



The Messenger

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Times of worship -

- Wednesday Worship 6:30 PM
- Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
- Sunday Worship 10:00 am

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 25th

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

August 3 Pastor Bailey on Vacation

August 10 Pastor Bailey on Vacation

August 17 Matthew 15:21-28 "Ready for God's Grace"

The lady in this scripture was lifted up by Jesus as having a great faith simply because she was willing to believe in the wonderful grace of God. Jesus expects us to receive his offering of grace no matter who we are, what we have done in life, or where we are in life.

August 24 Matthew 16:13-17
"It Has to Be Personal"

In asking the disciples about who others said He was, Jesus sets them up for his next question, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "You are the Christ (the Savior) the Son of the living God."

Jesus commends Peter for this. Jesus wants it to be personal with Him and us!

August 31 Matthew 16:21-26
"The Greatness of Sacrifice and Self-Denial"

Jesus rebukes Peter in this section of scripture because Peter had denied the need for Jesus to sacrifice His life for the world. Jesus says that sacrifice-and self denial- are a part of God's plan for Him and for us!



Ingathering Kits

School supplies are now on sale so it's a good time to purchase the items that will be placed in the Ingathering School Bags. The list of items is quite specific.

- Crayons - only 24 count boxes.
- Pencils - unsharpened & with erasers.
- Metric rulers - 30 centimeters, wooden or hard plastic.
- Pencil sharpeners - Hand held.
- Scissors - package must say blunt tip or tapered. We cannot use pointed scissors.
- Spiral notebooks - 70 count WIDE rule. We are not able to use college rule.
- Large erasers - 2 1/2 inches.

Items can be placed in the basket by the front desk.

The Mission Committee will also be working on layettes and health kits later this fall. The most needed items for those kits are cloth diapers (Wal-Mart has a package of 10 for \$13) and hand towels with matching wash cloth. Look for a complete list for these kits in the next Messenger.

NIGERIA PROJECT COMPLETED

We have reached our goal of \$3000 for the Nigeria project to remodel teacher housing. The children attending Vacation Bible School contributed over \$900. Individual donations in July have put us over our goal.

Congratulations to Norman & Joyce Tapps on their 60th anniversary.

And to LaVern & Jackie Deen on their 60th anniversary.



*The family of Kathy Buckfinck Services were held July 17. May God shine His face upon her.

*Jeanette Stevens and Dee Ludwig & families in the death of Merle Stevens.

Carroll Health Center Nursing Home is looking for part-time Dietary Aides. There is a description of the jobs on the Bulletin Board. Perfect for high school students Check it out!



- Jo Ann Robertson
- Lisa Auen
- Maxine Hanneman
- Garry Daniels who has moved to Hilltop Acres in Spirit Lake to be closer to his family.
- Dixie Crouse
- Joyce Paulson
- Colleen Knight
- Donna Evans
- Phyllis Anthofer, at Carroll Health Center

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

is asking for help with school supplies for the community. Last year over 120 children were helped with supplies they needed.

This year the Back-to-School list includes the following items: Back packs (without wheels), calculators (simple), crayons (all sizes), glue sticks, large erasers, pocket folders, Clorox wipes & hand sanitizer, index cards (3x5 lined), Kleenex, gallon sized Ziploc bags, markers (thin or wide), loose leaf notebook paper and spiral notebooks, pencil box (cigar type), accordion style folders, pencils (#2), colored pencils, dry erase markers, pens (red, black, blue), hi lighters, ruler (12" metric), scissors, scotch tape, 3 ring binders (1", 2" & 3"). New Opportunities would appreciate your donations, both monetary & with needed supplies. The list is on the bulletin board. Please check it out and leave your items at the church in the box in the Conference Room. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY: Our church family continues to support the local Community of Concern Food Pantry with monthly donations. In July over 40 grocery and personal care items were delivered from our church. Through July the total purchase value of items donated is over \$400. Current needs include tuna helper, syrup, liquid soap and deodorant. Donations can be left in the grocery cart in the main office.



Casual wear- 45 minute service...Great service for families with young kids! Randy Anderson will lead the service while Pastor Bailey is vacationing.

MISSIONS GARAGE SALE on Aug. 9th

8 - 11 a.m. Workday is the 8th. Save your items for the "mark your own price" sale. Do not bring items to the church until the week of the sale. Please do not bring any electronics or clothing.

For pick-up, call Carol at 712-309-5990.

Please keep Pastor Dennis and Nancy Bailey in your prayers the next couple of weeks as they will be on vacation.



MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Wednesday, July 16	30
Saturday, July 19	8
Sunday, July 20	76
Wednesday, July 23	20
Saturday, July 26	12
Sunday, July 27	64

THANK YOU -

I would like to thank Pastor Dennis and the church congregation for all of your prayers and concern during my recent stay in the hospital. Also my thanks for those who brought food, sent flowers and the many cards. I am very blessed and I can't thank you enough.

Sincerely, Roger L. Hansen



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 on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Calendar for August

Friday & Saturday August 2-3
Youth Lock - In

SATURDAY	August 2
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	August 3
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	August 4
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	August 5
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
WEDNESDAY	August 6
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY	August 7
9:30 a.m.	Methodist Friends Coffee at the Family Table
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
FRIDAY	August 8
Work Day for Rummage Sale	
SATURDAY	August 9
8-11 a.m.	Rummage Sale
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	August 10
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	August 11
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	August 12
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
WEDNESDAY	August 13
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY	August 14
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	August 16
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	August 17
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	August 18
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	August 19
First Day of School	
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
11:00 a.m.	Book Club @ Queen Beans
WEDNESDAY	August 20
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY	August 21
Noon	Book Club @ Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	August 23
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	August 24
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Calendar for August 2014 (Con't)

MONDAY	August 25
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	August 26
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
WEDNESDAY	August 27
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Worship
THURSDAY	August 28
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	August 29
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	August 30
10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship



The Heavenly Bound Book Club is inviting you to come join the discussion and the Fun we have every month. The August date is Tuesday the 19th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans or come Thursday (the 21st) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat. The August book is called What Follows After by Dan Walsh.

From the Back Cover

In 1962, life was simple, the world made sense, and all families were happy. And when they weren't everyone knew you were supposed to pretend. For the past year, Scott and Gina Harrison have been living a lie. While they show up at family get-togethers in the same car, they've actually been separated for over a year. To keep up the charade, they've even instructed their sons, Colt and Timmy to lie to their grandparents, their teachers, and their friends.

Colt, for one, has had enough, so he hatches a plan. He and his little brother will run away from their Florida home, head for their aunt's house in Georgia, and refuse to come home until their parents get back together. But when things go terribly, terribly wrong, Scott and Gina must come to grips with years of neglect and mistrust in order to recover their beloved sons, their love for one another, and their marriage.

In this emotional story, bestselling author Dan Walsh takes you on a journey to rediscover the things that matter most in life—love, truth, and family. With profound insight into the heart of a hurting child, he reminds us that a time will come to look back on hard times and smile, because we'll know that what follows after.....is not what we expect at all.



Vacation Bible School 2014 Update

We had a very successful VBS this year. 106 different children registered for the event. Of those children 28% or 30 children were children that are unchurched. What an outreach! We also had over 45 volunteers that helped make sure everything went smoothly.

During the week the children collected an offering to go to the teacher housing in Nigeria. In this short amount of time they raised almost \$1000.

During the week we had a daily bible point:

*Day 1 we learned that...

Even when you are left out...

Jesus Loves You!

*Day 2 we learned that...

Even though you are different...

Jesus Loves You!

*Day 3 brought us...

Even when you don't understand...

Jesus Loves You!

*Day 4 we talked about...

Even though you do wrong....

Jesus Loves You!

*Day 5 we learned...

Even when you're afraid....

Jesus Loves You!

We know we are making a difference in children's lives through vacation bible school! This week we heard of a child that had to go tell a neighbor that Jesus loved him - even though he was not Catholic.

We also have a God-Sighting bulletin board up in Fellowship Hall where we encouraged children to find God throughout the day and put where they saw Him or His work. Many great ones were put there, but one of my favorites was the one that stated "We had family time for the first time in a long time." I encourage you to read the bulletin board and put your own God sightings up there for others to see. Maybe it is in the smile of a stranger, a kind act, something in nature or somewhere else. He is all around us!

I also wanted you to know that Pastor had asked people to go out and invite their friend's kids and neighbor kids. This was something we saw work well. We had a volunteer that brought a neighborhood boy with her every night. She shared that when she took him home the first night he walked in the door and before even saying "Hi" to his dad, he told him "Dad, Jesus loves you!"

What an impact we had on children's lives. All 106 kids got a t-shirt saying, "God loves You and Me." What an impact those have made and will make around the community. I just recently had two college sophomores that are not a part of our church want to know where they can get their God Loves You and Me t-shirt! I still have some extras....or some God's Crew t-shirt if you would like one.

Thank you to all of you who helped to make this VBS such a success, by helping, giving to the church and praying for a blessed week. It truly was a God Sighting for our community!

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WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays