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WE VALUE

Bible-centered
Preaching &
Teaching

Dynamic Praise &
Worship

The Sacraments

Prayer

Evangelism

Christian Education
for All Ages

Loving Relationships

Strong Christian
Families

OUR VISION

By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.

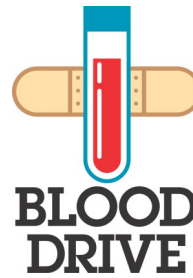
OUR MISSION

BUILDING TOGETHER SPIRITUALLY
FOLLOWING THE TRIUNE GOD

OUR PURPOSE

- Glorifying** God through *WORSHIP*
- Reaching** out to all with the Good News of
salvation in Christ through *EVANGELISM*
- Actively** caring for God's people in Christ
through *FELLOWSHIP*
- Creating** a family of God by Word and Sacrament
through *MINISTRY*
- Equipping** people of all ages for life in Christ
through *DISCIPLESHIP*

Notes and Announcements



Versiti Blood Drive

July 5, 1pm-6pm

Fellowship Hall

Reminder: Noisy offering will be taken on second Sundays! Noisy Offering for April through June will be going to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

Thank you for your donations.



SERVING THIS WEEK

Altar

4th-Susie Moore
11th-Martha Pregler
18th-Marj Kelsey
25th-Martha Pregler

LWML is looking for used sheets to use as middles in quilts. If you are cleaning out & find any, please donate them for quilts.

Thank you!

Elders

4th-Dave Jansen
11th-Frank Moore
18th-Jack Owens
25th-Jeff Pregler

Anyone need name tags? Have you lost, misplaced, or maybe never received name tags? Please contact Mary Heinlein at 989.348.4350 or MtHopeBookkeeper@gmail.com



MT. HOPE'S WEBSITE

Did you know that Mt. Hope has a website? If you go to <http://www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org/> our website will come up. It is a multi page site with much information about our church, our congregation, our Pastor, what programs we are involved with and much more! Although there is a "member log-in" area, this is just for those who work on the site. Nancy Hatfield is our webmaster who keeps our website updated and makes any necessary changes. Anyone who goes to our site can access all pages. So...check it out!



Mt. Hope Financial Report

Mary Heinlein, Bookkeeper

Attendance

GENERAL FUND

Income	15,991.00	92,201.84
Expense	-9,059.81	<u>-70,069.98</u>
Net	6,931.19	22,131.86

TOTAL ALL EARMARKED FUNDS

75,485.96

Together in Missions

325.00 1,626.80

Christian Help Center

25.00 1,240.00

Noisy Offering

87.25 720.73

Church Extension Fund (CEF) Mortgage

Mortgage Principal Payment	1,365.27	35,662.22
Earmarked Principal Payment	3,987.82	<u>109,299.46</u>
Mortgage Interest Payment	1,019.73	

CURRENT MORTGAGE BALANCE

325,038.32

APR 2023 Total to date

470,000.00

APR 2023 Year to date

325.00 1,626.80

25.00 1,240.00

87.25 720.73

April 2 60

6 28

7 32

9 109

16 59

23 64

30 51

Attention: People need to sign up to host coffee hour or there will not be one.

"Thank You" to Abbi Drews for volunteering to upload our Sunday morning services to the web!!

Upcoming Food Trucks (all Saturdays)

June 10th
 July 22nd
 September 23rd
 October 7th

TO PLACE SOMEONE ON PRAYER CHAIN:

Call Lynn Richmond at 989-390-8632 or lynncarolmorris@yahoo.com

Jamie Wohn will be handling the **sign changes**. Please email him with any necessary info for the sign at jackwohn3@gmail.com or jackwohn3@aol.com. If urgent, text him at **(810) 965-1891**

MT. HOPE HAPPENINGS

1. The second food truck of the season will be on June 10th. Posted time of 11am is dependent on the arrival of the semi. (May's food truck served 252 families/544 individuals.) Thank you volunteers!
2. June's "Noisy Offering", taken the 2nd Sunday of the month, will be distributed to the Crawford County Christmas Program. Thank you for your donations!
3. Volunteers are needed for ushering, greeters and coffee hour. Sign up at the bulletin board.
4. Council meeting will be held the 3rd Wednesday of June (21st) at 9:00 am. NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.
5. Family Game Night will be Monday, June 12th. Weather permitting, we are planning a hot dog/hamburger picnic/pot-luck, provided by Mt. Hope. Inside and /or outside games will be provided. Bring your family and friends as all are welcome!
6. The Stewardship Committee will host the June 11th pot-luck right after Sunday service.
7. Women's Bible Study is at 1:00 pm every Tuesday. We are continuing our study "Fifty-Two Women of the Bible"
8. Pastor Schneider's Tuesday morning Bible Study meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. We continue our study of the Book of John. All are welcome!
9. Teen and Adult Bible Study will be held June 4th and June 18th at 9:30 am
10. Thank you to all who updated their contact information and photos! Now, be sure to turn in your Time, Talent, & Treasure Spiritual Gifts Worksheet!
11. Thank you musicians for your contribution to the service!
12. The Lutherans For Life Challenge runs from Mother's Day through Father's Day. Diapers, pull-ups and wipes will be collected and donated to Riverhouse Shelter in Grayling and New Life Pregnancy Resource Center in Gaylord.



FAMILY OUTDOOR GAME NIGHT!

PICNIC & POT LUCK DINNER!

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS!

ON JUNE 12, 2023!

THE PICNIC BEGINS AT 5:00PM.

Hot dogs and hamburgers will be provided.

Bring a dish to pass if able.

Guests are always **WELCOMED!!!**

This way, you can come from work
and have dinner served!

The best part our little ones can come,
have dinner, enjoy themselves
and get home in time for bed for the
next day's school and be fully alert!

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT MT. HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH!

WE'LL MEET AT THE CADC PAVILION!

VBS WANTS/NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

VBS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS TO:

TEACHERS – PRE-K THRU 8TH GRADE

MUSIC

CRAFTS

SNACKS

OUTDOOR GAMES

REGISTRATION

There is a sign-up sheet on the
bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall!

Pick the place you feel more comfortable doing, the time and date you are
available, your choice.

The positions are for only 2 hours per day and only 2 days, the 3rd is Family
picnic day outside!

Dates: July 26, 27, 28

Time: 10am till 12pm

PLEASE SIGN UP!

*For more info contact either Jason Hartman, Salena Laskowski and/or Sharon
Hopkins*



Be a VBS Volunteer!

FAMILY GAME NIGHT
May 17, 2023 Council Report

27 men, women and children attended the May 8th Game Night. We had a TERRIFIC time. The youngest was John Belt checking at 1 month old and our eldest was Roxie Chumack checking in at 87 years of age.

Dave Jansen even dragged a family of 5 in from the CADC parking lot. The mom said they could only stay for about a ½ hour, Dave said, "That is ok, come and have pizza with us." The youngest child, pre-schooler, immediately saw an ice cube game and asked if he could play with it. Of course, I gave him permission and he got his 3 siblings to play with him. Time passed and they, including Mom was having so much fun, they stayed till we closed-up shop. We invited them for next month and Mom said, "Yes, they'll be back."

God provided us with such a nice day that Jason Hartman and Salena Laskowski took all the 12 kids outside to play Corn Hole and other fun games outside. Charlie and Caroline Belt helped chaperone the kids too.

Please come to our next Outdoor Picnic Game Night on June 12, 2023 beginning at 5:00 pm. Bring a friend or visiting family. Spread the word, it is a Picnic Game Night!!!

Coming soon will be a Wednesday Evening Movie Night, featuring "The Chosen." This will take about 24 weeks as we plan on showing all episodes. We must finalize a few details: start date; start time; etc. So, stay tuned and keep watching you weekly bulletins and announcements at the end of Worship Service.

Board of Youth
Jason Hartman
Salena Laskowski
Sharon Hopkins

TEEN & YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

We are still studying "**Wonderfully Made.**" Since the snow birds have returned, they asked if they could attend the study. Therefore, we now have the bible study opened to all people as we are ALL at heart! We begin at 9:30am before Worship. If you know anyone who might be interested in this study, please invite them. We have room for many more! June's dates are the 4th and 18th.

Sharon Hopkins

End-of-Life

The Fullness of Time

by Deaconess Bethany Stoeber, Director-at-Large, LFL of Kansas

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons” (Galatians 4:4–5).

40 days. 40 weeks. 40 years.

The Christian life is a time of trial, waiting, and temptation. The greater an event, the longer and more difficult the wait and fulfillment often are. Look no further than Noah, Moses, the people of Israel, and Christ Himself: the 40-day flood, Moses’ 40-day sojourn with the Lord on Mount Sinai, Israel’s 40-year wilderness wanderings following a 40-decade sojourn and captivity in Egypt, and Jesus’ 40-day fast and temptation in the wilderness, among many other examples.

As I write this, we ourselves are now walking through the 40 days between Jesus’ birth on Christmas and His presentation at the Temple, where with their own eyes the aged saints Simeon and Anna saw their God and their Redeemer.

Shortly thereafter, we embark on the 40 days of Lent, culminating in Christ’s death and resurrection—and then the final forty days of His earthly walk before His Ascension.

40 days. 40 weeks. 40 years.

In God’s great providence, He has given us a similar pattern to witness in our own lives, which we all celebrate as For Life Lutherans. It is remarkable to me that the Lord chose 40 weeks for a child’s gestation. Pregnancy itself illustrates our waiting and longing for the fulfillment of God’s promises, just as marriage is a picture of Christ and His Church. The challenges and joys of the “family way” are visible for all, Christians and unbelievers alike.

So “40” punctuates our Church year and our lives. Families live the 40-year Exodus and wilderness wandering in miniature on a constant basis.

But being born “in the fullness of time” does not mean being born in full health, either. Which brings me to another topic: perinatal hospice, a model of care for families given the painful knowledge that their child is likely to die before or shortly after birth, yet who nevertheless cherish that life as a God-given gift.

How can tragedy within life and birth illustrate God’s mercy? How especially can such tragedy point to Christ when life is cut off within the womb?

We are not always promised deliverance to our earthly goals. Most of the people of Israel perished in the wilderness and were forbidden to look upon the Promised Land. Even Moses was kept from entering.

Yet we cannot accuse all these men and women of unbelieving death. On the contrary! We can believe that the Lord sought to keep them in His sheepfold by giving the Israelites many opportunities to repent. Those whose lives are cut short while they live in faith are welcomed to the true Promised Land, even if they perish in the wilderness.

So, comfort exists for both the faithful and for our children, even when they die before they can be baptized. We may be certain that the trials we face in all of our times of waiting, whether they be for 40 weeks, 70 years, or a century, may point the faithful to the Lord’s grace and mercy.

It is He who sustains us each and every day. It is He who brings us into the world, and He who draws our earthly lives to a close at the proper time. It is He who was born for us, He who died for us, He who rose for us, and He who reigns on high for us. His is the pattern of our lives.

40 days. 40 weeks. 40 years.

In the fullness of time, our Lord was born for our sake. In the fullness of time, He will bring all the faithful into eternal fellowship with Him. In the fullness of time, He will dry every tear and fulfill His will for all mankind, as John the Evangelist witnessed in the Revelation God granted him.

May we all faithfully live out our sojourn on this earth, however long it may be, in anticipation of the New Creation, the end of our earthly sorrows, and our final Resurrection of body and soul to live with our Lord in righteousness and purity forever.

Worldview and Culture

God’s Tools in Action

by Barbara Lane Geistfeld, D.V.M., Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations

“Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, ‘Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall cast into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live.’ Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he

was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes and daubed it with bitumen and pitch. She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank. And his sister stood at a distance to know what would be done to him. Now the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her young women walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her servant woman, and she took it. When she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, 'This is one of the Hebrews' children.' Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and call you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Go.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed him. When the child grew older, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, 'Because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water'" (Exodus 1:22-2:10).

Have you ever given any thought to what was really happening here? We are talking the *Nile River* here, people. Crocodiles, stinging ants, and scorpions—ASPS!! What was this mother thinking?! She was trusting God, that's what. She defied Pharaoh and chose life for her child at great risk to her entire family. She allowed herself to be a tool used by God's hands to ensure the future of the Hebrew people—God's chosen people. Miriam, the baby's sister, was the clever tool God used to give the baby right back to his mother! Both did everything they could to ensure the life of this child. Because of their faithfulness, Moses' mother was granted the unexpected blessing of holding him close in her arms, of nursing this special baby and raising him as her own, perhaps for as long as three years. Then she gave him up for adoption to Pharaoh's daughter—another tool in God's hands. It is possible Moses' mother never saw her son again.

Moses was a tool in God's hands as well. Though he had committed murder, God continued to call him, lead him, and use him for mighty things. He became the (mostly unwilling) leader of the Israelites who, with the power of God, led them from slavery in Egypt to the borders of the Promised Land. Remember Moses saying in Exodus 4:13 after God shot down all his excuses, "**Oh, my Lord, please send someone else**"? God did *not* send someone else, but He did send a helper—Moses' brother Aaron—another tool.

And now God's chosen people, His box of tools, includes anyone with faith in His Messiah, Jesus of Nazareth. No Jew, no Greek, no slave, no free—He calls each one of us, through the life given to us in Jesus, to become a willing tool in His hands. He has blessed us with life so we can be used as tools to bless others with life. And one last thing—there is something *really special* about tools, if you stop to think about it. Tools get banged up, dinged up, bent, dull. They lose their shine. The paint wears off. They get rusty. But if it is a *quality tool*, especially one once owned by someone we love, we use it anyway. We clean it. We oil it. We sharpen it. We straighten it. We *value* it! And that's how our God is with us, His beloved tools! And that's how He wants us to treat the other tools in His toolbox—our brothers and sisters in Christ! Because we are all valued as God's tools and because one can *never have too many tools*, we continue to allow Him to use us to build His kingdom, one project at a time, one new child of God at a time. So, as we get dinged up, dulled, and bent—and we will—remember that our value comes from God who owns us, the One who is using us to build His kingdom. And some day we will all be shiny, new tools! You can count on it!

Spotlight on Lutherans For Life

Heading Home

by Michelle Bauman, Director of Y4Life

It had been a big week—one full of wonderful opportunities to share a Gospel motivated message about life—and I was exhausted.

After months of planning and preparation for **Life Week 2023** and **Y4Life in Washington, D.C.**, both events had come to an end. And what an end it was! With almost 400 participants gathered to celebrate, learn, and march in the national **March for Life**, the **Y4Life in Washington, D.C.**, conference had been a mountaintop experience for many youth, and, if I was being honest, it had been for me, too.

Now it was all over. We had gathered, learned, and marched. The online presentations had been uploaded, and the in-person conference was complete. We had cleaned up the conference room, packed and repacked our boxes and bags, and returned the rental equipment. Even the van carrying items back to Iowa was on its way. The only thing left for me to do? Fly home.

I was looking forward to flying home, looking forward to solitude, reflection, and rest. And with the plane half-empty, I was sure to get it. After boarding, I found my row, snuggled into my window seat, and

gazed out over the wing as the last bags were loaded. When a young man sat down next to me, I smiled and greeted him politely and then looked out the window again. On flights this empty, I knew he wouldn't be my seatmate for long. He'd move—stretch out—and enjoy a row to himself.

So, it surprised me when he asked why I was headed to Indiana. I told him it was my home and soon learned we had much in common. We had both been in D.C. for a conference, both resided in southern Indiana, and both worked with youth for a living.

And then he asked THE question, the one that nine times out of ten not only ends the conversation but also makes my seatmate uncomfortable enough to want to move to a new seat: “So, what do you do for a living?”

I didn't even try to soften the blow: “I'm the Director of Y4Life with Lutherans For Life, which means I work with high school and college youth across the nation to help them become Gospel-motivated voices For Life. I also help them start Y4Life teams in their schools and communities so that they can share with others the message that every life is valuable,” I said.

He paused, folded his hands, and looked at his lap. I was certain I'd have the row to myself within moments.

But I was wrong.

Not only did he want to know about the topics we'd covered at the conference and how each of those topics was a life issue, but he also wanted to know about other life issues—issues like dating and cohabitation, physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia, loneliness and depression, marriage and family. From taxi and take-off all the way through landing in Indy, we talked about life issues. We covered the order of creation and the gift of children; we discussed gender identity, homosexuality, and contraceptives. We even tackled racism and ableism, abortion and identity.

Through our conversation, my seatmate recognized the uniqueness of the Gospel motivated voice: “I really like your approach,” he said about halfway through our flight. “You're not anti-abortion; instead, you're for life.” And when I once again connected the For Life perspective back to God's For Life work, he asked an even better question, “What should I look for in a church?”

Life work. At its root, it's about upholding lives and connecting them to Christ. Why? Because the Gospel is the most life-affirming message there is. In Christ the gifts of life reside. It was the same for God's people centuries ago, and it is the same for us today. God was and is and always will be the source of life.

The Bible testifies to this truth again and again. Deuteronomy 30:19-20 reminds us of the life He promises when we remain in Him: **“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him for He is your life and length of days”**

Since the Dobbs ruling, many in the life arena have continued to contemplate the next step for the life movement. And most, if not all, of their ideas are good ones. But I'd suggest that fundamentally, our next step hasn't really changed. Our next step has always been relational. It's always been to change hearts and minds by upholding lives one person at a time.

For the Christian, changing hearts and minds isn't just about meeting bodily needs; it also means connecting our neighbor to the true source of life—Christ Himself. It means providing for her needs in this world and the next by boldly intertwining our works and words of mercy with the gift of mercy Himself. It means helping him carry the crosses of this world on the way to his heavenly home.

As we live out our vocations—civic and familial—we can be certain that we will have the opportunity to change minds and uphold lives—in our homes, our places of work, our churches, and our communities. And sometimes, we even have the opportunity on airplanes. May God make us ready for those moments. May He give us the eyes to see them and the words to say. And may He ignite in us the courage to speak, even when it's uncomfortable, so that others might come to have LIFE in Him.

Spotlight on Lutherans For Life

God Chose You

by Ruth Menge, St. Luke Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, Michigan

“God Chose You ... and that changes everything,” LFL's 2022 Life Sunday theme was an especially meaningful quote for a member of our congregation. In 1973, she was home alone while her husband was at work, and their eight-year old son, and 11-, 13-, and 15-year-old daughters were in school. As she put laundry away in their son's room, the thought came to her, “I want to send you another son.” Her initial

response was, "Someone's talking in this house, but they're not talking to me."

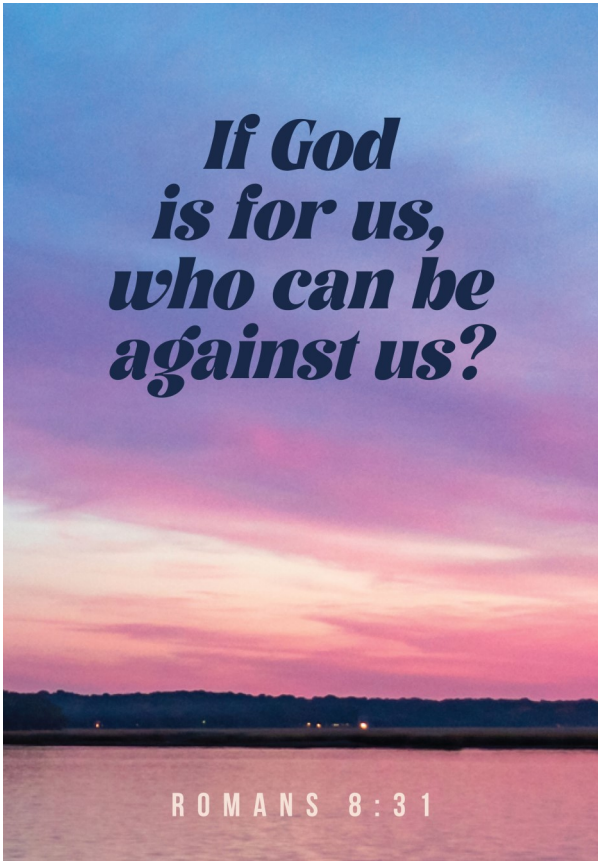
Not long after that, she found she was pregnant. Since ultrasounds were not common then, she expected another son. However, when the baby was born, she was a girl.

For a long time the mother wondered what "send another son" meant. Did it mean we are all sons of God? Was it meant to teach her that she was one of God's sons?

Years went by and the daughter married. In 2002, she gave birth to her first child, a son. The grandmother finally realized, yes, God had "sent another son." She has had the great joy in sharing with him, "God chose you." And not only one son, but he was followed by a daughter and two more sons. It took 28 years, but the word came true and was multiplied into three sons.

Scripture says, "**God chose us in him before the foundation of the world**" (Ephesians 1:4). God chose each of us, in Jesus, His chosen Son, not 28 years earlier, but before He created the world! "**Because of his love he had already decided to adopt us through Jesus Christ. He freely chose to do this so that the kindness he had given us in his dear Son would be praised and given glory**" (Ephesians 1:5). Such knowledge is an awe-inspiring, amazing, and humbling truth.

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"Did you know that the center chapter of the Bible is Psalm 118? If you add the 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and the 594 chapters after Psalm 118, you get Psalm 118.8." Source - Ron Chewning, Stewardship Advisor

Stewardship Corner

Although money is an integral part of our lives, many of us, regardless of age or background, lack a proper understanding of it. We may believe the money problem we face is not having enough. More than likely, however, we have an adequate amount of money but need to use it more wisely. God gives us the freedom to determine how we want to spend money, but the Bible is very clear about what God expects from us. We have an obligation to use what we have according to His plan. Money is good, as are all gifts from God (James 1:17), but because of our sinful state we often use money for wrong and foolish purposes. May we all seek His wisdom and understanding in how to honor the Lord with our money.

Stewardship Corner

In his letter to the church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul wrote, *"But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also"* (2 Corinthians 8:7). Paul is seeking the generosity of the people in Corinth for the distressed Christians in Jerusalem. He wants them, as he wants us, to excel in the grace of giving. With God's help through the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit, we know that *"God is able to make all grace abound to [us], so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, [we] may abound in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8).

Stewardship Corner

Proverbs 9:10a points out, *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."* True wisdom comes from knowing the Author of Wisdom, our Lord. He will help us to see His perspective as we turn away from the wisdom of the world, which is foolishness in God's sight (1 Corinthians 3:19), and seek His gift of wisdom, revealed to us by the Holy Spirit through Word and Sacrament. God's wisdom offers us an eternal perspective and with His wisdom we can live an abundant life now and spend eternity with Jesus.

Stewardship Corner

During Jesus' last three years on earth, He spent much time nourishing and teaching His disciples. Only when they were prepared to go out into the world to preach, teach, and heal did He send them. Leaving without provisions, the disciples were totally dependent upon those whom the Lord would send them for their support (Luke 9:1-6). The disciples relied upon the power of the Gospel to move the hearts of their listeners who would willingly provide for their needs. They were to travel light and trust in the Lord. Just as the work of the 12 original disciples was funded by other believers, we assist the spreading of the Gospel by supporting today's disciples and missionaries around the world. As we provide for church workers locally and abroad in the name of Jesus, we are serving the Lord Himself.

STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYTHING WE DO IN CHRIST'S NAME. IT IS FAITH IN ACTION.

“Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful”
(1 Corinthians 4:2).



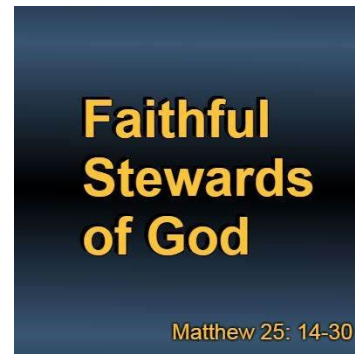
WE ARE GOD'S MASTERPIECES EQUIPED TO DO GOOD WORKS.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them”
(Ephesians 2:10).



DO YOU SEE YOURSELF AS A STEWARD, NOT AN OWNER?

“For all things come from You, and of Your own have we given You”
(1 Chronicles 29:14b).



THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT IS GRATITUDE FOR WHAT GOD GIVES US.

“In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through Him Who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:12b-13).





- Don Welser~4th
- Jan Smith~5th
- Mike Wilkens~6th
- Cora Flowers~12th
- Bill Richmond~12th
- Renee Smith~13th
- Gabby Laskowski~16th
- Lilli Lund~16th
- Suzanne Harmon~23rd
- Jordan Bulmer~24th
- Jack Owens~25th
- Theresa Sherman~28th
- Jen Schwartz~30th

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: **Members:** *Friends:* *Jasen Wohn, Henry Siegling, Maryon Warner*

Those with upcoming surgery and medical conditions: **Members:** *Friends:* *Chris Flores*

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: **Members:** *Friends:* *Jan Smith*

Those with health concerns: **Members:** *Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker* **Friends:** *Joan Nugent, Kendra Daschner, Jill Damon, Lynn's friend*

Those diagnosed with Cancer: **Members:** *Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro* **Friends:** *Don Kernstock*

We celebrate with the following: **Member(s):** *Dave Lauria--cancer-free diagnosis* **Friends:**


Those with difficult life challenges: **Members:** *Friends:* *Drew Stergis*

Anniversaries

- Lee & Alberta Sperry~9th
- Dave & Elaine Jansen~17th
- Bret & Erin Krabill~20th
- Bill & Kathy Woodman~29th
- Mark & Salena Laskowski~26th
- Mike & Carol Shields~30th

In Military Service

- Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck



Dollie Adolph
Jean Wittig

PRAYER REQUESTS



In Our Prayers

Prayer request forms are available either in the Narthex on the podium by the guest book or in the office on the secretary's desk. If you need a prayer by

Pastor that day, you can give your completed prayer request form to one of the elders or ushers and ask that it be given to Pastor before worship. If your prayer request isn't needed until later in the week, you can place it in the offering plate or place it on the secretary's desk in the office.

Assisted Living & Nursing Home List

Michigan Veterans Homes - Grand Rapids

Kenneth Hopkins

The Lighthouse at Roscommon

Elsa Knutson

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Mid-Week Stewardship Thought



Developing Proper Attitudes

Jesus led a life of perfect stewardship in our places. Even though we will always fall short of God's standard of Christian stewardship, as our faith matures through Word and Sacrament, we will become more Christ-like. Our attitudes affect how we think, how we live, and what we do. When we abide in the Lord and allow Him to live His life through us, He will develop within our hearts attitudes that bring praise and glory to Him, and He will become Lord over every area of our lives. With proper attitudes, we live life in a positive and meaningful way. The attitudes of love, gratitude, humility, and self-surrender will help us to renew our minds as the Apostle Paul urged. "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2). With our hearts we can sing, "O my strength, I will sing praises to You, for You, O God, are my fortress, the God Who shows me steadfast love" (Psalm 59:17). The attitudes of our hearts are gifts from God that we develop by His grace.

Prayer: Lord, help me to commit part of every day to be reading and studying Your Word. Grant me a humble, giving, and loving attitude. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Blessings on your journey as a steward!

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