



February 2020



Friday, February 7, 2020

AN EXTRA 24 HOURS ON THE 29TH. HOW WILL YOU SPEND IT?

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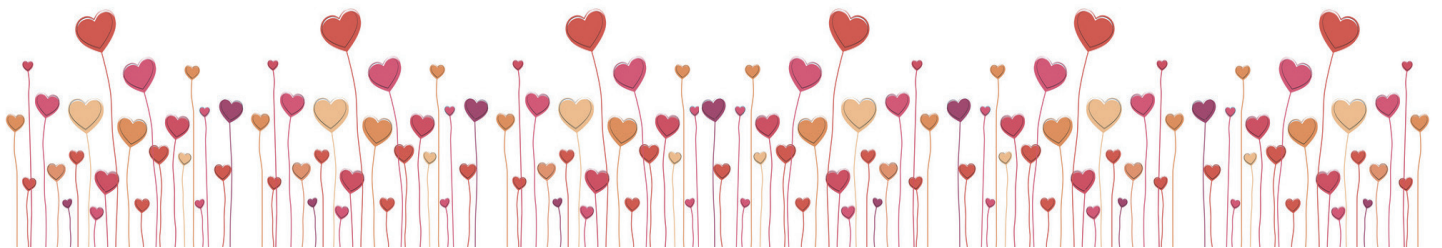
From the Pastor...

Friends,

Can I assume that at least the majority of us would agree that we'd like to be a part of a thriving church? I know it's something God wants! God created everything, and every living thing is intended to thrive and grow. So let's say we're agreed that we (and God) want the church of Jesus Christ to thrive. If we want a thriving church, should we focus on nurturing our members or reaching out to others? The short answer is both, because in order to have a thriving church, we need to do both of these things, not one to the exclusion of the other. Later this month, during our All Committee Work Day (Saturday, February 22, 1-3 pm) we will work on how to balance these two needs. Committee members will be bringing their scheduled events (from now through August) and some personal homework - a list of the positive results of focusing on the nurturing of church members and reaching out to others as well as a list of negative results if we over focus on either of the two actions to the exclusion of the other. Later, we will look at how our church's scheduled events support both nurture and outreach, and we will consider some action steps to maintain the positive results of focusing on nurture and outreach as well as some early warning signs that we are over-focusing on one area.

I'm excited about this work we are going to do together. If you're not currently serving on a committee, please consider yourself invited to the event on February 22. Everyone brings different gifts and insights to the discussion, and each of us is valuable in this work of helping our church, God's church, to thrive.

Blessings,
Erin



February Highlights

6th Night to Shine Work Day
6th Mobile Food Pantry
7th Movie Night
7th Tim Tebow's Night to Shine
9th Confirmation Gathering
10th Sewing Sandwiching Day
10th Mission Meeting

12th Welcome Meeting
12th Worship Meeting
15th UPChurch hosting Sat. Kitchen
19th Praise Cafe
22nd All Committee Planning Meeting
22nd Session Meeting
26th Ash Wednesday
29th Confirmation Retreat

CREW: Trip to Quake in Des Moines January 31 - February 2

As you are reading this, 15 CREW kids and 4 adults are having a wild weekend in Des Moines at YouthQuake! The theme for Quake this year is “More+”, which is inspired by Ephesians 3:20-21 (“now to him who is able to do immeasurably more...”). We plan on getting back to Washington around 2pm on Sunday. Our next meeting will be February 16th. Bring your friends and let’s beat these cold winter days!

CREW Dates (Middle School Ministry)
Jan 31 - Feb 2: Quake in Des Moines
Feb 16th: 3:30pm @ UPChurch

Inside Out Super Bowl Party! On Sunday, February 2nd, Inside Out will meet at the Thorius’ house at 5:15pm for a Super Bowl Party (game starts at 5:30pm). Feel free to bring a snack and beverage to share. It’s always a good time! We continue to meet each Sunday evening with a great group of kids! We will be discussing Mission Market (in March) very soon.

Inside Out Dates (Senior High Ministry)
Feb 2nd: 5:15pm @ Thorius’ House
(Super Bowl Party)
Feb 9th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
Feb 16th: 6:30pm @ UPChurch
Feb 23rd: 6:30pm @ UPChurch

Son City We are finishing up our 3rd unit of the year (Jesus is Baptized). We are incredibly grateful for Jane Cuddeback and Julie Zahs for their leadership and pre-

paration for our various lessons in this unit. A big ‘Thank You’ goes out to Tracy Strabala and Kori Rich for hanging with these kids each week. Don’t forget to check out the boards in the fellowship hall to see just what we do!

Do YOU want to jump in & TEACH a Son City lesson or 2? You are in luck!

Our next unit (Jesus Lives) begins Sunday, February 23rd. We have 7 weeks of lessons that lead right up to Easter and consist of Storytelling/Drama, Spiritual Practices/Games, Science, Cooking, Art, Missions, and Video.

PLEASE contact Erin Thorius if you are interested in any of these lessons. You will be provided with materials and information.

Son City Dates

Feb 2nd: 8:45am - “Jesus is Baptized” (Video)
Feb 9th: 8:45am - “Jesus is Baptized” (Art with Julie Zahs)
Feb 16th: 8:45am - “Jesus is Baptized” (Missions with Julie Zahs)
Feb 23rd: 8:45am - NEW 7 week Unit begins... “Jesus Lives!”



JAM Kids

We have had approximately 30 kids each week (most from our community) who are excited to be here! They enjoy snacks, games, science experiments with ties to Bible stories that apply to their lives, and music. This has been a great outreach for us. Thank you to Brenda Miles, April Cuddeback, Christy Buchholz, Pastor Erin Kaye, Payton Anderson, and Erin Thorius for spending your time with these kids each Wednesday! Also Thanks to Mary Lou Saforek and Jane Cuddeback for picking the kids up in the vans!

REMINDER: Praise Cafe will be WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH from 5:15 - 5:45. If you would like to help set this up and serve, we could use you! It's a great outreach to the families we have participating in JAM Kids...many who may not have a church home. Come join us for dinner and to welcome these families. Also, Camp Wyoming will be here to present their camps and offerings to the kids and parents.

JAM Kids Dates

Feb 5th: 3:30 - 5:15

Feb 12th: 3:30 - 5:15

Feb 19th: 3:30 - 5:15 (PRAISE CAFE following with Camp Wyoming presentation)

Feb 26th: 3:30 - 5:15



Camp Wyoming will be here to present their camps and offerings to the kids and parents.

Wednesday, February 19th

5:15 - 5:45pm

Meal will be provided

Freewill Donations accepted



FEBRUARY DIAPER AND BOARD BOOK DRIVE

Beginning next Sunday and through Feb. 23rd, the Mission Team will be collecting diapers, wipes and board books for the Family Connection. These items are used as a part of the incentive program that encourages parents to provide safe, healthy, developmentally appropriate and physical care for their infants and toddlers. Many little ones in our community wear wet, soggy diapers for much of their day because the cost of diapers, wipes, and board books is prohibitive for many families in need.

How about making a donation as we celebrate the love of God by loving others?

Just place them in the 'pack and play' and on the book rack in the back of the sanctuary anytime during February.

Soggy bottoms of our town thank you!!



The Lighthouse Center has been providing emergency shelter to an average of 23 people nightly this winter. They also provide food, clothing, counseling and furniture.

The first week of February is the target date to open the Master's Hand a retail store to raise funds for their Ministry. Donations to the store are being accepted at The Lighthouse Center, clean clothing, toys, housewares and some furniture.

There are always opportunities for you to volunteer

- you can provide an evening meal and visit with the people, phone Joy at 319-458-0480
- you can sort donated clothing and food
- you can help with General tasks at the Lighthouse or the Master's Hand, phone Clairene at the Lighthouse office 319-653-5871 or cell #319-750-131



"Our" upcoming date to host is: Feb. 15 - Please contact Joe McConnell or the church office if you're able to help in any way



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday
February 26th - 6:30 pm



JOIN US!

Team UP and Friends has lined up a couple of dates for you, Friends, to have an evening "out" and to support "us" and the June 27th Relay for Life.

Unc and Neph's: Tuesday, Feb. 4th
Pizza Ranch: Monday, March 2nd

Please Come!!!

Ann Conklin and Marde McConnell,
Team UP and Friends Co-Chair

THANK YOU!

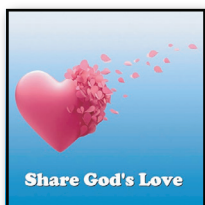
"Thanks to everyone for the wonderful farewell reception and baby shower. You all are so appreciated and will be missed." *The Cannys*



FREE SNACK, FREE DRINK, BRING A BLANKET OR PILLOW

Friday, February 7th

**We are planning to show "I Can Only Imagine" at 6:30
(doors open at 6:15)**



REQUEST FROM YOUR BOARD OF DEACONS!

Larry Bartlett, Kathy Knutson,
Terry Mangold, Sarah Robison,
Marde McConnell, Mary Atwood
Sydney Cuddeback

HELP US SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE WITH OUR HOMEBOUND!

We need your **help** in extending the love of our church family with those who have difficulty leaving their homes. By going to folks in their own homes, hopefully this will help them to

continue to feel that they are a valued part of our church family! We have around 25 folks that are in this situation. We would like for you to consider being a part of this team of folks who visit one or two people each month. As we go to them, may we share the hospitality and love that Christ commanded for us to do! There is a signup sheet in fellowship hall where you sign up your willingness to visit. Deacons Kathy Knutson or Terry Mangold will then give you the name of a person for you to visit. Thank you for serving our Lord in this way!



Blood drive info: 89 donations which amounts to 356 products collected from the December blood drive.



**Articles for the March
newsletter are due
Wednesday, February 19**



Church Family News

Did you know...

Sandy and Doug Dunlap donated the pretty, lighted stars displayed both inside and outside our south, Fellowship Hall window. Thanks for helping us beautify our church over the holidays.

Jane Fehr, Marj Lins, Joyce Wilson and Julie Zahs all provided delicious refreshments for our special Christmas eve. service. All at were asked a bit at the very last minute and responded so positively! Thanks, Gals and thank you to Mary Saforek's yummy wassail, too!

Sophia, Olivia and Isabella Lujan, along with some "boy help" from Jayse and Jordan Thorius organized and helped weed out the nursery toys one afternoon over Christmas break – such a great improvement was made. Thanks, Kids!

Thanks to Matt Kaye who removed all our outside Christmas lights one day between cold spells and storms. Your time and efforts were appreciated, Matt.

Baby shower

open house for Jordan, Anne, and Jayden Youngman during fellowship time after church February 9th. They have a Target registry if you want to purchase a gift.

Erin Thorius is collecting money for a group gift if you'd like to contribute.



EASTER FLOWERS

Once again this Easter, we will be beautifying the front of the sanctuary with colorful plants. After the worship service these blooming plants will be taken to those of our church family who are unable to worship with us.

Easter Sunday's bulletin will include the names of those who purchase one or more of these plants AND to whom "it honors" or to whom it "is in memory of." The cost for these lovely plants is \$15 once again this year.

Just stop in the church office, or contact any deacon or Marde McConnell about this caring project of reaching out to others in our church family.

Deadline to purchase plants is Friday, March 13.

February Birthdays

1 George Fulton	7 Grace Schiebel	16 Scott Lujan	24 Jared Henry
1 Megan Mitchell	8 Ellen Twinam	17 Brian Strabala	24 John Thorne
3 Sawyer Whisler	9 Terry Anderson	18 Eliana Martin	24 Cal Wolf
4 Peggy Gerot	9 Meda Fulton	18 Dolores Wood	27 Erik Buchholz
4 Tim Trotman	10 Teresa Anderson	20 Jacob Baughman	28 Lauren Carter
4 Gracie Walker	10 Jaylene Schell	20 Lincoln Kleese	28 Melissa Kaufman
6 Ethel Moothart	11 Beth Dillon	21 Annagrace Goeke	28 Abigail Kleese
	11 Luke Schiebel	21 Isaac Rich	28 Ed Lins
	13 Megan Buitendorp	22 Alice Martin	28 Hayden Westphal
	13 Clay Whisler	22 Ella Walker	28 Bev Young
	14 James Strabala	23 Amanda Burke	29 Travis Shelman