Reimer; and infant daughter, Barbara Lee Roberts.

## Jane Gedde

Jane L Gedde, 91, of Pillager, died Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Sterling Pointe Senior Living in Princeton. A Celebration of Jane's Life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 15, 2021 at Nelson – Doran Funeral Home. Family and friends are invited to gather one hour prior to services and to stay for a luncheon to follow. Interment will take place at Wildwood Cemetery in Pillager. Jane was born May 16, 1929, in Brainerd, MN the daughter or Earl and Pearl (Peterson) LaPorte. After graduating from Pillager High School, Jane furthered her education at Brainerd Junior College and obtained an Associates of Arts degree. She moved to St. Paul where she began working for the State of Minnesota. After two years, her parents grew tired of her not being at home and introduced her to the nice man next door who worked at the hardware store. Not long after, she and Raymond Gedde married. The couple made their home in Pillager and Jane worked ful-time; she ended her career at Pillager School District. Jane was active in her community and was a member of the Pillager American Legion Auxiliary and First Lutheran Church. She and Ray enjoyed traveling and spending a few months a year in Arizona. She was an avid shopper and liked to sew. Jane cherished the time she spent with her family, especially her grandchildren. Above all, she loved to dance. And she and Ray spent many nights kicking up their heals to the sound of a Polka Band. She will be dearly missed and is survived by her daughter, Mary (Gerhard) Bergmann, of Milaca; son, Ron (Melanie) Gedde, of St. Cloud; grandchildren, Amanda Nelson, Jacob Nelson, Nichole Horbach, Éric Johnson, Scott Gedde, and Madison Gedde; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ray; parents, Earl and Pearl; brother, Harlan LaPorte; and granddaughter, Katrina Rae. Nelson

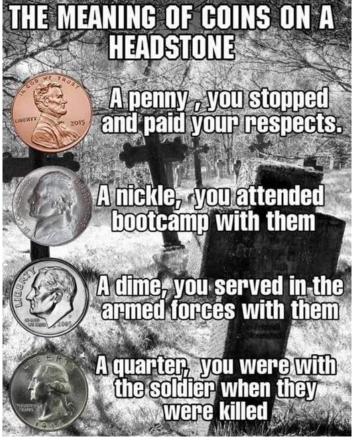


## HOW TO TELL IF YOU'RE FROM MINNESOTA

- 1. Kicking ice chunks off your car makes you feel good
- 2. Temperature means nothing until you hear the windchill
- 3. You measure distance in time traveled rather than miles away
- 4. Any temperature over 30 degrees makes you happy
- 5. A thunderstorm is all the entertainment you need for an evening
- 6. You slap your thighs and say "welp" before leaving anywhere
- 7. You contemplate eating puppy chow for breakfast once a week
- 8. You welcome tornadoes because they'll bring down the humidity
- You put your paper plate into the garbage upside-down to not offend the person who's food you didn't finish



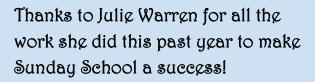
Memorial Day is coming so if you visit a cemetery don't remove the coins as they have meaning.















# **Easter Egg Hunt**











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Narrator: The disciples left, went into the city and the hings just as Jesus had told them. So, they prepared this sover, when evening came, Jesus arrived with the welve. While they were reclining at the table eating, build,

## Psalm

Sunday











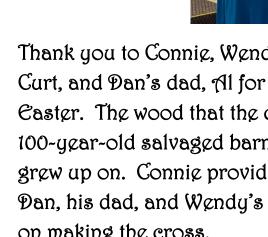


#### **Easter Breakfast!!!** Thanks to everyone who helped and came to eat!!!!









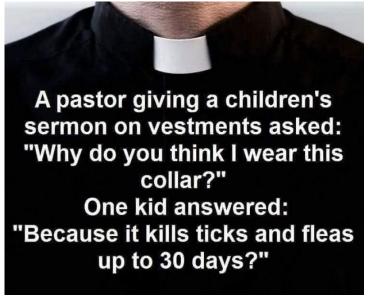
Thank you to Connie, Wendy, Pan, Wendy's dad Curt, and Dan's dad, Al for making this wreath for Caster. The wood that the cross is made from is 100-year-old salvaged barnwood the farm Wendy grew up on. Connie provided the grape vine wreath. Pan, his dad, and Wendy's dad provided the work on making the cross. 11

## Congratulations Tom and Pillager High School Culinary Team!!!! We are proud of you!



I'm so honored to be the chef mentor for our Pillager High School Culinary Team and couldn't be more proud of this group and their 2nd Place State Finish (sandwiched between state power houses Sauk Rapids-Rice-1st, and Elk River-3rd. Jenny Wise has been an awesome instructor and I just couldn't ask for four better Young Chefs than <a href="Chloe Pearson">Chloe Pearson</a>, Allison, Julia, and Isley. Great group!!





## Lap Quilt Delivery Day



### and more...

On April 28th the church quilters visited Riverside Assisted Living and a couple local members' homes to gift lap quilts. The ladies continue to meet noon-3 p.m. every Wednesday in the fellowship area. Our goal is more quilts to distribute when Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge perform during worship in December. Join us!



















WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE WILL BE DOING OUR GARAGE SALE THIS YEAR. SO START COLLECTING ALL YOUR "TREASURES."

July 8, 9, 10!





EVERY OTHER THURSDAY FROM 7-9

WE WILL BE HAVING GAME NIGHT THIS THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021! SEE YOU THERE!





# The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin.



What a wonderful lesson this was for me. I do not recall ever being taught this in school. "The Meaning of the Flag-Draped Coffin"

All Americans should be given this lesson. Those who think that America is an arrogant nation should really reconsider that thought. Our founding fathers used GOD's word and teachings to establish our Great Nation and I think it's high time Americans get re-educated about this Nation's history.

Please pass it along and be proud of the country we live in, and even more proud of those who serve to protect our 'GOD-GIVEN' rights and freedoms. I hope you take the time to read this ... To understand what the flag draped coffin really means ...

Here is how to understand the flag that laid upon it and is surrendered to so many widows and widowers: Do you know that at military funerals, the 21-gun salute stands for the sum of the numbers in the year 1776?

Have you ever noticed that the honor guard pays meticulous attention to correctly folding the United States of America Flag 13 times? You probably thought it was to symbolize the original 13 colonies, but we learn something new every day! The 1st fold of the flag is a symbol of life. The 2nd fold is a symbol of the belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veterans departing the ranks who gave a portion of their lives for the defense of the country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents the weaker nature, for as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in time of war for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to the country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, 'Our Country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right; but it is still our country, right or wrong.'

The 6th fold is for where people's hearts lie. It is with their heart that they pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to its Armed Forces, for it is through the Armed Forces that they protect their country and their flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of their republic..

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, and Mothers. For it has been through their faith, their love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great has been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to the father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of their country since they were first born.

The 11th fold represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in the Hebrews eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in the Christians eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Spirit.

The 13th fold, or when the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost reminding them of their Nations motto, 'In God We Trust.'

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington, and the Sailors and Marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones, who were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the Armed Forces of the United States, preserving for them the rights, privileges and freedoms they enjoy today.

There are some traditions and ways of doing things that have deep meaning. In the future, you'll see flags folded and now you will know why.

Please share this with the children you love and all others who love what is referred to as the symbol of 'Liberty and Freedom.'

