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FIRSTNEWS



I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Jeremiah 31:3

You Are Someone in His Body



Christian living is not only a matter of believing; it is also a matter of belonging. You belong to Christ and are an essential part of our church. We are so glad that you are here and I am privileged to be your pastor. You are a member of the Body of Christ. As the Apostle Paul states in I Corinthians 12:12, "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ." God has been blessing our church with many new people that have been attending our services and I would encourage each of you to get involved into the life of our church.

There are many opportunities in which you can get involved in our church. We have a prayer group that meets every Thursday at 11 am at the church. We also have a prayer chain ministry where you can be informed of the prayer requests of the church and take those needs to the Lord. Please see Doris Cox if you would be interested in serving on the prayer team.

Please see Pastor Tim if you would be interested in singing in the choir.

Our church is involved in many ways with both local and global missions. You can give financially to these missions with your Faith Promise offering. You also can help serve people in need here in Polk County with Meals on Wheels, whose meals are prepared for delivery in our church parking lot every Monday through Friday morning. You can donate clothing for men for Refuge on the Ridge.

We also have an usher ministry where you can minister to the people at our church by being a greeter, collecting the church offering, and patrolling the services during our midweek service, Sunday School, and the morning service to keep us safe. We also have a men's group that meets the first Saturday of the month at 8 am for breakfast and a devotion.

If you would like to help as a children's church worker or in the nursery during our Sunday morning worship services, please see Sorina Howard or Autumn Beeman. Every summer, we have our Vacation Bible School during a week in the summer and we will have many ways in which you can help.

We have an active women's group called the CWC (Christian Women Connection). If you would be interested in serving in the kitchen for the mid-week meals, please see Deb Hepler. We also have a ladies weekend of fellowship and fun through crafts, scrapbooking, puzzles and/or games that meets at the church in the fellowship hall once a month on consecutive days on a Friday and Saturday.

I would also encourage you to be involved in our Sunday School program that meets before the morning service 9:30-10:15 am. We have classes for children, youth, and adults.

Finally, we have a midweek service on Wednesday at 7 pm that includes a service in the sanctuary, and children and youth classes in the church building. May you prayerfully consider where and how you can get involved in our church for the glory of God! Blessings, Pastor Kenny

Birthdays:



8 Virginia Kaetzel
10 Marie Brown
17 Colleen Stephens
17 Mary O'hara
20 Richard Persons
25 Sorina Howard
25 Ruth Krupa
26 Tara Dallaire
26 Chuck Fennell
26 Tom Gray
28 Gloria Clay
28 Cindy McGuire

Anniversaries:



10 George & Patricia Higgins
11 Ron & Pat Goins
14 Mark & Autumn Beeman
15 Harry & Wanda Dees
19 Chuck & Judy Fennell
20 Bill & Linda Gipson
20 Bill & Marilyn Lemmer



February Announcements:



Join us for **Wednesday Night Suppers** at 5pm, before the mid-week service. Sign up sheets are in the lobby. Suggested donations are \$8 for adults and \$20 per family. All donations go to CWC missions. Thank you for your support.

COOKS NEEDED to host the Wednesday Night Suppers. Please sign up in the lobby if you can help us out in this very important event to help support missions.

2/7 Men's Breakfast at the church at 8am. We will have a breakfast, meeting, & Bible study.

2/7 Game Night from 5-7pm. We will have a pot luck meal, devotion, followed by games. There is a sign-up sheet in the lobby to bring sides & desserts. The church will provide pizza. All are welcome!

2/8 Join us after the service for Soup, Salad, and Dessert. All donations go to CWC Missions. If you are able to make a pot of your favorite soup, please let us know by signing up in the lobby.

2/15 Our Winter Concert series continues with THE WHISNANTS at 3:00pm

2/20 & 2/21 Ladies Weekend of Fellowship & Fun through crafts, scrapbooking, puzzles and games. The fun begins Friday at 1pm and Saturday at 9am. Please see Deb Hepler with any questions.

2/21 Come join us for fun and friendship on Saturday, February 21st at Solomon's Castle. The price is \$35 for adults and \$32 for seniors. Meet at the church by 8:25 am. The bus leaves at 8:40 am.

2/24 CWC Meeting at 6:30pm in fellowship hall.

2/28 Rummage Sale from 8am-2pm. Stay tuned for more details!

We are excited to be starting a homeschool support group. Be praying that God would use this group to minister to the children and parents of our church and for the children in our community!



Hi Ladies! We took a little break the month of January to recover from all of our wonderful events during the holidays. Ready, Set, Go! We are planning a very busy year of activities, meetings, and some fund raisers. Let's start with February. Watch for some great meals together on Wednesday evenings at 5pm, before the service. We are also starting back up our "Soup-er Sunday" meals, stay tuned for the dates! We are also planning a very special night at "Dave & Deb's Diner" to include a wonder meal of Dave's Famous Spaghetti & Meatballs" and Entertainment! See Deb Hepler to purchase tickets! Watch for information regarding our upcoming Rummage Sale. Don't forget to take some time to worship our Lord in our private moments and with others,, like our time together with our sisters in Christ. I appreciate all of your hard work and willingness to serve in any way you are available.
I love my sisters!
Deb Hepler

COMING SOON!

Saturday, March 7th at 6:00pm

**"Dave's Famous"
Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner**

**Tickets are available for purchase!
See Deb Hepler**

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