

CLANCY'S CLICHES

“Wolf Wolf” or is that Woof Woof?

I hear the word “HELP” around St. Leo frequently. It sounds like something I, a wolf-scaring sheep-dog dog, should respond to and run to help. After several false alarms, it occurred to me that they need help in ways that I alone can't provide.

We all have different and unique porpoises. Most of us are great at some things like making someone laugh, greeting folks at the door with a helicopter tail, listening to a friend over and over again about the same issue and problem, driving the van for the Food Pantry, picking up folks for ESL or tutoring or dog-



training classes, licking dirty dishes left in the sink, putting someone's vitamins in alphabetical order in their weekly pill box, letting someone pat you on the head, providing a smile to anyone and everyone, or providing a back on which to place treats and make your master laugh (see photo).

For example, the only one at St. Leo any good at having their belly rubbed is me. This is a great therapy for so many folks which usually brings on a giggle or laugh—another great therapy! So I endure it happily. My master is quite good at those silly puns which makes everyone groan but also helps lighten up the challenges of the day.

It is in recognizing and admitting that someone else can do a better job, though, and not only acknowledging it but celebrating it! (Celebrations are great!) So whatever gifts we each are given, we have them to serve, help, and be helped by others—that's why we're here. We're a big dog team pulling each other forward in life! Now, mush, team! Mush onward!

In other news... it sure has been hotsy-totsy around here. My favorite outside napping area is under the bush where I've dug out a nice comfy nest to enjoy the birds at our Bird Pantry and watch my friend, Lizzie the Lizard, and all her friends.



National Tell-A-Joke-Day is August 16. And that's no joke! Am I the only one who knows this? Celebrate by sharing a few of these nice summer jokes (well, summer funny and summer not!):

1. Why are spiders such good swimmers? **They have WEBbed feet!**
2. Why are gulls named seagulls? **If they were at the bay, they'd be bagels!**
3. What is the best day to go to the beach? **SUNday!**
4. Why do porpoises swim in salt water? **Pepper makes them sneeze!**
5. Why do bananas use sunscreen? **They peel easily!**
6. What did the pig say at the beach? **I'm bacon!**

And for my master:

Knock Knock. Who's there? Jimmy. Jimmy who? Jimmy to the church on time!

Howlin' is hootin'; Growlin's not gooten



-Clancy