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



Heritage Sabbath is October 30th

by Pastor Nate Crandall

Every year in the fall around the birthday of our church we celebrate Heritage Sabbath both in gratitude for what God has done in our past and in faith for the heritage the Lord is building in us for the future. This year's Heritage Sabbath will take place on October 30th. The theme for this year is spiritual leadership.

What is a spiritual leader? There are all kinds of leaders in the world, but one of the common traits for a leader is that someone is following them. Spiritual leaders don't need to have a leadership role or a title or even to be recognized by very many people as a spiritual leader. They are simply ordinary people who because they follow Jesus have qualities that are worthy of being imitated.

The apostle Paul gets to this idea when writing to Timothy. He told him to, ***“Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.”*** (2 Timothy 1:13) Notice that Paul highlights both the pattern of sound words and the faith and love of Jesus. It's both Paul's understanding of the truth of God's Word in addition to Paul's lifestyle of trusting in Jesus and living out the love of Jesus.

Paul was a spiritual leader be-

cause he followed Jesus both in understanding the truth of God's Word and in living according to the truth of God's Word. That's what the heartbeat of every Jesus person should be! That's just being a disciple of Jesus!

The world around us in so many ways hasn't a clue about Jesus and how amazing it is to know him. I hope that you have in your heart a desire, from the Lord, to be a spiritual influence on both those who don't know him and on those who do know him. If we are all pointing each other to Jesus, that is going to be a powerful example of spiritual leadership in the world!

I hope you plan to take advantage of the events of Heritage Sabbath. There will be worship, fellowship, teaching, and some really good food. It is going to be a blessed time!!

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Friday Night, October 29:

7:00 pm – Healing and Restoration Service

Worship led by Aaron Andries; Speaker – Pastor Nate Crandall

Sabbath Day, October 30:

9:00 am – Spiritual Leadership Seminar – Pastor Andy Samuels

10:30 am – Worship Service

Worship led by Aaron Andries; Speaker - Pastor Andy Samuels

12:00 pm – Turkey Supper Fellowship Meal

2:00 pm – Spiritual Leadership Seminar – Pastor Andy Samuels

6:00 pm – Dinner Roundtable discussion – Work of the SDB Missionary Society – *Reservation required* for this roundtable

The Chosen – Sabbath School for Fall and Winter

Beginning October 9, at 9:00 a.m. we will be viewing and discussing the popular series **The Chosen**. Come and see what they saw. Digging deeper into the backstories and context of the people and events of the gospels, *Season One* of the #1 highest crowd-funded media project of all time introduces you to people such as Simon Peter, Nicodemus, Mary Magdalene, Matthew, and of course Jesus in a way never before seen on film. A charismatic fisherman drowning in debt. A troubled woman wrestling with real demons. A gifted publican ostracized by his family and his people. A religious leader struggling with his beliefs.

See how Jesus reaches each of these and more as He works His first miracles and embarks on His ministry to change the world. See Him through the eyes of those who met Him.

Each week we will see an episode and finish with discussion. We will be using the com-

panion book study guide **What does it mean to be Chosen?** which is available online, or sign up for a book in the Welcome Center or by contacting the church office. We will continue to meet in person, but also make the class available via Zoom. Facilitated by Pastor Liz and Pastor Nate.



A blast from the past! Turkey is back!

As we celebrate our Heritage on Sabbath, October 30, at noon, we will also be celebrating our long Heritage of Turkey Supper!

But this time, it is for US!

We invite you to come and enjoy a turkey lunch with all the trimmings following our service that day. We will provide the turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and corn. Please bring a salad or a pie to share with others if you are able to do so.

Let's party like it's Turkey Supper!!

Sign up for Pie or Salad in the Welcome Center or by contacting the church office.



Prayer Focus – Our Pastors and Leaders

by Renee Sanford, Prayer Coordinator

Our Father God blesses us with Godly leadership in our church! Day by day Pastor Nate and Pastor Liz follow Jesus. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they lead us in our spiritual journeys. Our church elders, Pastors Carl Greene and Nick Kersten support them with prayer, guidance and encouragement. They are joined by so many other dedicated leaders – outreach, Awana, Collision, prayer, communications, property

This month – pastor appreciation month – let us lift up our pastors and leaders – Father, for our current pastors and leaders, we ask that you

- ◆ Keep their eyes focused on Jesus!
- ◆ Let them rely on you and not on their own strength or understanding
- ◆ Grant them wisdom – let every step they take be guided by you
- ◆ Give them humility and the heart of a servant
- ◆ Let them not grow weary in doing good
- ◆ Bless their families with unity and love

- ◆ Meet their every need – financial, emotional and spiritual
- ◆ Strengthen their relationships with friends, family, the community and our church
- ◆ Continually grow their trust in you
- ◆ Encourage them in their struggles and sufferings
- ◆ Give them boldness in proclaiming your truth

Not only are we already blessed with amazing leadership, we can also see God preparing the next generation(s) of leaders. We pray for the future leadership of our church: LORD God, give our future leaders

- ◆ An ever-growing understanding of JESUS as the only way to salvation
- ◆ Conviction of SIN, leading to repentance and a commitment to righteous living
- ◆ Love for your WORD and the discipline to study, memorize and apply it
- ◆ Opportunities for training and understanding of your TRUTH
- ◆ A supernatural LOVE for



God and LOVE for people

- ◆ Guidance in the next steps to take in following you and serving your church

May our 2021 conference verse (1 Peter 5:10) resound in the lives of our present and future leaders as God himself restores, confirms and establishes them.

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

Let them be vibrant examples of your goodness as they respond by faith to life's ups and downs. May your glory be revealed in the leadership of our church! May it be a blessing to us and to our community – a shining beacon to draw unbelievers into your kingdom!

Global Day of Prayer for the Rohingya

Join us on Sunday morning, October 3 from 8 to 9 a.m. for the Global Day of Prayer for the Rohingya. We will be praying with a network of Christians around the world who work among and love the Rohingya on a live video format. Please contact Linda Lyke if you want to participate. The more the merrier! lykelinda@miltonsdb.org

Awana is Back and We're Bursting with Joy

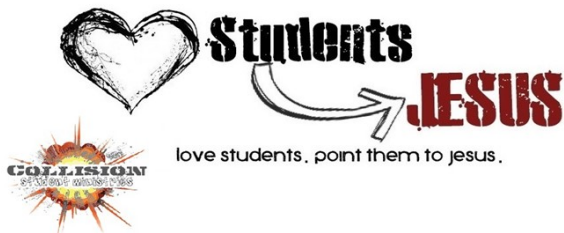
by Angie Mullen, Children's Ministry Director

God's ways are so much bigger or better than all we ask or imagine and he showed us this once again as our Awana club resumed on Sept. 15. You see, the pandemic had taken its toll last club year, just like it had in so many other places. While we were thrilled we were able to meet each week, the number of children attending had dipped below half of what we were used to. As we planned for this new year we knew of only 1 lone Cubbie (preschooler) who was planning on attending this coming year. We prayed for God to send him some friends; Cubbies isn't very fun when you're the only one! We hoped we could find

like maybe 4 friends for him. As the Cubbies filed in, some very excited, some a little shy, we counted them up. 1, 2, 3,7, 8, 9, TEN!!!! We had TEN Cubbies. And this is just the tip of the ice berg. We welcomed many, many new families and have 70+ children registered for our club again this year. We are so excited for what God has in store. He's brought these children here for a purpose and we are honored to be working alongside him as he works in their young lives.

With so many children, we are in **need of some extra adult hands and hearts** to meet with them. Do you have time

to share on Wed. nights? Come join us! We are in need of another leader or two people and we need substitutes – people willing to learn the roles and jump in when we need you! Please prayerfully consider how you might be able to help us share the Gospel with these 70 children and then contact Angie Mullen if God is nudging your heart. Angie can be reached at 608-295-6484 or asmullen92@gmail.com



Fall Recharge @ Camp Wakonda

WHEN: Friday, October 8th - Sunday, October 10th

Arrive at Camp Wakonda at 7:00 pm!

Pick-up will be at 10:00 am on Sunday morning.

COST: Nada! Zilch! \$0

Yes, there is no charge for the recharge!

WHERE: Camp Wakonda

10240 N Klug Rd, Milton, WI

INFO: Bring - Sleeping bag, pillow, Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc), Bible/Notebook/Pen, Friends

Don't Bring - Bad stuff

CONTACT: Pastor Nate: 608-322-8824

Return the signed permission slip by **Weds., Oct. 6th**!

October - Farmer's Market

6	Club
13	Club
20	Club
22/23	T & T Overnight – Camp Wakonda (tentative)
27	Club



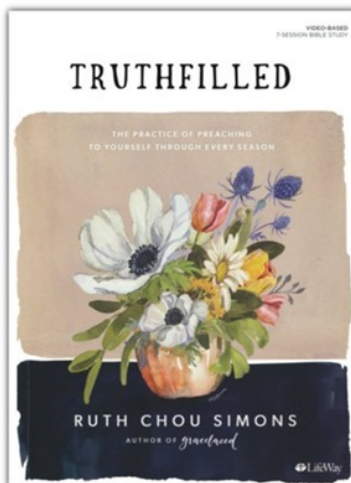
October

6	Collision
8-10	Recharge
13	Collision
20	Collision (Pizza –Invite a friend)
27	Collision Missions Moment – OCC

Ladies Thursday Bible Study Returns!

by Pastor Liz Green

We're back!! The Ladies Thursday Bible study is resuming on **Thursday mornings at 11 AM**, in Room 6 in the basement of the church, beginning **October 7**. Please note the new time and place! We don't plan to Zoom at this time, unless requested. We'd rather meet face-to-face, but please let Pastor Liz know if you want or need to Zoom.



Many of us want God's Word to dwell in us, but life can get in the way. We'd never intentionally write chapters of confusion, failure, loss, pain, conflict, or suffering into our stories.

No one plans to wrestle with her

identity in Christ, struggle to love her husband, or feel helpless in motherhood. Yet we often find ourselves in these seasons, struggling to embrace the gospel hope we need to fill our discouraged souls.

This study will help us to:

- Embrace what God says about us through a pattern of preaching the gospel to

our hearts in every season.

- Meet our trials and challenges with the truth of what is unchanging in Christ.
- Renew our heart and transform our mind by replacing self-talk with gospel truth.

A study book is available to purchase online called "Truthfilled" but is not required. If you would like us to order a book for you or have questions, please contact Pastor Liz at 608-289-3029 or pastorliz@miltonsdb.org.

Join us for a great time of study, sharing, and fellowship! We've missed being together!

We will be using the video study "**Truthfilled**" by Ruth Chou Simons on the practice of preaching to yourself through every season. Colossians 3:16 tells us to "**let the word of Christ dwell in you richly...**"

New Reading in the Children's Library!

Think of a child you know... one of your own, a grandchild, niece, nephew, neighbor or friend! One of the greatest gifts you can give a child, other than to teach them about Jesus, of course, is the gift of a love for reading. We're doing our best to help you give a child that gift by providing tools in our newly remodeled Children's Library.

Nearly all of the books found there will help children develop a love for Jesus, his teachings and a Biblical worldview. We have added several new,

up-to-date picture books to our collection. Here are some of the new things you will find:

- ◆ Ronnie Wilson's Gift by Francis Chan
- ◆ The Big Red Tractor and the little village by Francis Chan
- ◆ Quinn Says Goodbye by Christie Thomas
- ◆ Quinn's Promise Rock by Christie Thomas
- ◆ The Garden, The Curtain and the Cross by Carl Laferton
- ◆ What Happens When I Talk to God? By Stormie Omartian

- ◆ It Will Be Okay by Lysa TerKeurst
- ◆ Flashlight Night by Elisabeth Hasselbeck
- ◆ The Oak Inside the Acorn by Max Lucado
- ◆ The Boy and the Ocean by Max Lucado

Be sure to bring the kids you know to the new library or check out a book yourself to share with them!



Koinonia News *by Larry Schultz, Missionary*

Dear Friends in Christ,

*.....encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see
the Day drawing near.*
Hebrews 10:25

In these trying times it's good to hear some encouraging news. Considering the youth we work with here in the Koinonia Youth Ministries, here is some good news.

School has started which can be a challenge for many youth, but many youth here with us have taken it on as a positive challenge. One positive thing that arose to give opportunities for kids going back to school was a youth rally sponsored by a group of youth leaders from the area to help kids to start bible clubs in their schools. A representative from the National School Project came in to encourage the youth and provide kids resources to lead these bible meetings at their schools. At the rally there were students who stood to say they would

step up to be organizers and leaders in their schools.



The bible meetings will happen once a week and be student led; which is an exciting thing to see young people step up to be leaders in Christ. One of the groups started this morning in their school and the young leaders enthusiastically posted on their message page that there were 28 kids signed up to attend and more kids were going to attend remotely.

One of the young men who has been home schooled most of his life decided to go to public school, and also play football, is one of those leaders of a group already in his school. He said he went to the office to inquire about starting the bible club and found the advisors to help make it happen.

This is happening in about 6 to 8 schools in Rock County, so we ask that you pray for these kids and the schools that they are being Mini Missionaries to.

September 22 was the national event 'See You At The Pole' where youth all over the country circle around their flag poles to pray for their schools and the peers attending. Even though the event will have already happened by time you receive this letter, please pray that more time like this will happen in the future.

When things like these happen, we need to encourage each other with the good news and encourage each other that the Lord continues to accomplish His work in the lives of young people, and all people. Praise the Lord!!!

Lord Bless,
Larry



If you make purchases on Amazon, did you know you can designate a charity? You can designate Milton SDB Church to receive 0.5% of eligible purchases – no fees, no extra cost. Proceeds will go toward outreach and missions efforts.

If you are not already an AmazonSmile member, simply sign up at smile.amazon.com and select your favorite charity to start generating donations, at no cost to you. Designate Milton Seventh Day Baptist Church as your charity and each eligible order you place will make a donation to our church outreach fund.

2021 Operation Christmas Child October Items



We're getting close to our November 6 shoebox packing party! Supplies are much needed! If you don't like to shop or don't have time, monetary donations are welcomed! We have a Super Shopper, Lynnette Millard, who finds great deals on the shoebox items.

In October we are focusing on collecting:

Children's Clothing: caps, hats, gloves/mittens, scarves, socks, flip-flops, sandals, shoes, underwear, shirts

Hygiene Items (non-liquid): toothbrushes, dental floss, small tissues, mild bar soap, wash cloths, brushes/combs, lip balms, hair bows, clips or ties, girls' bling, girls' lipstick, compact mirrors.

All other OCC items are still needed: School supplies, children's clothing, hygiene items and small toys. Pick up a list to make kits or crafts for our OCC boxes. You can make these kits or crafts while watching TV, to earn volunteer hours for school, or just to do a service project with family or friends! A few of the ideas are knitting kids' size hats or mittens, making fishing or tool kits or clothes line kits, weaving friendship bracelets. Most of the ideas require very little supplies. These crafts items and kits will make a child somewhere around the world smile when they see your handiwork!

OCC Support Idea

If you are a member of Thrivent, you are eligible to apply for a \$250 grant that can be designated for Milton SDB's Operation Christmas Child mission project.

If you want more information contact Linda Lyke.

Cross Conference:

Young adults, take note!

The Cross Conference is set for Dec. 29, 2021 through January 1, 2022. The Cross Conference will be offered in two ways this year: in person in Louisville, Kentucky and virtual.

We are in the planning stages to participate as a group in this young adult mission-focused conference at the end of this year. Start praying about which young adults God is calling to participate.



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

Join John Piper, David Platt, and others for CROSS21. We gather to consider the most loving cause in the universe: making the name of Jesus known in every corner of the world.

Equipping followers of Christ to spend their lives for the spread of God's glory among all nations.

Bulletin Board

GIFTS Homeless Shelter:

Sign up at the Welcome Center for our church's week to serve at GIFTS, the men's homeless shelter – Oct 4th through 7th. Volunteers are needed to serve food, plus GIFTS is asking for two men or a married couple to stay over each of our nights, Monday through Thursday. If you signed up to donate food, bring the food to church by noon on October 2nd. Call the church office to sign up.



Focus on Funds

as of August 31, 2021

General Fund Balance	\$20,274.50
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$52,138.80
August Undesignated Income	\$14,103.35
August Total Income	\$17,321.73
August Expenses	\$25,778.40
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 6,745.30

1 Ernie Fisher	
4 Shelly Perry	
4 Caedmon Kersten	
6 Luke Greene	
7 Joe & Terry Michel	
9 Brandon & Kathy Crandall	
12 Henry Lubke	
15 Brenda Hamm	
19 Ellie Greene	
21 Sam Greene	
22 Jeremy & Melissa Lade	
23 Patricia Thorngate	
25 Mary Ellen Steinke	
26 Rick Mullen	
26 Sydnee Bush	
26 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	

To My Church Family *by Rick Mullen, Trustee*

I am writing to you on behalf of the Board of Trustees to give you an update on our capital campaign. Back at the beginning of 2019, the church voted to begin raising funds for necessary repairs on our church building. Thanks to your faithful giving we have been able to make many of the repairs and upgrades. The bell tower roof was replaced. The education wing masonry was repaired and repainted. The new bathroom was added, which included updates to the hallway and drinking fountain. We were able to update the lighting systems throughout the church to cost-saving LED lights. There are additional projects that need to be completed - the re-plastering of the

bell tower stairway and in the kitchen, along with other smaller repairs. Our original goal was to raise \$100,000 by the end of 2021. Thanks to your generous giving we have so far raised \$81,000. We are hopeful that we will be able to reach our original goal. Thank you for continuing to fulfil your pledges made in 2019. Please consider if the Lord is nudging you to give any additional amount to help us reach the goal. We have been blessed with a wonderful church building to complete the mission God has for us in Milton. Please do what you and your family can do in order for us to help keep the building safe, beautiful

and up to date.

I would also like to extend a thanks to some people who have worked extra hard on these projects. Thanks to Robert Muench and Brandon Crandall for repairing and painting the education wing, Janet Butler for the additional financial work, and to Church President Randy Kersten for handling the details involved with the projects.

Capital Campaign Update

As of August 31, 2021	
Starting Balance	\$ 2,505.00
Total Income	\$79,156.35
Transfer from Memorial Fund Cash Fund	\$8,250
Total Expenses	\$87,243.81
Fund Balance	\$ 2,667.54



2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Follow the pattern of the sound words
that you have heard from me,
*in the faith and love
that are in Christ Jesus.*

By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us,
GUARD THE GOOD DEPOSIT
entrusted to you.

2 Timothy 1:13-14 ESV

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>