**Thanksgiving Funnies**

**Son says to his Mom: “The Pilgrims were starving until the Indians showed them how to grow pop-tarts, gummy worms and snickers, which is why we eat them to this day. It’s my alternate history of Thanksgiving. I got an ‘A’ for creativity! And the school dietitian wants you to call.” (Ed Stein, in Freshly Squeezed comic strip)**

**In a letter sent by the Snohomish County, Washington, Health District to a job applicant: “Thank you for applying for the position of clerk-typist. We received many applications from very experienced and talented persons. I regret to inform you that you were chosen to be interviewed for the position. Thank you for your interest.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**Zoe: “Today I’m going to finish reading my book and draw a picture of a horse!” Hammie: “Today I’m going to see if I can hang from the ceiling with suction cups!” Mom looks at her new little baby and says: “Have I thanked you lately for being a girl?” (Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)**

**One fellow was violently tearing through his Bible in a desperate search. A friend came up and asked, “Is something wrong?” “Yes,” he said, “I can’t remember if the Thanksgiving story is in the Old Testament or New Testament.” *(Interfaith Council of Boulder newsletter)***

**Dog: “Hey pal, what are you doing outside this store?” Grimm: “Oh, I’m waiting for the Black Friday Sale to start.” Dog: “Doesn’t it start on Friday?” Grimm: “Oh no, Black Friday starts earlier every year. This year it starts at noon on Thursday.” Dog: “Thursday? Really? What do they call that sale?” Grimm: “I’m not sure. It used to be called Thanksgiving.” (Mike Peters, in Mother Goose and Grimm comic strip)**

**At dinner with one of his elders, a minister famous for his abstinence was persuaded to take one small glass of cherry brandy. Then, after two more had been consumed and enjoyed, his host promised to send a couple of bottles around to the manse provided the reverend gentleman acknowledge the gift in the parish newsletter. This was duly promised and the next bulletin contained the following announcement: “Your minister wishes to acknowledge and express his thanks for the most welcome gift of fruit and the spirit in which it was given.” (Sylvia L. Boehm,in After-Dinner Laughter)**

**At the first Thanksgiving Day, turkey was the main dish even though the Indian guests didn’t seem to care for turkey. But the pilgrims insisted. Seems that they didn’t have enough bread crumbs to stuff a buffalo. *(George Kottwitz, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**At the Thanksgiving Day table 7-year-old Brian was told by his dad to ask the blessing and give thanks for the meal. As all heads bowed, Brian prayed his thanks for family and friends, then for the meal: the turkey, dressing, cranberries, and pies. Then he paused. His mother looked at him questionably. He asked, “If I thank God for the broccoli, won’t He know I’m lying.” *(George Kottwitz, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**Two women went window-shopping. One saw an item she liked and fished in her handbag for a $20 bill. After rummaging around, she said, “Darn, I don't have enough.” Her friend said, “Sorry, I can't lend you anything -- I didn't bring any money with me. How come you ran short?” “Oh, I was a soft touch for a bum this morning.” “Really? And what did your husband have to say about that?" “He said, 'Thanks.'" (Elizabeth Sutherland)**

**Daughter answers phone: “Hi, Mom! Of course! You can visit any time! Great! And thanks for calling first. It’ll give me time to prepare! I can’t wait until you get here!” Mom: “Open the door!” (Pat Brady & Don Wimmer, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)**

**I went to the hardware store one weekend morning to buy supplies for my latest repair project. A harried-looking man entered and approached the register. “Do you rent carpet-shampooing machines?” he asked. “We do,” the clerk said. “But they’re all out.” “Thank God,” the fellow replied in relief. (Alan Stern)**

**At my father’s church, the second hymn of the Sunday service was always chosen specially for the children, who then went off to Sunday school. One week father noticed that there were no youngsters present and decided to change the second hymn. Glancing quickly through his hymn book, he announced, “As there are no children here this morning, we will sing, ‘Now Thank We All Our God.’” *(Patrick Shelley, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Thanksgiving Day was approaching, and the family had received a card picturing a Pilgrim family on their way to church. Grandma showed the card to her young grandchildren and remarked, “The Pilgrim children liked going to church with their parents.” “Oh, yeah?” her grandson replied. “Then why is the dad carrying that rifle?” *(Quoted in The Joyful Newsletter)***

**The sentence in the Thanksgiving edition of my church bulletin intended to say: “Thank you, Lord, for the many miracles we are too blind to see.” But in what might have been a classic Freudian slip, the sentence read: “Thank you, Lord, for the many miracles we are too blond to see.” *(Anita Daugherty, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Because at a banquet no clergymen were present to ask a blessing, a well-known actor was conscripted to say the grace. He began, “There being no clergymen present, let us give thanks.” *(Leslie B. & Bernice Flynn, in Humorous Incidents & Quips for Church Publications)***

**At a coffee bar in Lansing, Michigan, a sign on the staff’s tip container said, “Thanks a Latte.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**Dennis says to Mr. & Mrs. Wilson: “Thanks for dinner, guys. I’ll be back tomorrow for leftovers.” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**Drabble says to the duck: “Oh, you weigh 4 ½ pounds. Thanksgiving is three weeks away.” Wife: “What’s going on?” Drabble: “If I take this duck to the donut shop every day, do you think I could turn him into a 15-pound butterball?” Wife: “Why not? It turned you into a 260-pound butterball!” (Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)**

**The best thing about e-mail is communicating with distant relatives. It's such a convenient way to thank them for keeping their distance! (J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)**

**Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year -- and then discover once a year is way too often. (Johnny Carson)**

**Thirteen-year-old Ginny had been a bad girl, and part of her punishment was to eat dinner alone at a small table in the corner of the kitchen. No one paid any attention to her until the family became aware of the Grace that she was saying aloud: “I thank Thee, Lord, for preparing a table for me in the presence of mine enemies.” (Charles Chich Govin, in Catholic Digest)**

**Mom: “Before we begin, maybe your Father would like to say a word of two?” Dad: “Um, seconds?” (Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)**

**Husband: “I feel very thankful to have all of you in my life!” Wife: “We all feel very you’re welcomeful!” *(Pat Brady, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**I was moving with the crowd on a New York City street when a young man in front of me was stopped by an attractive woman. She greeted him warmly. As I tried to maneuver around them, he grabbed my arm and said to her, “And I’d like you to meet my fiancée.” “It’s so nice to meet you,” the young woman said eagerly. Well, what the heck. “It’s nice to meet you too,” I replied. “When’s the wedding?” she asked. “Next month,” the man answered. “A small thing, really,” I said. “If you can call four hundred people small,” he chimed in. The three of us chatted gaily, said our good-bys, and she went off. The man grasped my hand. “Thank you,” he said fervently. “That was my ex-girlfriend.” *(Lisa Bain, in Esquire)***

**Dolly asks Mom: “Will our company and all of us fit at the same dinner table, or will us kids get demoted?” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**Son: “Y’know what, Pop?” Dad: “What’s that?” Son: “I’m not gonna be a pro football player when I grow up, after all!” Dad: “Why’s that?” Son: “No thanksgiving!” (Art & Chip Dansom,. In The Born Loser comic strip)**

**First cave man: “Today we should praise and share with one another. Those-special things for which we are thankful.” Second cave man: “Um, cool. I'm hip.” First cave man: “Like say, freedom of speech.” Second cave man: “Amen. Ditto.” (Johnny Hart, in BC comic strip)**

**Woman: “I’m thankful for all the friends gathered around this Thanksgiving table!” Man: “I’m thankful that Lisa is feeling better every day!” Second woman: “I’m thankful Les wasn’t hurt in the fire at school!” Third woman: “I’m thankful that our TV crew was the first one to the fire!” (Tom Batiuk, in Funky Winkerbean comic strip)**

**Lucy: “Now, if we meet someone, make sure you say, ‘Happy Thanksgiving’.” Charlie Brown: “Will they give me a turkey?” Lucy: “No, they won’t give you a turkey.” Charlie Brown: “If you say, ‘Happy Thanksgiving,’ they should give you a turkey.” Lucy: “Sometimes I think you live in a different world.” Charlie Brown: “Or maybe a pumpkin pie.” (Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)**

Sally: Got my fork, got my seat. Got good grub, let’s go eat!” Woman: “I knew I should have insisted on cue cards for the blessing.” (Francesco Marciuliano, in Sally Forth comic strip)

**A few weeks before graduation ceremonies at California State University in Hayward, I overheard some students discussing the upcoming event. “I’m graduating magna cum laude,” the first boasted. “Well, I’m graduating summa cum laude,” said the second, not to be outdone. The third simply broke into a smile and said, “I’m graduating, thank the good Lord!” (Rebecca McQuerrey, in Reader’s Digest)**

Son: “Dad! Why did you do this to Nelson’s hair? Just look at it! What on earth were you thinking?” Grandpa: “Well, I was thinking I would save you the cost and trouble of taking him to the barber.” Son: “I’m speechless!” Grandpa: “I believe the phrase you’re looking for is ‘Thank you’.” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)*

**Girl: “When you think about it, giving thanks also means that we should help all those in need. That by being one of the haves, I should do all I can to assist and share with the have-nots, Touch that and you’ll be pulling this fork out of your forehead.” Boy: “I just thought since I have-not a drumstick.” *(Rick Stromoski, in Soup to Nutz comic strip)***

**Lance: “I haven’t been myself lately, Axel.” Axel: “And we’ve all been meaning to thank you, Lance!” (J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)**

**When actress Helen Hayes decided to cook her first Thanksgiving turkey, she told her family that if the bird didn’t come out right, they’d all go have dinner at their favorite hotel. When she carried the turkey from the kitchen into the dining room, she found her entire family sitting at the table in their hats and coats. *(Bob Fenster, in They Did What!?, p. 151)***

**As the teleconference with our London branch concluded, my British colleague suggested that we continue our meeting the next day. “Sorry,” I said. “Tomorrow’s July 4th, and the office will be closed.” “Ah, yes, Independence Day,” he said. “Or as we refer to it over here, Thanksgiving.” *(Dale Jenkins, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Lars: “Exactly what ‘service’ does the Internal Revenue Service provide, Lance?” Lance: “They take our money. I must remember to include a thank-you note with my tax return.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**All I know is the IRS is sending me thank-you notes every week. (Larry Nelson, Top Senior PGA money earner)**

**Thanksgiving Kitchen Philosophy:**

**\* A messy kitchen is a happy kitchen and this kitchen is delirious.**

**\* No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.**

**\* A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.**

**\* Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.**

**\* Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.**

**\* A clean house is a sign of a misspent life.**

**\* Housework done properly can kill you.**

**\* Countless numbers of people have eaten in this kitchen and gone on to lead normal lives.**

**\* My next house will have no kitchen – just vending machines. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**Willy: “We have no food, no water, no phone or power of any kind, and every one of our loan requests has been turned down flat?” Ethel: “Is there anything on the plus side of the ledger?” Willy: “We’re not going to be up all night writing thank-you cards.” (Joe Martin, in Willy ‘N’ Ethel comic strip)**

**The days after Thanksgiving, I can attest that the only leftovers are my out-of-town guests. (Jacqueline Schiff, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**Girl: “My list is five pages long!” Boy: “I can’t think of anything else!” Girl: “Then I have more to be thankful for than you!” Boy: “So what! I’m more thankful for what I’ve got!” Girl: “I’ll be thankful when thanksgiving vacation is over!” (Hi and Lois comic strip)**

**Praying at the thanksgiving dinner table, Zoe says: “I’m thankful for all my friends.” Hammie: “I’m thankful for my Mom and Dad.” Dad: “I’m thankful for my family.” Mom: “I’m thankful for all of that, plus the fact that I only have to look like this once a year.” (Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)**

**Son: “Mom, what are you most thankful for?” Mom: “Well, I'm thankful for a lot of things. I'm thankful we're both happy and healthy. I'm thankful we have enough food to eat and a warm bed to sleep in. But most of all, I'm thankful to you. What are you thankful for?” Son: “I was going to say cable TV, but that seems kinda puny now.” (Jerry Bibble, in Shirley & Son comic strip)**

**Once I received a thank-you note from a friend whom I had helped. In the envelope were five lottery tickets that had been scratched, revealing the numbers. “Thank you very much for your help,” the note read. “As a gift, I bought you some lottery tickets – sorry you didn’t win. (Barbara Cooper, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Al Capone was so pleased with the 1932 film Scarface that he gave director Howard Hawks a miniature machine gun as a thank-you present. *(Noel Botham, in The Ultimate Book of Useless Information, p. 13)***

**Hammie: “Here’s a special Thanksgiving turkey that we made in class.” Mom: “For me?” Hammie: “Yeah. You can eat the whole thing, too!” Mom: “Wow!” Hammie: “See? The body is a cupcake, the head is a gumdrop, and the eyes and the beak are little pieces of candy.” Mom: “Yum!” Hammie: “We ran out of glue, so I had to stick everything on with spit.” (Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)**

**Thanksgiving dinner is truly a magical meal. It keeps reappearing for days. (Linda Perret)**

**Grandma: “Is there anything in the mailbox?” Grandpa: “Just a couple of notes.” Grandma: “Who are they from?” Grandpa: “One of our friends, the Nelson's.” Grandma: “What does it say?” Grandpa: “It says, ‘There was no one home, so I left your Christmas gift in the mailbox!'” Grandma: “Who's the other one from?” Grandpa: “Our mailman. He says ‘Thanks for the fudge?’” (Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)**

**“What a wonderful meal!” wrote a German friend after spending Thanksgiving at our home last year. “I left your house all fed up.” *(Esther Tissing)***

**Chef: “Now this is a meal to be thankful for! Which do you prefer, light or dark?” Drabble: “Dark!” Chef: “One chocolate devil’s food!” Mother says to her child: “This is the last time I let your father prepare Thanksgiving dinner!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**Mom: “Keep the thermometer under your tongue, Peter. 103 degrees. I thought you felt a little warm.” Peter: “I’m sick? I can’t be sick! Not for Thanksgiving! It’s the one time of the year when I need all my strength!” Mom: “It’s a meal. What do you need strength for?” Peter: “Perhaps you haven’t noticed the size of my forkfuls.” (Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)**

**After Thanksgiving I always need rest, allowing my food to slowly digest. I turn on the TV, finding reruns galore, thankfully knowing that I will soon snore. (Robert J. Gaurnier, in The Saturday Evening Post)**

**Son: “What did that John guy want?” Mom: “He wanted to thank me again for such a nice time.” Son: “Thank you?” Mom: “Wasn’t that nice of him?” Son: “Things are getting way too nice around here, if you ask me.” (Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)**

**After my husband and I went over our family finances, I decided to list ten things I could do to improve our situation. One item was a commitment to work eight hours overtime each week. I handed the list to my husband so he could add his suggestions. He added item No. 11 and handed me the list with a grin. His item: “Thank my wife for working eight hours overtime each week.” (R. J. Titus, in Reader’s Digest)**

**About 35 years ago, my mother-in-law and her daughter had difficulty finding a parking place while shopping. After a couple of trips around the block, my sister-in-law spotted an empty spot in a funeral home parking lot. Obviously, there was a funeral service in progress, but there was one empty spot, and my sister-in-law directed her mother into it. My mother-in-law was so stricken with conscience that she insisted on attending the service, where she mingled with the mourners and even gazed upon the coffin, despite the fact that she knew no one there. After the service, my mother-in-law felt it was all right to go shopping. My sister-in-law was simply thankful her mother hadn’t insisted on going to the cemetery, too! *(Betty Jacobson, in Reminisce Extra magazine)***

**Boy: “It just quit writing! Stupid pen! Can I borrow a pencil? to write a thank you note to Aunt Maude.” Friend: “What did Aunt Maude give you?” Boy: “That pen!” (Bud Blake, in Tiger comic strip)**

**Dennis: “We should be thankful the Pilgrims came over on the Mayflower instead of the Titanic.” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**Dennis prays at the Thanksgiving meal: “And I’m thankful the Pilgrims didn’t have liver and onions for their Thanksgiving meal.” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**Man: “Do you have plans for Thanksgiving?” Geech: “Oh, just the usual. A sandwich, a bag of Cheetos, and a bottle of Mountain Dew.” Man: “It sounds like you have a lot to be thankful for.” Geech: “I’m just thankful I don’t have to share it with anyone. (Jerry Bittle, in Geech comic strip)**

**At the Thanksgiving dinner, one says to the other: “And let us give thanks that the election is over and hope that politics goes back to just being a nuisance.” (Wiley, in Non Sequitur comic strip)**

**The Indians could not possibly have served popcorn to the Pilgrims at the first Thanksgiving because they didn’t have microwave ovens back then. (Rocky Mountain News)**

**In our parish in Kansas, the Altar and Rosary society was discussing the changes in the Church brought about by Pope John and the Vatican Council. Some of the older members didn’t like the new ways of doing things, and were being very outspoken in their criticism. But one little old lady of about 80 topped them all. She raised her hand and said, “All I can say is that I am thankful that Pope John died while he was still a Catholic.” (Richard R. McFadden, in Catholic Digest)**

**We attended the wedding of an acquaintance’s son. Because we did not know the young man or his bride, we decided to send them a practical household gift, a fire extinguisher. Apparently, the couple mass-produced their thank-you notes because we received a card saying: “Thank you very much for the nice wedding gift. We look forward to using it soon.” (Toni D. Moore, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Maureen: “You’re renting an entire town for your Thanksgiving gathering?” Clayton: “I have a huge family, Maureen! Twelve sons with wives and kids. Of course the wives have extended families that will be there, too.” Maureen: “Whoa! How many people are you related to, Clayton?” Clayton: “There’s a good chance that I’m related to everyone!” (Robb Armstrong, in Jump Start comic strip)**

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**I didn't beat the rush hour traffic, but thank goodness I tied it! (Bob Thaves, in Frank & Ernest comic strip)**

**Gloria: “I hope you guys aren’t serving pizza with giblets again this year.” Lance: “No, we decided to break with tradition and serve burritos with cranberry sauce.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**I compose choral music, and am often asked to guest-conduct choruses. During a recent stint I worked with 180 enthusiastic high-school singers. After the concert, as students and parents were filing out of the auditorium, one mother stopped me and said, “I want to thank you for providing my son with a wonderful musical experience -- and especially for leaving him hoarse for the rest of the weekend.” (Carl J. Nygard, Jr., in Reader's Digest)**

**My second graders were assigned the task of writing thank-you cards to soldiers serving in the Middle East. One of them wrote, “Thank you for protecting us! I hope we win!” (Georgina McCarthy, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Lucy says to Schroeder: “If a person really loves someone and wants something nice to say, you know what he can say? He can say, ‘Thank you for being you!” Aren't you going to thank me?” (Charles M. Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip)**

**First woman: “Ed complains about having to drive a bus again, but I’ll bet he’s really thankful to have something to do!” Second woman: “We’re all thankful!” (Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)**

**A plump white-feathered turkey was spared from winding up on a Thanksgiving dinner plate when President Bush granted it a pardon Monday in keeping with White House tradition. The national turkey and an alternate bird are being sent to a nearby petting farm. The bird was placed on a table in the Rose Garden for the holiday ceremony, and Bush patted it on the head. (Rocky Mountain News, November 25, 2003)**

**After sitting down to a grand Thanksgiving spread at my mother-in-law’s home, she announced, “Before we get started, I think we ought to give thanks to the Lord.” Without skipping a beat, her sister grumbled, “I think we better taste the meal first.” (Steve Wise, in Reader’s Digest)**

Billy asks his Mom before he starts to beat up his little brother, Jeffy: “We don’t have to start bein’ good till after Thanksgiving, right, Mommy?” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)

**Servant: “I like taking stuff from castles during the holidays!” Hagar: “Why?” Servant: “You don’t have to write ‘thank you’ notes afterwards!” (Chris Browne, in Hagar comic strip)**

**Zoe answers the phone and says: “Hello. MacPherson residence. This is Zoe speaking.” Mom: “Zoe, your telephone manners are wonderful!” Zoe says thank you to her Mom, and then says to her little brother: “Hey, stupid! It’s for you!” *(Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott, in Baby Blues comic strip)***

**Crankshaft: “That was an absolutely wonderful Thankful dinner. In fact, it was a three-notcher.” One woman says to another: “Thanksgiving is one of the few times that Ed feels expansive.” (Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)**

**Dad: “In 1621 the Plymouth Rock community held a three-day celebration to thank the Wampanoag Indian tribe for teaching them how to survive in the New World. The practice spread, and in 1789 George Washington proclaimed November 26 a day of Thanksgiving. In 1863 Abe Lincoln set aside the last Thursday in November. FDR changed it to the current fourth Thursday. So, what are you thankful for today? Nate?” Nate: “I was going to say not having to go to school. *(Ed Stein, in Denver Square comic strip)***

**Mom: “I’m sorry you’re too sick to eat with us, Peter. Here, maybe this’ll help you feel a little better.” Peter: “Chicken noodle soup? I’m supposed to feel good about eating chicken noodle soup for Thanksgiving dinner?” Mom: “It’s turkey noodle soup, silly.” Peter: “Can I have a straw for the cranberry juice?” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**Dennis asks his Dad: “If they didn’t have TV and football, what did the Pilgrims do after their Thanksgiving meal?” (Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)**

**Bob was sitting across from his wife, Marlene, reading the paper when he noticed a story about a beautiful actress who was engaged to a football player known for his stupidity and penchant for fighting. “I’ll never understand why the biggest jerks get the most attractive women,” he said to his wife. Marlene smiled at Bob: “Why thank you, dear.” (Reader’s Digest)**

**An American and a Briton were discussing Thanksgiving. The American asked if Thanksgiving was celebrated in the United Kingdom. “Yea,” the Brit replied, “but we celebrate it September 6.” “Why then?” “That’s when your chaps left.” (Rocky Mountain News)**

**In the Traverse City, Michigan, Record Eagle: “I would like to thank all the millions of people who helped look for my stolen van. I remember where I left it.” *(Reader's Digest)*  
The boy says at supper to his Mom and Dad: “This year I'm thankful that I'm still too young to vote.” (Ed Stein, in Denver Square comic strip)**

**A notice in the Adams County, Wisconsin, Times and Friendship Reporter reads: “I want to thank all you good people who took the time to vote for me on the school board. My wife was pleased with the outcome and wants to thank all of you who didn't vote for me." (Helen Walslager, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Woman: “We thank you for the food and the family gathered around. Although, did you have to waste the snowstorm on a vacation day? Amen.” (Tom Batiuk & Chuck Ayers, in Crankshaft comic strip)**

**Son: “Is the spaghetti and meatballs almost ready?” Mom: “We’re not having spaghetti and meatballs; we’re having turkey and dressing.” Son: “What about chocolate cake?” Mom: “What about pumpkin pie?” Son: “What if I’m not as thankful as I thought I was going to be?” (Jerry Bittle, in Shirley & Son comic strip)**

**Why do we give thanks on Thanksgiving Day? Because to do it on April the 15th would make no sense. (Johnny Hart, in BC comic strip)**

**Unbeknown to most of the congregation, the new minister enjoyed an occasional bottle of wine. One church member, aware of this, presented the clergyman with a bottle of Bordeaux. But the gift had a string attached. The minister would have to say thank you from the pulpit. At the conclusion of the next service, the minister made the announcements, then said, “And I want to thank my friend for giving the fine fruit, and for the spirit in which it was given.” (R. L. Findley, in Reader’s Digest)**

**Billy says to his Dad while opening his Christmas presents: “Look, Daddy! The wish I made with the Thanksgiving wishbone came true!” (Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)**

**Pastor: “I’d like to thank the Women’s Auxiliary for the plants and flowers, and I’d like to thank the Men’s Fellowship for the machete.” *(The Lutheran Witness cartoon)***

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