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Pray for Our Pastors *by Renee Sanford* Pastor Appreciation Month

October is pastor appreciation month. We can show our appreciation for our wonderful pastors through our words of thanks, by honoring their vision, guidance & teaching, by supporting the work of our church, as well as with gifts or cards. Our leaders also need and appreciate our prayer support.

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching (1 Timothy 5:1)

We are so blessed to have Pastor Nate and Pastor Liz. How much God loves us to give us such leadership to guide us, care for us, and open God's word to us. Thank you for our pastors! Let us continually lift them in prayer.

P – Passion. Lord, please keep our pastors passionate for you. May their love for you be deepened. Let that love pour out in love for the people they are called to serve. Let the name of Jesus be lifted up and God be glorified!

A – Adversity. Help Pastor Nate and Pastor Liz confront any adversity they face in the church or their personal lives. Let them handle things with love based on the teachings in your word. Help them gently confront sin and lead us into times of conviction, re-

pentance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

S – Strength. Give our pastors good health and the physical strength and energy needed to minister to their families, the church and our community. Keep their families healthy and their marriages strong.

T – Teaching. Give Pastor Liz and Pastor Nate a hunger for your Word. Let their teaching flow from your Word illuminated by your Spirit. Let it be effective, powerful & clear and bear much fruit.

O – Organization. Help Pastor Nate and Pastor Liz manage their time and the multiple issues they need to focus on. Help them set priorities and manage distractions. Bring them helpers to take on ministry leadership and service.

R – Rest. Give our pastors times of rest and relaxation. Help them sleep well and be refreshed.

S – Seeking God – Keep our pastors focused on seeking you and your truth. Give them your vision for the future. Let them seek you with all their heart. Bless them with the deep desires of their hearts.

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Awana Awards: It Is So Good to SEE You!!!

by Angie Mullen, Awana Director

God's goodness was so very easy to see and feel on this gorgeous Sunday afternoon! After 5 days of clouds and rain, the sun was shining down and the outdoor church property was as it should be – filled with people (socially distanced and wearing masks, of course). On Sept. 13th, we were finally able to award our hard working Awana clubbers their 2019-20 book awards and we did it IN PERSON! After 6 months of emailing and virtual meetings, it was so good to SEE our clubbers again.

It was a record year for our Awana club and not because of a pandemic, but in spite of it. We awarded **FIVE** Timothy Awards, more than we ever have in one year! The Timothy Award is given to 6th graders who have completed all 4 T&T handbooks. That means they have memorized more than 120 bible verses! And

many of these clubbers also completed all their Sparks and Cubbies books, too. Timothy Award winners include: *Joey Lubke, Hayden Rotzoll, Lindsey Call, Jacey Dutcher and Emma Smerud*. We also awarded one Sparky Award to 2nd grader *Lainey Smerud* for completing all 3 Sparks handbooks. If you see any of these young people, please be sure to encourage them and congratulate them on their hard work and commitment to hiding God's word in their hearts as he tells us to do!

In addition to these special book awards, we also gave book completion awards to the following clubbers this year: *Ellie Greene, Andre Lang, Isaac Harris, Isaac Kersten, Isaiah Call, Sophia Kersten, Calvin Lubke, Natalie Kersten and Mackenzie Rotzoll* in T&T; *Aiden Hess, Alexander Lang, John Harris, William Holbrook,*

Maisy Calhoun, Rylee Rotzoll, and Zoey Kersten in Sparks; *Sydney Rotzoll, Caed Kersten, and Maddux Hess* in Cubbies. Each of these clubbers deserves special mention for their awards as well. Our last 8 weeks of club had to be held virtually through Youtube lesson videos and Zoom club meetings. These clubbers participated in those and then demonstrated that they had memorized their section verses by video recording or video calling leaders and reciting those verses. This took a lot of determination and work on their own to continue to complete their handbooks. Their commitment to continue to learn about God and his plan for their lives is commendable. We are thankful for the work God is doing in their young lives!

Many thanks to our faithful, dedicated Awana staff who helped make this event possible. It was clear that kids and

their families alike were also glad to be able to SEE EACH OTHER again. May God continue to pour his blessings of goodness, grace, mercy and love this amazing team of people as they gear up to greet kids for another club year on Oct. 7th.



Joey Lubke



Hayden Rotzoll



Jacey Dutcher



Emma Smerud



Lainey Smerud

Picture missing – *Lindsey Call*

Awana Starts Oct. 7



Plans are in full swing to welcome our Awana Clubbers to our building for the 2020-21 club year on Oct. 7 at

6:25. We are beyond excited that we will be able to share the hope, the love, the grace and mercy of our Lord and Savior with about 50 children in the midst of a pandemic. BIG THANKS to our Collision staff and youth for moving their meeting to Camp Wakonda on Wed. nights so that we are able to spread out in the entire church building. Without that accommodation, our club would not be able to meet.

In order to meet with our clubbers in person some things will need to be a little different this year. As of the writing of this article, here are the things we are planning. We know that any of this could change as information changes daily. But here is what we know right now:

- Families need to **turn in their registration forms PRIOR to Oct. 7**. We need to be able to plan for the children who are coming this year. Talk to Angie Mullen if you have questions on how to do this.
- All clubbers and staff will be **required to wear face coverings**.

- Clubbers may be **dropped off at club beginning at 6:15** at the earliest. Parents may park

and walk their clubber directly to their 6:30 “start” room or they may form a line in the drive way and drop their clubbers at the rear main entrance with staff waiting to greet them. Clubbers will **go directly to their rooms**. There will be no check-in, huddle up activities, or opening ceremony this year.

- Clubbers will be **socially distanced** in all parts of their club night – small group, large group, and activity time.
- Clubbers will **not share supplies**. There will be enough for each clubber to use his/her own supplies each night.
- **Hand sanitizer** and wipes will be **available** in each room.
- **Large Group Time**
At the end of club, parents will meet their Cubbies in the hallway outside of the classroom, Sparks in the Welcome Center and Parlor upstairs, T&T in the Large Group Room downstairs at the end of the night. Parents are asked to socially distance and wear a mask while they are waiting.

These may seem like a lot of “different” things, but the important things remain the same – getting to know Jesus, studying God’s word, learning how he wants us to live when we follow him, and having FUN will still be the at the heart of all we do!

We appreciate your continued prayers for each of these children who come to Awana this fall. May God open their hearts wide to receive Jesus and his gift of salvation. We ask God to use our words and actions to impress upon each child that s/he is special, created on purpose, and loved. We ask for protection from illness in all our families, our club, our church, our community, our country and that God would supernaturally eradicate this virus from the world. Serving God by loving and teaching his children is a beautiful gift he has given us on our doorstep. May we do it so very well.



Grow Group: The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations

by Linda Lyke

Grow Group is held Saturday mornings from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m., through November 21st on zoom.

Melissa Lade, Shanny Snyder and I have the privilege of facilitating this discussion with you each week. We have already heard many of your stories of how you are applying these lessons. If you've not joined us yet, you can join us on Zoom anytime. The link is on our Facebook page and in the church's Friday email update.

We discuss the book, Primer: Practicing the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations, offered through Q Place. These 9 arts are simple ways to carry out our mandate of the Great Commission. Any believer can take small steps to make progress in sharing faith. Join us in this amazing walk with Jesus, to follow him in a deeper way.

Here is a great summary from the9arts.com:

Noticing: Being aware of those around you and paying close attention to what God might be doing in their lives.

Praying: Asking God to work in the lives of people you meet and to show you what he wants you to do to bless them.

Listening: Demonstrating genuine care, interest, and empathy as you interact with others without editorializing or offering unsolicited opinions.

Asking Questions: Seeking to understand more than to be understood and letting genuine curiosity take the lead to open up conversations.

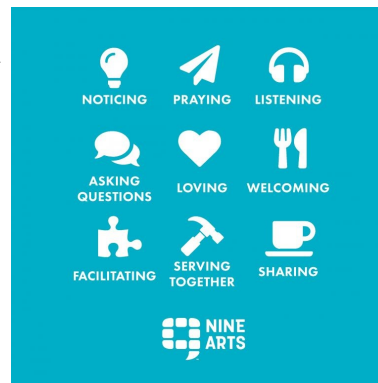
Loving: Letting your relationship with God overflow to people around you so that you see them with his eyes.

Welcoming: Valuing the presence of people and helping them feel that they belong.

Facilitating: Leading a discussion in a group setting so that everyone makes discoveries and feels honored, respected, and heard.

Serving Together: Gathering people to work for a common cause and helping them know God and each other better through the shared experience.

Sharing: Relating your faith story, learning others' stories, and expressing God's story of forgiveness through Jesus in a way that is respectful and meaningful.



Nursery

Opens Oct. 3rd

The Nursery will open again on Sabbath, Oct. 3rd at 10:30 for our youngest children. Children who are in 4K or younger are welcome to join Emily and her staff in the nursery to play while their older family members worship. Nursery staff will wear masks. All toys which cannot be safely washed and sanitized weekly have been removed. No snack will be served at this time. Gospel Project preschool lessons will not be presented at this time, but may begin at a near future time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Angie Mullen during the week or talk to Emily, our Nursery Coordinator, on Sabbath morning.

Small Talks Can Make a Big Difference in the Lives of Youth *by Angie Mullen*

Rock County area substance-abuse coalitions are working together to encourage families in our communities to have **“Small Talks”** with their children throughout the month of October regarding the dangers of underage drinking. ***Small Talks*** about underage drinking can make a big difference in a kid’s choices. That’s because kids really do listen. Research shows having frequent, casual conversations about the dangers of alcohol, starting around age 8, can be a lot more effective—and a lot less intimidating— than one super serious discussion.

Because we know our church communities have a significant influence in the lives of their youth, The Milton Youth Coalition would like to encourage you - parents, grand-

parents, friends, and neighbors - to have Small Talks with the children in your life. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has provided many resources for this campaign. Here are a couple of links that you may find helpful:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02600a.pdf>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p02600.pdf>

Other information can be found by searching “small talks wisconsin”.

The Milton Youth Coalition is



“working together to make a positive difference in the lives of Milton’s youth”. The group reorganized in May 2019 and is

made up of over 20 youth and adults from the Milton area. The current areas of focus are to improve mental health and wellness of youth, increase the number of youth who avoid the use of illegal substances, and to promote the appropriate, safe use of social media as it relates to cyberbullying and sending/receiving sexually explicit photos. If you would like to be a part of this important work, please contact Verlene Orr at orrv@milton.k12.wi.us.



Thank you to those who helped our church serve a week with the One Apple Lunch Bunch ministry in August. We received the following message from the leaders of this program:

*"What a wonderful and strange summer this has been for the One Apple Lunch Bunch. Without your help we would not have been able to serve **8121 lunches** this summer. There were also **1406 of the Blessings in a Backpack lunches served**. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! We cannot say that enough. That was over **3249 sandwiches made**. A big AIR pat on the back and a THANK YOU!*

*The city of Milton could not ask for more loving and giving citizens. Shalom and God Bless you, Barb Braun
One Apple Lunch Bunch Coordinator"*

It's such a privilege for our church to be able to join with the other "hands and feet of Jesus" in our community to serve those in need. Thank you for supporting this work.
- Angie Mullen

World on Mission *by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator*

In “World on Mission” each month I share a bit about what we learned in the Perspectives on the World Christian Movement class – because God calls ALL of us to have a part in his mission. What is his mission?

“God is on mission to be loved, served and worshiped by people from all humanity.” (Perspectives Study Guide - PSG, pg. 4)

This quote from a young woman, Sarah Wood, who took the course, summarized it well. I'm sharing this because the same thing that she learned about worship of God and his glory being # 1 was a new concept for me. Worship of God and his glory OVER those who don't know him. People coming to know him is one thing that will result in God being glorified. Hear it from her “perspective.”

Sarah Wood's Perspectives Story

How would you say the Perspectives course and concepts you learned impacted your life?

.... *One of the big takeaways that really impacted me and shaped the way I view missions was the John Piper excerpt from Let the Nations be Glad discussing our primary purpose in missions. Piper said, “Missions exists because worship doesn't.” This idea really challenged me to keep the main thing the main thing, no matter what mission or ministry I participate in. God and His glory among the nations is the main thing. Passion for God and His glory must always be primary. Compassion for the lost and the unreached is always secondary to Him. Compassion can-*

not and will not sustain me in missions and ministry, only God can.

This has stuck with me. I have learned from experience that I will burn out if my motivation in going into missions or ministry is compassion for the lost. Putting God first and putting his ministry to me above my ministry to others keeps me from burning out, relying on myself, and losing focus.

Never cease to pray about your role in the Great Commission:

Matt 28:19-20a Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.



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Rohingya Resources

Since God has impressed on our hearts this most persecuted minority group, the Rohingya, God is changing our hearts to love them, to pray that they may know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Here are two web sites to sign up to receive updates on the Rohingya, so you can gain a greater heart for the Rohingya:

Up to date stories and prayers for the Rohingya.

Sign up at: <https://www.pray4rohingya.org/sign-up/>

Devon Oasis: Pastor Bob and his wife Lynne lead this Christian missionary organization in Chicago. They reach out with the gospel to their Muslim neighbors and they connected us with the Rohingya in Milwaukee. Sign up for their newsletter updates:

<https://www.devonoasis.org/newsletter-sign-up/>

Our Church's Generosity to the Missionary Society

by Linda Lyke

Pastor Andy Samuels, the Chief Executive Director of our Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society, sent a very encouraging letter to our church on August 25th. The letter has the flavor of the encouraging letters that Paul sent to the churches in the New Testament, such as apostle Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:15-16):

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers....

This letter had such encouragement for our church that I had to share excerpts of it with you. The full letter from Pastor Andy is above the drinking fountain at church, next to the Welcome Area.

The current pandemic brought on by the COVID-19 virus has unleashed untold upheavals and interruptions and displacements in all

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our lives, of one kind or another. Our Seventh Day Baptist Churches have experienced varying degrees of this catastrophe, and yet we can be supremely grateful because the hand of the Lord has been upon us extending mercy, grace, blessing and provision.

The Seventh Day Baptist Missionary Society extends its congratulations and profound gratitude to your church for being in the top five list of churches which gave the most towards the annual Global Missions award during the year. Funds received directly from the church, as well as from individual members of the church, were counted towards the total.

You did not allow the pandemic to dampen your generosity or cripple your active engagement in helping to meet the needs of others. May the Lord continue

to bless you abundantly in all your ministries, even as you continue to thrive in the pandemic.

What have we given to the Missionary Society?

Uganda: Almost \$7,000 has been given to Uganda this year for the SDB Church, orphans and refugee needs.

Other Funds: Approx. \$400 to United Relief (emergency fund for Tsunamis and other unexpected needs) and other church relief.

Church, you are amazing in your generosity in aiding our brothers and sisters in Christ around the globe, and to those who are hurting. They need you and you've overflowed with love and grace in your prayers and monetary giving.

Cross Conference

Because of COVID-19, the Cross Conference will be online this year.

Bethany and Micah Crandall and other young adults are in the planning stages to participate as a group in this young adult mission-focused conference at the end of this year. Contact them if you want more information: Bethany at bethany-graceupongrace@gmail.com or Micah at micahcran333@gmail.com

*A conference for 18-25 year-olds (High school seniors are welcome)
December 30 - January 2 <https://crossforthenations.org/>*



Koinonia 2020 by Julianna Crandall

On Thursday morning, July 30, 25 eager students, accompanied by 11 chaperones, set off on a very strange Koinonia Singers Trip. Among that rag-tag band of believers was myself, Julianna Crandall. Usually, we will practice for months before the trip, with about three weeks of everyday practices leading up to the trip. This year, we had two weeks in total. Combine that with the fact that we left in July for a trip that usually takes place in June, it seemed at first like this year's trip wouldn't be nearly as impactful. After all, what could happen in only seven days? A lot. At least, that's what our trusted director, Larry, told us in the days leading up to the Dress Rehearsal. We were pretty optimistic, but none of us could have predicted the ways God would move our hearts in that precious week.

The trip began a little strangely, as we didn't actually go anywhere for the majority of the first day. A large part of what makes Koinonia *Koinonia* is hopping on the bus and just *going*. But instead of undergoing an energetic and bumpy bus ride, we stayed at Camp Wakonda, the place where we had been rehearsing for the past two weeks and where we'd had our Dress Rehearsal the night before. Everything seemed far too familiar, lacking that exciting *Koinonia* shine that so often lingers in the air when traveling to new places.

That night, after a relatively uneventful (but still fun and special) day and performance in Sun Prairie, we all settled

down for the first nightly devo (A.K.A. devotional) of the trip. This is a tradition that Larry has maintained for many years. Every night, no matter how late it is or tired we are, we always crack open the Bible and our hearts for at least a few minutes. This night, Larry had something special prepared. He asked each of us to openly and honestly share where our hearts were at, and where we wanted them to be by the end of the trip. As we went around the circle, pouring out our souls to each other, the tone for the trip was set. Vulnerability, with each other and with God, became the overarching theme resonating in our hearts. That night, many wept, many rejoiced, others somewhere in between, but we all grew together.

As we made our way around the circle, my turn to share grew closer, and anxiety crept her way up my throat. I knew that, on that night, I wasn't capable of adopting the joyful persona I so often advertise to the world. Before I even spoke, there were tears in my eyes and fears in my heart. I was so



afraid of what my peers, my friends, would think of me if I wasn't happy, if I didn't have it all together. Yet somehow, with a courage that can only be explained as God's own,

I spoke the truth of my heart. I cried, and many cried with me and for me. That night was a turning point, not only on the trip, but also in my walk with God. Praise the Lord, He has continued to teach me to bare my soul before Him and His people since then.

Carissa Choi, a member of our youth group and first-year Koinonia Singer, shared her experience from the trip, "On that first day, I had been praying to be able to talk to someone new about the gospel and to be able to encourage them in Christ." She shared the story of a girl that she met in Sun Prairie before our performance. At first, she was standoffish, but the more Carissa talked to her, the more she opened up. "It was really cool to see her come out of her shell," she said, "By the end of the night, we were just walking around the church praising God. It was awesome." Carissa had many opportunities similar to this one throughout the trip. While describing all these amazing experiences to me, she said, "When you're walking around this world, it feels like,

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'I can't do this, I can't do that,' with talking to people about Christ. But on Koinonia, it feels like those boundaries just aren't there. Like you can encourage each other and people who come to shows through Christ without being afraid, and I think God really works through that." She continued on to share what God has been doing in her lately, "Since Koinonia, I've been seeing how God's working a lot more. When you go to youth group, they tell you all this amazing stuff about God, but you can't really understand until you go through it. On the trip I got to see a lot of how God works in big ways, but lately I've been noticing it in smaller ways, like when I go to school and band, which is really cool."

The trip was full of so many wonderful experiences like the ones Carissa described. I wish I could include the story of every individual's experience because the way God worked so intricately in our hearts during those seven days was truly incredible. Not only the tears we shed, but also the laughter we choked out while having the time of our lives made the trip so truly special. Sawyer Harris, church and youth group attendee, shared one of his favorite memories with me, "On Saturday when we were all playing mafia on the tubing trip. I wasn't feeling all that



great but it turned out to be a lot of fun." A lot of fun indeed. Saturday was the first day that we were able to travel somewhere that wasn't in the area. Our tubing adventure that day turned out to be a much longer loop than we expected, so in an effort to entertain ourselves, a few of us started the most strange and intricate game of mafia that I have ever played. God taught us vulnerability on the trip, but He also taught us the importance of laughter and joy.

Sawyer also shared what the Lord did in His heart on the trip, "I would say that He really started to open my heart and help me to use it and love Him with it." Amen! A short but powerful testimony of God's goodness. The Lord did this not only in Sawyer, but in each one of us. Through so many different instances, He was opening our hearts to Him and teaching us to love Him more and more. A particularly notable example of this would be Saturday night during our nightly devo. This night happened to mark halfway through the trip. So, Lucas Koepke, Andrew Hegle, and Sawyer, who were in charge of the devo that night, decided that it was a good time to check in on the goal we set for our-



selves at the beginning of the trip. Were our hearts where we wanted them to be? Were they any different than the first night? We didn't go all the way around the circle like we did on Thursday, simply because many of us were too excited and had too much to share. It was a wonderful discussion, and many of our shyer peers were being bold enough to share their hearts with the rest of us.

Just as we were about to close in prayer and hit the sack, Jordan Dutcher expressed that she felt a strong pull from the Lord to ask if anybody needed prayer. I had been sitting in silence for most of the devo, ruminating the question of where my heart was at. What I had found was very distressing to me—I didn't seem to be feeling anything towards God at all. My heart wasn't open and vulnerable like it had been the first night; it felt cold, like it was made of stone. I felt broken, unsure of how to let God take control. When those words left Jordan's mouth, my first thought was, *It's me*. But someone else started to speak just as I opened my mouth. And someone else spoke after her. And another after her. And soon there was a whole group of us who

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GIFTS Men's Shelter *by Beau Gilmore*

Life at the GIFTS shelter continues to be kept low key. There are 6 guests staying right now, with the numbers not expected to grow quickly. The biggest news is the excitement over the opening of the thrift store sometime in October. GIFTS is looking for volunteers in a number of positions at the store. If you are interested in volunteering go the GIFTS Facebook page or call the office.

We are going to be providing meals for the week of Oct 5th.

We will not be serving the meals each night. There also will not be any overnight stays that week. This seems to be the pattern that most churches are taking during this period. If there is someone who would like to provide a meal on their own any other time, please give me a call and I can get that set up.

During this difficult time lets not forget the men in the GIFTS ministry in our prayers.

GIFTS: October 5 – 8

It's our church's turn again to assist the Men's homeless shelter in Janesville. Please sign up to donate food for the meal at the Welcome Center or email the church office. Food items have to be dropped off at church on/by Saturday, October 3rd by noon.

Thank you to Pam Adams for leading the meal preparation again.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party

Even amidst COVID-19, the need for children all around the world to hear the gospel is still there. So... The packing party right around the corner...

Saturday afternoon, November 7th. The packing tables will be spaced throughout the church in order to socially distance people in filling their shoeboxes. Hand sanitizer will be provided and people are asked to wear masks. Time to be determined.

We are behind on our collection of items. As you see deals online or start to get out to stores more, ramp up your purchases of toys and fun items to pack those boxes full for children around the world this Christmas. Drop items off at church in the trunk on the back stairwell.

Priority Items Needed:

- Stuffed animals, 6 to 8 inches and other smallish toys
- Bars of soap (mild, not too strongly scented) and washcloths
- Toothbrushes
- Misc hygiene items: dental floss, small tissues, band-aids, lip balms, nail clippers, nail files
- School supplies: Scissors, Pencil Sharpeners, Rulers, Glue sticks, Crayons, Markers, Colored pencils
- Kid's Clothing: small, medium or large socks, shirts, hats/caps, mittens
- Kids size masks
- Soccer balls, Size 4: <https://tinyurl.com/yydaohx7>
- Or kickballs, any color: <https://tinyurl.com/y5cco2v>



We will be unable to collect items from the Awana kids this year so your help is greatly appreciated!

Muench Missionaries for Jesus



Zac Muench sharing fellowship and Jesus with skaters.

Each week Zac and the Barcelona Youth With a Mission staff pray for God to send skaters – this day they prayed and 12 people showed up! Here’s the story of one of them: The guy farthest to the upper left is Lesli, from the Netherlands. He has been in Barcelona for 2 and a half months but has hit some really hard times lately: becoming homeless, low on money, damaging his knee. He joined for prayer and we spent the morning talking to him, got him a coffee, and shared our stories and listened to his. He found a place with some Brazilians for now, but please be praying for him. He’s open to God, but also exploring Islam. He wants evidence. Please be praying for his salvation.

Please pray for all of us at Barcelona as we search for a new place to rent. Pray for the Lord to provide the funds we need!

Zac

Nathaniel asks for our prayers as his life transitions. Please pray for:

- Marriage – all the technical paperwork, as well as renovating our future apartment.
- Skate Ministry – Help me focus and not slack off in investing my time and energy serving the skate scene in Germany and across Europe. There are so many opportunities and events coming up before winter sets in.
- My health – I’m still struggling with stomach issues and a lot of anxiety about the slow healing process.
- Financial support – With all the expenses related to making a home for my bride, it’s all a bit overwhelming! I need wisdom as well as money! Thank you all for your generosity.

And your prayers! It’s going to be a wild month of October!

Nathaniel



Nathaniel cycling across Germany into France and Luxembourg – 4 days, 360 miles – including the opportunity to visit others doing skate ministry in Germany.



Nathaniel at the Wittenberg Door!

Exciting Library News *by Renee Sanford*

Library users – we need your patience! We're integrating books from Bethel Baptist Church in Janesville, so we're moving things around. We'd provide details – but it's rather like construction season – lane changes (ok, shelf changes) will be different a week from now – and again a week after that.

When everything's done, we'll have twice as many fiction books as we had before, and a much better children's area. If you don't find what you're looking for in the Library itself, check in the Grow Group Room next door - or ask Janet for help. Also, if you find a book with no library check-out card,

just leave us a note. We decided to get the books on the shelves and spend the time making out the cards a little further along the line.



Collision has continued to meet over the summer at Camp Wakonda, and it's been awesome! We will continue to meet weekly from 6:36 to 8:08 p.m. at Camp throughout the school year. This will allow Awana to spread out at church. Of course, we know everything is subject to change at a moment's notice!

We are planning to do a pizza and invite-a-friend night once a month. If you are in 7-12th grades, we want to see you!

Call the church office for a schedule and registration form.

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needed to be prayed for. Eventually, I requested prayer for myself as well. But in that moment, I was reminded that God's intricate plan does not revolve around me. Seeing the way that just one person asking a simple question brought so many of my friends to ask for prayer for their needs, their hurt, their struggles with sin, was amazing. The night ended with almost everyone in tears, praising the Lord for the work He was doing in us. Once again, God was teaching us the importance of vulnerability, with Him and with each other.

These are just a few highlights of a complex and incredibly spiritually nourishing trip. I thank God for the opportunity, not only to go on the trip, but also to find Him outside of the trip. God moves in big, fantastical gestures, but He also moves in small, precious moments in our everyday lives. He's been teaching me to seek Him, not just in the joy inexpressible, not just in the sorrow unimaginable, but in the mundane. I pray this for our church family, that we may all pursue Him daily, just as He so passionately does us. God bless.



Vaccines *by Barb Green, Parish Nurse*

There is a lot of talk about vaccines in the news these days as we eagerly await the discovery of one for COVID-19. We are also reminded daily of the need to get a flu shot. Vaccines are biological preparations that provide active acquired immunity to a particular infectious disease. Typically, it contains an agent that resembles the disease-causing organism in a weakened or killed form of the microbe, its toxins or one of its surface proteins. A lot of testing is done before a vaccine is considered safe to use. Once those hurdles are over, a vaccine is considered a safer substitute to a person's first exposure to a disease than the disease itself, preventing diseases that can be dangerous or deadly.

In today's world there are more than 20 life-threatening diseases that can be prevented by vaccination. These include: chickenpox, smallpox, Hepatitis A and B, measles, meningitis, mumps, pneumonia, polio, rotavirus, rabies, yellow fever, typhoid, tetanus and shingles.

Smallpox and measles are among the oldest diseases infecting humans evolving from animals thousands of years ago. One of the first recorded attempts at developing a vaccine occurred in China during a smallpox outbreak. Scabs from the smallpox sores were ground up and blown into the nostrils or scratched into the skin. Over the years epidemics of various diseases have occurred all over the world in-

cluding smallpox, yellow fever, whopping cough, typhoid, cholera and more. At that time no one really knew what caused disease. The first effective smallpox vaccine was discovered by Edward Jenner in 1796. In 1855 Massachusetts became the first state to mandate smallpox vaccination for school children.

The Civil War was the last large-scale military conflict before the germ theory of disease was discovered. Two thirds of the deaths in this war were due to uncontrolled infectious disease. Of 67,000 cases of measles among the soldiers, 4,000 died.

Although most do not remember the flu pandemic of 1918-1919 which killed so many people, some of you are old enough to remember the days of quarantine signs on doors of homes that had someone ill with scarlet fever or other contagious disease. Others who grew up in the 1940's and 50's remember polio epidemics. It was a terrible disease sometimes resulting in paralysis of muscles including muscles of respiration. Children and adults were confined to Iron Lungs, huge machines that breathed for them. Many died. Today people still suffer from the consequences of this disease which has left them with post-polio syndrome. Jonas Salk's polio vaccine was licensed in 1955 and Sabin's in 1960 leading to the announcement in 1994 that polio was considered eradicated in the world. Cases of wild polio virus

still do exist but often in third world countries where vaccines are not readily available or there is local fear of them.

With autumn fast approaching, influenza will be making an appearance. This year it will be complicated by the presence of COVID-19 which may well be with us for quite some time. Flu season usually lasts from October through February but may extend into May. Symptoms of flu and of COVID can be similar. Only diagnostic testing can tell for sure. Two other diseases common in winter are the common cold and RSV (respiratory syncytial virus) which affects young children and those over 65. It is important to take note of any respiratory illness and get treatment from your health care provider. Vital to your health is getting a flu shot. September and October are the optimal months for these but later is still okay. Despite beliefs to the contrary you cannot get the flu from the vaccine as it contains only dead virus. Flu can cause serious illness and death; so can COVID. Getting both diseases at once would undoubtedly be fatal.

Scientists who have gone before us have provided us with a potentially healthier world than people had even 100 years ago. Getting a flu shot protects you and those around you. Don't neglect to get yours soon.



Bulletin Board

- 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*
- 12 Henry Lubke
- 13 *Morgan & Kate Shepard*
- 15 Brenda Hamm
- 19 Ellie Greene
- 20 Collin Green
- 20 Brian Payne
- 21 Sam Greene
- 22 *Jeremy & Melissa Lade*
- 23 Patricia Thorngate
- 25 Mary Ellen Steinke
- 26 Rick Mullen
- 26 Sydnee Bush
- 27 *Warren & Grace Nickel*
- 26 *Collin & Shelly Perry*
- 28 Lynnette Millard
- 30 Kathy Crandall
- 31 *Leroy & Janette Loofboro*
- 31 Renee Sanford
- 31 Natalie Kersten
- 31 Zachary Muench

Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.
<https://www.youtube.com/theconnectingchurch>

We are also posting links to the song lyrics and sermon notes on our website:
<http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline>

Group Meetings via zoom

Event	Day	Time	Host
Men's Study	Mon.	8:30 p.m.	Pastor Nate
Ladies Sit 'n Sip	Tues.	9:00 a.m.	Janet Butler
Men's Study	Weds.	6:30 a.m.	Pastor Nate (meeting at Sharla's)
Ladies Study	Weds.	9:30 a.m.	Renee Sanford
Ladies Study	Thurs.	9:30 a.m.	Pastor Liz
Grow Group	Sat.	9:00 a.m.	Linda Lyke, Shanny Snyder, Melissa Lade

Contact the event host listed or the church office for information.

Focus on Funds	
as of August 31, 2020	
General Fund Balance	\$12,968.68
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$67,099.18
August Undesignated Inc.	\$16,259.05
August Total Income	\$20,391.70
August Expenses	\$23,288.17
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 8,673.00

Capital Campaign Update	
As of August 31, 2020	
Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$64,424.74
Total Expenses	\$60,655.42
Fund Balance	\$ 6,274.32


Capital Campaign News

The outside masonry work on the bell tower and CE wing has been completed and the bills have been paid. *We are excited to say that even with the heavy rains this past month, no water is leaking in these areas. Now it's time to repair the inside walls!*

If you feel led to fill one of the envelopes still on the wall, just mail your check to the Church.

Envelopes available through September are: \$32, \$33, \$34, \$64, \$65, \$66, \$67, \$69, \$71, \$72, \$83, \$84, \$85, \$86, \$89, \$91, \$92, \$102, \$103, \$104, \$106, \$107, \$108, \$119, \$120, \$121, \$122, \$123, \$124, \$125, \$126, \$127, \$128, \$129, \$138, \$139, \$141, \$142, \$143, \$144, \$145, \$146, \$147, \$157, \$158, \$159, \$160, \$161, \$163, \$164, \$165, \$166, \$167, \$179, \$181, \$182, \$183, \$184, \$185, \$186.

October 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			October Scripture Memory Verse – And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. 1 Peter 5:10			
Sabbath Sunset Times October 2 6:33 p.m. October 3 6:31 p.m. October 9 6:21 p.m. October 10 6:19 p.m. October 16 6:10 p.m. October 17 6:08 p.m. October 23 5:59 p.m. October 24 5:57 p.m. October 30 5:49 p.m. October 31 5:48 p.m.				1 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom	2	3 9:00 Grow Group – zoom 10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and Livestream
4	5 8:00 TOPS – Library 7:30 Men's Bible Study – zoom	6 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip – zoom	7 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom 6:25 Awana 6:36 Collision – Camp Wakonda	8 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom	9	10 9:00 Grow Group – zoom 10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and Livestream
Meals at GIFTS Mon. – Thurs.						
11	12 8:00 TOPS – Library 7:30 Men's Bible Study – zoom	13 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip – zoom	14 6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom 6:25 Awana 6:36 Collision – Camp Wakonda	15 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom	16	17 9:00 Grow Group – zoom 10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and Livestream
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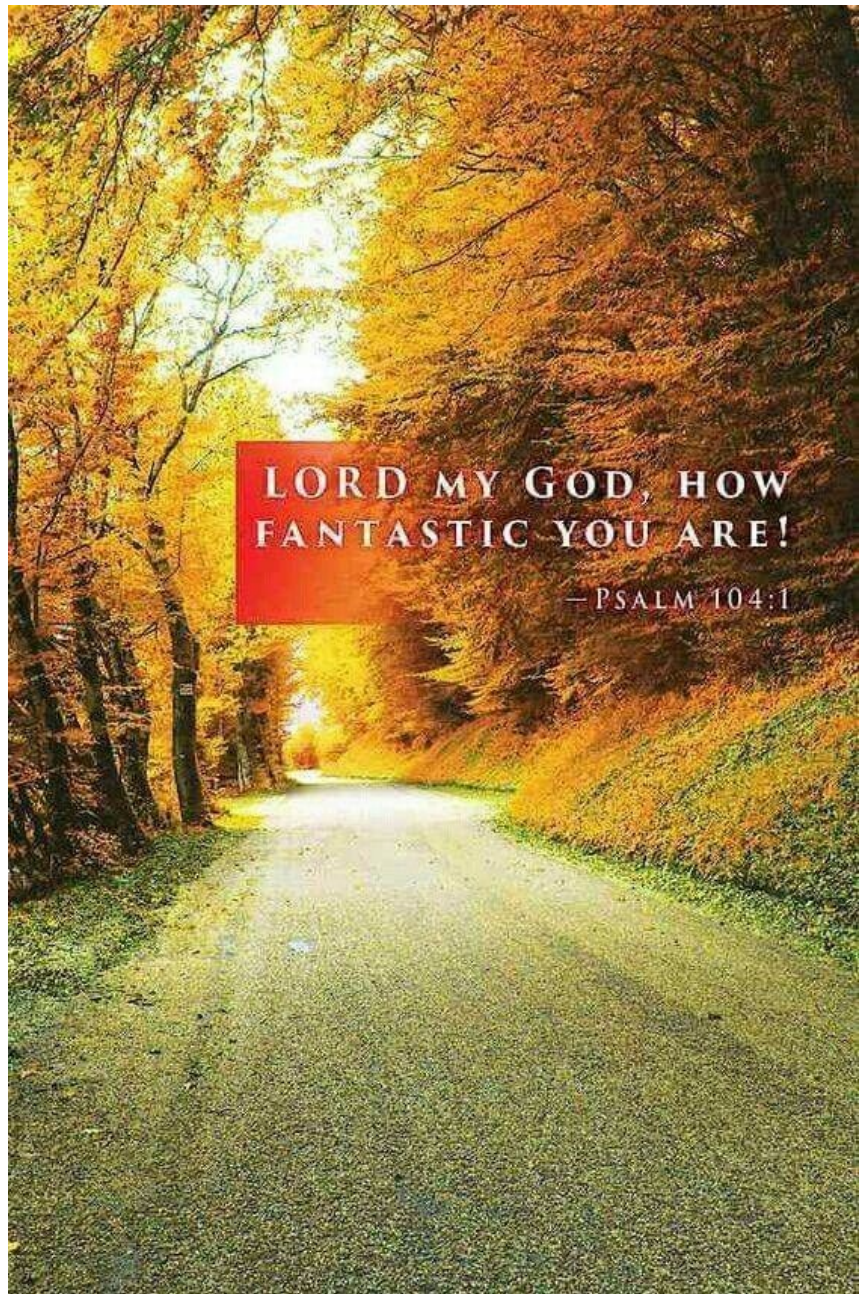
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LORD MY GOD, HOW
FANTASTIC YOU ARE!

— PSALM 104:1