



The Messenger

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The Messenger items are due at the main desk by Monday prior to printing. Watch bulletins for additional activities.

PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

Next Messenger: August 26th

Times of worship -----

Saturday Worship 6:00 p.m.

Sunday Family Worship 10:00 a.m.

COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

AUGUST 17 & 18 Luke 12: 49-53

"It Will Cost You"

We do not have the luxury of being lukewarm in our Christian walk. Jesus calls us to a life that stands for God and His way only. If we do this it will cost us something. What is the Christian walk costing you?

AUGUST 24 & 25 Luke 14: 1 & 7: 11

"Choosing the Best Seat"

Jesus put a lot of emphasis on living out of humility. There is a reason for this. We cannot be a truly loving person without being a humble person. This Sunday we will look at what it means to choose the lowest place.

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR BAILEY

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." (James 4:8a)

Have you ever found yourselves missing a good friend? Isn't it funny how, even with good friends, we might let distractions or busyness, or other interests keep us apart? When that happens we need to get back together with our friend and renew our friendship. If we do we usually find that things fall into place and we are able start where we left off. But what would it be like if we put it off for a long time. We might even stop seeing that friend and lose what we had.

One of the greatest dangers we face in the summer, for our spiritual life, comes on the heels of something very good. During the summer we have wonderful opportunities to take some time to relax, to visit friends and family, or to vacation. Yet the danger is that we might find ourselves "vacationing from God".

It is so easy to have this happen. We might find ourselves not attending

church for weeks at a time. Then the danger sets in. Because attendance is a habit "formed" and discipline "practiced", we just might find it hard to renew this practice and discipline.



Taking a vacation away from God can easily take its toll on our spiritual life. Our faith needs the

continuing Presence of God to flourish. We actually need to be habitually drawing near to God.

With the month of August it may be a good idea to start to renew your church attendance. This is a great month to once again come back and be with the Great Friend who loves you the most of all. In staying away we are in grave danger of losing the strength we need to walk in faith and hope for today!

May God be with You!

Pastor Dennis Bailey

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Total attendance for services

August 3 & 4 - 6:00 p.m. 25

10:00 a.m. 75

August 10 & 11 - 6:00 p.m. 16

10:00 a.m. 86

PROCEEDS FROM GARAGE SALE

\$1,123.00 Good job!

This will be sent to Oklahoma Disaster.

MISSION COMMISSION REPORT

INGATHERING IS FOCUSING ON SCHOOL KITS, LAYETTES KITS, AND HEALTH KITS. Currently they are collecting for the school kits while school supplies are on sale.



Notebooks, 8 1/2 x 11 wide rule, 30 cm metric rulers, 24 count crayons, 2 1/2 inch erasers, hand pencil sharpeners, blunt scissors, unsharpened pencils with erasers.

Items are displayed on a bulletin board at church and lists of needed supplies are available there too. Donations can be left below the board in the Ingathering baskets.

Monetary gifts are welcome also and we do the shopping!

In August & September our focus will be on the layette kits. These include - receiving blankets, cloth diapers, diaper pins with plastic heads, light weight gowns/sleepers (small size), undershirts or Onesies (small size), & baby wash cloths.

In mid September through October the focus will be Health Kits. Watch for the wanted list later.



80TH BIRTHDAY PARTY --- You are invited to the 80th birthday party for Jody Jones on August 24, 2-4 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Hosted by her children. **NO GIFTS, PLEASE!**

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED:

- ❖ Bob Ware
- ❖ Charlotte Bunker
- ❖ Sharlene Albertsen
- ❖ Becky Tipton
- ❖ Wilma Tranter
- ❖ Randy Malloy

Please keep them in your prayers.

Our prayers go out to the family and friends of Carol Learmont whose funeral was Wednesday. May God grant peace to all who loved Carol.

REMINDER - Friends Breakfast -

First Thursday of the month at Family Table. Anyone is welcome. 9:00 a.m. Dutch treat. If you need a ride, call Marsha Nuckels (792- 9217) or Sara Anderson (792-4680). Next one is Sept. 5th.

BLOODMOBILE - AUGUST 19

12:30 to 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by

LifeServe of Sioux City

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE -

Wed., Aug. 28, noon to 6:00 p.m. at Carrollton Inn Ballroom.

ST. ANTHONY HOSPITAL

AUXILIARY BOOK SALE DATE ---

Aug. 27th (10-4) & Aug 28th (9 - 2)

ROCK CONCERT

There will be a Christian Rock Concert By "New Faith Music in Ministry" held on **Saturday, August 24th at 7:00 p.m.** at St. John Lutheran Church parking lot, 801 E. 18th. Bring lawn chairs and blankets. Beverages & popcorn will be available. **Free will offering for Habitat for Humanity.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED -

Help make a difference in someone's life...contact IOWA HOSPICE for more information 712-792-2191.

More info is found on bulletin board.



WELCOME BACK TO UMW!!!

After a 3 month hiatus our local UMW group invites all women of the

church to attend our upcoming meeting on **Wednesday, Sept. 4, at 1:30 p.m.** Hostesses are Marge Fetterer & Doris Hambleton and Jody Jones is in charge of the program. Our District Shepherdess, Judy Marin from Anita, IA will also be present for a time of sharing. Hope to see you there!

Pres. Becky Tipton

OFFICE HOURS: 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 (noon) & 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday

NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown Monday through Friday on Mediacom CH. 6 at 1:00 and on WIN Ch. 36 Thursdays at 4 PM & Fridays at 9 PM



SATURDAY	<u>August 17</u>
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	<u>August 18</u>
10:00 a.m.	Family Worship
MONDAY	<u>August 19</u>
12:30-6:00	Bloodmobile
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	<u>August 20</u>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Devotions at CHC
11:00 a.m.	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
7:00 p.m.	Evening Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Church
THURSDAY	<u>August 22</u>
Noon	Heavenly Bound Book Club @ Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	<u>August 24</u>
Noon	NA
2:00-4:00	Jody Jones B-day Party
6:00 p.m.	Family Worship
SUNDAY	<u>August 25</u>
10:00 a.m.	Family Worship
2:00 p.m.	Habitat Golf Outing
MONDAY	<u>August 26</u>
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	<u>August 27</u>
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
11:00 a.m.	Devotions at CHC
WEDNESDAY	<u>August 28</u>
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Meal for youth
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
THURSDAY	<u>August 29</u>
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA



Sunday School

We will be having a "Back to Sunday School" party on September 8th to kick things off for the school year. Come and join us!

The following Sunday, Sept. 15th, we will be starting the rotational Sunday school. The first topic we will be studying is The First

Sin. We are also going to start Sunday School with music and singing for opening instead of having it at closing. We will have classrooms and grades posted by the elevator every Sunday so you will know where to pick up your child. We are looking forward to a great year. Please be looking for a letter from Suzi with more information on Sunday school.



The Heavenly Bound Book Club

is inviting you to come join the discussion and the fun we have every month. We meet the third week of every month. **August's date is Tuesday the 20th at 11:00 AM or come the following Thursday (the 22nd) at noon.** The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat.

The Heavenly Bound Book Club is starting a NEW MEETING TIME: Tuesday, August 20th at 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH CONFERENCE ROOM!!!!

July's book is "Words" by Ginny Yttrup. Suzi has bought 5 copies of the book. Please read one and then bring it back for someone else to enjoy.

Book Synopsis: *Smart as a whip, Kaylee sounds out words in her mind and links words and phrases far beyond comprehension for her age as she puzzles out hour-by-hour survival. Enter the 30-ish Sierra Dawn, a grief-stricken artist whose own infant daughter died 12 years earlier. When these two meet, there is a supernatural connection. Rescuing Kaylee from her tormenter is only the first step to freedom for both of these characters, as they walk toward wholeness. Yttrup's story is particularly powerful as it in part mirrors her own painful past.* Publishers Weekly

Feel free to join us for discussion even if you didn't have a chance to read or finish the book.

The club is open to men and women of all faiths and ages. So invite a friend and come join us! If you need a ride, we can do that. Call the church at 792-1122.

If you have a book you would like to recommend, please let us know...Or if you have questions/comments, give us a call!



WOMEN OF FAITH

I have tickets to Women of Faith on October 18th and 19th. Ticket prices are \$89 and we try to share motel rooms to make it more affordable. Please contact Suzi if you would like to go or want more information. We need to know soon in order to get the motel rooms reserved. It is a very inspiring weekend!

The Women of Faith *Believe God Can Do Anything* tour is THE life-changing, live Christian event for today's woman, where chart-topping music artists and world-class authors and Bible teachers create an unforgettable, day-and-a-half experience for women from all walks of life. You'll hear stories that strengthen, practical Bible teachings that can transform your everyday living, and experience authentic praise and worship with music that moves you closer to God, opening your heart to know what it means to truly Believe God Can Do Anything.

God can do anything! —Luke 1:37 NCV
Speakers include: Lisa Bevere, Patsy Clairmont, Lisa Harper, Kari Jobe, Anita Renfroe, Rich Stearns, Lysa TerKeurst.
Mercy Me will be the band!



August 28th is the date to

remember for fun and fellowship with your friends. We are going to have a picnic in a park and then have a great time playing games and even kick ball. Look for a letter to the parents and students too before the date, to give you more details. We will provide the meat and all you need to bring is a side dish and your drink. **Do join us for a great time!**

We had a trip filled with many blessings when we visited the Pine Ridge Reservation a few weeks ago. Look for the pictures on our website: carrollunitedmethodist.org under the PHOTOS tab. We built shelves and stocked them with food & clothing in a pantry for those in need, wired and helped complete a youth center, and had a fun time too. On the way back we visited Wind Cave, Custer Park and Mt. Rushmore but the real excitement was knowing we made a difference in many peoples' lives...a real difference.

God Bless-Jason Bush

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WORSHIP

**10:30 a.m.
Sundays**

**6:00 p.m.
Saturdays**