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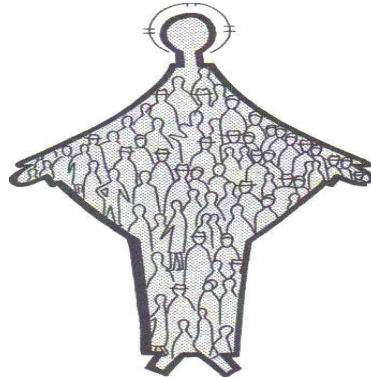
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*“For just as the body is one and has many members,  
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.  
For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.” 1Corinthians 12:12-13*

This is a portion of a letter that Paul wrote to the congregation in Corinth. The people in Corinth, like most communities that Paul wrote to, spoke Greek. Greek however, was not Paul’s native tongue. He was a Roman citizen, so he spoke Latin. Thus, when you read Paul’s letters that he wrote Greek you will notice that he repeats words often. When you are communicating in a language that you are just learning, you tend to use the words you know are right.

So let’s take a look at this portion of the letter again. In just one and a half verses, (it is verse 12 and half of 13) Paul uses the word “body” and “one” four times each. This repetition of these words is not limited to these few verses either, this is just the beginning of a larger section that goes on for another 20 verses and the words “one” and “body” are repeated over and over again. By the time you are finished reading the text the phrase “one body” is burned into your brain. And this is what I find so fascinating about this text; Paul’s inexperience with writing the Greek language actually helps illustrate the point he is trying to make.

You see this whole section in Paul’s letter to the Corinthians is about how even though we are all different and have different gifts, God is using them to work together in one body. And God uses all of us, our love for each other, and our talents, our inexperience and our struggles, to form the one body of Christ. And many times it is the imperfections that make the body the most beautiful. If Paul had been writing Greek since he was a child he probably could have made his words more poetic and flowing like the Greek writers of the time, but in doing so would those words “one body” be burned into our brains after reading it?

The body of Christ is massive, and colorful, and beautiful, and messy, and joyful, and sad, and ALIVE. You are a part of that body, all of you, every part of you. You Are The Body Of Christ!

## *Dates to Remember...*

*2/10/19 – Sonshine  
Worship and  
Installation of New  
Officers*

*2/14/19 – WELCA  
Valentine’s Brunch  
11:30a*

*2/17/19 – NO  
SUNDAY SCHOOL*

*2/23/19 – Equipping  
Congregations –  
Willmar*

*2/24/19 – Sunday  
School Children  
Singing in Church*

Peace,

Pastor Levi

**For December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Gifts/Offerings received: \$17,876.49**  
**Distributions: \$12,503.02**

**GIVE+Online.....**

We invite you to consider our new electronic giving program as a way to automate your regular weekly offerings. Electronic giving is convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for our church. There is no cost for you to participate.

To get started you will need to sign up in the link on the front page of our website (oslcanby.org) or you may call the office 223-5528 for assistance.

**Daybreak Bible Study for Men**

Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

7:00 a.m. at the Midway Cafe

**Women’s Circle Meeting Date & Time**

Elizabeth/Naomi Circle

**Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

2:00pm – Fireside Room

Gather Bible Study – Sylvan Court

**Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 a.m.

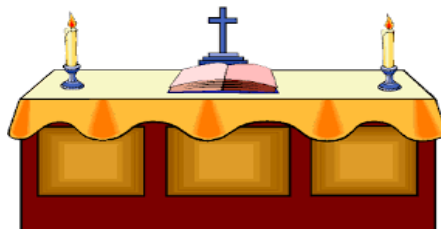
**FEBRUARY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**



**Driver Information** - If you

need a ride to church for Sunday morning services,

please call the church office at 223-5528 by Friday noon prior to the Sunday for making arrangements.



**Altar Assistants:**

Glenda Olsen & Joyce Duin

**Ushers**

**Milo Larson, Captain**      223-5082

Darius Eilers                      Greg Coil                      Jerome DeVos

Curt Rangaard                      Dan Kraft

***Communion Services***



**Tuesday, 2/12**

10:30 a.m. Holy

Communion at

Sylvan Court Chapel

12:45 p.m. Holy

Communion at

Sylvan Place

3:30 p.m. Holy Communion at

Twinwood A and Twinwood B

**Wednesday, 2/13**

1:30 p.m. Worship/Holy Communion in

Our Saviour’s Chapel



3<sup>rd</sup>: Tricia Bueltel

10<sup>th</sup>: Youth

17<sup>th</sup>: Sonshine

24<sup>th</sup>: Mark Fokken



***Eternal Lights for the month of February***

For **February the Eternal Lights** burn in the Sanctuary and Chapel in memory of Muriel Kirkeide's birthday on February 16<sup>th</sup>. For the past 20 years we have missed her but her love continues to shine bright in our lives.

**Mission Work**

Our Saviour's mission church is Iglesia Lutherana Paz y Esperanza [Peace and Hope Lutheran Church]. Our Mission Calendar will go 1/2 toward our new mission church and 1/2 to our missionary.

The Mission Calendar is \$10 per day and you may designate it for birthdays, anniversaries, or any special day you may have.

***Our Saviour's Lutheran offers a mission opportunity*** for individuals and families to partner in spreading the Gospel through financial support of our radio and TV broadcasts. Broadcasts may be given in honor or memory of loved ones with their names being published in our weekly bulletin and our monthly newsletter. One TV broadcast costs \$50 and one radio broadcast costs \$100.

**January Radio Broadcasts**

20<sup>th</sup>: In memory of Lorraine Reynolds. Given by Lyle & Joan Gorder.

**Dearly Departed in January:**

*Dean Hansen*

*Marvel Haas*

*\*\*A list of categories where you can designate your money when giving Memorials to Our Saviour's*

*Lutheran include:*

**Altar Fund**

**Blanket Fund**

**Broadcast Fund**

**Building Fund**

**Campership Fund**

**Cemetery Fund**

**Cornerstone Fund**

**Eternal Lights**

**Foundation**

**Lutheran Educational Aid Fund (L.E.A.F.)**

**Mission Action**

**Mission Calendar**

**Music Memorial Fund  
Organ Restoration Fund  
Sunday School  
TEAF**

**Video Streaming Fund  
Women's Retreat Fund  
WELCA Projects Fund  
Youth**

Or you may give it as:  
**Undesignated**

**Broadcast**

Inez Olsen

Lorna & Roy Rangaard

Marion Schrunk

Honor of Joyce Schrunk's Birthday

**Cemetery**

Mike Vig

**Eternal Lights**

Muriel Kirkeide

**Music**

Dean Hansen

**Video Streaming**

Dean Hansen

**Undesignated**

Steve Fagen

Bill Meyer

Emily Hansen

**INTERNAL CHURCH STAFF:**

Pastor:

**Levi Bollerud**

President of Congregation:

**Bruce Wornson**

Vice President:

**Dee Benson**

Congregational Secretary:

**Karen Hacker**

Congregational Treasurer:

**Brenda Lothert**

Organist/Handbell Director:

**Karen Olsen**

Choir Director:

**Dawn Ourada**

Custodian:

**Jesse Engesmoe**

Office Manager:

**Cheryl Norquist**

Youth Coordinator:

**Amber Groen**

**COUNCIL BOARD MEMBERS****BOARD OF DEACONS**

Karen Hacker*	2015
Lori Husby*	2015
Dan Kraft*	2016
Eric Hanson	2018
Janice Zimmerman	2018

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Sabrina Stockman	2017
Collin Bueltel	2018
Kristen Fairchild	2018
Jon Hanson	2018

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Bev Larsen*	2015
Curt Olsen*	2015
Rick Olsen*	2015
Mark Fokken	2018
Carol Gorder	2018

**YOUTH BOARD**

Cheryl Norquist*	2016
Alex Whittier	2017
Matthew Groen*	2017
Cameron Anderson	2018
Beth Beiningen	2018
Rondine Shaffer	2018



### **Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Council-at-Large Minutes of the January 9, 2019 Meeting**

These are the minutes of the Jan. 9, 2019, Council at Large. Pastor Levi led with a devotion based on Matthew 3, "This is my beloved Son..." We are marked and sealed with the Spirit through Baptism. We encourage, nurture, and work together as companions called by the Spirit through Baptism to a life of ministry. Pastor Levi led the council in prayer to see ourselves working together, reflected in the waters of baptism through the Spirit.

The minutes of the Dec. 12, 2018, Council Meeting were read and approved.

Chairman Wornson thanked outgoing council members for their service. Outgoing members on the Nominating Committee will be Bev Larsen and Lori Husby.

Trustees reviewed the proposed 2019 budget proposal. The campership budget was increased to encourage participation. Because of the parsonage sale, there are no more parsonage expenses for 2019. Pastor Levi's compensation and related expenses was increased to reflect 1 step in accordance with synod guidelines.

A motion was made and seconded that the council recommend the approval of the proposed 2019 budget by the congregation at the Annual Meeting. The motion was approved. President Wornson reminded the council that the Annual Meeting is January 27 after the Sunday service.

The Equipping Congregations Day event will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 8:30-3:30 in Willmar at both Vinje and Bethel Lutheran Churches. This event is well attended by our Synod, and any member is welcome to attend. New council members are specifically encouraged. There is a flat registration fee regardless of numbers attending that is paid for by our congregation. Please contact the church office for registration before Feb. 10 if you wish to attend.

Meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hacker

**BOARD OF DEACONS:****Board of Deacons Minutes January 12, 2019**

Members present: Lori Husby, Dan Kraft, Janice Zimmerman, Karen Hacker

Absent: Eric Hanson

Batteries were removed from the flameless candles which are used Christmas Eve. Communion will be held Jan. 27. Pastor Levi has planned the Memorial Service for Jan. 20.

Dan, Janice, and Eric have continuing Deacon's terms. Lori and Karen have completed their terms.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Hacker

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

**Board of Trustees Minutes January 9, 2019.**

**Present:** Curt Olsen, Rick Olsen, Bev Larsen, Mark Fokken, Carol Gorder, Bruce Wornson, Dee Benson, Pastor Levi Bollerud.

**Absent:**

Chair Bev Larsen called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**I. 2019 Budget:** The board finalized the proposed 2019 budget. Motion made and seconded to recommend the proposed 2019 budget for approval by the Council-at-Large and the Congregation at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

The board recessed at 7:30pm to join the Council at Large. The board reconvened at 7:50pm

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting were read. Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

**II. Review and Pay Bills:** Outstanding bills were reviewed and discussed. Motion made and seconded to pay the outstanding bills from December 13<sup>th</sup> to January 9<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

**III. Financial Reports:** Bev Larsen shared some financial information from the Foundation, LEAF committee and other groups for the board to review. The audit committee had recommended that these be periodically reviewed and information on what each group does be disseminated to the congregation.

**IV. ELCA Endowment Fund Payment:** Bev reported that we've received our first payment from the investment of the funds from the Parsonage sale. This amount (\$504.95) will go into the general fund of the congregation.

**V. Repayment of Cornerstone Fund:** The board considered the possibility of repaying part of the money borrowed this year from the Cornerstone Fund. This should be a priority for the new board at the end of the fiscal year. There was some general discussion about giving amounts in the last month of the year and needs going forward. Motion made and seconded to transfer \$5,000 from the general fund to the Cornerstone Fund. Motion Carried. This will bring the total of the fund to \$18,088.24.

**VI. Possible Confirmation Program Changes:** Pastor Levi shared an idea he has to make some changes to the confirmation program. For the past two years, confirmation hasn't been accomplishing what he wants it to. Wednesday night seems to be the

issue. The school has been good about getting the kids to the church but they are hungry and tired and we only have them for about an hour. There just isn't the time for the in-depth conversations that he'd like to have. He would like to try a model used successfully by other congregations that involves the whole family for sessions on Sunday afternoons. This would still be 7th-9th grades. It would be open to all members of the congregation as well. This will change the way we do things. Coffee talk, serving at dinners, etc. will have to change because it causes a great deal of anxiety for the parents. These other obligations seem to be overshadowing the learning about faith. He suggested we create a coffee talk committee to take over this responsibility. There was some discussion about the various options and the issues relevant to each. The board indicated that this is a change that should be discussed and proposed by the board of education and the youth boards.

**VII. Suggestions for Annual Report:** Bev Larsen asked for input on the Board of Trustees annual report for the annual meeting. Several suggestions and highlights from the year's accomplishments were discussed.

**VIII. Organ Repair:** The Organ repairman was here in December to repair a non-working note and do some tuning. He made a short list of other items that should be addressed eventually. This was passed around and discussed by the board.

**IX. Furnace Cleaning:** Furnace cleaning was raised as something that needs to be done perhaps this coming summer.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried. The board adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mark A. Fokken  
Secretary, OSL Board of Trustees



**YOUTH BOARD**

**Youth Board Minutes for January 9, 2019 meeting.**

**Members Present:** Amber Groen, Beth Beiningen, Cheryl Norquist also present: Jon Hanson

**Members Absent:** Rondine Shaffer, Alex Whittier, Matt Groen, Cameron Anderson

Read and approved minutes from the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussed Senior High Youth Gathering coming up on April 5-6th. Determined cost for each youth would be \$60, for the two days, meals and hotel room.

Soup Suppers are set to begin on March 6th. Approved purchasing some soups from Reinhart, to have as a backup if we don't have enough soups for the night.

Silent Auction to take place on Easter, requesting that each confirmation grade make a basket, with donations coming from each individual in that grade.

Looking to get a Fun Night planned soon.

Discussed having the NYG participants go visit the VA hospital patients.

No further items to discuss. Meeting was adjourned. Respectfully submitted, Beth Beiningen

**BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**Board of Education minutes from January 9, 2019.**

**Members Present:** Jon Hanson, Kristen Fairchild & Collin Bueltel

**Member Absent:** Sabrina Stockman

-Read and approved minutes from December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

-Planned Jesus' Birthday Party for January 13th, 2019 during the Sunday School hour. The kids will play bingo and eat cake during Sunday School. Jon will pick up a cake or cupcakes from Jims Market and will pick up something for prizes as well.

-The Christmas Program went great! We had great attendance and heard good compliments and everyone can tell that the kids had a lot of fun with the songs and science experiments!

Respectfully submitted, Collin Bueltel

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Christ in Our Home**, the quarterly daily devotional provided for the congregation by the congregation is on the bookshelf in front of office? Each week the day's devotions are based on the scriptures used in that Sunday service – Gospel and readings. **The new one for January, February & March is ready to be picked up.**



**Thrivent  
Financial**  
for Lutherans

All Thrivent benefit members can receive up to **two \$250 grants per year** that can be used as seed money to purchase project supplies and create promotional materials to support an activity that meets a need in our community or church, a mission project, service activity, or educational event.

If interested, please contact the church office at 507.223.5528 for additional information.



***Happy Birthday to  
all those born in  
February:***

**1<sup>st</sup>:**

Travis Christianson  
Sawyer Hansen  
Randy Westphal

**2<sup>nd</sup>:**

Elleen Bresser  
Kelly Gagnon  
Chelsie Hulzebos

**3<sup>rd</sup>:**

Kortni Arndt  
Kaden Reyerson  
Kelly Stoks  
Wanda Winter

5<sup>th</sup>:

Jeremy Stoks  
Deb Vanderostyne

6<sup>th</sup>:

Kenadi Arndt  
Luretta Huber  
David Snortum

7<sup>th</sup>:

Douglas Balvin  
Cooper Koenig

8<sup>th</sup>:

Curtis Hoffman  
Allison Johnson  
Wallace Plageman

9<sup>th</sup>:

Duane Behnke  
Tricia Buelte  
Judy Long  
Taygen Roth

13<sup>th</sup>:

Trayten Eischens  
Denise Hanson

14<sup>th</sup>:

Celina Fokken  
Justin Gislason  
Annie Hegg  
Brexlynn Hulzebos  
Blakely Koenig  
Karen Olsen  
Hanna Stoks

15<sup>th</sup>:

Michael Fokken  
Jamison Hunt

17<sup>th</sup>:

Lois Cole  
Michael Frank  
Brent Jeppeson  
Alia Kraft  
Kathleen Madsen  
Nancy Mead  
Robert Welker

18<sup>th</sup>:

Mark Ellison  
Richard Larsen

19<sup>th</sup>:

Grace Hansen  
Doris Myers  
Parker Viessman  
Allyson Hanson

20<sup>th</sup>:

Brock Smith

21<sup>st</sup>:

Jack Nemitz  
Ashley Parish

23<sup>rd</sup>:

Jett Eilers  
Justin Hanson  
Jacob Pederson

24<sup>th</sup>:

Sherri Full  
Nathan Morris  
Peyton DeSmet

25<sup>th</sup>:

Taylor Ourada

26<sup>th</sup>:

Darcie Adkison  
Levi Menk  
Dane Nordquist

27<sup>th</sup>:

Carrie Benson  
Adam Evenson  
Crystal Gislason



## Happy Anniversary in February!

5<sup>th</sup>

Pauline & Marion Oellien

13<sup>th</sup>

Linda & Greg Coil

14<sup>th</sup>

Laurie & Mark Thorston

19<sup>th</sup>

Mabel Ann & Maynard Swenson

Janet & Louis Sherlin

21<sup>st</sup>

Charlotte & Gerald Thompson

22<sup>nd</sup>

Myron & Darlene Anhalt

26<sup>th</sup>

Ann & DeLon Clarksean

## *Thank You's.....*

*Look at all the amazing things that God has done this past month at Our Saviour's: Sonshine Worship, Bible Studies, Confirmation classes, Special Music, communion services and many other unnamed and unknown ministries. It takes many hearts and hands to do God's work. We are grateful!*

## **Amber's Article**

My youngest, Matt turned 18 in January. I know he is now considered an adult but he will always be my baby boy with the dark brown eyes, with curly black hair and a kind heart. I am confident that Mitch and I raised him to be a nice young man and that he will continue to be fiercely determined to do the right thing. If he sets his mind to

something he will achieve it. Even though he is an 18 year old, he will always be my son. I will continue to pray for him, worry about him, and drop everything if he needs me. I have written down a few hopes that I have for today's young adults so that they understand that just because they are adults, our role as parents will never end.

I hope that today's young adults remember to still ask their parents for advice because even though we don't have all the answers, we may have some and we know our child better than anyone.

I hope that today's young adults still give their parents a hug. It may be our child that needs a hug and sometimes it may be us. I think the power of a hug is amazing.

I hope that today's young adults still include their parents in their everyday life. We still want to hear about their day, their ups and the downs. We still want them to confide in us as we still want to know what is going on in their life. That does not change just because our child turns 18.

I hope that today's young adults aren't too busy to see the little miracles in the world. I hope they appreciate when something works out and that they appreciate all those people that have touched their lives.

I hope that today's young adults still take time to touch other's lives whether it be with a small gesture, a smile, a hug, or encouraging words as I want them to know that they can make a difference in the world.

But most of all, I hope that today's young adults still remember to pray and know that God is with them. I hope that when they feel saddled down with guilt, stress or worry that they can give it to God and know he will take care of it.

God's Blessings,  
Amber Groen, Youth Coordinator

**2019 Offering Envelopes are on the table in the Chapel. If you can't find yours please see Cheryl in the Office.**



**HELP WANTED to assist with Graduation Quilts!!!**



Every year for over 20 years, the congregation has gifted handmade quilts to our graduating seniors. These quilts are a lifelong reminder of the love of Christ and our

congregation that will enfold them as they go out into the world. A small and dedicated group of women and men have been sewing and assembling these quilts over the years. This year we will have 11 graduates and help is needed to get these special gifts ready. All volunteers are welcome and you don't need to know how to sew in order to help. We need folks to layer, tie, and pin the quilts as well. If you do know how to sew, all the cutting is done for you and the instructions are easy to follow. You can sew in the comfort of your own home or if there's demand for it, we'll organize some common sewing times at the church. If you are interested in helping with this meaningful ministry, please contact Lucille Fokken (507-223-7707) or give your name to Cheryl at the church office.

**Services are now being streamed over YouTube**

If you can't make it to church on Sunday mornings, now you can join us for worship online! For the past couple of months, we have been streaming our regular Sunday morning services on our own YouTube channel. You can access the live stream by going to our website ([www.oslcanby.org](http://www.oslcanby.org)) and clicking on the blue live stream button on the homepage. You can access archived services by visiting our YouTube channel which you can find when you are on the livestream by clicking on the Luther seal. There's also a link to our YouTube channel on our website. We encourage everyone to subscribe to the channel and then you'll receive notifications whenever we "go live." If you can't join us in person on Sunday morning, please join us online! This service will be especially helpful for members of our church family who are snowbirds during the winter months. Please check it out. If you'd like to help with this ministry or have questions, please contact Mark Fokken or the church office.

**PRAYER**  
*changes things*

**We ask God's guidance and prayers** for all those who have special needs: Dale Zimmerman, Cindy Hiedeman, Brayden Baker, Debbie Cornell, Ilene Jacobson, Wanda HeBrank, Rhonda Andree, Roger Shackelton, Judy Larson, Dane Nordquist, Tucker Coil, Monica Larson (Sherri Full's niece), Charlene Christie, Delroy Thompson, Stephanie Kreutner, John Cornell, Jade Otteson (niece of Spencer & Amanda Otteson), LaVonne Winters, Cameron Stockmann, Evelyn Husby, Marcie Wolff, Bertha Johnson, Jerry Thomsen, Karen Schultz, Joyce Brouwer, Mary Adler, Don Kirkeide, Robert Kokesh, Glenn & Fern Emmons and granddaughter Gabrielle, Dean Behnke, Connie Severson, Demitrius Bridges, Bill & Fran Beecher, Patricia Hoffman, Bruce Garrels, Karin Livermore, Deanna Stephenson, Clarie Ouverson, Dean Hedge, Sandra Nelson, Kristina Paiakham, Sherry Olson, Linda Vlaminck, Noah Hanson, and all whom we name before you in our hearts. May God strengthen all who are in need.

**2018 Contribution Statements** - If you would like a copy please give me a call (223-5528) and I can print and mail or email copy to you or if you happen to stop by the office I am able to quick print a copy for you!



"If we had no winter, the spring would not be so pleasant."

- Anne Bradstreet



**For Our Troops, Their Families, and Our Country**

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**We continue to pray for the Leaders** of the Nations, for all the Peacekeeping forces and especially for the service men and women connected with OSL, both those who remain deployed and those who now feel the safety of home: Cody Dinius, Andrew Thompson, Ross Larson, Nicole Nelson (granddaughter of Larry & Joanne Nelson), Ethan Webster, Tony Geier, Ryan Stoks, Nicholas Schultz, Tony Nelson, Kirk Larson, Ryan Otto, Tyson Coil, Christopher Oellien, Stephanie Geier and Sue Behrens. **May God continue to strengthen these committed military personnel and their families.** If anyone has been omitted or you would like to add a name, please contact the church office. We ask God to surround them and their loved ones with His love and presence.

## WELCA NEWS AND NOTES



Mark your calendars!!!

February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine Brunch – 11:30a.m.  
(Will be called)

March Women's Retreat  
Date & Time to be determined

The 2019 Committees for WELCA will remain the same as 2018. If anyone would like to be added to or taken off a committee please let a Board member or church office know.



If you are missing any pans or containers please check in the kitchen under the prep table.  
Thank you!

Please continue to sign up for Hospitality teams. We would like to have a **minimum of 20 people on each team** because everyone on the team is not always able to work a particular funeral.

We are so appreciative of the many individuals who are willing to work in this important mission!

Thank you!!!



"Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle ... a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to the light, a bud straining to unfurl. And the anticipation nurtures our dream."

- Barbara Winkler