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Sunday, August 3
Anniv: Lance & Kristie Hawkins
Birthdays: Mike Sundling • Michelle Kramer
5:00pm: Worship at Historic Trinity Church at Third St. and Third Ave.

Monday, August 4
Anniv: Craig & Kim Weber
Birthdays: Kristie Flihs • Allen McKiver • Tim Berndt • Lindsey Furman
7:00 pm: City Council Meeting

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recycling trailer at the school is back and is open!

Recycling Trailer in Groton

The recycling trailer is back in Groton at 10 East Railroad Ave. Don't forget, there is also a dumpster at the city shop for aluminum cans with the proceeds going to the pool.

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Plumber turned Carpenter

David McGannon is building something more precious than a million dollar house. He is building bird houses for each of his 10 grandchildren. He said he builds the houses and the grandkids do the painting. He is recycling the wood from various projects to build the houses in his hoop barn. (Photo by Paul Kosel)

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Silver Pockets Full

This will be the only time you will experience this phenomenon in your life!!

In August, 2014, we will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. This happens only once every 823 years. The Chinese call it 'Silver pockets full.'

Thanks to Marian Raines for sharing this with us.

Groton City Council Agenda

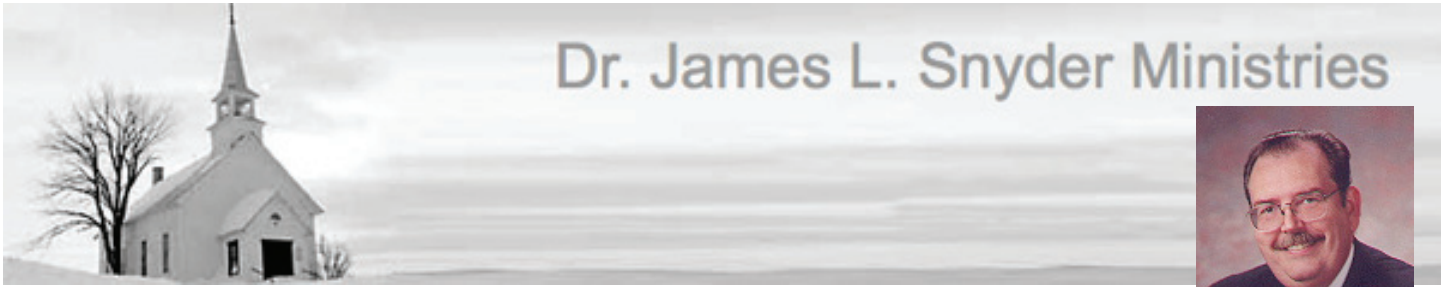
August 4, 2014 - 7pm

- 1) Minutes
- 2) Financial Report
- 3) Change Order-Robert Johnson Const
- 4) Bills
 - a) Pickup Replacement – Surplus Gold Dodge
- 5) 7:15pm Glenn Cooper – Cemetery
- 6) Cemetery Lot Prices
- 7) Project Updates
 - a) W Street Construction
 - b) Pool Slide
- 8) Interest Rates for 2014 Spec Assessments
 - a) Which Bank – Wells Fargo, 1st State, Dacotah, US Bank
 - b) Rate To Charge Property Owners
- 9) Nuisance & Weed & Tree Responses
- 10) Safe Route to School
- 11) 1st Reading Ordinance #693- Preventing Yard Waste on Streets
- 12) Resolution on BB Playground Equipment
- 13) Meeting Reports
 - a) Insurance Meeting – Anita Lowary
 - b) Elected Officials – Dave Blackmun
- 14) Requests for meetings
 - a) Justin – Police Leadership – Aberdeen – Aug 19-20
 - b) Paul or Anita – Safety School – Pierre – Nov 11-12
 - c) Anita -SDML Conference – Spearfish – Oct 8-10
- 15) Exe Session – Personnel or Legal

AND any other business that may come before the Council

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Dr. James L. Snyder Ministries



And the heat goes on... and on... and on

Dr. James L. Snyder

This past week found me in a bit of trouble with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage... well, more than normal. It has become rather normal for me to be in trouble with her. No matter how hard I try "not to be," it always is "to be."

This week was a high point for me getting into trouble. I never relish getting into a pickle with her, but sometimes it is unavoidable.

All week long, I had been murmuring and complaining about how hot it was. "I've never seen such hot weather," I grumbled. "I don't know how long I can take this hot weather."

You would think that someone my age would have learned long ago that some things should not be vocalized. This is America, and we all have the right to speak our mind although much of the time we should not speak our mind aloud; at least, not to the point that someone, especially someone living under the same roof, can hear you. I have found that the thing that enhances romance is the sounds of silence.

I guess it was getting a little wearisome with all my complaining, but after all, the weather was really hot.

Then, she looked at me and said, "If I hear you complain about the weather one more time, I'm... I'm... I'm..." The look on her face indicated that she was not at a loss for words; she was just trying to control herself and save herself from early widowhood.

I truly respect people who have the ability to control themselves, especially the people who live under our roof.

I almost said something, but for some reason I had a flash of temporary sanity. I said nothing, but smiled. I am not boasting here, but I am really good at saying nothing. Even when talking, my wife tells me I am saying nothing.

Saying nothing has gotten me out of many a jam, particularly with my wife. There are times when husbands and wives should sit down and have a rather invigorating conversation. Then there are times when the husband should shut up. I never know which time is which.

It was then that my wife laid out the facts for me to evaluate. How she can remember everything is simply beyond me. However, how do I know she is actually remembering things as they were and not making them up?

It seems, according to her impeccable recollection, that a few months ago I was complaining about how cold it was and anxious for the hot weather to come. "You were just as grumpy about how cold it was as you are now about how hot it is."

Then she put her hands on her hip and looked at me with "that look," and said, "I don't mind you complaining about one or the other but I really do mind you complaining about everything. You're going to have to make up your mind whether you hate the cold or the heat, and then stick to it."

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That put a new light on the situation, and a new burden on me. Now, according to her latest admonition, I need to choose the heat or the cold. I am tempted, although I know better, to complain about this. I do not think it is fair that I have to choose one or the other. I think I should be able to hate both the cold and the heat.

However, here is the problem. If I choose to complain about the heat, then what do I do in the wintertime when it gets cold? Faced with a real dilemma I took it to my good wife and asked, "Can I hate the heat in the summer and hate the cold in the winter, if I alternate it every other year?" To me this sounded like a very reasonable request. After all, I was accommodating her request and getting in my share of complaining.

If you would spend as much time thinking of positive things to say as you do complaining it would be absolutely wonderful.

But how can you think of something positive about the heat when you are sweltering? And, how can you think about something positive about the cold when your bones are shivering to death? Mistakenly I told my wife my dilemma.

"I think I have you figured out," she said. "You're positively negative about everything."

There is only one thing worse than having your wife figure you out. There must be, but I cannot think of any thing right now.

I will not say my wife is right, only that she is not wrong. I must say I have a tendency to complain about everything. Some people can see the silver lining in every cloud whereas I see a cloud over every silver lining. I guess it is a person's perspective.

Thinking along this line, I remembered a verse in the Bible. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Some people (like me) see a glass as half empty while others see it as half-full. There are those few souls (like my wife) who are thankful that there is any water in the glass of all.

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Today in Weather History

August 3, 1984: During the morning hours, estimated four to six inches of rain fell from west of Garden City in Clark County to north of Henry in Codington County. Low lying areas were flooded and a potato field west of Garden City was washed out.

August 3, 1989: Strong thunderstorm winds gusted to 70 mph, driving golf ball size hail through most the windows on the west side of buildings in Amherst, Marshall County. Corn crops were stripped off their leaves with an estimated 1800 acres being badly damaged.

August 3, 1996: High winds up to 90 mph uprooted and damaged many trees in Mobridge. Several power lines and poles were downed from trees falling onto them. The roofs of two buildings were blown off while other roofs received some damage. Windows were broken out in eight vehicles at the South Dakota Department of Transportation from gravel blown from a stockpile. Winds up to 90 mph also caused damage in Herreid where doors on a concrete elevator were blown out.

August 3, 2008: A couple severe thunderstorms moved across north central South Dakota during the early morning hours bringing large hail and damaging thunderstorm winds to the area. Isabel, Timber Lake, and Selby were among the hardest hit locations. Isabel in Dewey County saw eighty mph winds which damaged or downed several trees, damaged carnival equipment, destroyed some sheds, and rolled some large hay bales. Winds up to 80 mph severely damaged a barn, downed some power poles along with many trees and branches in and around Timber Lake. Also, several vehicles and many acres of crops were damaged by the hail and high winds. The Little Moreau Elk Lodge roof was damaged and some windows were broken. One-hundred mph winds downed six power poles and caused considerable damage to sunflowers, corn, wheat, and beans in and around Selby in Walworth County. Also, an empty grain bin was blown over and damaged. Numerous trees were snapped off. The coop seed building in Selby sustained considerable damage with many trees uprooted or damaged throughout town.

August 3, 2009: A cold front moving southeast across the area brought many severe thunderstorms to parts of central and northeast South Dakota. Large hail up to golf ball size along with wind gusts

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nearing 80 mph occurred across the area. Brown, Hyde, Lyman, and Gregory Counties were among the hardest hit locations. Many acres of soybeans and corn were significantly damaged by hail and sixty mph winds near Putney in Brown County. Seventy to 80 mph winds brought down several large trees along with many large tree branches in and around Highmore in Hyde County. The strong winds also tipped over a semi, a gravity wagon, and a grain auger along with damaging several fences. There were also power outages in Highmore. Golf ball size hail combined with strong winds broke many windows in the house and dented several vehicles south of Kennebec in Lyman County. The house pet was also injured. Large hail, up to two inches in diameter, fell in a swath a few miles wide from northwestern to south central Gregory County. The hail broke numerous windows, severely damaged siding and roofs of homes and other buildings, and severely damaged vehicles, while covering the ground in several places. Property damage was especially severe in the town of Gregory. Crop damage was also severe along the swath, with corn crops in some areas destroyed to the point of only small stubble left.

August 3, 2010: A strong upper level disturbance produced heavy rain around Lead, Deadwood, and Central City. Four to five inches of rain fell in two hours, causing widespread street flooding in Lead and Deadwood. Six to 12 inches of water flowing down Main and Sherman Streets in Deadwood flooded cars, basements, and businesses. The electrical system of the Broadway Parking Ramp elevator was destroyed. Hail broke windows of a basement pub, which then filled with water about three and a half feet deep.

August 3, 2012: An area of low pressure and associated cold front moving across South Dakota produced many severe thunderstorms. Tennis ball size hail and damaging wind gusts up to eighty mph along with a few tornadoes were reported. In Walworth County, tennis ball hail destroyed crops near Sitka. Hail up to golf ball size lasted ten minutes near Java. Near Loyalton Edmunds County, windows and vinyl siding on the west side of a house were destroyed due to seventy mph winds and golf ball size hail. The wind and hail also damaged the west side of a barn and severely damaged the bean and corn crops. The emergency manager in Spink County reported large branches downed due to

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EMPLOYMENT

MAINTENANCE WORKER: The City of Conde, SD, is now accepting applications for a full-time Maintenance Worker. Work areas include, but are not limited to water, sewer, streets, snow removal, and rubble site. The following certifications/licenses must be possessed or be able to obtain: Commercial Applicator's License, Class I Water Distribution, Class I Wastewater Treatment and Distribution, and a valid SD driver's license. Mechanical ability and knowledge and experience with all types of equipment are desired. Individual must also be dependable, reliable, friendly, and able to work with others. Salary/wage is depending upon qualifications and experience. Applications and/or additional information may be obtained from the City Finance Office, PO Box 113, Conde, SD 57434. Telephone: 605-382-5258 or email ctyconde@nvc.net. The City Office is located in the north side of the former school on Broadway St. SW, Conde, SD. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

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estimated wind gusts of seventy to eighty mph in Redfield. Also in Spink County, a brief, EF0 tornado touchdown in a cornfield near the airport in Redfield. Another weak, EF0, touched down in a cornfield three miles southwest of Conde. In Hamlin County, the storms produced eighty mph winds which downed between thirty and forty trees in Castlewood and Hayti causing many power outages. 1885 - A tornado hit Philadelphia and Camden along its eight mile path. (David Ludlum)

1970 - Hurricane Celia struck the coast of Texas producing wind gusts to 161 mph at Corpus Christi, and estimated wind gusts of 180 mph at Arkansas Pass. The hurricane was the most destructive of record along the Texas coast causing 454 million dollars damage, and also claimed eleven lives. (David Ludlum) (The Weather Channel)

1987 - A severe thunderstorm moved across Cheyenne, WY, during the mid afternoon. The thunderstorm produced hailstones up to two inches in diameter causing more than 37 million dollars damage. The eastern U.S. sweltered in the heat. A dozen cities reported record high temperatures for the date, including Paducah KY with a reading of 102 degrees. Beckley WV established an all- time record with an afternoon high of 93 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1988 - Thunderstorms developing ahead of a slow moving cold front produced severe weather from the Central High Plains to the Upper Great Lakes Region. Thunderstorms around Fort Collins, CO, produced wind gusts to 74 mph along with marble size hail. Sixteen persons were injured in the storm, most of whom were accidently locked out of their office building, having evacuated it when the fire alarm went off, apparently triggered by lightning. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1989 - Thunderstorms representing what remained of Hurricane Chantal drenched Wichita, KS, with 2.20 inches of rain in four hours during the early morning. Thunderstorms developing in Minnesota produced wind gusts to 85 mph at Baudette during the afternoon, and softball size hail at Lake Kabetogama, during the evening. Jamestown, ND, reported a record hot afternoon high of 103 degrees. (Storm Data) (The National Weather Summary)

1864: The crew of a Union fleet witnessed a waterspout move right past their ship, causing no damage, in Albemarle Sound, NC. (NWS)

1960: A severe squall line with hurricane force winds crossed Chicago and then proceeded across Lake Michigan. Two hours later a seiche caused the lake to rise as much as four feet along the Chicago shore. One man died clinging to a rope on the lake side of a filtration plant near Navy Pier. (NWS)

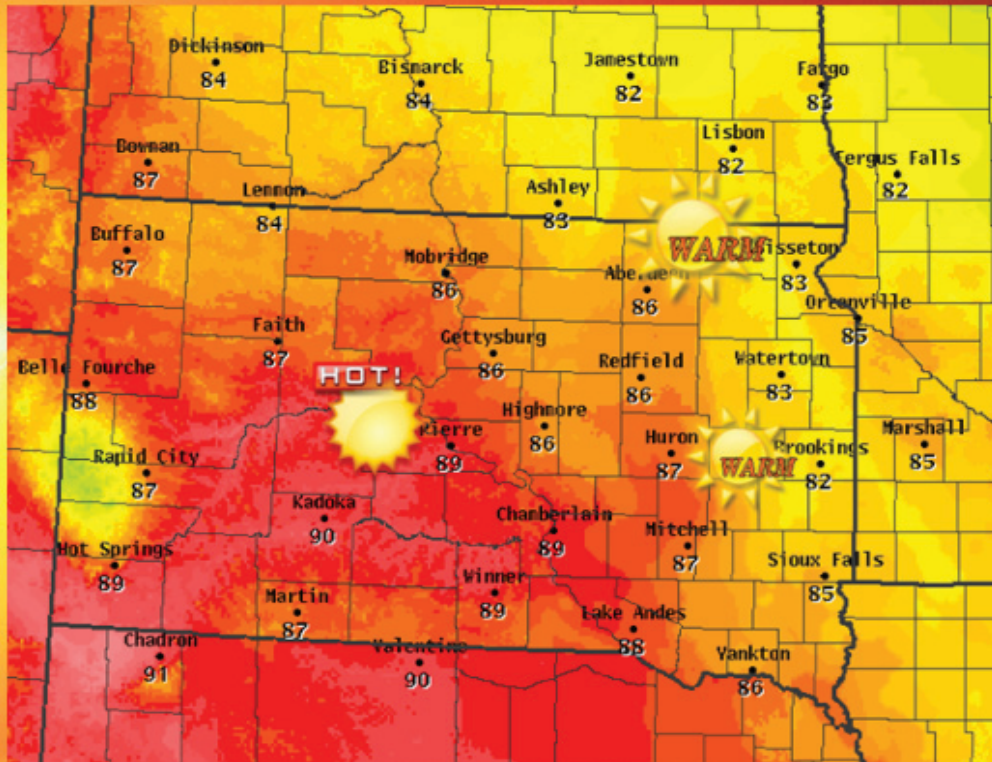
2011: Little Rock, AR set their all-time high temperature record of 114 degrees. (NWS)

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TODAY	TONIGHT	SUNDAY	SUNDAY NIGHT	MONDAY	MONDAY NIGHT	TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny High: 86 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms Low: 59 °F	Mostly Sunny High: 86 °F	Partly Cloudy Low: 60 °F	Slight Chc Thunderstorms High: 86 °F	Chance Thunderstorms Low: 63 °F	Chance Thunderstorms High: 81 °F

Another Warm Day



National Weather Service – Aberdeen, SD

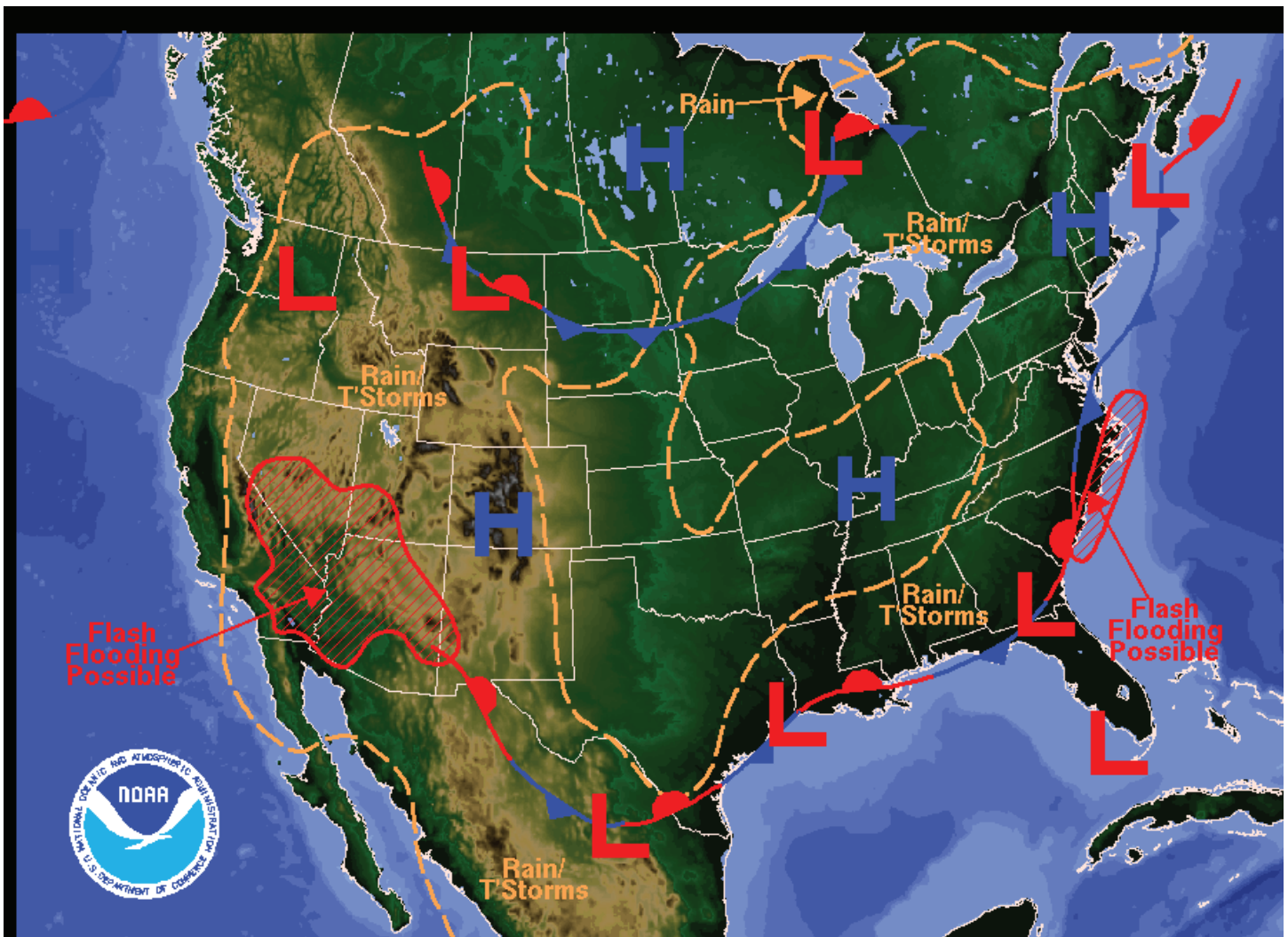
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Another warm day is in store for the region, with highs mainly in the mid 80s to lower 90s. Isolated showers and thunderstorms may pop up during the late afternoon and evening hours.

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Weather Forecast for Sun, Aug 03, 2014, issued 4:32 AM EDT
DOC/NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Weather Prediction Center
Prepared by Monarski based on WPC, SPC and NHC forecasts

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HAVE MERCY!

When we are offended by another person, we have four options: we can pout, pity ourselves, take it out on someone else or pray.

When we pout, we pollute ourselves with the poison of displeasure. It's like pouring a teaspoonful of black dye into a glass of pure water and watching the darkness take over. It ruins the beauty that light brings to life. Pouting brings distress into our lives - not deliverance.

When we pity ourselves, we are simply poisoning ourselves. Self-pity distorts our thinking, disrupts our work, disturbs our body and even disfigures our face with wrinkles. It depresses our friends, demoralizes our life and above all, dishonors our Lord.

When we take our hurt out on others, it not only pains them, but will come right back to pain us as well - and eventually punish us. Revenge is like a boomerang: Although it flies into the path of the other person, it will eventually come back to attack us in the process. It can hit the one who threw it with the heaviest blow.

When we pray we protect ourselves and place the responsibility for "settling the score" up to God. We are God's children and what offends us offends Him; what hurts us will hurt Him; and what affects us has already affected Him. He understands our pain and our sorrow.

The Psalmist expresses this in a beautiful way: "I cried unto the Lord, and He heard me." God will always take care of us, remove the sadness from our hearts and bring His healing. When we pray He makes things right!

Prayer: Father, when we have been injured by the ways and words of others, may we look to You for Your healing. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Scripture for Today:
Psalm 120:1 I call on the Lord in my distress, and he answers me.

A colorful advertisement for a taco bar and soup night. The background features a red, white, and green zigzag pattern. On the left, there is a large illustration of a taco. The text "Come 'n' Get It!" is written in a large, bold, red font with a black outline. Below that, "Friday is Taco Bar and Soup Night" is written in a smaller red font. The name "Andover Bar & Grill" is in a large, bold, black font. To the right, "Serving 5-9 p.m." is written in a green font. At the bottom, the address "120 S Main St. • 298-5252" is written in a smaller black font. On the right side, there is another illustration of a taco.

AP News in Brief

Gaza health official says 10 dead after strike near UN school

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A Gaza health official says 10 people have been killed by a strike near a United Nations school in the embattled coastal territory.

Ashraf al-Kidra says another 35 were wounded after the hit near a boys' school in the southern town of Rafah that is sheltering people displaced by the 27-day conflict between Israel and Hamas.

Witnesses said the attack happened while people were waiting in line for food supplies. It was not immediately clear whether the strike was the result of Israeli or Palestinian fire.

The Israeli military had no immediate comment and the U.N. said it was not immediately clear where the strike originated.

In nearly four weeks of fighting, more than 1,700 Palestinians, mainly civilians, have been killed as well as nearly 70 Israelis, almost all soldiers.

Atlanta hospital where infected US doctor being treated deemed 1 of safest to treat Ebola

ATLANTA (AP) — The Ebola virus has killed more than 700 people in Africa and could have catastrophic consequences if allowed to spread, world health officials say. So why would anyone allow infected Americans to come to Atlanta?

The answer, experts say, is because Emory University Hospital is one of the safest places in the world to treat someone with Ebola. There's virtually no chance the virus can spread from the hospital's super-secure isolation unit.

And another thing, they say: medical workers risking their lives overseas deserve the best treatment they can get.

Dr. Kent Brantly became the first person infected with Ebola to be brought to the United States from Africa. He arrived Saturday at one of the nation's best hospitals. Fellow aid worker Nancy Writebol was expected to arrive in several days.

"I hope that our understandable fear of the unfamiliar does not trump our compassion when ill Americans return to the U.S. for care," said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention. His agency received "nasty emails" and at least 100 calls from people questioning why the sick aid workers should be let into the United States.

Supreme Court unwilling to step into legal fight over secrecy surrounding execution drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — No one on the Supreme Court objected publicly when the justices voted to let Arizona proceed with the execution of Joseph Wood, who unsuccessfully sought information about the drugs that would be used to kill him.

Inmates in Florida and Missouri went to their deaths by lethal injection in the preceding weeks after the high court refused to block their executions. Again, no justice said the executions should be stopped.

Even as the number of executions annually has dropped by more than half over the past 15 years and the court has barred states from killing juveniles and the mentally disabled, no justice has emerged as a principled opponent of the death penalty.

This court differs from some of its predecessors. Justices William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall dissented every time their colleagues ruled against death row inmates, and Justices Harry Blackmun and John Paul Stevens, near the end of their long careers, came to view capital punishment as unconstitutional.

"They're all voting to kill them, every so often. They do it in a very workmanlike, technocratic fashion," said Stephen Bright, a veteran death penalty lawyer in Georgia, of the current court.

Ohio's 4th largest city told not to drink water over toxins, affecting over 400,000 people

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Long lines formed at water distribution centers and store shelves were quickly emptied of bottled water after Ohio's fourth-largest city told residents not to drink from its water supply that was fouled by toxins possibly from algae on Lake Erie.

The warning effectively cut off the water supply to 400,000 people in Toledo, most of its suburbs and a few areas in southeastern Michigan.

Worried residents told not to drink, brush their teeth or wash dishes with the water emptied store shelves and waited hours for deliveries of bottled water from across Ohio as the governor declared a

state of emergency.

Gov. John Kasich pledged that state agencies were working to bring water and other supplies to areas around Toledo while also assisting hospitals and other businesses impacted. The state also was making plans to make more deliveries if the water problem lingered, he said.

"What's more important than water? Water's about life," Kasich said. "We know it's difficult. We know it's frustrating."

As Scotland debates independence, haggis stands as a symbol of the past, and the future

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — It's not much of an exaggeration to say that Jo Macsween has haggis in her blood. The business founded by her butcher grandfather is a leading purveyor of Scotland's national dish: a blend of offal, oats and spices, traditionally served in a sheep's stomach.

Macsween is all too aware how unappetizing that might sound. She has dedicated her life to transforming the image of haggis for the 21st century.

"I describe it as the food that hugs you from inside," said Macsween, a passionate advocate for her product. "I feel loved after I've eaten haggis."

She says this while scooping crumbly nuggets of haggis onto a plate of nachos, along with cheese, sour cream and guacamole. Food purists might wince, but others may see haggis nachos as a symbol of modern Scotland, comfortable with both tradition and change — themes that run through Scotland's independence debate.

Haggis, Macsween said, "goes to the very identity of what makes Scotland Scotland." Like millions of other Scots, she has been thinking a lot recently about what that means.

Libya's government says 22 killed in day of fighting over airport in capital

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP) — A day of militia fighting for control of the international airport in Libya's capital Tripoli has killed 22 people, the interim government said Sunday.

It said "heavily armed groups" have shelled "civilian targets," endangering thousands of citizens and displacing hundreds of families. The 22 people were killed on Saturday alone, the latest casualties in fighting that has claimed more than 200 lives in recent weeks.

The government statement said another 72 people were wounded in Saturday's battles.

Libya is in the grip of its worst violence since the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime dictator Moammar Gadhafi. Islamist militias from the coastal city of Misrata have led the assault on the airport, seeking to seize it from militiamen from the mountain town of Zintan. The fighters on both sides are mainly drawn from the rebels who toppled and killed Gadhafi nearly three years ago with the help of a NATO air campaign against his forces.

The fighting on Saturday came as more than three-quarters of Libya's newly elected parliament met for the first time in Tobrouk, a city near the Egyptian border chosen by a prominent anti-Islamist politician, signaling a swing against Islamist parties and extremist militias.

TS Bertha aims for Dominican Republic as it dumps heavy rain in Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Tropical Storm Bertha swirled over the eastern Dominican Republic early Sunday morning after whipping Puerto Rico with heavy rains and strong winds that knocked out power in parts of the region.

The storm's maximum sustained winds dropped slightly to 45 mph (75 kph), but slow strengthening was expected by Monday. Bertha was centered about 30 miles (45 kilometers) east-northeast of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and was moving northwest at 21 mph (33 kph) Sunday morning.

The director of the Dominican Republic's Emergency Operations Center, Juan Manuel Mendez, said that rain was falling on parts of the country but there were no reports of damage so far.

Officials were asking hotels and resorts in Punta Cana to cancel any planned water sports or activities and have prohibited tourist and fishing boats from taking to the water on the country's east coast.

"Our obligation is to make sure that no person, national or foreign, experience problems" because of the storm, said Mendez.

Wildfire along California-Oregon border spurs evacuations; Gov. Brown declares emergency

ALTURAS, Calif. (AP) — A fast-growing wildfire along the Oregon-California border spurred evacuation notices even as California's governor declared a state of emergency to help fight blazes raging in the state.

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Gov. Jerry Brown's order Saturday night came as fires in other West Coast states burned through parched forests, brush and terrain, destroying some homes, threatening many others and forcing evacuations.

In California, dry lightning, high temperatures and severe drought conditions exacerbated the fire danger as more than a dozen significant wildfires flared, some of which also damaged or destroyed dwellings and prompted residents to flee.

Brown's proclamation said that the circumstances and magnitude of the wildfires are beyond the control of any single local government and will require the combined forces of regions to combat.

To that end, he secured a federal grant on Saturday to cover 75 percent of the cost to fight a wildfire that started in Oregon and crossed into California. The lightning-sparked Oregon Gulch fire destroyed at least 3 homes and was threatening about 270 structures on both sides of the border, authorities said.

AP Photos: Landscape of Flanders Fields shows scars of Great War a century later

One hundred years on, World War I resonates across Belgium in countless monuments and cemeteries along with relics of long-abandoned bunkers and trenches that dot the landscape.

Amid the random splattering of red poppies and often wild overgrowth, these relics are a poignant and constant reminder of what happened on Flanders Fields 100 years ago when life was about trenches, the protection of a bunker, a muddy battlefield and destroyed villages.

Some of the relics aren't just reminders of days gone by. Farmers in West Flanders call the spring plowing season the "iron harvest."

Lebanese army: 8 soldiers killed in clashes with Syrian rebels

BEIRUT (AP) — Lebanon's army says eight soldiers have been killed in clashes with Syrian rebels in and around an eastern Lebanese border town.

The military's statement on Sunday updated an earlier toll from fighting that began the day before and was still ongoing, and which marked one of the most serious spillovers of the three-year-old Syrian conflict into the tiny neighboring country.

The clashes in and around Aarsal began when fighters raided the border town after a militant from Syria's al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front was detained while being transferred to a Lebanese hospital.

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Tens of thousands of Syrian refugees live in and around Aarsal and fighters sometimes use the town as a base. But this weekend's fighting is the most serious yet.

Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, August 3, the 215th day of 2014. There are 150 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On August 3, 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

On this date:

In 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Virginia, charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1863, the first thoroughbred horse races took place at the Saratoga Race Course in Saratoga Springs, New York.

In 1936, Jesse Owens of the United States won the first of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he took the 100-meter sprint.

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1966, comedian Lenny Bruce, 40, was found dead in his Los Angeles home.

In 1972, the U.S. Senate ratified the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty between the United States and the Soviet Union. (The U.S. unilaterally withdrew from the treaty in 2002.)

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1993, the Senate voted 96-3 to confirm U.S. Supreme Court nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

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In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years. Stephen G. Breyer was sworn in as the Supreme Court's newest justice in a private ceremony at Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist's Vermont summer home.

Ten years ago: Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge defended the decision to tighten security in New York and Washington even though the intelligence behind the latest terror warnings was as much as four years old. The Statue of Liberty pedestal in New York City reopened to the public for the first time since the 9/11 attacks. NASA launched space probe Messenger on a quest to reveal the secrets of mysterious, superhot Mercury, the sun's nearest planet. French photographer Henri Cartier-Bresson died at age 95.

Five years ago: Iran's supreme leader formally endorsed Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (ah-muh-DEE'-neh-zahd) for a second term as president. A court in Los Angeles appointed Michael Jackson's mother, Katherine, permanent guardian of the late pop star's children.

One year ago: President Barack Obama's trade representative, Michael Froman, vetoed a yet-to-be-enacted ban on imports of Chinese-made Apple iPads and iPhones, overruling the U.S. International Trade Commission and dealing a setback to rival South Korean electronics company Samsung. Zimbabwe's electoral panel declared that longtime President Robert Mugabe had won re-election by a landslide.

Today's Birthdays: Author P.D. James is 94. Football Hall-of-Fame coach Marv Levy is 89. Singer Tony Bennett is 88. Actor Martin Sheen is 74. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth is 74. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 73. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 73. Rock musician B.B. Dickerson is 65. Movie director John Landis is 64. Actress JoMarie Payton is 64. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 63. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Marcel Dionne is 63. Country musician Randy Scruggs is 61. Actor Philip Casnoff is 60. Actor John C. McGinley is 55. Rock singer-musician Lee Rocker (The Stray Cats) is 53. Actress Lisa Ann Walter is 53. Rock singer James Hetfield (Metallica) is 51. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 51. Actor Isaiah Washington is 51. Country musician Dean Sams (Lonestar) is 48. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 44. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 43. Actress Brigid Brannagh is 42. Actor Michael Ealy is 41. Country musician Jimmy De Martini (Zac Brown Band) is 38. NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 37. Actress Evangeline (ee-VAN'-gel-eeen) Lilly is 35. Actress Mamie Gummer is 31. Country singer Whitney Duncan is 30. Actor Jon Foster is 30. Actress Georgina Haig (TV: "Once Upon a Time"; "Reckless") is 29. Singer Holly Arnstein (Dream) is 29. Actress Tanya Fischer is 29. Pop-rock musician Brent Kutzle (OneRepublic) is 29.

Thought for Today: "It takes a great deal of history to produce a little literature." - Henry James, American author (1843-1916).