



The Messenger

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COMING WORSHIP SERVICES

September 14 Matthew 6:7-9 "Our Father in Heaven"
Communion & Bibles

This Sunday will begin a series on the Lord's Prayer. We will be learning how to pray and specifically the pattern that Jesus taught us. We will begin by looking how Jesus teaches about a "father" in heaven.

September 21 Matthew 6:9-10 "God's Purpose for Us"
We are called by Jesus to pray and to seek the will of God in our life, our community, and the world. "God's will" means "God's purpose". Can you hope and pray for that in your life?

September 28 Matthew 6:9-11 "God is our Provider"
We are called to seek God for specific provisions in our lives. How can we do this? Jesus lets us know that God wants us to seek and claim his providence. God is willing to help you with your needs.

Ingathering Kits

Our focus in September will be on supplies for the layette kits. Your donations are much appreciated. There are two baskets in front of the desk in the front office for the collection of items for Ingathering kits.

**One basket is for the layette kits which include the following:

receiving blankets,
cloth diapers,
lightweight sleeper or gown (small size), onesie or undershirt (small size),
baby wash cloth,
diaper pins.

**The other basket is for items for the health kits which include the following:

hand towel,
wash cloth,
adult toothbrush (in original sealed wrapper),
bath size bar of soap (3 oz. or larger)

fingernail clipper,
band aids (3/4 size).

Combs will be purchased by the Mission committee because they need to be a specific kind.

Monetary donations are also welcome since we will need to include the shipping cost for all the kits we bring to the Ingathering.



New Address for Marie Hackett
102 Sage St., Taft, CA 93268

Times of worship -

- Saturday Worship 6:00 pm
 - Sunday School 9:15 am
 - Sunday Worship 10:30 am
- Please note we are back to 10:30 am for our Sunday Worship time.

SIGN-UP FOR PRAYER PALS IS FROM SEPT. 2ND TO SEPT. 19TH.

SIGN-UP WILL BE ON OUR WEBSITE AND IN BULLETIN INSERTS. YOU MAY ALSO CALL THE CHURCH (792-1122) OR E-MAIL US AT (CARROLLUMC@MSN.COM).

This year WEteam is offering 2 Options:

- 1) TRADITIONAL SECRET PRAYER PALS
- 2) SPIRITUAL FRIENDS (TWO PEOPLE KNOWN TO EACH OTHER, PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER)

LET US LIFT UP EACH OTHER AS WE BECOME A STRONG PRAYERFUL COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS.

ALL CHURCH PORK CHOP/CHICKEN BREAST SUPPER --- OCT. 12 4-7 p.m.
We need YOU!!!! This is our ONLY big money maker for the year and we would like to see everyone involved! You may sign up at the church or call the office 792-1122 and tell us what you would like to bring or where you would like to work.

The Finance Committee is in charge and you can save them a lot of calling by signing up as soon as possible. Thank you for helping! Donations are always welcome too. We need donations of ---

- 50 pies
 - 50 salads
 - 20 dozen deviled eggs
 - AND lots of helpers.
- Call the church (792-1122) or stop by the desk and sign up!
Thank you!

DISHES--DISHES--DISHES--
PLEASE check the dishes in the kitchen to see if they belong to YOU. We need to clear them out before the supper (and you may need them for that!!!)

THOUGHTS for today---

Is it my imagination, or does it seem like there are a lot of people complaining about the presence of religion in public life? I read recently about some atheists who don't like the crosses erected over all the graves of our fallen soldiers in the country's military graveyards. I understand the need for separation of church and state, but I also value the country's cultural traditions. Oh, well.

Occasionally, I think that, if some of today's organizations and federal agencies were around in Jesus' day, they would find fault with him, using every excuse they could dig up (eventually, of course, they succeeded and put him on a cross). For example:

- *The FDA, for turning water into wine without a license
 - *The EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) for killing fig trees
 - *The AMA, for practicing medicine without a license
 - *The Dept. of Health, for feeding 5,000 people in the wilderness
 - *The NEA for teaching without a proper licensure
 - *OSHA for walking on water without a life jacket
 - *The SPCA, for driving hogs into the sea.
 - *The National Board of Psychiatrists, for giving advice on how to live a guilt free life.
 - *The NDW (National Organization for Women) for not choosing a female apostle.
- We can't let these matters worry us. Our job is to go on loving people, telling them about Jesus. As someone said, "Our job isn't to defend Jesus, but to represent Jesus.

Copied - Timothy Merrill



THANK YOU! We received a personal thank you note from someone in the Pilger, NE area for our generous donation. So far 2 grain bins and 2 new houses have gone up.

ALSO THANK YOU to Esther Halverson for getting special music for our summer services. Very nice!



Belated birthday wishes to Ken Tranter on his 95th birthday last Saturday.



Kathy Cordes & her family in the death of her father.

MINISTRY OF PRESENCE

Wednesday, Aug 27	21
Saturday, Aug 30	22
Sunday, Aug 31	43
Saturday, Sept 6	22
Sunday, Sept 7	98

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: Sept. 22nd



"For God so loved the world that He sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

There was once a German prince who wanted to possess a Cremona violin (one of the best in the world) and he offered a great price for it. For months he had no success. Then one day an old man appeared at the castle with a worn case under his arm. The servants at first refused to admit him to the prince, but at length they agree to carry to their master the old man's message. This is what he told them to say, "Heaven's music is waiting at your door." So he was received by the prince. He drew from its shabby case a perfect violin, and created such marvelous music as to win the prince's ardent praise. He was offered any price he liked to name for his instrument, but the man shook his head. "The violin may only be yours," he said, "on the condition that I pass my life within your house and use the instrument every day." The prince accepted the violin on those terms.

The wonderful news of the Bible is that Jesus comes to us with the greatest treasure of all - eternal life and He offers it with only the condition that the man in the story asks for. That He might live in the "castle" of our heart and play His "music" forever. What a wonderful offering from God. Are you letting God play His music in your life? Is Jesus residing in your heart today? Make it so!

May God keep you in His perfect Peace,
- Pastor Dennis Bailey -



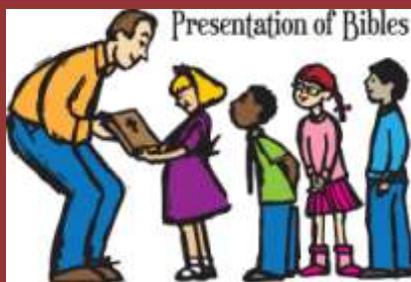
- ** Maxine Hanneman who has moved to Carroll Health Center for the time being.
- ** Jo Ann Robertson
- ** Mary Brown
- ** Robyn & Steve Lane, surgeries.
- ** Roger Hansen at home.
- ** George Crouse
- ** Sophia Weitzel, knee surgery.
- ** Kathy Cordes, surgery.

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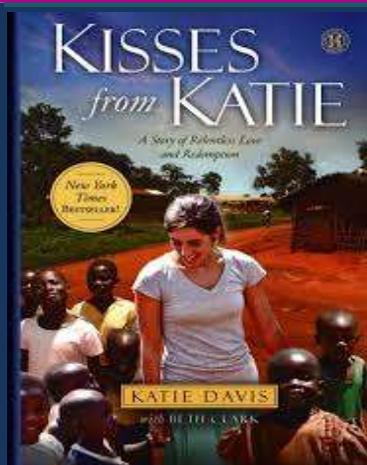
NOTE: Our Sunday services are now shown on Mediacom Channel 6 at 8:00 AM on Wednesday, 11:00 AM on Thursday and 5:00 PM on Saturday.

Calendar for September 13th – 25th

SATURDAY	Sept. 13
9:00 a.m.	Troop 458
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship – Communion
SUNDAY	Sept. 14
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship - Communion
11:30 a.m.	Parents of Confirmation Students Meeting
MONDAY	Sept. 15
12:30–5:15p.m.	Blindmobile
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	Sept. 16
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	ALANON
11:00 a.m.	Book Club at Queen Beans
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 17
10:30 a.m.	Devotions at Swan Place
3:30 p.m.	UM Kids
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:30 p.m.	Bell Choir
7:00 p.m.	Trustees Meeting
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
THURSDAY	Sept. 18
Noon	Book Club at Queen Beans
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA
SATURDAY	Sept. 20
Noon	NA
6:00 p.m.	Saturday Worship
SUNDAY	Sept. 21
9:15 a.m.	Sunday School for all Ages
10:30 a.m.	Sunday Worship
MONDAY	Sept. 22
1:00 p.m.	RSVP Birthday Party
4:00 p.m.	German Club
5:00 p.m.	TOPS
TUESDAY	Sept. 23
6:30 a.m.	Prayer Walkers
8:30 a.m.	Alanon
WEDNESDAY	Sept. 24
4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
7:00 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
THURSDAY	Sept. 25
5:30 p.m.	Alanon
7:00 p.m.	NA



Bibles will be presented this weekend: September 14th, 2014 to the 3 year olds, 3rd graders, and Confirmation students during the 10:30 worship service.



The Heavenly Bound Book Club will be reading this book for September. It promises to be an inspiring read. Please join us as we share our thoughts and impressions on Tuesday, September 16th at 11:00 AM at Queen Beans OR come Thursday (the 18th) at noon at Queen Beans. The Queen Beans Coffee Bar provides a private room and great food. It is Dutch treat. The book is called Kisses from Katie by Katie Davis.

From the Back Cover

Katie Davis left over Christmas break of her senior year for a short mission trip to Uganda and her life was turned completely inside out. She found herself so moved by the people of Uganda and the needs she saw that she knew her calling was to return and care for them. Kate, a charismatic and articulate young woman, is in the process of adopting thirteen child in Uganda and has established a ministry, Amazima, that feeds and send hundreds more to school while teaching them the Word of Jesus Christ.

Kisses from Katie invites readers on a journey of radical love down the red dirt roads of Uganda. You'll laugh and cry with Katie as she follows Jesus into the impossible and finds joy and beauty beneath the dust. Katie and her children delight in saying yes to the people God places in front of them and challenge readers to do the same, changing the world one person at a time.



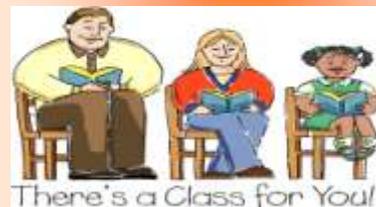
Sunday School has started. We had a great rally day where the kids and the teachers got to know each other. This first month we will be focusing on the story of Wandering in the Wilderness. The children will go around to three different rotations: In Art they will be focused on how God will keep us safe and secure. The children will create stuffed buddies.

In Bible Skills and Games the children will focus on how God feeds his people by providing enough food for all His people, provides freedom from fears, and gives the 10 commandments.

In the Movie Room, depending on what video the teacher chooses to show, the children will learn about how they can trust God, how God is with them through their life's journey or how God provides what they need.

Talk with your children. Begin family conversations with these questions:

1. Would you like to eat quail? What do you think manna tastes like?
2. How is God taking care of us today?
3. How do God's commandments give us freedom?



There's a Class for You!

THERE ARE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR ALL AGES! COME AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW, DEVELOP A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR SAVIOR.



UM Kids is starting on September 17th. Watch for a letter from Suzi as she is trying to get the bussing figured out. If you do not get a letter from her and would like your children to attend, please call! UM Kids is open to 1st-5th graders.



FOOD PANTRY

Food collection for the Food Pantry is still going on. Donations can be placed in the cart by Verona's desk.

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WORSHIP

10:30 a.m.
Sundays

6:00 p.m.
Saturdays