



### Notable Quotable

“The hardest challenge is to be yourself in a world where everyone is trying to make you be somebody else.”

~ e.e. cummings (born october 14, 1894)



## Loving Lucy

On October 15, 1951, Lucille Ball brought her sitcom *I Love Lucy* to television audiences. The show’s plot was relatively simple: the naïve and ambitious wife of a popular bandleader strives for attention despite her obvious lack of talent. Luckily, the actor who played this character, the inimitable Lucille Ball, had plenty of talent. Her comedic genius propelled the show to the top of the charts. *I Love Lucy* was America’s most-watched show for four of its six seasons. It won five Emmy Awards and a George Foster Peabody Award for excellence.

*I Love Lucy* was the first television show to be filmed using multiple cameras in front of a live studio audience. This live audience proved vital, as it provided a real-life laugh track for the sitcom. Production didn’t stop for actors’ mistakes. If an actor forgot a line, it was up to the other actors to

### small but mighty

no, this isn’t an editing mistake. october 14 is lowercase day. the rules of capitalization are so confusing, we all deserve a break from them for one day. so feel free to not capitalize proper nouns, like days of the week, months, titles, or holidays.

perhaps the poet e. e. cummings began this fad back in the early 20th century. cummings was known for both signing his name and writing entire poems strictly in lowercase letters. some say he did this because he simply wanted to

bail them out. The comedy kept on coming, and *I Love Lucy* became a sensation.~



“Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.” Hebrews 10:24-25

be different. others contend that he wanted all words and thoughts to have equal importance. using all lowercase letters was a way of letting readers decide what was important. as cummings wrote:

“if you like my poems let them / walk in the evening, a little behind you”

if you like writing and reading in lowercase letters, let those lowercase words wander wherever they wish for one day.

# The Praha Pacer

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Celebrating October

~Birthdays~

Susan A. -9

Margaret T.-11

Emmy T.-19

Jeff H.-415

Grace C.-21

Karen L.-28

A warm welcome to our new residents!



## From Our Pastor’s Desk

Dear Friends in Faith,

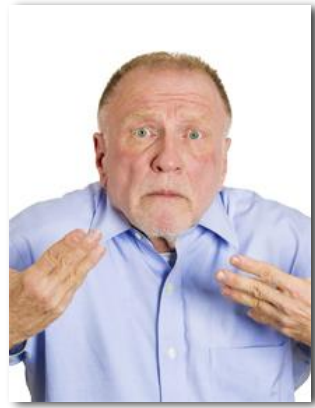
I love the season of fall in Minnesota! The colors of the leaves, apple crisp, cooler temperatures, college football, and pumpkins. But, for the most part, I do not like Halloween. I feel like life is hard enough, so I don’t enjoy all the fake scary stuff. That said, there are two things that I do like about Halloween - seeing young kids in their costumes and watching **It’s The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown**, the animated Halloween special by Charles Schulz.

There are three main themes of the show: Linus opts out of trick or treating and sits and waits in a pumpkin patch so he can see the mythical Great Pumpkin; Charlie Brown gets rocks while trick or treating (the other kids get candy); and Snoopy dresses up as a WWI flying ace in which his dog house becomes a plane only to be shot down across enemy lines. While it is a lighthearted show, there are some deeper life lessons in it – faith and resilience. Linus has persistent faith that the Great Pumpkin will come (Sally waits alongside him), Charlie Brown shows resilience as he continues to be part of the group even though he ends up short handed and Snoopy makes his way home after being in an air battle with the great Red Baron. At times, our lives are similar. Sometimes we need a reminder that our faith is worth holding on to even when things turn out differently than we hoped. Additionally, God gives us tools to be resilient by providing people who come along side of us in good and hard times. So, if you get a chance, enjoy watching **It’s the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown** this fall.

~ With joy and peace, Pastor Jeanne



## Doubt It Day



*Elements of skepticism can be found in many schools of early Greek philosophy.*

Don't take our word for it that International Skeptics Day falls on October 13—go out there and find out for yourself. Skeptics are known for their propensity to doubt the opinions of others or even question the facts. While unchecked skepticism might lead people to reach unrealistic conclusions, some believe that a healthy skepticism is important. In fact, many skeptics consider themselves those who are still looking for the truth.

Skeptics have doubted some of history's most famous events. For example, many doubt that humans first walked on the moon in 1969. They insist that NASA faked all the broadcast images. Some skeptics also believe that the American government has knowledge of aliens landing on Earth and that all information regarding this landing is held inside New Mexico's infamous Area 51. Skeptics believe that this secret

## All Things Avocado



*There are more than 80 varieties of avocados.*

Avocados have a long and storied history in the Americas. When the Spanish explorer Hernán Cortés met Montezuma in 1519, the Aztec ruler presented Cortés with a mountain of treasure, including gold, silver, gems, and "alligator pears," a fruit otherwise known as avocado. From October 4–6, California will hold the avocado in similarly high esteem during their Avocado Festival.

base houses a crashed UFO, that government agents have held secret meetings with aliens, and that aliens and the government are working to develop time travel technology.

Is it wise to believe everything we are told, or is it better to question the world around us? When does skepticism cross the line and become wild conspiracy theory? The key to healthy skepticism lies in discerning when to accept the truth, even if it challenges our expectations. Ultimately, being a good skeptic means balancing doubt with the willingness to accept credible evidence. On October 13, International Skeptics Day, feel free to question authority and scrutinize the opinions of others, but remember that trust is also essential. After all, what value is there in seeking the truth if we are unwilling to accept it?

Avocados are considered high in fat, but the fat is good for you! These fats act as anti-inflammatories and even fight heart disease. That's something to celebrate. Each year the Avocado Festival smashes 25,000 avocados to create a giant bowl of guacamole to feed the 100,000 visitors in attendance. After the chips and dip, participants join in the Best Dressed Avocado competition, where avocados are displayed like Mr. Potato Heads.



*Infant babbling is also called twaddling.*

## Chattering Charm

Blatherskites rejoice, for October 21 is Babbling Day, a day to let your mouth chatter on and on about anything and everything. Babbling is an important stage in child development, where infants experiment with language. Glossolalia is a different type of babbling, also known as speaking in tongues. Christians who spontaneously speak in strange syllables are thought to have

been granted a spiritual gift from God or are said to speak the language of angels. Perhaps the word *babble* comes from the story of the Tower of Babel from the Bible's Old Testament, in which God made all the humans speak different languages so that they could not understand each other. We could go on, but perhaps we've babbled on too much already....

## Postcard Magic

World Postcard Day, celebrated on October 1, is a tribute to the humble postcard, a charming piece of communication that has been connecting people for over a century. The first postcard was sent in 1840 by Theodore Hook, featuring a hand-painted design. However, it wasn't until 1869 that postcards became an official means of communication in Austria-Hungary, quickly gaining popularity worldwide.



*Postcards have been made from a variety of materials other than paper, including wood, metal, and even fabric.*

Postcards were an instant hit due to their convenience and affordability. By the early 1900s, they had become a popular way to send quick messages, travel updates, and holiday greetings. This era, known as the "Golden Age of Postcards," saw millions of postcards sent and collected.

Postcards have played a significant role during wartime. Soldiers sent the cards to their families, providing brief but heartfelt updates from the front lines. These cards were often adorned with patriotic images and slogans, serving as both

communication tools and morale boosters.

Postcard collecting, known as deltiology, is one of the world's most popular hobbies. Collectors cherish postcards for their historical value, artistic designs, and personal messages. Some rare postcards can even fetch high prices at auctions.

World Postcard Day encourages people to rediscover the joy of sending and receiving postcards. In an age dominated by digital communication, postcards offer a tangible, personal touch that emails and texts can't replicate.

Participating in World Postcard Day is simple. Find a postcard, jot down a message, and send it to a friend or family member. You can also join postcard exchange groups online to connect with people worldwide. By celebrating World Postcard Day, we honor a timeless tradition that continues to bring joy and connection to people.