

January 2020



"Follow the Bells"



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The Church Bell

"Amazing Grace in the New Year"

by: Pastor Casey Chapman
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For the last Sunday of 2019 I preached a sermon entitled *Amazing Grace*. In that sermon our congregation looked back at 2019 and then looked forward to 2020 all while keeping in mind those famous words by John Newton, the author of that beloved hymn.

God's grace is truly amazing. Newton begins this famous hymn crediting God's amazing grace for saving a wretch like him. As a former slave ship captain who converted to Christianity Newton, no doubt, understood his sinfulness. And it was the grace of God that taught his heart to fear. For the realization of God and understanding of His nature brings about the conviction of sin as one realizes the law of God that they broke. Breaking this law is sin, and the wages of sin is death. But... for Newton, and many who have come to be Christians throughout the age there is... amazing grace. For grace our fears relieved. That grace such a precious thing, especially for the hour we first believed. For the moment that one accepts the free gift of God the Father, eternal life through Jesus the Son, they are saved from those wages of sin. For even though the wages of sin is death, the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Lord.

The past year has brought many dangers, toils and snares, but today we have over-come, for God's grace has brought all of us safe thus far, and for this new year His grace will lead us all. Regardless of what you have gone through, are going through, or will be facing know that every believer and follower of Jesus Christ is not alone. The Master of all is with you each and every step of the new year.

Happy New Year!



January Worship Leaders

Deacons:

January 5 Amy Popichak and Sharon Hopkins
January 12 Amy Seger and Jeff Byler
January 19 Linda Swauger and Ron Miller
January 26 Sharon Hopkins and Spencer Chapman

Deaconess: Barb Bradford

Organ and Keyboard: Jonathan Gallo

Musical Director: Darlene Ball

**Pastor Casey
is in the office
8am-1pm Mon-Thurs.**
If you need anything call the office

330-637-4611

**Office is open
Monday-Thursday
8 am-1Pm**



January Coffee Fellowship

*January 5
Linda and Terry Swauger*

*January 12
Bob and Betty Evans*

*January 19
Kelly Culp and Kerry Culp*

January 26 Chili Cook-Off



Thank you to all for all the wonderful days of this year and your continued love and devotion for your church in 2019. May happiness and good health follow you in the year to come.

Happy New Year 2020! From: The Staff at CCC

Happy Birthday

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|------------|----------------|
| January 6 | Lauren Niemi |
| January 7 | Sydney Carr |
| January 9 | Matthew Ball |
| January 18 | Judy Hansel |
| January 18 | Jerry Polakoff |
| January 22 | Greg Seger |
| January 25 | Addie Miller |



*And
Happy
Anniversary*

Happy Anniversary

Pat and Bud Culp
January 16

Important Meetings

Tuesday January 7

Finance Meeting 6:15pm

Board Meeting 7pm



"The collection plate was misplaced, so pastor Olsen said to use his fishing net until I find it."

L.O.A.F.

**St Roberts
Church**



Thursday, January 2

10 am

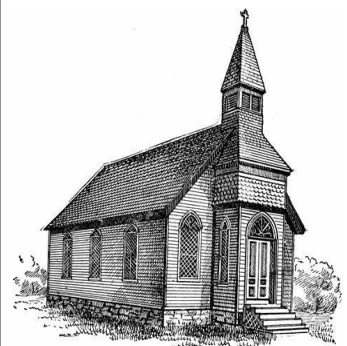
**Pastor Casey
President of LOAF**

Elders Meetings

*Third Thursday in month
at 8 am or
whenever they
call on.*

**Christmas
Eve
with the Kids
singing**

**"Away in a
Manger"**



The Christmas Cookie Sale

We had another very successful Cookie Sale, due to the awesome help of our congregation. You donated money for supplies, your time and talent. You have all been so gracious.

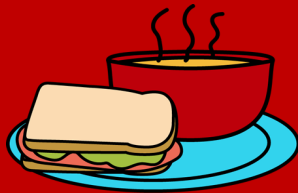


Proceeds from this sale help many missions throughout the year, missions in our area and worldwide, and we also help purchase things necessary in our own church.

Banquet tables, help with the board room renovations, park bench, movie Screen, kitchen equipment when needed, and so much more.

Soup and Sandwich Luncheon

Thursday,
January 16th



Will Need HELP and PiES

The Cortland Community Band and Choir

performing at Lakeview High School with Pastor Casey Chapman delivering opening remarks and welcoming everyone. He is President of LOAF. And this was a LOAF sponsored project.



2nd and 4th Tuesday
of the month

Lighting the Way

Ministry for children

3 years - Kindergarten



*Education Building
Cortland Christian Church*

Lesson, activity or game and snacks.

Meet new friends, and have fun together.

Bring a friend.



This was printed before in our church bell, just ran across it again and was reminded of

THE MIRACLES OR WONDERS OF HIS POWER.

GODS ACCURACY

HOW WISE THE LORD IS IN ALL HIS WORKS OF CREATION!

When GOD solves our problems, we have faith in HIS abilities.
When GOD doesn't solve our problems, HE has faith in our abilities.

One may observe God's accuracy in the hatching of eggs. . . .
those of the canary in 14 days;
those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
eggs of ducks and geese in 28 days;
those of the mallard in 35 days;
the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(NOTICE, THEY ARE ALL DIVISIBLE BY SEVEN, THE NUMBER OF DAYS IN A WEEK!)

Each Watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind. Each Orange has an even number of segments. Each Ear Of Corn has an even number of rows. Each Stalk Of Wheat has an even number of grains.
Every Bunch Of Bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.

AMAZING! THERE'S MORE...

The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.

See God's wisdom in the making of an ELEPHANT. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body - too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.
The HORSE rises from the ground on its two front legs first.
A COW rises from the ground with its two hind legs first.

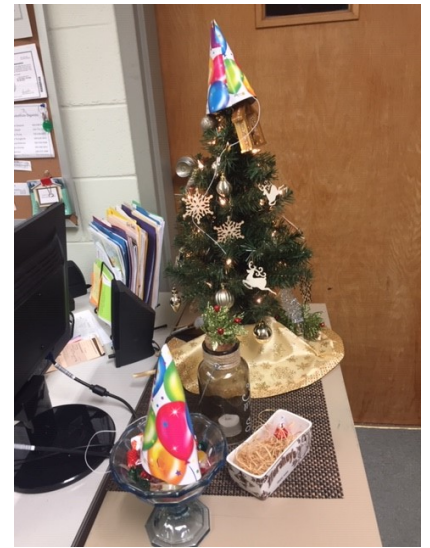
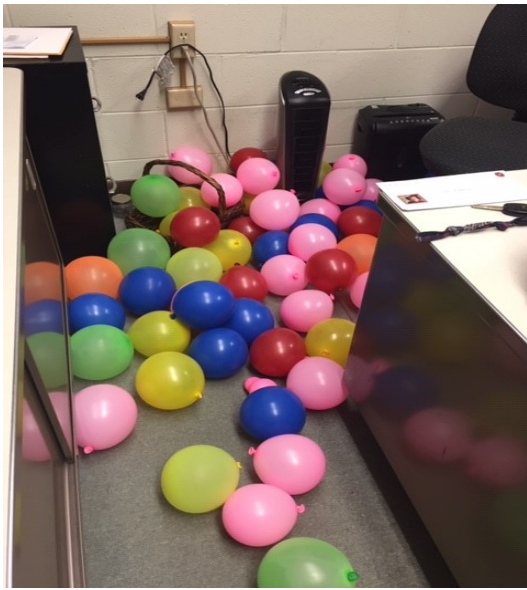
HOW WISE THE LORD IS IN ALL HIS WORKS OF CREATION!

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day.
Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture, and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed.

The lives of each of us may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if we will only entrust Him with our lives. If we try to regulate our own lives, we will have only mess and failure.
Only God, who made our brains and hearts, can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

LIFE WITHOUT GOD IS LIKE AN UNSHARPENED PENCIL – IT HAS NO POINT.

I pray God blesses you in ways you never even dreamed.



Can you guess who had a birthday? Some one (won't mention any names) created a birthday atmosphere or me to work in. Thank you and bless You , today, tomorrow and always.



Starting a Diet and Exercise Program This Year?
Here is an exercise for you to help build up your upper body and arm and shoulder strength.

I thought I would let you, my friends, in on a little secret I've found for building my arm and shoulder muscles. You might wish to adopt this regimen. 3 days a week works well!
I started out by standing outside the house with a 5 pound potato sack in each hand extending my arms straight out to my sides and holding them there as long as I could.
After a few weeks I moved up to 10 pound potato sacks, then 50 pound potato sacks and finally I got to where I could lift a 100 pound potato sack in each hand and hold my arms straight out for more than a full minute!
Next, I started putting a few potatoes in the sacks, but I would caution you not to overdo it at this level!

SMILE A LITTLE, EVERYBODY!





A Very Special Bank Account

Imagine you had a bank account that deposited \$86,400 each morning. The account carries over no balance from day to day, allows you to keep no cash balance, and every evening cancels whatever part of the amount you had failed to use during the day.

What would you do? Draw out every dollar each day!

We all have such a bank. Its name is Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever time you have failed to use wisely.

It carries over no balance from day to day. It allows no overdraft so you can't borrow against yourself or use more time than you have.

Each day, the account starts fresh. Each night, it destroys any unused time. If you fail to use the day's deposits, it's your loss and you can't appeal to get it back.

There is never any borrowing time. You can't take a loan out on your time or against someone else's. The time you have is the time you have and that is that.

Time management is yours to decide how you spend the time, just as with money, you decide how you spend the money.

The Dean Schooled Them

One night four college kids stayed out late, partying and having a good time. They paid no mind to the test they had scheduled for the next day and didn't study.

In the morning, they hatched a plan to get out of taking their test. They covered themselves with grease and dirt and went to the Dean's office.

Once there, they said they had been to a wedding the previous night and on the way back they got a flat tire and had to push the car back to campus.

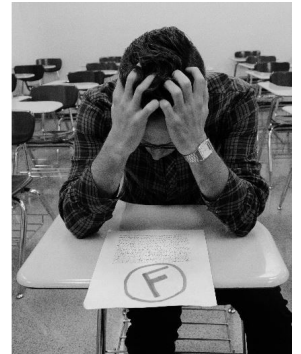
The Dean listened to their tale of woe and thought. He offered them a retest three days later. They thanked him and accepted his offer that time.

When the test day arrived, they went to the Dean. The Dean put them all in separate rooms for the test. They were fine with this since they had all studied hard. Then they saw the test. It had 2 questions.

1) Your Name _____ (1 Points)

2) Which tire burst? _____ (99 Points)

Options – (a) Front Left (b) Front Right (c) Back Left (d) Back Right





2019



| | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| |  | | 1. Joyful Noise | 2. Aerobics | 3. | 4. Aerobics |
| 5. Sunday Service 10 am | 6. Girl Scouts Aerobics | 7. Meetings Finance 6:15pm Board Meeting 7 pm | 8. Joyful Noise | 9. Aerobics |  | 11. Aerobics WOW Meeting 10am Four Star Men at Work Meeting 10am at CCC |
| 12. Sunday Service 10 am | 13. Aerobics | 14. | 15. Soup and Sandwich Prep Day Joyful Noise | 16 Soup and Sandwich Aerobics | 17. | 18. Aerobics |
| 19. Sunday Service 10am Elder Meeting 8am | 20. Aerobics | 21.  | 22. Joyful Noise | 23. Aerobics |  | 25 Aerobics |
| 26. Sunday Service 10 am Regional Minister and Chili Cook OFF | 27. Girl Scouts Aerobics | 28. | 29. Joyful Noise | 30. Aerobics | 31. | |

Pray for our "Shut-Ins" and "other friends". They would enjoy a Thinking of you card or a joke or story you found in a magazine. Maybe a phone call, just say "hello" to our friends.



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Edwin Niemi
Lake Vista
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The Christmas Cookie Sale

Some of the Women and Men of the Cookie Sale 2019



C.C.C. Your support was greatly appreciated.



THANK YOU SO MUCH



This was an interesting year. The Lake Vista Senior Ball was held the day of our set up in our fellowship hall. We had to change plans about how we did our set up. After the dance was over, at 8:30pm the Seniors from Lakeview High School helped set up the tables and chairs. They helped us bring all the cookies into the fellowship hall so they could be displayed for sale the next day, we placed all the trays on the tables. A BIG Thank you to the young men and women of Lakeview High



Salvation Bell Ringers were out in full force this year, and the good they are doing is amazing. No one tells us this, but

The Salvation Army exists to meet human need without

discrimination in every ZIP code across the United States. When you give, your donation directly benefits people in need throughout your local community. A lot of the monies collected at Sparkle and at Walmart will come back into our community to help those in need .

The **Salvation Army** is an integral part of the **Christian Church**, although distinctive in government and practice. The **Army's** doctrine follows the mainstream of Christian belief and its articles of faith emphasize God's saving purposes.

The Salvation Army Mission Statement.

The **Salvation Army**, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian Church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

The Salvation has a long history of helping others. For more information and the history, (very interesting reading.).

Please go to: <https://www.salvationarmy.org/ihq/our-story>

You will be surprised.



Pastor Casey with Isaiah and Preston

Pastor teaching our young men about the Advent

Candles, the meaning of the colors and also about the meaning of the wreath .

May God always bless our youth and



January 26 after Church Service

Start thinking about this event. Tweak your recipe and bring a crockpot of your favorite chili. We always have a nice variety of great chili.

Try new kinds: different ingredients and tastes?
There are prizes.

Try your hand at this fun adventure.

The Regional Minister will be here,
lets have a good showing of our
culinary talents.



These are a few pictures of our Craft Sale held the last day of November.

It was a good time and another successful project.

We could have used a few more Gingerbread Houses. Maybe we can find a way to create more interest next year. Make a plan to get your children or grandchildren or maybe yourself, involved in this clean fun project for next year.

The contest will be at CCC again next year. .

Great Truths About Life That Little Children Have Learned

- * No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- When your mom is mad at your dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- * You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- Reading what people write on desks can teach you a lot.
- * Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a tic tac.
- Never hold a dust buster and a cat at the same time.
- * School lunches stick to the wall.
- You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- * Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.





Team Work

(Coming Soon)

Men at Work and Play

"This is a group for you guys"

Donuts, coffee and conversation.

Saturday, January 11, 2020

10am.

**Try to come to the first meeting to see what this could be about. This is your church.
This will be your group.**

This would be a good way to keep this church ready for the next generation to come. Previous generations of men at work did this church for us. Make small repairs to help maintain the prestige of CCC.

Or just "putsy" around making sure things are in good working order.

This is for you men, bring your ideas for work or play.

Make it yours. Make it fun. Get to know each other.

What is the capital of Alaska?

What rock group has four men that don't sing?

What city cheats at exams?

What is the capital of Washington?

Come on, Juneau this one!

Mount Rushmore!

Peking

The W

Lord's Prayer Word Search

A N L N S S E N E V I G R O F
N T A L K T D A N L H V O R P
Y E V E I L E B N H P A E Z R
T Y A R P B U H E Y E M N Q A
I L I S T E N S C Y W A A D I
M U F E E L P M I S E H V X S
E T E M P T A T I O N S E E E
C O M M U N I C A T E A S R N
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ANYTIME
ANYWHERE
ASK
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DAILY
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FORGIVENESS
HANDS

HEARS
HEAVEN
LISTENS
POWER
PRAISE
PRAY
SIMPLE
TALK
TEMPTATIONS