

Prayer Needs  
Sharon Niemela  
Family of Julie Perrault

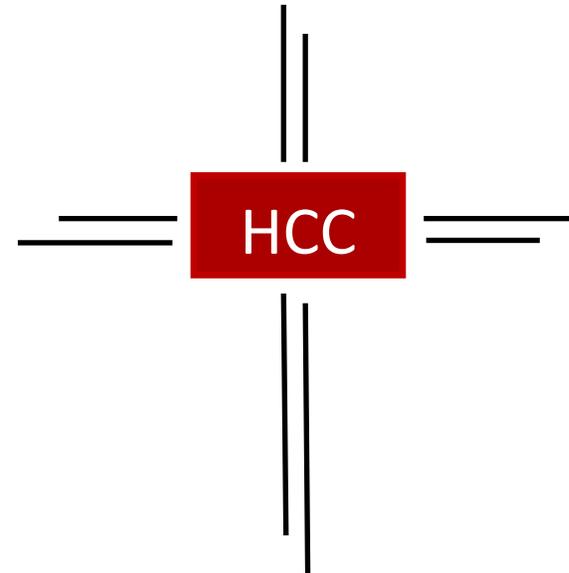
Sermon Notes

Previous sermons can be viewed on [www.harriscovenant.org](http://www.harriscovenant.org);  
click on 'resources' and 'sermons'

## “Loving God and Loving Others”

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*“We can be joyful or sad, optimistic or pessimistic,  
tranquil or angry, but the solid stream of God’s presence  
moves deeper than the small waves of our minds and  
hearts.”*  
— Henri Nouwen



Winter Schedule:

**9:00 am Sunday School**  
**10:00 am Coffee and Fellowship**  
**10:30 am Worship**

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**January 27, 2019**

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1-21

Matthew 22:37-40

Message: "Simple Church" (the idea)

Pastor Steve Weihsman

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Feb. 4, 1-7 pm

To schedule an appt:

- ◆ Call 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- ◆ Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and enter 'Harris'

### HCC HAPPENINGS

**Sunday, Jan. 27:** Jacob Goranson will be baptized today at Access Church @ 1:30 pm. All are invited to share this time with him.

**Saturday, Feb. 2:** Men's Group—7:30 breakfast @ Kaffe Stuga followed by ice fishing on Fish Lake; bring your own lunch.

**Sunday, Feb. 3:** No-frills potluck after church; bring your favorite dish to share. The church will provide plates, napkins, flatware and beverages. We will all work together to serve the meal and clean up afterwards. Please bring extra food for the invited guests who were a significant part of the basement and sanctuary remodel.

### 2019 LEADERSHIP TEAM UPDATE

Please add John Mohr to your list of Leadership Team members — and many apologies from the secretary for omitting his name last week!

Today's serving team:

Ushers: Steve & Therese S.

Reader: Steve Schmidt

Praise Team 1

Power Point: Jacob Goranson

Sound: John Mohr

Next week's team:

Ushers: Steve & Janice B.

Reader: Janice Balfanz

Praise Team 2

Power Point: Jordan Axberg

Sound: John Mohr

### FUND RAISER

Waldo Lopez will service your furnace if you donate \$60 (the priced of a service call) to our church. He is a licensed HVAC technician and is willing to give his time to assist our congregation.

### THANK YOU TO ALL

"Thank you, church family, for praying for my sister Julie for the past 3 years. Thank you for all of the kind words that came in as an unexpected text, card, or just asking how she was doing. It leaves a big hole in our hearts, but we know she is in her heavenly home, which gives us encouragement for now. We love you."

— Steve & Jan

### THOUGHTS ON THE SMALL CHURCH — Kari Vaters' blog

*Misunderstandings about small churches and their pastors:*

- ◆ We are a problem to be fixed.
- ◆ We could be bigger if we would just follow the latest 8-step church growth plan.
- ◆ We can only do good ministry when we hit a certain critical mass.

*Doing small well:*

We didn't choose small.; small chose us. (Or God chose small for us.)

We're not staying small intentionally; we're doing small strategically.

We're not reaching fewer people (per capita) than a big church; we're reaching *different* people than the big church.

We're not narrow-minded; we're tightly focused.

We're not organizationally scalable; we're relationally adaptable.

We're not massive combines harvesting swaths of wheat in the middle of the field; we're gleaners digging into the corners to find those who others might have missed.

We're not giving up on bigger ministry; we're discovering how to do our best ministry.

We're not settling for less; in fact, we're not settling at all. And we're not less than anyone.

We've found our role in Christ's church, and we're doing it with all our heart.