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We connect people to Jesus and help God change their lives.



Milton Members Featured in National Virtual SDB Conference Week 2021

July 25-31

Throughout the week, we get to soak in President Kevin Butler's theme "Restored for a Purpose." *"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

Bible studies, led by our own Pastor Nate Crandall, and messages given by SDB pastors across the USA and Canada will center on God's purposes for us and how we can enjoy His restoration.

Seminars on Monday, Wednesday and Friday will focus on God's purposes for us in sharing His grace and glory through our public witness. These will be led by our 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations facilitators, Linda Lyke, Shanny Snyder and Melissa Lade.



The Tuesday, Thursday seminars will be led by Pastor Nick Kersten telling the story of SDBs from 350 years ago in Newport RI to today. And on Sabbath, July 31st, Pastor Carl Greene will give the morning message.

An offering will be taken on Sabbath, specifically for our SDB General Conference to ensure that we live out our collective purpose together as a Conference of churches. Designate "Conf. Offering" on your check.

Register at
www.seventhdaybaptist.org/conferenceweek2021/

You will get a confirmation email and then another email the week before the events with the link to attend. These events will not be on other social media platforms. Registration is free but donations are accepted.

Sunday, July 25 Central Time
Opening Worship 7:00 p.m.

Monday- Friday, July 26-30
Prayer, Bible Study and Historical Vignette 9:00 a.m.
Seminar 1:00 p.m.
Worship 7:00 p.m.

Sabbath, July 31
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Awards 3:00 p.m.
2022 President Address 7:00 p.m.

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Refugee Pencil Boxes – Service Opportunity

In our ongoing partnership with Devon Oasis, we are packing pencil boxes with much needed school supplies for the Rohingya children in Milwaukee. Come pack pencil boxes full of school supplies directly after church on Saturday, July 24. School supplies will already have been purchased – do not bring your own.

When? Saturday, July 24, directly after church.

Pack for half hour.

Who can help? Men, women and children – 150 boxes to pack.

Where? In the **Fellowship Hall**, lower level at church.

Thank you to Lynnette Millard for “super shopping” for the items and to Tara Rotzoll for de-packaging and organizing the supplies and set up for our event.



It's Lunch Time – One Apple Lunch Bunch, That is!

by Angie Mullen

Once again we have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus right here in the Milton Community as we prepare and serve lunches to Milton area children this summer. The One Apple Lunch Bunch program, sponsored by the Milton United Methodist Church, relies on volunteers from many community organizations to prepare and serve lunches to kids during the summer when the school district's free and reduced lunch program is not being served. Many families rely on this service to help them provide food for their families. Our church has partnered with this group for several summers now. The time commitment to serve is small, but the impact on families is significant.

This year we will be preparing and **handing out lunches Aug. 9 – 12th, Mon. thru Thurs.** (Thurs. lunches include enough for Friday, too). Lunches will be given out in 2 locations this year – North Goodrich Park and Lamar Park. Our church family will need volunteers each of these 4 days to feed the children.

10:00-11:15 – 2 people to prepare and pack the lunches Milton United Methodist Church

11:30-12:00 – 2 people at North Goodrich Park to hand out lunches

12:15-12:45 – 2 people at Lamar Park to hand out lunches 2 people could do all 3 jobs in one day, if they are available, or we can split up work. Whatever works best for you!



Watch for the sign up in the Welcome Center or contact Angie Mullen right now to sign up for your desired spot! Angie's email is asmullen92@gmail.com or call/text her at 608-295-6484. Not only will you be helping the children in Milton, but you will also get the chance to connect with a fellow church family member that you are working alongside with that day! We hope you have the chance to join us for the One Apple Lunch Bunch this year.

Summer Prayer Focus – Lift Our Prayer Higher

By Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

At our Wednesday morning ladies Bible study we've reached 1 Chronicles. As we studied the 16th chapter, the Holy Spirit convicted us of how self-centered we were in our thanks. Our prayers of thanksgiving tend to focus on God's blessings – our families, our homes, our health, our jobs, our community, our country, our salvation, our home in heaven. Wonderful blessings! Thank you, Jesus!!!!

What would happen if we concentrated on being more God-focused?

The passage we were studying challenged God's people to

- Call Upon His Name
- Make known His deeds
- Sing to Him, Sing praise to Him
- Glory in His holy name
- Seek the LORD always
- Remember the wonders He has done

- Remember His promises
- Proclaim His salvation
- Declare His Glory among the nations
- Worship the LORD in the splendor of His Holiness
- Rejoice, the LORD reigns
- Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever.

Now these people were going through tough times – rebuilding the temple, rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem, while being mocked and attacked.

Whoa! So we accepted the challenge – and thanked the LORD for

- His wondrous works
- His everlasting mercy
- His work of salvation – the good news
- His holiness, goodness, and beauty

And it was, well, it was uplifting. The shift in focus put all our other blessings in perspective.

So, this summer, let us lift up our thanksgiving and praises, thanking God for who He is and the wondrous works He has done and is doing. Magnify the LORD!

You can pick up a "31 Ways to Praise" Prayer Card at Church. And, ladies, our Wednesday Bible Study is 9:30 in the morning on zoom or in person at my house. Contact the church for details! We would love to have you join us.



Ladies Sit 'n Sip will be stopping our zoom meetings and gathering in person a couple times this summer. Let's meet at Sharla's at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 13th and August 19th for fellowship and sharing life!

Contact the church office if you have questions.



Canceled

We will not be holding our annual rummage sale this year due to lack of leadership.

We are hoping for next year!

The 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations

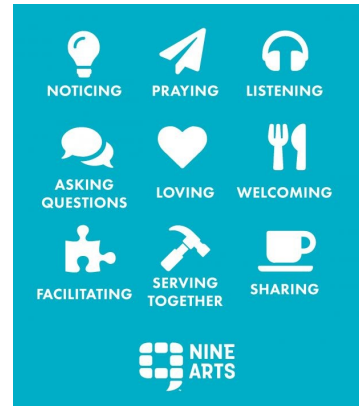
Jesus as well as his disciples, were intentional in engaging spiritual seekers and walking with them on the discipleship journey. Using Jesus' example, these 9 Arts open doors for drawing spiritual seekers to Christ.

You can think of the nine arts in groups of three:

Getting Ready: Noticing, Praying, Listening

Getting Started: Asking Questions, Loving, Welcoming

Keeping It Going: Facilitating, Serving Together, **Sharing***



*Featured Art: The Art of Sharing by Linda Lyke

In this newsletter, we share our last Art, the Art of Sharing. We have been on a journey together, and it is exciting to see how God works through us as we press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus. In this case, our goal is to share Christ with others through applying these simple 9 Arts, following Jesus' example.

We desire to share our faith in Jesus because we genuinely care about people and know that Jesus can meet their deepest need. Luis Palau's research shows that 75% of all those who come to Christ do so through a relationship with a Christian friend, relative or coworker.

When we've been intentional and prayerful in building relationships with people who are different from us, God gives us empathy for them. Do you have a heart for the lost? If not, ask God for that. If you care deeply for them, you don't want them separated eternally from God.

Scripture related to this is from 1 Peter 3:15 *But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.*

An important part of sharing faith with spiritual seekers is to be aware of how God might be at work in their current circumstances. They may trust you enough to open up about a health issue, a problem at work, or a difficult relationship. And while you may have both a listening ear and wise counsel for those issues, you can also share, if the Spirit leads you, about how God has met a similar need in your life. Share simply, honestly, and transparently.

I challenge you, in the next two days, set aside at least 5 minutes to reflect on the

question, "How has knowing God changed my life?" Spend time praising God for each item on your list.

Then pray and look for an opportunity to share one of the reasons on your list with an unbelieving friend this week. Don't force it; pray for God to open up that opportunity.



Within my own faith story are smaller stories. And all of our faith stories has a mini gospel explanation within it. For example, I was a Catholic for the first 40 some years of my life. My belief was that I was going to heaven because I was a good person and because I did good things. However when I started coming to this church and started reading the Bible regularly, I read the book of John. In John, it says over and over that the only way to eternal life (knowing Jesus) is through a GIFT – accepting

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The Art of Sharing, *continued*

Jesus and following him. So because I know many people who still think the “old way” – they’ll go to heaven because they are good people – I have been able to share the gospel through how God changed my thinking of faith as a gift, not through anything I did.

So what has God done for you? Because our Savior Jesus died for our sins, we should be spilling over into sharing our

stories. Maybe we're not there yet. Take small steps.

My friend Renee explains it this way. When we learn to ride a bike, we practice over and over, and we get better. Do we do the same with spiritual efforts like the Great Commission? Do we practice these 9 Arts? The 9 Arts are: Noticing people, praying for people, listening to them, asking questions, loving them,

welcoming, facilitating, serving together and sharing? So we need to PRACTICE these things. They don't come naturally. Shanny, Melissa and I encourage you to continue to put into practice these simple ways to share faith. No guilt, no shame, just simple steps forward. It's been a joy to walk out these 9 Arts with you!

Follow Up to Missions Month *by Linda Lyke, Outreach Coordinator*

With each church service in June featuring a focus on Missions, we reviewed how God has touched our church uniquely with specific tasks in the Great Commission, making disciples of all nations.

Remember that one third of all people in the world still are without access to the Bible, the Church and other believers. Many have still never heard the saving name of Jesus.

With the pinpoint focus that God is giving our church in missions, here are ways to help in the near future –
Serve, Pray and Give:

Serve:

Pack pencil boxes with school supplies for refugee children on July 24. See the page 2 article with details.

Pray:

Join us in prayer each Thursday morning from 7AM to 8AM on Zoom. Come for part of the time or the whole time.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83307310461?pwd=WFVCTGdNcDc5eWorTzJWQzY3NEExpZz09>

Pray for the Rohingya around the world to know Jesus. And for our church's particular role with the Rohingya

Pray for the SDB Churches in Uganda who are grieving the death of their leader, Pastor Daniel. Please keep his wife and children in your prayers also.

Give:

Choose to support one of our church missionaries. See our web site for details: <http://theconnecting.church/missionaries/>
Pencil boxes are \$5 per box, and we are packing 150 boxes. Donate \$20 for 4 boxes or whatever amount you feel called to give.



Kwik Trip Cards for Gas and Inside the Stores

Our church supported missionaries work continues and the proceeds benefit from your purchase of Kwik Trip cards supports our Outreach Fund which supports our missions and outreach efforts.

Call ahead to our church office to purchase the cards.

News from Q Place Missionary Jan Teat

In a year when people have struggled so deeply, what a joy to multiply Christians who are reaching out to people who don't yet know the good news of Jesus.

After **Iain** came to the first session of my current Q Place Coaching group, he asked two fellow workers to join him for the rest of the training. Iain is a pastor and a regional facilitator for the Salvation Army Church in the United Kingdom, and he believes our training and equipping can help their ministry reach many more in the UK!

Gordon went through my coaching group that finished up in March. Then he recommended Q Place Coaching to the youth leaders at his church in Ontario. I was excited to tell him about fruitful Q Place groups with high school students—in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Alaska.

Roger and Jon from the Detroit area also finished my Q Place Coaching Group in March. As Navigator staff, they are mentoring businessmen in Ohio and in Metro Detroit to start new workplace groups using the Q Place approach and materials. Roger and Jon envision getting at least 20



workplace groups started by the end of the year! Not only that, but Jon is working with a pastor and his wife to bring Q Place training to people in metropolitan Mexico City, a city of 30 million people.

Two new Q Places are starting in June from those who had trained in my January-March Coaching group. Becky starts a group with her pastor and his wife on June 9th in Kansas. Mike, George, and Anna start their new Q Place group on June 13th in Maine.

Linda, Melissa and Shanny (from your church) were in my Q Place coaching group in 2017. They have started a new Q Place group every

year since! They have also trained others in their church in the 9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations practices developed by Q Place. And now the SDB denomination has invited them to present the 9 Arts at their July conference! I will also be presenting the 9 Arts at a denominational conference in July!

I love this ministry of multiplying disciple-makers! What a joy it is to multiply harvest workers like Iain, Gordon, Roger, John, Becky, Mike, George, Anna, Linda, Melissa and Shanny – who are meeting people where they are and helping them open up to the Bible and the message of Jesus. Through your prayers and partnership, you are making the multiplication possible!

In Christ's love, Jan Teat

2021 Operation Christmas Child July/August Items



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

July & August:

School Supplies: pens/pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, crayons, markers, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, small coloring / picture / sticker books, erasers, dry paint sets, scissors, glue sticks, stamps/ink pads

WOW Items (fun special gifts): small cars, small dolls, small stuffed animals, small toys (puppets, trucks, small etch-a-sketch), kazoos / harmonica, yo-yos / slinkys, small lego kits, play doh, small games, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), flash-lights, musical instruments, playing cards, glow sticks



- 3 Steve Gincer
- 6 Ken Johnson
- 6 Jackie Geske
- 7 Janet Butler
- 10 Frank Green
- 13 Linda Gilmore
- 15 Stephen Thorngate
- 16 Ellie Lubke
- 21 Scott Buchanan
- 22 Nick & Brittany Kersten
- 22 Nate & Michelle Crandall
- 24 Silas Geske
- 25 Jon & Sue Cruzan
- 30 Frank Perrino

- 1 Deirdre Camenga
- 3 Frank & Deb Perrino
- 6 Connie Fisher
- 9 Chris Gallegos
- 13 Teresa Kersten
- 19 Neil & Katie Lubke
- 20 Hayden Rotzoll
- 20 Robin & Brian Bliese
- 23 Lance Call
- 28 Carl Greene
- 29 Eric & Deirdre Camenga

Bulletin Board

Capital Campaign Update

As of May 31, 2021	
Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$77,175.35
Transfer from Memorial Fund Cash Fund	\$8,250
Total Expenses	\$87,243.81
Fund Balance	\$ 686.54

If you feel led to make a donation to the Capital Campaign or take one of the envelopes still on the money wall, just mail your check to the Church.



Envelopes available: \$69, \$71, \$72, \$74, \$75, \$76, \$83, \$84, \$86, \$89, \$91, \$92, \$93, \$94, \$106, \$107, \$108, \$111, \$112, \$113, \$114, \$119, \$120, \$121, \$122, \$123, \$124, \$125, \$126, \$127, \$128, \$129, \$130, \$131, \$132, \$133, \$138, \$139, \$141, \$142, \$143, \$144, \$145, \$146, \$147, \$149, \$152 = \$5,396.

Focus on Funds

as of May 31, 2021

General Fund Balance	\$11,851.65
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$66,612.42
May Undesignated Income	\$15,510.68
May Total Income	\$21,127.77
May Expenses	\$20,346.40
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 4,545.00

July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
							
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	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"> Sabbath Sunset Times July 2 8:37 p.m. July 3 8:37 p.m. July 9 8:35 p.m. July 10 8:34 p.m. July 16 8:31 p.m. July 17 8:30 p.m. July 23 8:25 p.m. July 24 8:24 p.m. July 30 8:17 p.m. July 31 8:16 p.m. </div>		<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Vacation Bible School – Monday – Friday 12:30 – 3:30 at Camp Wakonda </div>				9:00 Sabbath School – zoom & Room 6 10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube
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<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">  </div> Parade Viewing/ Potluck Picnic at 116 W. Madison Ave.	8:00 TOPS – Library		6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom			10:30 Worship & Communion – Sanctuary and YouTube	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Intermediate Camp – Monday, 4:00 p.m. – Saturday, 9:00 a.m. </div>							
	9:00 Softball – Dawson Field, East						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	8:00 TOPS – Library	9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip – Sharla's	6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom			10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube	
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	6:00 Softball – Dawson Field, South						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	8:00 TOPS – Library		6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom			10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube	
	7:00 Softball – Dawson Field, East						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
	8:00 TOPS – Library		6:30 Men's Bible Study – Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study – zoom			10:30 Worship – Sanctuary and YouTube	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> Virtual SDB Conference – Sunday, 7:00 p.m. – Sabbath, 7:00 p.m. </div>							
	9:00 Softball – Dawson Field, West						

August 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
1	2 8:00 TOPS - Library 8:00 Softball - Dawson Field, East	3	4 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom 6:36 Collision	5	6	7 10:30 Worship - Sanctuary and YouTube
8 Palmer/Bush Wedding	9 8:00 TOPS - Library 6:00 Softball - Dawson Field, South	10 9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Sharla's	11 6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's & zoom 9:30 Women's Bible Study - zoom	12	13	14 10:30 Worship and Communion - Sanctuary and YouTube
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> One Apple Lunch Bunch - Monday - Thursday </div>						
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29	30 8:00 TOPS - Library	31				
<div style="border: 1px solid green; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Sabbath Sunset Times August 6 8:09 p.m. August 7 8:07 p.m. August 13 7:59 p.m. August 14 7:58 p.m. August 20 7:48 p.m. August 21 7:47 p.m. August 27 7:37 p.m. August 28 7:35 p.m. </div>						



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Rejoice

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all ye lands....For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; and his
truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 100:1, 5



Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.

Go to <http://TheConnectingChurch/WorshipOnline> for the link.

We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.

If you prefer, you can go directly to <https://www.youtube.com/theconnectingchurch>