

**BENEDICTION
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M.**



\$280,000.00
Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall

Happy Birthday!



May 15..... Emily McGinnis, Pete Pence, Isidro Salido, and Me
May 17..... Jim Creed
May 18..... Lori Gunderman, Lynn Turner
May 19..... Joyce Combs
May 20..... Jim Hehl, Donna Remsing
May 21..... AJ Hughes, Sarah Wuellner

LAUGHTER IS GOOD



A father from Germany, visiting America for the very first time, went up and down the aisles with his son-in-law at the local store.

He constantly asked questions about products he saw, "Vas diss? Powdered orange juice?"

"Yeah, Dad. You just add a little water, and you have fresh orange juice."

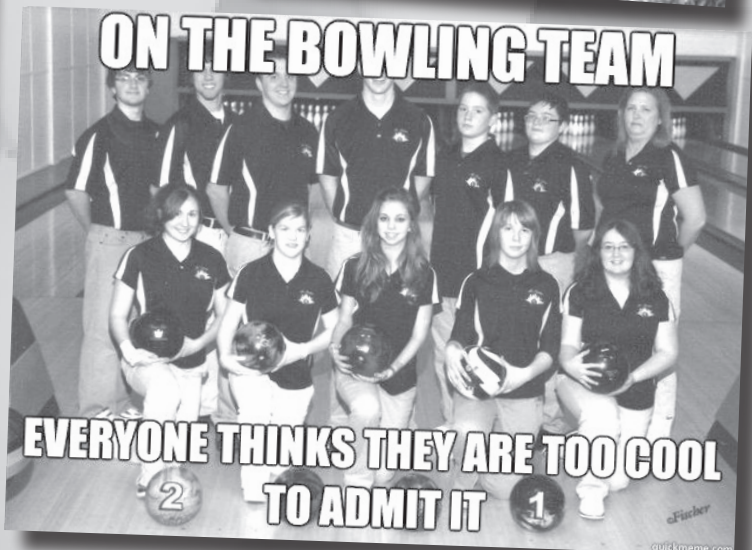
A few minutes later, in a different aisle, "Und vas dis? Powdered milk?"

"Yeah, Dad. You just add a little water, and you have fresh milk!"

A few minutes later, in a different aisle, "Und give a look here! Baby Powder! Vat a country, vat a country!"

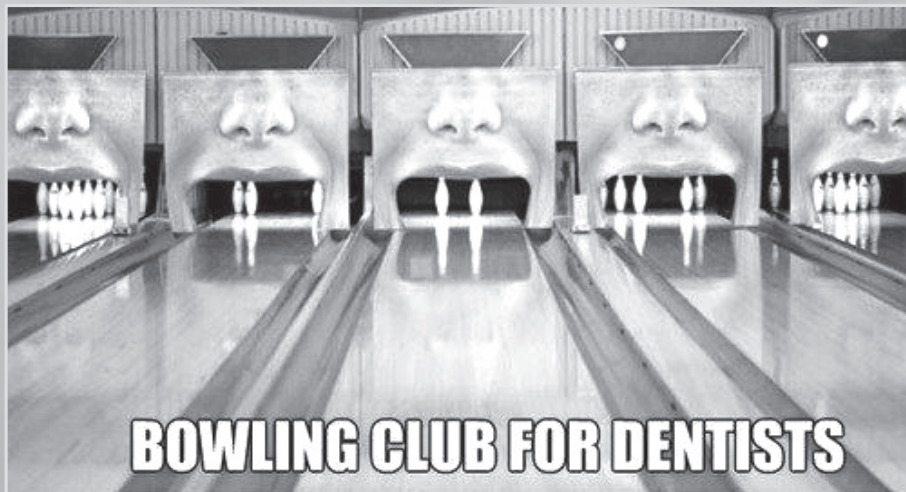


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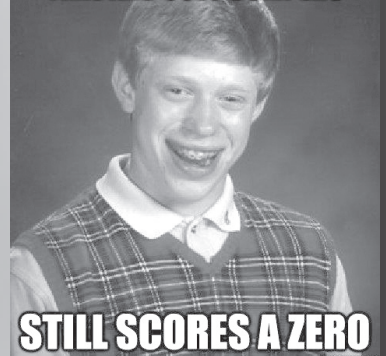
ON THE BOWLING TEAM

EVERYONE THINKS THEY ARE TOO COOL
TO ADMIT IT



BOWLING CLUB FOR DENTISTS

GOES BOWLING FOR THE FIRST
TIME AND USES BUMPERS



STILL SCORES A ZERO

SERMON FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Last week, I did something I haven't done in over 15 years. I went bowling. Chad Gose invited me to join his family for a "bowlabration" at Alley 21. I dusted off my bowling ball that my bowling hero Ed Bourdase gave me in 1994 and off I went. We were all having too much fun to care about how bad we bowled. A 112 game became the new 300.

Though our scores were less than inspiring, the interaction between Chad's older daughter and her three year old son, Josiah, was as inspiring as it was heartwarming. Alley 21 provided a special metal rack to help him bowl. Josiah would put the bowling bowl at the elevated top of the rack, where he would push the ball and it would roll down the rack and onto the lane. What inspired me was that this mother praised her son no matter what he did. If Josiah threw a gutter ball, she would say, "Look at all the pins you left standing! Isn't that wonderful?" Or, "You knocked down one pin just like a pro!" Little Josiah was so thrilled after each throw of the ball, he would run to his mom, grinning from ear to ear and utter this high pitched giggle to demonstrate his delight. In mom's eyes, her little boy was precious. She let Josiah see that no matter what he did, he was loved and affirmed.

In the Gospel today, Jesus is speaking His last words to the apostles the night before He gets nailed to the cross. Jesus knows they will all fail Him. They will all betray Him. In spite of that Jesus wants, His friends to see that no matter how badly they act, He still wants to be with them. Jesus tells them to stop being troubled and believe that He will not abandon them. Jesus then utters one of the most famous lines in all the Bible, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." What should this mean for you? Why is this one line from the Bible so important? I'll explain with a true story.

A young lady wrote this very sad note after she lost her Christian faith as a teenager. "I was probably happier before I lost my religion. When you're Christian, as long as your personal relationship with God is good, as long as you apologize for anything you've done wrong, then you're headed to heaven; everything else is temporary. But now without faith, if things are bad, they're just bad. If they're unfair, they're just unfair. You can't console yourself with the thought that everything is part of God's wider test or plan. You just have to think: this is probably it, I probably have X number of years of life until I die, and then I'm gone. Sometimes, I miss the idea of eternal bliss.

Jesus is *the* way to an eternal happiness with the Father who sees the truth of who you really are... a precious and chosen child of God. The Father delights in you just like that mother who watched her son bowl. The Father delights in you so much He offers you through Jesus a life with Him that will never end. Eternal bliss isn't just an idea. It's real.

I urge you never to lose faith in God. For when you lose Faith in the God who loves you, you lose hope that something better is yet to come. You lose hope that there is a God who comforts you when your heart is troubled. Without faith you lose everything. But with faith even your life's gutter balls will be an opportunity for God to love you more....Happy Easter