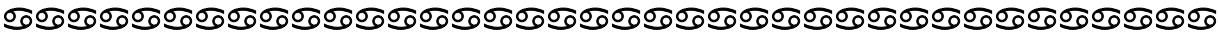


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Back to School!

How is your summer going? The summer isn’t gone yet but the weather looks like almost fall. The temperature has been around 80 degrees and the weather has been good to play outside during the last three weeks. It was perfect weather for the County Fair and we had enough rain for corn and beans to grow well in the fields. It is too early to talk about the harvest and fall, but teachers and kids are busy preparing for their new semester right now.

Yesterday, Hyeayoun and I went to the market to purchase Maria’s school supplies. It isn’t easy to find the right supplies every year. We would go to different stores to find right ones and sometimes we had to wait another week because something was sold out. So, Hyeayoun and I decided to go earlier than last year this time and we thought we could get everything in one store. However, some items were already sold out so we had to visit two different stores and finally got everything Maria needs.

I still remember the time when we became school parents three years ago. Everything was new and we were not ready to be school parents. We spent a whole week buying her school supplies and couldn’t get the nap mat until the day before school started. Anyway, now we are more used to preparing for the new school year but still have new things to learn.

This time, when we were preparing for Maria’s school supplies, I thought about “the parable of the ten young bridesmaids,” in Matthew 25. Ten bridesmaids were waiting on the groom to enter for the wedding but he didn’t come until midnight. Five foolish bridesmaids didn’t prepare extra oil for their lamps and their lamps had gone out. They couldn’t enter the wedding because they had gone to buy oil when the groom arrived. But five wise bridesmaids prepared extra oil; however, even their lamps had gone out too. The Bible said, “They all became drowsy and went to sleep.” It was only the foolish bridesmaids whose lamps went out, but all bridesmaids couldn’t keep themselves awake and take care of their lamps well. The fire was gone and the lamps had cooled down long ago. But the big difference between wise and foolish bridesmaids was the wise ones were ready to light up again immediately and foolish ones were not. Jesus told them, “Keep alert, because you don’t know the day or the hour.” How hard it is to keep alert and prepare the day of God’s kingdom coming.

We often fail to follow the way of Jesus and cannot keep the fire of the Spirit in our hearts every day. The fire was gone and our life and soul look like they had cooled down for a long time. But let us be the wise bridesmaids who can light up immediately when the time is coming. To light up immediately, we should keep preparing the oil through joining all services, prayers and study meetings even though our hearts are not warmed up yet. When the time comes, you will be fired up again and will see the risen Christ! Let us keep trying to keep the lamps in our hearts and lives and don’t quench the Holy Spirit in our lives anymore.

- Pastor Joohyang Kim

AUGUST EVENTS AND SCHEDULES

LITURGISTS

5 – Dale Henderson
12 – Lance Johnson
19 – Lance Johnson
26 – Dale Henderson

ACOLYTES

5 – Conner and Jordan Peck
12 – Braede and Breckin Weatherman
19 – Braxton and Gracen Grimes
26 – Kaitlyn and McKenna Worlock

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES

5 – Rosalee Tibbits
12 – Pastor Kim
19 – Lance Johnson
26 – Dale Henderson

GREETERS

5 – Blythe Atwell and Gary Kay
12 – Blythe Atwell and Paula Baccus
19 – Al and Joan Miles
26 – Al and Joan Miles

NURSERY

5 – Becky McDuffee & Deb Pounds
12 – Becky McDuffee & Angie Darrow
19 – Becky McDuffee & Tamala Lott
26 – Becky McDuffee, Paul & Kristi Ocker

BIRTHDAYS

7 – Denise Fuller
7 – Melanie Kuder
7 – Alexander Kuder
8 – John Darrow
9 – Gary Hogg
12 – Corey Bohl
20 – Joan Miles
23 – Larry Bertrand
23 – Steve Baccus
25 – Conner Peck
25 – Jordan Peck

ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Marvin & Joyce Hamm
3 – Dale & Colette Henderson
5 – Ron & Pam Feldt
18 – John & Rosalee Tibbits
24 – Bruce & Gretchen Cleveland

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES – ADULT

Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Following are the lessons that will be discussed in August:

5 – God's Justice
12 – Global Economic Justice
19 – Loving and just Behavior
26 – Practicing Justice

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL...

Children's Sunday School will resume on September 9, Rally Sunday.

METHODIST WOMEN

Saturday, August 18 at 10:00 a.m.
Executive Board Meeting at the home of Gail Eckart. All officers are needed for this planning meeting.

Sunday, August 26 from 5 to 7 P.M.
HOMEMADE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

In the Fellowship Hall
ADMISSION BY DONATION
Sponsored by UMW
Proceeds for Missions

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

The Worship Committee is making beginning plans for Children's Worship in October.

The Worship Committee would like to enlist the help of the church members with greeter rotation. A sign will be posted on the office windows for the months of September and October and October. Please sign up when you are able to be a greeter or leave your name with Pat Baccus or Colette Henderson if you are willing to help.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Garage Sale - September 8 from 8 a.m. - ?
at the Blue Store
Blythe Atwell and Rosalee Tibbits,
Co-chairpersons

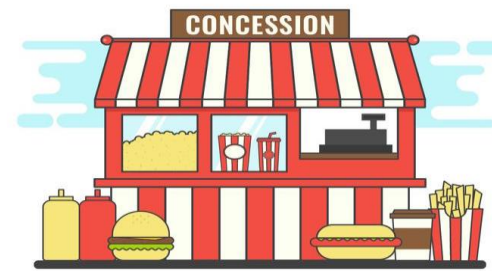
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting will
be on Wednesday, August
8 at 7:00 p.m. in the
Fellowship Hall.

STORY OF THE SANCTUARY STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The mystery has been solved!

Last month I provided you with the story of the stained glass windows in our sanctuary, but I didn't know the author. Well, Javine Bertrand is the author! She has given her gift of working with and giving messages to the children, and this is one of the many stories she came up with! Thank you Javine for your dedication and faithfulness in working with the children all the years that you have! ---Joan Miles



2018 FAIR STAND

The kids of our church need some big congratulations! They brought home a Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion plus lots of other honors! And Crème de la Crème is the Krueger Family being named 4-H Family of the year!!! Way to go Nick, Tammy, Maddy and Dalton!!!

Financially we did fantastic! We are up over last year by approximately \$1,500! The entire Fair was a success; there were lots of people and they wanted rides, entertainment and food!!! The cool weather helped bring more people out.

The cooler weather also caused our food sales to go up, but our drink sales to go down. Hot weather people drink, but don't eat; but in cooler weather they eat but don't drink as much! We even managed to have Pastor Kim spend some time in the back of the concession stand where he could get his glasses nice and greasy!!! Pastor Kim and his family spent lots of time at the fair and the church food stand. Thank you, Pastor Kim. (cont. next column)

THANK YOU!!!

It's hard to say the "thank you's" at a time like this. You have so many to pass out and you don't want to miss anyone. Undoubtedly, you will, so this time we're not going to mention names but some of the work that had to be done...all volunteer labor!

We have people with talent to design and make all kinds of signs, we have cooks who made the pulled pork, the taco meat, brats, beans, frozen fruit or dill pickle juice cups (ECH!!), wraps and burgers, burgers and more burgers! We served over 700 hamburgers, over 200 hot dogs, 100 buffalo burgers, 50 pork burgers and I simply don't know how many wraps or taco salads, etc. I do know that we used about 90 pies and we sold out. In fact, by 9:30 Friday night we had sold out of everything except some Gatorade.

In addition to all that, we had people driving lots of vehicle miles using lots of their own fuel, we have financial people handling the money every single day, picking it up at 11:00 at night and having it counted, resorted and brought back by early morning and others working to just improve the facility itself. Everything from new entry steps to new electrical wiring to new door locks and LED light bulbs to a new pie holder rack and an insulated back ceiling!! We also have a new vinyl sign on the front of the food stand!! Lastly, we cannot forget that we've had many people who are not part of our congregation step up to work, simply because they like our church or just enjoy doing community service.

What this does for me is reinforce the theory I use to define leadership. "Surround yourself with good people, give them the authority to do their jobs, then get out of their way!" We did that. We have shift Chairpersons as well as other people responsible for all various aspects of carrying out this endeavor. And it worked! Very successfully, I might add, because we have GOOD people!! And to all of them and all the people who helped in any way, we send a very heartfelt thank you.

-Submitted by Steve Baccus

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Back to School

The Point of It All

We should never stop learning. It brings us closer to God and his world and enables us to share this with others.

Ready, Set, GO!

I don't think we should go back to school. What do you think of that? We're getting ready to go back, and all I can think is, "Why?" I mean, why should we bother with school? Isn't it enough to learn about God and be a good person? Why should we waste time learning and going to school?

Take math, for instance, why should we learn math when we have calculators? And why should we learn to spell when we have spelling checkers on our computers? And reading – how stupid! We have videos and tapes. Why would we need to read? Don't they even have the Bible on tape? And there are tons of Christian cartoon videos we can watch. And we go to church, don't we?

The way I see it, if kids didn't have to go to school, they could help around the house more. We could go back to chopping wood and save money on our electric bill. We could get rid of the washing machine and all of that wasted water and let you get your workout there – right? Sweeping, carrying, gardening – we would even have time to grow and harvest our own vegetables. LOTS of them! And with the exercise we'd get picking beans and digging weeds, we wouldn't need P.E. or sports. That would mean no more fees or special shoes.

And we wouldn't need all these cars and gas, because parents wouldn't need to run all over for all those school festivals and activities and games and stuff. We'd all have much more time to be home, wouldn't we?

But you know me better than that, don't you? I love being home and being with my family, and I wouldn't give up my time alone with my Bible for anything, because that's when God and I sit down and spend time together. And I love to read to my kids. I love it even more when they read to me. Now, I do enjoy listening to books on tape and watching videos for fun. But I love to learn too. We're never too old, you know!

What did God and math have to do with one another? How about God and science? Well, God created the world, its creatures, everything.

Science and math bring us a little closer to understanding it all. English helps us tell about it or to understand what we read. Social studies and history help us see God's people over time-how he's loved them and how they've grown or even failed.

And the more we learn, the more we can change the world. We can become scientists or doctors who care for God's children. We can become caregivers who nurture and teach God's littlest babies. We can learn about paying bills, cooking healthy food, and saving money to help our families live better and longer.

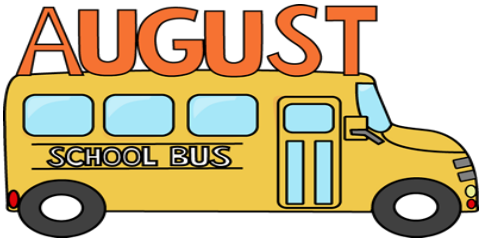
Proverbs 12:24 says that hard workers will rule and the lazy will be forced to hard, hard work. Ecclesiastes 7:19 says "Wisdom strengthens the wise more than ten rulers of the city." That means the wise will be stronger than ten rulers! God gave us a brain to use. And using it is a great way to honor Him and the miracle of our minds.

Let's pray: Father, our brains are a true mystery. You have given each of us talents molded to exactly who we are. Help us to find our gifts and use them. If we are meant to comfort, if we are best at baking, if we are math maniacs, help us to grow-toward you. Amen
(Taken from "Ready, Set, GO! By Annette Godwin Dammer with Lynn Fisher Atchley)

OUTREACH/FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

We are taking up a collection of the following, for the Minneapolis Grade School Students:

CRAYOLA brand markers, crayons and colored pencils, ELMERS glue sticks EXPO dry erase markers and PLASTIC FOLDERS
These items may be place in a plastic tub in the church foyer.
Thank you for your contributions!



2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Communion	6 7:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting	7	8 7:00 p.m. Ad Council Meeting	9 10:30 a.m. OCMA Mtg. at Bennington	10	11
12 2nd Sun. Dinner – Hosted by Worship Committee	13 ←-----	14	15 4-6 p.m. Mobile Food Pantry	16	17	18
			-----PASTOR KIM	OUT OF OFFICE	THROUGH 20 th	
19	20	21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!	22	23	24	25
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26 5-7 p.m. UMW Ice Cream Social	27	28	29	30	31	

FAIR CONCESSION STAND UPDATE



Who's putting up the sign?



**Justin Abell, Paula Baccus
& Kaleb Ocker**



**Kaely Jackson, Ruthie Sanders
& Quinley Bohl**



**Rodger Peck, Colette Henderson,
Denise Fuller & Sharon Foust serving special
guests, Eldin and Jane Smith!**



**Jason Bird, Rodger Peck and Nick Krueger
working on renovation of the concession stand
at the fairgrounds!**



Steve Baccus and Pastor Kim



**(Front to back) Patti Bertrand,
Norman Fuller & Gary Bacon**



Looks like our first customer is here!



**(Front to back) Patti Bertrand,
Paul Ocker,
Pastor Kim and Corey Bohl**



**Corey Bohl, Cassie Bohl & Anne Abell
Cookin' more hamburgers
and still smiling!**



Dale Henderson cookin' away!



Norman Fuller & Gary Bacon



**WOW! What a treat - Midnight Donuts after
working at the fair ALL DAY and NIGHT!**

