

CLANCY'S CLICHÉS

Gardening is something St. Leo does very well and not necessarily in cookie cutter ways. Yes, the community garden on St. Leo hill thrives, yet it takes more than a seed and some water to create a garden. All the micronutrients, rays of sunshine, temperature levels, insect and 4-legged invasions, and so many other considerations come into play.



Then, there are other types of "seeds" falling all around us requiring different kinds of nourishment. It just takes a bit of sleuthing to discover when something is a seed then acknowledging it and cultivating it. Seeds showing themselves around St. Leo get planted with vision, faith, and hope, rather than being tossed aside as weeds. Many of the ministries are the result of this careful genesis.

For example, as young families grow, space is needed for youth group activities, children's classes, and young adult formation - we build onto and even repurpose existing areas. The food pantry is now able to provide a "choice" selection with the increased space across the street. Needs are being met by connecting neighbors and community agencies. Of course, my favorite is Dog Therapy for those who just want a gentle reminder that life is simply breathing in the goodness of life and breathing out those worries and pain.

All of this requires a heart of *intention* and *attention* to the seeds that present themselves when a situation arises. With patience, and with the many hearts - your hearts - beating in unison with our vision, faith, and hope, we are able to bring the many opportunities to serve others to fruition. We may not know how all the lives we touch turn out or how they, in turn, will germinate others with the bounty of their being, but isn't that the real faith of gardening? There's a "kernel" of truth in all this, isn't there? Enjoy the harvests!

Howlin's hootn'; Growlin's not gooten! - Clancy



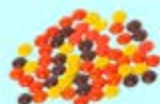
Clancy's Cackles



What is a gardener's favorite novel? **War and Peas!**

Why was the book in the hospital? **Because he hurt his spine!**

Where do you put smart hot dogs? **On honor rolls!**



Why did the M & M go back to school?

Because he wanted to be a smartie!



What gives Mr. Bubbles nightmares? **Pop quizzes!**