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Weekly Opportunities

Sunday

9:30 Worship
11:00 Sunday School for all ages
Impact Youth

Monday:

8:00 Young Adult Bible Study

Friday

5:30-7:30 AM Prayer

Ladies' Days at Gull Lake

June 4 5, 6, 7

Speaker: Rebekah Lyons

Worship Leader: Alisa Turner

Ticket info:
Ladies' Days tickets \$25
Take advantage of the
Group Discount! Buy 10 or
more tickets at \$20 each and
get a free ticket for every 10
purchased, includes morning
coffee & pastries, 8 AM, Pro-
gram & lunch, 9 AM-3 PM.

Ladies' Evening Gala: \$25
Thursday Evening June 6
Come and be inspired by
an evening of biblical teaching,
encouraging praise and wor-
ship and an excellent chef-
prepared buffet-style dinner.

Meet & Greet with Rebek-
ah & Alisa, 5:30 PM

Program & Dinner Buffet,
6:30 PM

For more info. please check the bulletin boards in the hallway and
fellowship hall.



***"Our purpose is to be ambassadors for Christ, helping people to become
spiritually mature, filled with the fullness of God"***

Several years ago, while on vacation, my wife and I had the opportunity to take a balloon ride (it had its ups and downs). Unfortunately, the wind was very calm that day, so we didn't make much horizontal movement. The pilot did drop us down so that the bottom of the basket touched the Rio Grande River (made some of the passengers nervous); a maneuver he called "splash and dash" (as opposed to a "dunk and run" in which the basket gets several inches into the water). Our pilot concluded the trip with some history of ballooning, which made it an informative excursion.

We had to get up early to make it the meeting point. We then travelled by van to the launch site. We watched as the balloon was spread out and inflated. Finally, the time came to get into the basket (not an easy accomplishment or a pretty sight) and we were off. I have to admit, I was anxious about how I would feel about flying that way. I was relieved that it really didn't feel like we were moving once we cleared the ground. As we floated along there was no sensation of movement.

I am reminded of the prophet Jonah when God called him to go to Nineveh to preach to the people about coming destruction. Jonah confesses to the men on the ship that he feared obeying God (Jonah 1:10). When God punished Johan and he repented, Jonah finally decided to obey God. To Jonah surprise (and disappointment) the people of Nineveh repented. Jonah's preaching was more successful than he could have imagined.

I have heard missionaries testify that they resisted God's call to go to the mission field. When they finally relented to God's call, they went to mission field with great fear. But after serving on the mission field, they can't imagine doing anything more satisfying than doing the work God called them to.

Many times God taps us on the shoulder to do something less dramatic; but, because of fear, we hesitate or refuse to obey God and like Jonah, we feel unhappy with our choice. Other times we obey God and we feel joyful despite how hard the work is.

"for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God," (2 Timothy 1:7-8). Paul is telling the young preacher that fears do not come from God. God gives us power to witness for Him. Because of this we should not be afraid to share the message of God.

While obeying God does not always go well and can bring about physical, financial or emotional pain; one thing that is sure is that there is great joy in living in obedience to God. In Philippians 4 Paul writes of being content, while writing from Jail; he knew that he was where God wanted him.

Are you willing to obey God? Are you waiting in fear, or are you willing to experience what God has for you?

Jim Hawkins—editor

A father's legacy

For Joseph Dodson, the pressures and responsibilities of parenthood felt compounded when he and his wife adopted a son. Dodson, a Bible professor, wonders if Jesus' earthly father also struggled with doubts and fears.

Scripture doesn't say much about Joseph, but he clearly left Jesus "a significant legacy," Dodson writes in *Bible Study Magazine*. Joseph obeyed God — despite the risk to his reputation — by marrying a pregnant woman. Joseph, a son of David, raised the Son of David as his very own. To protect his family he fled to Egypt, foreshadowing the "new exodus" of Jesus' saving ministry. And Joseph heard neighbors mock Jesus as "the carpenter's son."

"Joseph taught Jesus much more than woodworking," Dodson writes. "He modeled for his adopted son how, for God's glory, he must drink the Father's cup no matter the cost."



Bible Quiz

Which follower of Jesus preached to the crowds after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost?

- A. John
- B. Peter
- C. Mary Magdalene
- D. Paul



ter: B (See Acts 2:14ff.)

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Fax: (610) 549-7184
or on disc: MSWord or Wordperfect formats for electronic submissions is preferred. Typed or hand written submissions are also accepted.

Deadline for submissions is the second to the last (usually the third) Sunday of the month prior to late morning service. Questions about

Time for an update

Did you know that our church has an online directory? There is an app for that. Download "Instant Church Directory" or go to InstantChurchDirectory.com and create your account.

Our directory also needs to be updated. We have many new faces and we want to include you! Please see Stacey Coville (269) 720-3728

(LSECoville@comcast.net) to update your information or add your family. Once the directory is up to date, we will print paper copies for those who would prefer a physical copy.



**Church
directory
update**



READY, SET, GO!

It's a Vacation Bible School like no other!

Kids will race from continent to continent uncovering clues and attempting challenges as they fill their score cards.

They'll also discover that, no matter where we live, what shade of skin we have, or what language we speak, we are all part of the same race—the **human race**—and all part of the same family from Adam and Eve.

As they examine the events surrounding the tower of Babel, kids will learn that God is calling people from every tribe and nation through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. And that he wants us to share this good news in kindness and love with our neighbors nearby and far away.

Join *The Incredible Race* and experience God's love for every tribe, language, and nation!

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Talk is cheap

Too many of us have a Christian vocabulary rather than a Christian experience. We think we are doing our duty when we're only talking about it.

—Charles F. Banning

Nursery Help

June

2-Andra Truax & Charlize Gibbs

9-Donna Budden & Kourtney Klimp

16-Terrie Schwartz, Jennifer McKelvey & Ruby McKelvey

23-Dawn Drallette & Jamie Morrison

30-Ellie Kuiper & Lyndsay Juday



What happened to our newsletter?

Our apologies for the lack of an April newsletter and the late and very light May Newsletter. When it came time to do the April Chronicle, we had no internet service making communication difficult. When it came time too do the newsletter, it completely slipped my mind. A few articles were received, but too late to be published. Reminder, this newsletter depends on contributions from the congregation about what is going on in the various ministries. This newsletter is an opportunity for you to promote the ministry that you are involved in, share what is going on, promote activities or participation in events.



Scotts Parade, VBS Setup

Please join us for the Scotts parade and set up for VBS on Saturday, July 20 at 10:AM. We will leave from the church and pass out VBS invitations, candy and gospel tracts. After the parade we will set up the decorations for VBS. Please join us for these important events. Pizza will be provided for those helping with the decorations.

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WHAT MAKES ANSWERS VBS DIFFERENT?

Two words: Real life. In this day and age, it's vital that we teach our children the Bible is more than just a dusty book of stories. We need to show them God's Word connects to every area of life and is just as relevant today as it was thousands of years ago, so they will know its amazing message of salvation is true!

Recent surveys show that nearly 70% of "Christian" kids grow up and walk away from the church. One of the main reasons is because they have not been taught basic apologetics. Answers VBS programs are designed to answer the key questions that cause so many young people to walk away from the Lord.

We need you!

- Please pray for VBS
- Please sign up to help
- Please invite children to attend

July 22-26 6-8:35PM

VBS Informational Meeting

VBS training is July 10th at 6:30. Please join us for this informational meeting if you are serving during VBS.

What a wonder!

It is not the task of Christianity to provide easy answers to every question but to make us progressively aware of a mystery. God is not so much the object of our knowledge as the cause of our wonder.

—Kallistos Ware

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Weekly: 9:30 Worship 11:00 Sunday School 6:00 Impact (Youth)	Weekly: 8:00 PM Young Adult Bible Study	Weekly: 6:00 Cardio Drumming			Weekly: 5:45 AM Prayer Team	1
2 Missionary Jory Bayne sharing Communion 12:15 Potluck	3	4 Ladies Days at Gull Lake Elder Board mtg.	5 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	6 Ladies Days at Gull Lake	7	8 Alternatives Walk for Life
9	10	11	12	13 6:30 Christian Ed Board mtg. 7:00 Deacon Board mtg.	14 Flag Day	15
16 Father's Day	17 10:00 TNT to Yoders/ Millers in Cener- ville	18 National EFC confer- ence @ Trinity in Chicago	19 National EFC confer- ence @ Trinity in Chicago	20 National EFC confer- ence @ Trinity in Chicago	21 Summer begins	22
23 July Chronicle deadline	24	25	26	27	28	29
30					July 10 VBS informational/ training mtg. 20 Scouts parade/ VBS setup 22-26 VBS	July 2019 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31

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Weekly Bible Studies**Sundays:**

Walter Dubbeld's: 12:15 (estimated)
 at the church. Potluck. Phone
 649-0656 (every other week)

Pat Clarey's: 6-8 PM in the church
 library – Pat's phone – 321-0132
 or 626-4531 (every other week);

Russ and Ruth Bartholomew's – 6:15
 – 8:15 PM at their house on T
 Ave, phone – 626-8019;

Mondays:

Young Adult Bible Study 8PM at the
 Fleck's led by Trenton Steele

Wednesdays:

Ladies Bible Study at the church 9:00
 AM

Thursdays:

George and Joyce Wedel – Every
 other Thursday night at their
 house – 11626 East R Ave., call
 – 626-9764.

Church Directory and On-line TV services:

There is a flyer under the TV mon-
 itor in the back of auditorium

**THIS MONTH**

3-Dick Budden
 5-Kary Christiansen
 6-Larry & Sandy Bryan
 6-Bill & Laura Sandahl
 6-Andy Zylstra
 8-Charlize Gibbs
 9-Donald Peck
 9-Troy & Holly Gray
 10-Christine Audette
 10-Jeff & Sara Steele
 11-Thad Bartholomew
 14-Dan Fritz
 15-Darion Bartholomew
 15-Lydia Drallette
 15-Nick Schwartz
 16-George Wedel
 17-Kortney Wright
 18-Doug & Lori Case
 19-Debbie Drallette
 19-Rob & Kim Smith
 19-Mike & Deb Weinberg
 21-Colleen Clarey
 21-Christine Dubbeld
 22-Ruth Hiskes
 22-Ella Juday
 25-Roger Wedel
 26-Dave Goad
 26-David & Lyndsay Juday
 28-June Boer
 29-Karen Duckworth

Inclement Weather Policy:

If it is a school day, and Climax-Scotts schools are closed for weather, all church activities for that day are automatically cancelled. For non-school days, check local television stations or with the event organizer. If the weather or roads are questionable, and the event is still held, you are encouraged to use your best judgement before venturing out.

GIVE A HELPING HAND



Make this craft to show appreciation for your dad or another special man.

What you need:

- Acrylic paint
- Paintbrush
- Adult garden gloves
- Garden gloves that fit you
- Permanent marker

What you do:

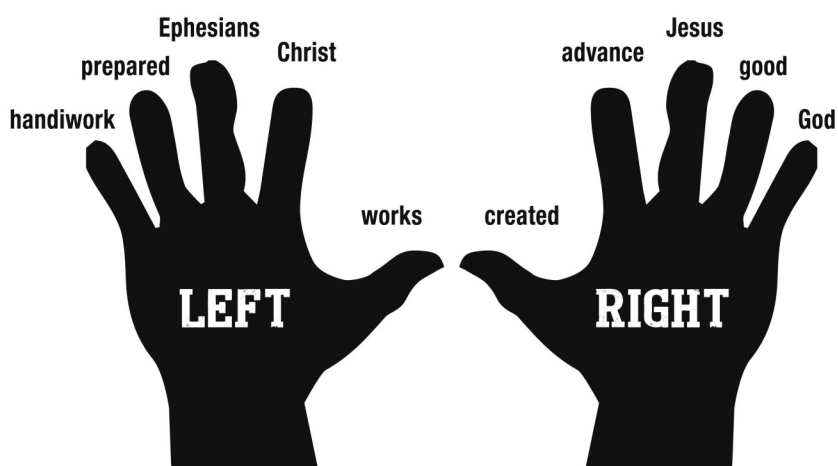
1. Paint your right palm and press it on the back of the right adult glove. Lift to reveal your handprint. Repeat with your left hand and the left glove.
2. If you have younger siblings, layer their handprint(s) on top with a different color.
3. Write your name(s) and the date.
4. Repeat steps 1 through 3 on your gloves.
5. Present the gift. Offer to use your gloves to give a helping hand with chores!



Handiwork to do good works

God has a special plan and purpose for each of us.

Directions: Use the finger-position clues under the blanks below to complete Ephesians 2:10, NIV.



For we are God's _____, _____ in

L pinky

R thumb

to do

L pointer

R middle

R ring

L thumb

which

R pinky

L ring

R pointer

for us to do. 2:10, NIV

L middle

Answer: handiwork, created, Christ, Jesus, good, works, God, prepared, advance, Ephesians

“Do” diligence

Against the backdrop of people who avoid work, cut corners and do half-hearted jobs, a diligent [person] stands out. Practicing diligence is an excellent way to stand out for Christ at home, in the workplace and even at church. Today, complete each one of your tasks, however big or small, with diligence.

—David Jeremiah

Pat Answers

What do We do When We have Questions For God?

Many of us have situations or moments in our lives when we don't understand or have "Why" questions for God. The Old Testament Prophet Habakkuk, which dates from the 600's B.C., can be very helpful for us. Habakkuk is unique because it is a dialogue between the Prophet and God. The book opens with Habakkuk asking the LORD why He does not punish His people Judah because of their sin. He does not understand why God is not doing anything when the wicked are flourishing and justice is perverted (see Habakkuk 1:2-4). So the LORD responds that He is going to do something. He is going to send the Babylonians to judge His sinful people (see Habakkuk 1:5-11). But then Habakkuk questions how God can use people even more wicked than His own people to judge them. Habakkuk ends up saying he is going to wait and see what God will say to his complaint (Hab. 1:12-2:1). The LORD responds that He is going to also judge Babylon and pronounces five woes upon them for their selfish, evil, violent actions (Hab. 2:2-20). In God's answer He reminds Habakkuk to trust Him, with the phrase repeated in the New Testament three times – "the righteous will live by his faith" (Habakkuk 2:4). The LORD's answer also ends with a reminder that the LORD is sovereign and in control even when we don't understand it: "But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him" (Habakkuk 2:20). These are good reminders for us all, especially when we are struggling with suffering and injustice.

In the final chapter of Habakkuk – chapter 3 – Habakkuk prays for God to "remember mercy" – verse 2. Then in Habakkuk 3:3-15 the prophet sees the LORD as a mighty victorious Warrior – "You went out for the salvation of Your people, for the salvation of Your anointed" – verse 13. We today must remember that God will win in the End and Christ will be the Victor over all evil and all enemies. Revelation is summed up by "The Lamb wins." But we must wait on God's timing for Him to make all things right. Habakkuk gets this as he says in verse 16 – "Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us."

Finally the Book of Habakkuk ends with one of the greatest statements of faith in the whole Bible. May we be able to see a fresh glimpse of God's holiness, sovereignty, and goodness so we can say with Habakkuk even when we don't understand: "Though the fig tree should not blossom, not fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the field yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, YET I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD; I WILL TAKE JOY IN THE GOD OF MY SALVATION. GOD, THE LORD, IS MY STRENGTH, HE MAKES MY FEET LIKE THE DEER'S; HE MAKES ME TREAD ON MY HIGH PLACES." - Habakkuk 3:17-19. May you trust God even when you don't understand and may it lead you to deeper faith for the glory of God day by day as you live for Him.

Pastor Pat

Dated material—Please do not delay

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