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“SPRING WATCH BEGINS”

For those of us living in Wisconsin's Northwood's, seeing the first gentle sign of spring is one of our most welcome moments. Heavy snow and below-zero temperatures become faint memories.

A close second favorite spring event is when our first summer visitors walk into our church foyer. With joy and friendship we welcome you as we join together in worship! And then, what fun it is after church to visit with you as we share our wintertime stories.

For now, the ice on our lakes is still thick enough for hardy ice fishermen to enjoy last chances to catch the big ones.

But spring is just a few weeks away!

TESTIMONY CORNER

On a cold Sunday morning in January (10 above zero) I drove to church early to get prepared for the service. I could hear someone calling for help. I looked out all the windows and couldn't see anyone, until I realized the call was coming from across the road. I could see an elderly lady standing in a fenced in yard calling - Help me!, help

me! She couldn't get out of her yard. Instantly a message came to me to call 911! I called and within 3 minutes two police cars came. One had to shovel a path to where she was standing and opened the gate to help her out of there and into a warm, heated car (with her little dog). The other policeman tried to open a door to her house and couldn't find a key and then tried the other door which was locked also. Apparently she locked herself out of her house. On the left side of her home is a business and on the right side is a house with a "For Rent" sign in the front, so no one was around to help her. I was so grateful I was there to "hear the message" and help her.

Jeanette Omen

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"The voice of the turtle (dove) is heard in our land."

The Song of Solomon 2: 12

"May the dove of Science
be heard in my land.

May I heed the heavenly singing
and open my window--take in hand
the healing of its winging".

Maxine Le Pelley
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UPCOMING LECTURE

The lecture committee is making plans for having a lecture late in May or early June. Please watch for time and place as we are looking forward to welcoming you.

GODWORDS: Getting to know God in 5 words a day.

Did you ever think that the boundaries of your life are created by what you know and understand of God? Think of it this way - your understanding of God is the canvas on which your life is painted. The more resilient and broad your understanding of God is, the more your life experiences reflect that breadth and resilience.

“We know no more of man as the true divine image and likeness, than we know of God.” writes M.B.Eddy. So, reasoning as such, what we know of God is paramount to how we live our lives!

Let's accept Mrs. Eddy's definition of God found in Science and Health, 587:6. God is “Principle; Mind; Soul; Spirit; Life; Truth; Love; all substance, intelligence.” So what does that mean? What does knowing that God is Principle - lawgiver, source of order, foundation - mean? When we understand God as Love - harmony, tenderness, selflessness, purity, all-inclusive - it adds another dimension to see that the Principle of Love is a law and is our very foundation.

When we see that the Principle of

Love is the foundation for ourselves, we can see that it is the same foundation for all. Why?

Because the principle of Love is all-inclusive. What a healing framework this supplies for working out issues of conflict or dis-ease! And what an infinite task to know and understand infinite Soul, forever Truth and omnipotent Love.

“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!” writes Paul in his letter to the Romans.

I have been doing this for such a long time I can't even remember when I started; that is to start my day with about five synonyms for God. Join me! Take time to consider the infinite reach of God and God's insightful and pure tenderness.

Listen. What five words describe God for you today? To increase our understanding of God helps to reveal the day's regular supply of blessings. Our God-words take us Godward!

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