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pastor's Corner

Greetings and happy May!

~May 2024~

The spring cleaning of our hearts and minds is a good thing. I recently came across a Scripture passage in a devotion of mine that has really been following me. ***I'm thinking, God is wanting me to spend more time with this passage.*** Plus, I think it's always a good plan to spend time with the passages we come across and not just glaze over them.

Just to be clear, this isn't referring to any political viewpoint, this made me think about myself and my God. The passage is Psalm 139:15-16. ***"My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."***

I'm certain we have all experienced this at least at one point in our lives. **A time where we are filled with doubt and confusion.** This doubt and confusion makes us question if God really knows who and what we are. ***Does He know what we are going through?*** It's called humanism and it's hard to get away from.

This Psalm was written by David, who encountered many hardships and confusing circumstances and events. He was anointed as a young boy by Samuel under the direction of God Himself.

Yet, here in this verse David helps me see that ***no matter what, God not only knows me and the struggles I'm encountering, but He made me and has a special plan for me in this world.***

He knew me before I was even conceived in my mother's womb. He knew my confusions and doubts; He knew my struggles and what my difficult times would be. **He knows YOURS equally.**

The verse even tells me that my name is already written in His book. This thought makes my heart sing. **God has already claimed me as His!**

Do **NOT** let your hearts be troubled. God is **NOT** AWOL. **He has already claimed you as His own.**

Lean into His loving arms when the ole' Lucifer attempts to distract you from the great love of our Father in Heaven. **God's love for you is bigger than anything you could possibly imagine.** Embrace the God of all Creation and know He tells us that....

"No matter how far, no matter how dark. Your hope is reaching to my heart. You call me Your child, the Light in your eyes, since the beginning of all time. You're the God who sees."

This Is Love!

Pastor Kathi

[Update on Greg Myers](#)

Greg is doing well with his therapy sessions and improving day by day. He is a determined individual and plans to join us back at church soon. We continue to pray for strength and guidance for him and Patti and their

entire family. Such a challenge is not taken lightly, and they will persevere with the help of our Lord and Savior. God Bless them all.

“Lead Like Jesus” Bible Study

Butch Walka took over, at Greg Myer's request, as leader of our Bible Study group with exceptional fashion.

The last session was held on April 14th. There was a total of 8 attending that session. Many great discussions were had at each session over the weeks we met. So many ideas about our current lives and how we walk with Jesus individually and as a congregation made us all put on our thinking caps, which is good for the soul.

Thank you, Butch, for taking this task on and doing it well. We appreciate your guidance.

A Favorite Bible Verse

Rosco Walka shares a favorite Bible verse with us this month.

Romans 8:28

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.”

There are times where I feel like things just aren't working out right. As if I take a step forward, only to take several steps back. Then there are the days where things feel like things will go wrong only for things to go above and better than expected, like a surprise trip to a place I have or haven't been to and enjoy a new experience that just helps me feel far better than I was before. When I read this quote from the Bible, it makes me think of those times of both good and bad. It makes me believe that God has a plan for us all. That the bad times will lead to the good times because there is a purpose to it all. God works in mysterious ways, but it often leads to a grand reward at the end of the difficult times.

~Rosco~



This & That

Pastor Kathi applied for a grant through Presbytery to help with our summer programs going on once a

month May-September. The grant in the amount of \$2,678.57 was received on April 22nd.

Session discussed our current insurance policy for church. Valeta is researching other alternatives to see if we can get a better value.

A food pantry is still being discussed as to how we can help people in our community in their time of need.

Stay tuned for possibly another Trivia Night for a fundraiser. Our Believers would be great to ask to help with the planning and organizing of that event.

Session approved getting a few animals for a petting zoo during our monthly Noah's Ark Fun Day.

There was a suggestion to ask people from Spiritual Solutions to perhaps come help set-up and participate with us at our Noah's Ark Fun Day on our parking lot on the 2nd Sunday of each month beginning in May through September during the Farmer's Market.

MAY 2024 Happenings

Sunday Worship services ~ 10:30 AM

(1st & 3rd Sundays Celebrate communion and all special services)

Disciple Time included in each worship service.

Fellowship immediately follows our worship service in the Fellowship hall for cookies, juice and coffee.

Knitters ~ Every Tuesday at 10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study ~ 2nd through the 4th Thursday of each month at 3:30 PM in the library at the church.

Praying with Flair ~ 1st Thursday monthly via zoom 7:00 PM. Please submit your email address to join the group.

Believers ~ 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month from 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM.

Session ~ 3rd Wednesday monthly 1:00 PM.

Movie Matinee ~ last Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM. Free for all.

AA ~ Mondays & Thursday 7:00 PM

NA ~ Tuesdays 6:00 PM; Fridays 7:00 PM and Saturdays 4:00 PM

Girl Scouts ~ 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 PM through May (back in August)

TOPS ~ Thursdays 5:00 PM

Upcoming Dates **Mark Your Calendars**

May 4 - Sept 28...*Sullivan Chamber Farmer's Market at our parking lot every Saturday 8 a.m. till noon.*

May 11 & June 8...*Noah's Ark Fun Day in our parking lot; Come join the fun!!!*

May 12th...*Mother's Day (Hat celebration wear your hat)*

July 12th-13...*Block Party and Art Fair*



May Birthdays

11...Suzanne Scott

17...Sara Licklider

17...Luke Myers

18...Sally Jo Blevins

18...Michelle Boudria

30...Larry Conner

May Anniversaries

15...Jacob & Kammie Kraus

22...Butch & Michelle Walka

28...Zenas & Sally Jo Blevins

June Birthdays

8...Tim Peterson

16...Valeta Betz

17...Jacob Kraus

June Anniversaries

13...Al & Jane Watz

18...Dan & Marilyn McWhorter

25...Sam & Jessica Kraus

28...Royce & Suzanne Scott

30...Jack & Sharon Blanton

GREETERS

MAY

5...Pat Andrae

12...Jack & Sharon Blanton

19...Kathryn McGill

26...Charlie & Valeta Betz

JUNE

2...Tim & Nettie Peterson

9...Royce Scott

16...Steve and Kathy Gallop

23...Walka Family

30...Greg and Patti Myers

Liturgist for May

Pete Kraus

Elder on Call for May

Valeta Betz



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Meet Our Staff

Pastor: Kathi Kraus
Clerk of Session/Treasurer: Valeta Betz
Office Assistant - Pat Andrae

Live Streaming our Worship

You are welcome to join us each Sunday morning from wherever you are through live stream. Please follow us on FaceBook or go to our website to join us in worship.
Join us in the pew every chance you get!

**Join us for worship service every Sunday at
10:30am.**

Fellowship immediately follows with
cookies, juice and coffee!



Life Team Members are as follows:

Team A - Patti & Greg Myers
Pete & Kathi Kraus

Team B - Michelle Walka & Dave Law
Tim & Nettie Peterson

C o o k i e s



May

5...Carol Kroenung
12...Steve & Kathy Gallop
19...Walka Family
26...Greg & Patti Myers

June

5....Pat Andrae
9...Royce & Suzanne Scott
16...Jack & Sharon Blanton
23...Marilyn & Dan McWhorter
30...Terri Sappington

July

7...Audrey & Charlie Lindsey
14...Zenas & Sally Jo Blevins
21...Tim & Nettie Peterson
28...Pat Andrae