

# The Loco Newsletter

“ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY?”



*One God, One Savior, One Family*

Proverbs 16:33

The Role of the Dice?

*The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the LORD.*

James 1:17

A Bonus at Work?

*Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.*

Proverbs 16:9

Your Plan for Your Life?

*The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.*

**Luck  
of the Irish**  
Happy St. Patrick's Day!

LUCK OR CHANCE? ARE YOU SURE IT'S NOT GOD'S WILL?

As St. Patrick's Day is celebrated this month, we will hear all about the "luck of the Irish" and all the familiars that accompany this day. But are we really lucky?

The American Heritage Dictionary defines “luck” as follows:

1. The chance happening of fortunate or adverse events. 2. Good fortune or prosperity; success...to gain success or something desirable by chance  
An athlete can fall during a race, an investor can lose their money when a business fails, a friend can be diagnosed with cancer, while a criminal may escape without being punished.  
Equally, good things can happen; people fall in love, cures for diseases are discovered, a job application is successful – but is it all really just luck? Or, is God really in control?

The main question is, do things happen by chance? If they do, then one can speak of someone being lucky or unlucky. But if they do not happen by chance, then it is inappropriate to use those terms.

God never promises us luck anywhere within His Holy Word.

The fact is that there are no chance or random happenings with God. God is control of all things. God has a purpose in all that transpires in this world and there are no events or happenings that are not part of His plan.

God’s will is either active or passive. God’s active will or sovereignty involves something He causes to happen to achieve His plan. In 2 Chronicles 18, we read of an arrow that killed wicked King Ahab. But it was God’s will that directed events to drive Ahab to battle so that a seemingly random arrow would accomplish His will for Ahab on that particular day. God’s passive will involves allowing, rather than causing, things to happen. We all have read the story of Job and what God allowed Satan to do in the life of Job. We also know of what God allowed Joseph’s brother to do to him. A greater good would come out of hardships that Job suffered because of Satan and that Joseph endured because of his brothers.

We cannot always determine whether things that happen are because of God’s active or passive will. But we should know that all things that happen are so because of His Divine will for all of us.

## Upcoming Events

MAR 4<sup>TH</sup>: 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY MEAL    MAR 25<sup>TH</sup>: EASTER PLAY/MEAL/EGG HUNT

**BIRTHDAYS:** NANCY MOORE 3/7,    GLENNA WILLIS 3/7.    CONEY CONE 3/8.

LINDA WILLGUS 3/14.    DUSTIN KATTEGAT 3/14.    JACKSON KATTEGAT 3/18.    KYLE MORGAN 3/28.

BRITTAN JOHNSON 3/30.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** NONE

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