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True Empathy *by Jon Cruzan*

Each of us probably has our own definition of empathy. The dictionary definition puts it this way – understanding and entering into another’s feelings. True empathy is powerful and is an admirable goal for which to strive. True empathy requires us to “get out of ourselves”. Thus, I believe it is significantly challenging for we humans to really have true empathy.

Do we have empathy for our Pastors, Nate & Liz? Many of us

have what we consider to be close relationships with them but do we really know or understand what it is like to walk in their shoes. I think not. Of course we all have our weekly professional challenges but let’s put on our Pastors’ shoes to get a glimpse of what an ordinary week for a pastor might be like.

It’s Tuesday afternoon and Pastor has just finished a long lunch meeting with a member. The phone rings. “Hello pastor”. As you know, my wife is still recovering from surgery. It’s been really hard, and you should know that nobody cared for us like we expected. It was nice of you to pray with us but we won’t be coming back.”

A bit later that day, pastor makes a call on a sick member. “Pastor,

thank you so much for the call. We’ve been so overwhelmed and blessed by the way the church has loved and cared for us.”

Pastor is ready to leave the office and head home to the family when another member unexpectedly drops by. “Hey, pastor, some folks are really struggling with what happened at the last business

meeting. They don’t feel their voice was heard and they’re pretty upset. I just thought you should know.”

Pastor and family are grabbing a bite at a local eatery when another member stops at their table. “Good to see you, pastor. Thank you for your leadership. We support all that you are doing. Let us know how we can help.”

Wednesday morning Pastor takes a break from preparing Bible study to check e-mail. “Good morning, pastor. Wanted to meet-up but decided to e-mail instead. We’re going to be visiting other churches. Just looking for something different.”

Later the mail arrives and there is a card. “Thank you, pastor, for preaching the Word each week. My family has grown so much in the Lord, and we appreciate your hard work to carefully teach us

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Empathy, *continued*

the Bible.” Pastor tucks the card into his Bible to read again later.

That night the phone rings at 10:20. “Hey, pastor, Mom isn’t doing well. The hospice nurse says it won’t be much longer.” “Okay, I’ll be right over.” Gets out of bed and dresses.

After a very late night Pastor is sleeping in a bit when the phone pings. The message says, “Hey, pastor, I came by the office . . . again. Where are you? I need to talk. Nobody is ever around. Call me.”



Friday afternoon, pastor is still working on the sermon, something usually finished much earlier in the week. Typing the next sentence feeling frustrated and disappointed because the sermon work is much delayed and now has to be completed under time pressure.

Now it is Sabbath morning. Pastor rises early. Gathering with the saints, pastor leads worship, enjoys the fellowship of believers, and preaches about the grace and comfort of Jesus. Pastor walks about shaking hands, rubbing shoulders, hearing prayer requests, and welcoming visitors. That afternoon, the recliner beckons and pastor, fulfilled, has a

much deserved nap sleeping peacefully but exhausted.

Another “ordinary” week in the life of our pastors. Wide swings of emotion, unpredictable schedules, a wide gamut of expectations, all the stuff of life of our pastors. They do it so well and seem to simply take it in stride. Let’s make sure they know how high they are in our estimation, how much they cover the gaps and holes of our lives, how important and dear they are to us. Check out the next article for ways to bless them!

(Credit & apologies to Chris Griggs for his article – *A Week in the Life of an Ordinary Pastor*)

Seven Ways to Bless Your Pastor *by Pastor Jerrod Rumley*

Adapted from: <https://unlockingthebible.org/2018/10/7-ways-appreciate-pastor/>

Here are seven ways for you to show your pastor how much you appreciate the sacrifice they make for you. As you read through them, try and find one that sticks out and would be attainable for you. I know your pastor will appreciate it.

1. Give an encouraging word.

Most weeks pastors pour over their study time, care for the congregation, consult the hurting, and serve those in the local community. Being a pastor is burdensome and exhausting physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Often

we only hear critiques or concerns, which can become discouraging; so encourage us with your words. Let us know how the Lord has specifically changed you under our ministry.

2. Give a gift.

Find out what kind of reference books your pastor uses, and get him/her a gift card to retailers that sell them. He/she may be a tangible book guy that likes to hold the pages. Amazon, Westminster Theological Bookstore, Lifeway, and Christian Book Distributor are all good options. Let him/her

know with a note that you want them to keep pursuing study of the Bible and appreciate the time they put in. Remember that pastors are people too, and a personal gift can go a long way!

3. Give hospitality.

Have your pastor (and his family) over to your home for a meal. I have known families that threw a “we appreciate you!” dinner and invited over key people in their lives to their home. They decorated the backyard, prepared a five-course meal, had their children help as servers, and were great

PRAYER FOCUS for October *by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator*

Over the past year or so our monthly prayer focus has included Awana and Collison, the Education Community, Camp Wakonda, Refugees, Parents and Mentors, Unreached People, the Homeless, Marriages, Children in Crisis, Persecuted Christians, and our Nation. We've prayed for Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus and atheists.



POWER OF PRAYER

Do you notice what's missing? We haven't paused to pray specifically for ourselves – our spiritual needs as individuals and as a church body. Let's do that in October! Pray for:

- Jesus to have the first place in our lives – May his name be praised – for He is the only way. Give us a passion for him to be glorified and magnified. May we fix our eyes on him.
- Strong and growing faith for each of us, with clear increases in the fruit of the Spirit.

• Soft hearts, open to conviction of sin. Lead us to repentance, forgiveness, reconciliation with the Lord and each other and a commitment to growing in holiness.

- A hunger for God's word and a desire to know more about God and the truth revealed in His word.
- An ever-increasing love for God and for others.
- Our church to fulfill the vision God has given us – may we live for God's glory! Guide us in connecting people to Jesus and helping you, LORD, change their lives. May we share life together in the Spirit and serve one another in God's love! May we become more like Jesus!
- Your protection for our church and your continuing guidance – may all we do be built on the solid rock of Christ and in accordance with your good and perfect will.

Take time to lift up:

- Our pastors
- Our ministry leaders
- Our elders and deacons
- Our worship leaders
- Our teachers
- Awana, Collision and Camp workers
- All those who serve and work "behind the scenes" – keeping things clean and functioning, cooking meals and arranging rides, visiting shut-ins, shopping for OCC, staffing the rummage sale, preparing children's messages, and washing baptism robes and kitchen towels, making coffee – the list goes on.
- And each and every person, young, old or middling, who comes to worship and fellowship here.

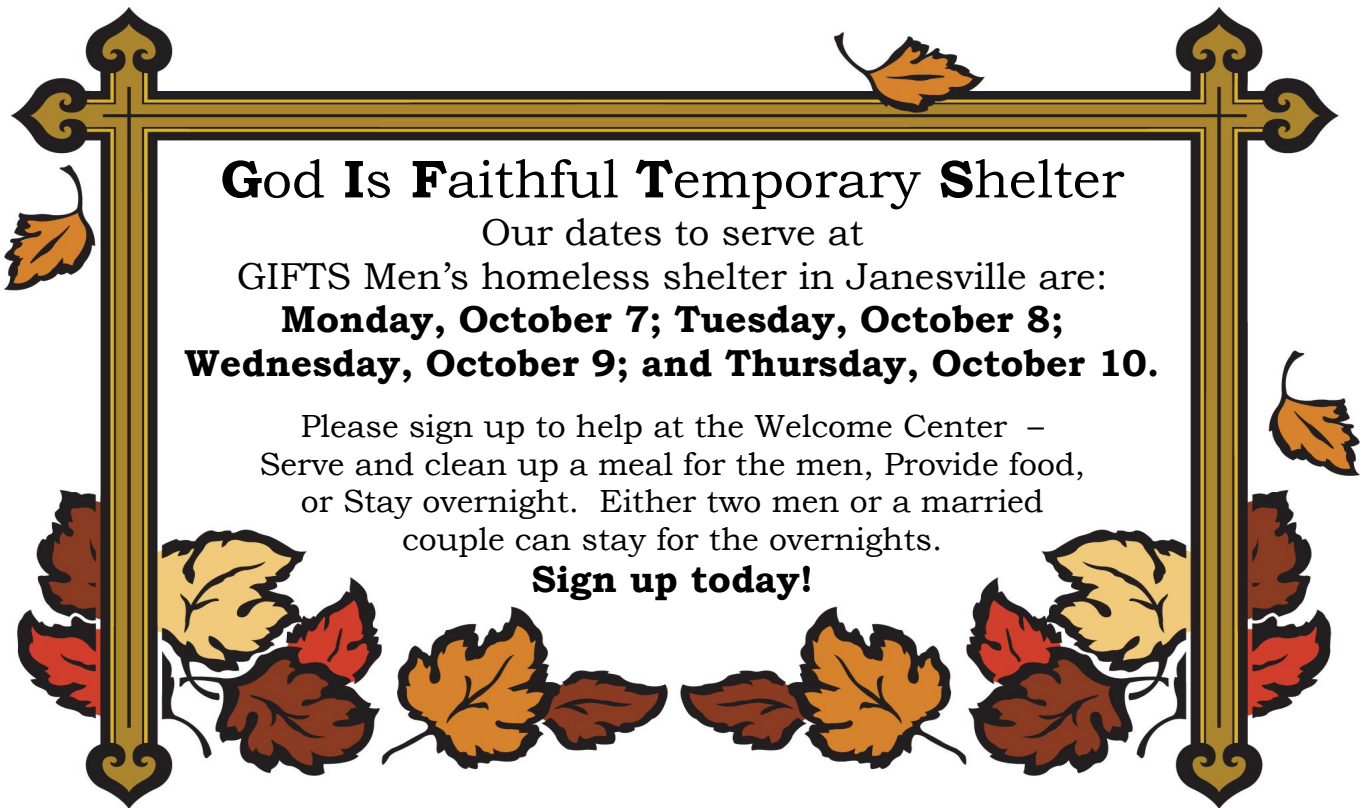
LORD may we grow closer as a community as we grow closer to you – may our love for one another show the world around us that we are your disciples.



Awana October Calendar	
2	Club – OCC Kick-Off-Pictures of Places!
9	Club – Crazy Hair Night
16	Club
23	Club
30	Club – Glow Night

Collision October Calendar	
2	Collision
9	Collision – Serving at GIFTS
16	Collision
23	Collision
25	Leaf Raking & Corn Maze
30	Collision





God Is Faithful Temporary Shelter

Our dates to serve at
GIFTS Men's homeless shelter in Janesville are:
**Monday, October 7; Tuesday, October 8;
Wednesday, October 9; and Thursday, October 10.**

Please sign up to help at the Welcome Center –
Serve and clean up a meal for the men, Provide food,
or Stay overnight. Either two men or a married
couple can stay for the overnights.

Sign up today!

Seven Ways to Bless Your Pastor, *continued*

hosts. They were also intentional with the time, filling it with encouragement and exhortation.

4. Give acts of service.

Set up a meeting with the pastor and ask him what's needed in regard to service areas in the church. You might be able to fill a volunteer role that's been weighing on him/her because it hasn't been filled for some time.

5. Give time away.

If you have the means of a second home somewhere, see if you can offer it to your pastor and his family for a vacation. Pastors desperately need to get away, and sometimes that can be difficult due to restraints on money and time.

6. Give a written note.

Have your small group take some time during your next meeting to write a number of encouraging notes that can be delivered to your pastor's office at some point. When I walk in to see those stacks of notes, I feel deeply grateful that people took time during their busy week to share what they've been encouraged by.

7. Give encouragement to his or her spouse.

Often neglected in pastor appreciation month is the pastor's spouse. He/She bears the burdens as much as their spouse (maybe even more at times). Behind every good married

pastor is a good spouse who also needs encouragement: When you called your pastor to come to your church, you called their spouse at the same time.



Operation Christmas Child

Our packing party is right around the corner –
Saturday, November 9th from 3 to 5 p.m. *Make sure it's on your calendar!*

These are the greatest needs to ensure we have all the supplies to pack the boxes. Place items in the trunk on the back stairwell.

Small notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, markers, staplers, calculators, band aids, deodorant (not gel), washcloths, toothbrushes, underwear (all sizes), t-shirts (all sizes), flip flops, flashlights with batteries, bars of soap, mini-Kleenex.



If you are not able to shop or do not want to shop, donating money is another great way to help. Place "OCC" on the memo line of your check. That way we can put the money toward needed items.

Samaritan's Purse shares many stories of the eternal impact of the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes. Here is one of them:

Divine Forgiveness: A Surprise for Every Culture

Villagers recently dedicated the first church building ever built in the Himba region of Ombaka, Namibia. An ethnic group of 50,000 scattered across Namibia and Angola, the Himba are considered an unreached people group because their population is less than 2 percent evangelical Christian. Although they have long been animists – worshipping their ancestors and tree spirits – more than 80 Himba now gather in the area to regularly worship the Lord Jesus Christ.

Samaritan's Purse and Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators, have been partnering for several years to see this advance of the Gospel.

As residents in Ombaka and the five surrounding villages heard the Bible stories and masterfully retold them almost word for word, the area was transformed by the power of the Gospel.

Children participated in The Greatest Journey discipleship program and as they shared their faith with others, the church multiplied. The Himba villagers learned about the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ, so they no longer feared their ancestors or the spirit world. They learned they could have a relationship with God because of what Jesus did for them.

"Learning that sins can be forgiven is an epiphany in every culture," said Samaritan's Purse Strategic Initiatives Manager Michael Cardy.

At the dedication of the church building, Pastor Kuyelia concurred, "Before Operation Christmas Child came, we had

never heard of Jesus or knew who God was. If we had difficulties, we sought the witchdoctor for help. Now, we have abandoned witchdoctors and seek God alone in prayer and worship."

Story from: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/church-dedicated-among-unreached-himba-of-namibia/>



The village chief (left) who donated the land for the church spoke at the dedication ceremony while Pastor Rizera (right) translated his words for the international guests.

Reaching the Rohingya *by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator*

As God continues to impress the great needs of the Rohingya people group on our lives, especially their need for salvation in Jesus, we read about their struggles and lack of basic rights that we take for granted in America.

Deep Fall in Malaysia

May 16, 2019 - from: <https://www.pray4rohingya.org/deep-fall/>

From the corner of my eye I catch a glimpse of a figure through an open doorway.



A man bent over is shuffling uncomfortably forwards, leaning heavily on a woman as he moves slowly towards his room. My friend, sat beside me, leans in and confides in a quiet voice: "That's my neighbor. Her husband fell from the worksite a few days ago. Now he cannot walk and work."

I met the couple later and

learned that the man, just 20 years old, had fallen three floors on a worksite, breaking his knee. His leg is in a full plaster cast and he has numerous other aches and pains.

Refugees don't have the right to work in Malaysia, so they are poorly treated and are often exploited at work. There is no insurance or state welfare for health issues or accidents, leaving people reliant on the goodwill of the community. Not working also means that he cannot send money to support his family in Bangladesh; one of the reasons he made the journey to Malaysia in the first place.

It is hard not to feel anger about the many injustices this couple face. The construction companies enjoy increased profits from cheap labour, but offer little in return. Health and safety is often seen as an unnecessary expense. There will be no police enquiry into

the accident or financial support for this man as his leg slowly heals. Before I left, I had the opportunity to pray with the couple, asking God to bless the husband's body and his family. In place of despair we choose to believe that our God is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. Ps. 34:18

Please pray for:

- Full recovery for the man, and that he knows the healing and provision of Father God.
- Other families in Malaysia suffering injustice and sickness. That they can call out in prayer and hear His merciful response.
- Employers that love mercy and act justly.
- Changes to the law to make unfair practices unacceptable.

You can sign up for updates on the Rohingya people at: <https://www.pray4rohingya.org/>

Art of Parenting

This 8-session, video-based study is designed to not only help parents find new ways to integrate faith into everyday parenting moments, but also to create an environment where moms and dads can shoulder burdens together, celebrate breakthroughs, and relate to one another's day to day parenting journey.

Milton Public Library
Thursday evenings through November 21
4:30-6:00 p.m.

Free workbook, childcare and food offered.
Contact Cassie at 608-561-6334 for information
or check out FamilyLife.com/parenting

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Give online:

secure.pcanet.org/mna/donate/
Search for James Lima under "Designation Search"

Check or money order:

Make checks payable to Mission to North America. **DO NOT** write a designation on the memo line of your check; instead, include a separate note that the gift is for *James Lima at Living Stone Church*.

Mail check to:

Mission to North America
PO Box 890233
Charlotte, NC 28289-0233

James Lima Newsletter

Exams and Conversations

For the past 21 years of my life September has meant the beginning of school and big changes. To be honest, it has been strange for me to have Labor Day come and go without the normal nerves and excitement of a new school year. Of course, I still have seminary courses, but doing those year-round seems to limit the new semester nerves.

This fall has brought a different kind of stress. I have been studying for the past two months for my examinations to be a licensed preacher. I am through two of the three stages of the examinations. I had a long (5 hour) written exam followed by an oral exam on Bible content, theology, and church government. As part of the exams I was also required to preach a sermon at Living Stone Church on Ephesians 2:1-10. Though these exams have been very challenging, I am extremely grateful that those who are licensed to preach in the Presbyterian (PCA) denomination are required to know their Bibles and theology so well. The final stage of my exam is to be orally examined at the end of the month before our presbytery (the el-

ders from our churches in Wisconsin). Please be praying for me as I continue to study!

Alongside studying, I have been able to take on some new responsibilities at the church. In August, I led one of our Summer Conversations. Once a month throughout the summer our church gathers for a meal and a conversation on different topics. I led a conversation on evangelism going through the book *Evangelism as Exiles* by Elliot Clark. It is easy as Christians to spend our time lamenting our changing culture.



Leading our August Summer Conversation on the book "Evangelism as Exiles" by Elliot Clark.

Clark, walking through 1 Peter, encourages us to instead embrace our identity as strangers and exiles in this world, look forward to our one true hope, and see the unique opportunities for evangelism we have in our culture. I highly recommend this book!

Prayer Requests

Please be praying for my examination at the end of September for licensure. Pray that God would continue to give me perseverance in my studies and would give me a clear mind during the exam.

Lexi and I are getting away for a week at the beginning of October to recharge after

this long season of studying and exams. We will be traveling to Colorado to visit some friends from seminary. Pray that we would both be rejuvenated by the trip.

We are beginning our Community Groups this week as a church. Lexi and I are co-hosting a group with the Maleski's (Lexi's sister Ali and her new husband Andrew). We are hoping for our community group to not only be a place for spiritual growth for church members but also a "side-door" for new people to get plugged in to the community of the church. Pray for us as our group and the other three community groups begin meeting this week.

Financial Support

As I am working in a young church plant and will be, Lord willing, planting a church in the next 5 years, Lexi and I need to continue developing a team of financial partners who can come alongside us in this endeavor. Would you consider joining my team through monthly or annual giving? Giving can be done online or by check (see directions below). (Milton SDB Church is supporting Janes through this year of transition and then will focus on SDB Church planting.)

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Zac Muench Update

Bristol, England, was the first stop on outreach, as well as Calling All Skaters first time going there as a team, so we got to plant lots of seeds getting to know the local skaters, and even hangout with a skater that we met in Barcelona months ago.



From Bristol we went down south to Penzance in Cornwall and I got the opportunity to lead the outreach for a couple weeks while the co-leader was back home for a family emergency. Our contact in Penzance owns a skate shop and arranged a small skate event for us: food, skate videos, and Gustavo (from Mexico) shared what we were doing there. In the picture, Gustavo is below the light.



Fabian (staff from Chile) and I were feeling like there was some division in the team, so we took some time to pray and seek God's heart for what we should do. "I feel like God's saying that we need to talk about it as a team," Fabian said, which was rad because I also felt like that's what God was saying too! After gathering the team we talked about what we'd been feeling. I was stress-

ing that it would cause more harm than good, and it felt like it was totally out of my control. God told me in my morning quiet time that I didn't need to stress because it would be okay and He would bring peace,

and after a while of talking, each person started opening up and sharing what was really on their hearts. It was so encouraging and brought a lot of unity throughout the team!

What God is doing in my life:

Right before I left for Bristol, I was sitting on a bench spending some time alone before my flight, when a friend rode up on her bike and asked how she could be praying for me. I said that I could step out of fear

and worst-case scenarios and trust what God says. After she prayed,

she got a picture of a mountain, and a massive chunk of snow falling. The chunk of snow was fear. When an avalanche gets closer to falling, someone will plant small explosives and detonate them so they can remove the snow from the road instead of it falling a random. "I feel like you're in a place where God is going to ignite those small bombs so the fear can fall, and you can have

freedom." It was super encouraging.

Passport control almost didn't let us through when we arrived in Manchester in June, so when I flew to Bristol I was stressed I would have problems again. But God's been speaking to me more lately and reminding me that He's in control, not to mention telling me that travelling would be okay. Throughout the flight, layover, and passport control God's word remained true and, like He promised, everything went great! There's been a lot of little problems that have been happening lately, but every time God gives me a promise, and keeps it. So when everything seems to be totally crazy for me, it's still under His control!

Creation Fest:

We were blessed with the opportunity to volunteer at one of the United Kingdom's largest Christian music festivals. After a couple days of setting up the wooden skatepark, we spent our days hosting skate contests, performing skate demonstrations, sharing testimonies afterward, and giving skate lessons to beginner riders. Last year I was really critical of the impact that teaching a kid how to "drop in" could have. But multiple times this year kids would come up and hesitantly ask if I could help teach them a trick, fearing that I would reject them. That fear had to come from somewhere whether a family member, loved one, or

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Are you a thrift store shopper?

Do you like to go for scavenger hunts at rummage sales?



If so, the Awana ministry could use your help.

We are looking for **several board games** to be used in a unit we will start in January.

If you see **CANDYLAND, BATTLESHIP, TROUBLE, SORRY, CONNECT FOUR, or CHESS** at any stores at very inexpensive prices, we would love it if you would pick them up for us. Awana can reimburse you.

Turn any games you find into the church office or workroom labeled for Awana.

We are also looking for small matchbox-style cars for the nursery.

Thanks so much for hunting for us! If you have any questions, please contact Angie Mullen at 608-295-6484 or asmullen92@gmail.com.



Zac Muench, *continued*

someone not reciprocating love back, so I don't think we can underestimate the effect of spending a couple hours a day teaching and encouraging kids to step out of fear and land their trick, and give them a safe place to try something new without fear of failure.

Seeing growth:

Our last few days in England were spent in a small town where we could rest after 10 days full of ministry. Jess (life coach) and I sat down with one of the students and walked him through questions about himself to help him discover his vision. By the end he had a smile on his face knowing he had a glimpse of the calling set before him. It brought us all a lot of joy!

Praises:

- We are experiencing team unity. We've had a lot of opportunities to share our stories and the Gospel! There is such joy in seeing the students grow in their life with God and realize their next steps in life. God is so faithful! And our travels have all been safe.

Prayer requests:

- To finish this last month of outreach strong
- Safe travels to Bosnia
- That God would reveal further calling and purpose in this next season of life
- Boldness and open hearts to the gospel
- Ongoing financial support



Becoming a Dementia Friendly Faith Community

by Barb Green, Parish Nurse

Dementia is NOT normal aging. It is a diagnosis, an overall term that describes a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease may be the first thing that comes to mind when dementia is mentioned but there are other types. These include: reversible dementias, vascular dementias, mixed dementias, frontotemporal dementia, Lewy Body dementia and others.

Effects of dementia include the following:

- Long term memories can seem more real, sharper or more immediate
- Time does not have same meaning: living in the present moment
- Long term memories and skills (artistic, music, prayer) often remain
- May be able to recognize people/things even when he/she cannot identify them
- Usually you can't recognize someone with dementia. There are some clues however:
- Most people are over 65- but more are being diagnosed at a younger age
- Some people will tell you if they are having problems and how you can help.
- Some people carry a card which explains the problems they have.
- You might notice people

doing or saying things which suggest that they are having problems that might be caused by dementia. These might include: looking like or saying that they are confused or lost; looking like they don't know what to do next; searching for something they can't find; problems understanding what is being said.

There may be unique problems that present themselves in a church community. A person may have prob-

lems handling money or other church commitments. They may be suspicious of close church friends and family. There may be changes in appearance or hygiene, behavior or language. Family may confess frustration, impatience or difficulty handling their relative or spouse.

The church environment may be difficult for a person with dementia because people talk too quickly, give too much information and are impatient, making the person feel unworthy and un-respected. The environment may be hurried, loud and distracting. It is important to remember that a person with dementia may remember routines, can read non-verbal cues, detect kindness, know how they feel to be with you and may make either/or choices

People with dementia can be uplifted by worship services and visits. Some may stop attending regular worship to avoid social situations they fear or no longer understand. Families may feel embarrassed or reluctant to bring a loved one to church or to ask for help. However, family members also have spiritual needs and need to be able to attend. Caring for



a loved one can leave caregivers weary, isolated, frustrated and depressed. It is important for the congregation to understand these feelings and give loving support to both the person with dementia and their family. Sometimes those with dementia may make inappropriate or loud remarks during a worship service. We don't blame babies or small children when they do the same. Why would we make someone with dementia feel unwanted for doing something they can't help?

As a congregation we need to know how to provide spiritually engaging worship services for those with dementia, such as using Bible readings responses and prayers (Psalm 23, Lord's Prayer) that they may be familiar with. Hymns, symbols, and

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Dementia Friendly Faith Community, *continued*

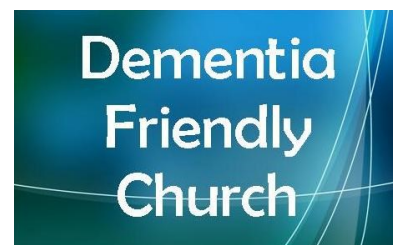
familiar verses, expressions and objects are important. Involve the person in activities that connect them with others such as choir concerts, Grow Group, repetitive tasks such as stuffing bulletins, participating in intergenerational programs. Foster an atmosphere of joy, trust and comfort. Validate their feelings. Show tolerance for the person and their caregiver.

We can become a welcoming congregation by being respectful, greeting the person warmly, using simple sentence and a calm voice. Wear name tags, be patient and accepting of behaviors and appearances, ask

family members how they are and how their loved one is doing. Try to remember the person as they were before dementia became a part of their life. They may very well remember that person and be grieving their loss of memory. Treat them as you would like to be treated if you were in their shoes. It's about how we can make people feel, not how they make us feel.

As a congregation we can learn more about incorporating people with dementia into our worship services. The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County in conjunction with the Wisconsin Alzheimer's

Institute offer a dementia friendly training for churches. If you are interested in having such a presentation here please contact the church office 868-2741 or Barb Green 608-921-4001.



Prayer Shawls – a Ministry Opportunity for Everyone

Our church prayer shawl ministry which began in 2010 continues to be a strong church outreach. In that time period, 141 shawls have been given away including 40 to those outside our church congregation. This represents over 1400 hours of knitting, crocheting and praying for the recipients. We have a group of faithful ladies involved in making not only the shawls but the cards that go with them.

However, everyone's help is needed to see that those who could use this loving touch receive a shawl. As noted above, this ministry is not limited to the people in our church. You can help by suggesting those who would benefit from a prayer shawl to one of the pastors, the church office, Barb Green or Renee Sanford. We can help you choose a shawl so that you, too, can be blessed by giving it away. The notes of thanks that we have received make us realize the value of prayer shawls and the impression they make on the lives of those who receive them.





Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 Ernie Fisher
- 4 Shelly Perry
- 4 Caedmon Kersten
- 6 Luke Greene
- 7 *Joe & Terry Michel*
- 7 Stevie Gincer
- 8 Aiden Green
- 9 *Brandon & Kathy Crandall*
- 10 Melissa Howard
- 11 Ronda St. Clair
- 11 Selina Armstrong
- 12 Henry Lubke
- 13 *Morgan & Kate Shepard*
- 15 Brenda Hamm
- 16 Aaron Hamm
- 19 Ellie Greene
- 20 Collin Green
- 20 Brian Payne
- 21 Martha Hoffman
- 21 Sam Greene
- 22 *Jeremy & Melissa Lade*
- 23 Patricia Thorngate
- 24 Daniel Michel
- 25 Mary Ellen Steinke
- 26 Rick Mullen
- 26 Sydnee Palmer
- 26 Jeremy Howard
- 26 *Warren & Grace Nickel*
- 26 *Collin & Shelly Perry*
- 28 Lynnette Millard
- 30 Kathy Crandall
- 31 Quinn Bennett
- 31 *Leroy & Janette Loofboro*
- 31 Renee Sanford
- 31 Natalie Kersten
- 31 Zachary Muench

Bulletin Board



Hey Everybody!

Don't throw out those old eyeglasses!!
If you have some older prescription eyeglasses, or reading glasses that you've "outgrown," how about bringing them to the church?

2020 Conference President Kevin Butler has started a special campaign to collect eyewear during Conference 20/20! Get it? Yes, this year's Conference will "focus" on our eyes and vision, so we want to do something practical and give to those who need help seeing God's Word. We'll be collecting glasses all year and will work with the Missionary Society to get them to those in need. **Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!**

October Scripture Memory Verse

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

Third Thursday Prayer

October 17th
6:30 p.m., Parlor



Ladies Sit & Sip

Tues., Oct. 15th 9:00 a.m.
Havana Coffee,
1250 Milton Ave., Janesville

Breakfast Club

Sunday, Oct. 20th, 8:30 a.m.
Cracker Barrel, Janesville
All are welcome!

Men's Breakfast

All men are welcome to join in this time of study and fellowship. Led by Pastor Nate. Meets every Weds. at the IHOP Restaurant in Janesville at 6:30 a.m.

Capital Campaign Update

As of August 31, 2019

Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$24,230.15
Total Expenses	\$10,431.22
Fund Balance	\$16,303.93



Focus on Funds

as of August 31, 2019

General Fund Balance	\$14,338.81
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$65,661.51
Aug. Undesignated Income	\$14,425.68
Aug. Total Income	\$30,475.57
Aug. Expenses	\$22,306.66
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 8,223.02

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
								
		1	2	3	4	5		
<div style="border: 1px solid orange; padding: 5px;"> <p>Sabbath Sunset Times</p> <p>Oct. 4 6:31 p.m. Oct. 5 6:29 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 11 6:19 p.m. Oct. 12 6:17 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 18 6:08 p.m. Oct. 19 6:06 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 25 5:57 p.m. Oct. 26 5:56 p.m.</p> </div>			6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP 9:30 Women's Bible Study - Renee Sanford's home	9:30 Women's Bible Study - Perla Call's home		9:00 Grow Groups 10:00 Treats 10:30 Worship		
			6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision					
		6	7	8	9	10	11	12
			8:00 TOPS		6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP 9:30 Women's Bible Study - Renee Sanford's home GIFTS Night 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision serving at GIFTS	9:30 Women's Bible Study - Perla Call's home GIFTS Night		9:00 Grow Groups 10:00 Treats 10:30 Worship
			GIFTS Night	GIFTS Night Scouts				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
12:30 Scouts - Library	8:00 TOPS 	9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Havana Coffee, Janesville Scouts	6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP 9:30 Women's Bible Study - Renee Sanford's home 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision	9:30 Women's Bible Study - Perla Call's home 6:30 Third Thursday Prayer - Parlor		8:00 Men's Chorus Rehearsal 9:00 Grow Groups 10:00 Treats 10:30 Worship		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
8:30 Breakfast Club - Cracker Barrel	8:00 TOPS		6:30 Men's Breakfast - IHOP 9:30 Women's Bible Study - Renee Sanford's home 6:25 Awana 6:30 Collision	9:30 Women's Bible Study - Perla Call's home	 Collision Leaf Raking and Corn Maze 	9:00 Grow Groups 10:00 Treats 10:30 Worship		
27	28	29	30	31				
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		Scouts						

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God
gave
us the
courage to declare
his *Good News*
to you boldly.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:2, NLT

