

# get connected

We connect people to Jesus and equip them to be his disciples.



## Prayer and the Psalms *by Pastor Nate Crandall*

*Jesus is our life, and prayer is one of the indispensable ways that we remain connected to the wholeness of his life. May it be said of us in 2023 that our life is full of "often" getting away to spend time in prayer with him.*

Developing and maintaining the habit of personal devotion and prayer is absolutely necessary to abiding in Jesus. It is not the only habit that is needed. Weekly worship on the Sabbath with the church family is vital to abiding in the Lord also, along with other personal and corporate spiritual habits.

The habit itself does not insure that we will abide in Jesus. We can go through the motions.

We can mistakenly replace the discipline of the habit for the relationship.

However, that does not mean that we can forsake the habit either.

How do we navigate between the two extremes in this area of the habit of prayer? Let me suggest an old Christian tradition called "The Psalms of the Day". The Psalms of the Day are determined by the date. As I write this, the first psalm of the day is Psalm 19 because it is the 19<sup>th</sup> of January. In addition to the psalm that cor-

responds to the date, there are 4 more psalms that are separated by intervals of 30. For example, add 30 to 19, and you get 49. Add 30 to 49, and you get 79. Keep on adding and the remaining two are 109 and 139. So then the Psalms of the Day for January 19<sup>th</sup> are Psalm 19, 49, 79, 109, and 139.

This is what you do. Pick one psalm of the day (or more), read the psalm, and then pray through the psalm according to the words and themes it presents. In this way, the different focus of each psalm helps to guide you in ways that you might not have done on your own. This will allow you to break out of the prayer ruts which keep you praying the

same things and can tend to work against both the habit and the heart of prayer. So, try out the psalms of the day, and let me know how the Lord works in your heart.



## February 2023

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# Ministry Spotlight on SALT

by Pastor Nate Crandall

*“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.” (Matt 5:13)*

Thank the Lord that we have SALT in the church! The members of our “Sound And Light Team” are tasked with bringing flavor to our worship services. Without their dedication and skill, our worship service would be very different. So, this month, we want to highlight this ministry which adds so much to our worship.

Matt Uglum has been the leader of our SALT ministry for many years. His strong passion for serving is matched by his dedication to training up those who serve in the ministry. Joel Osborn has been serving for many years in graphic development and producing the slides that are part of every worship service. We are blessed by his exper-

tise and by the training he provides to those who help on Sabbath mornings to advance slides, play music, and do all the other functions that are needed. In addition, the SALT team currently includes David St. Clair, Ryan Holbrook, Corbin Kersten, Hayden Rotzoll, and Natalie Kersten.

All together, these servants provide the support our worship services need for sound, screens, and recording (both in audio and video). During COVID, we also began to do livestreaming on a weekly basis. This is such a blessing to those who are unable to be with us in person due to distance or other reasons.

There are more areas of ministry which the SALT team provides outside of the Sabbath morning worship service, and together these are a key aspect of our church. If you haven't thanked our SALT people recently, be sure to appreciate them for the work they do. There is always room for more people to serve, so if this ministry interests you, contact Matt.



SOUND AND LIGHT TEAM

## Prayer Focus February - SALT Team

- Thank you, LORD, for the dedicated servants of the Sound And Light Team!
- Guide them in their faith walk with you
- Help them balance their school, work, family and church commitments
- Help them to be creative and focused as they prepare and serve
- Provide them with all the tools they need to do this important job
- Let them know how much we appreciate them - and how much you value their service.

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# 2023 Milton SDB Church Goals

## Leadership Development

In partnership with SDBU, train existing and emerging leaders in five modules of biblical and practical theology.

Develop leadership pipeline vision and plan.

## Youth Ministry

Recruit and train additional youth staff. Train youth to share what Jesus is doing in their hearts.

## Prayer Ministry

Simplify and focus prayer materials and opportunities for the church to facilitate broader and more active participation.

## Camp Wakonda

Write grant proposal to Memorial Board for capital improvements. Recruit additional Camp Director and Camp Medic.

## Outreach

Continue to impress on our church God's missional heart for the nations through educational opportunities (mission trip, Grow Group, SOM) and practical applications (visits to Roh in Milwaukee, OCC, GIFTS, Milton East, sharing faith every day)

Revive Milton East/East Side Story outreach through continuing to discover needs, offer opportunities to our



church to participate and finding a champion to oversee these efforts. Discover how our church can impact

next steps in Uganda's self-sustaining project.

Engage a core group to visit Milwaukee Rohingya on a regular basis.

Continue a spiritual and financial commitment to church planting, specifically a Chicago church plant.

## Communications

Refresh and revamp web site look and feel  
Online forms for Camp Wakonda and other online needs  
Research alternative web advertising  
Set up Instagram account for church

## Caring Ministry

Add deacons  
Develop Urgent Care capacity to respond to crises and emergency needs in the church family and community under the guise of our pastoral care process.  
Implement our new funeral luncheon policy.

## Church Family

Find opportunities for additional smaller group events throughout the year.

Have one or two more social events at camp.

Have a few Fellowship Meals on Sabbath Days.

Develop our response to meeting guests and follow-up.

## Spiritual Growth

Add more variety of adult classes and varied presenters/facilitators.

Continue to develop Children's Church and primary grade classes that are engaging and stimulating for kids and respond to attendance trends.

## Children's Ministry

Create a more children friendly atmosphere.

Create a Lego Wall in LGA

Install small "nerf-size" basketball hoops in Fellowship Hall

Install a large white board in LGA so it does not take up floor space.

## 2022-23 Awana Club

**Goals:** In order to lead our clubbers in becoming **resilient disciples**, we will work to:

Increase the number of children (based on last year's anecdotal

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## 2023 Goals, *continued*

records) who report opening their handbooks and/or Bibles at home between club meetings.  
Increase application of biblical lesson in both small group and large group, as self-reported by our clubbers.

Provide opportunities for clubbers to report how they witnessed this challenge in action or how they themselves met this weekly challenge.

### **Worship**

Increase special music presentations.

2-3 Salt members attend a training session (FILO Conference, May 2-3, 2023)  
Continue to train new salt team members and recruit new members  
Get quotes and form an upgrade plan for the sound system.

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## Annual Meeting Highlights

- Acceptance of all reports
- Acceptance of 2023 Goals and Budget
- Excellent discussions on Budget and Operation Pastor Position
- Vote to issue a call to Pastor John Pethel to fill our Operations Pastor position
- Election of New Deacons – Brandon Crandall, Sue Cruzan, Ernie Fisher, Brittany Kersten, Marcy Kersten and Melissa Lade
- Election of 2 Trustees – Jon Cruzan and Verne Wright
- 34 people in attendance!

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## Operation Christmas Child: Focus on Zambia

On November 5 last year, our church and the community packed 301 boxes. Our boxes went to five countries: Suriname and Guyana, Jamaica, Zambia, and Lesotho. Pray for those children and families in Zambia that will hear the gospel through our shoeboxes!



### **Zambia:**

Zambia is located in southern Africa. Nearly a third of the country consists of national wildlife parks. A majority of the population lives in urban areas. There are nearly 70 different ethnicities and languages in the country, where English is the official language along with seven regional languages. Distribution of shoeboxes started there in 2000, and The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program started in 2010.

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sabbath School Starting February 4

Coming February 4 our third through sixth graders have the opportunity to participate in an inductive Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark each Sabbath morning at 9:00 – the same time as adult Sabbath School.

### The Gospel of Mark



for 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders

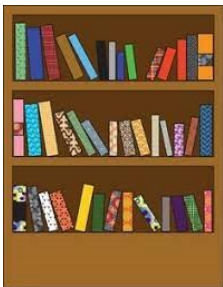
We're so glad to be able to have this class to supplement our on-going children's ministries of Awana (on Wednesday nights) and Children's Church (during our 10:30 Sabbath worship hour).

The **Gospel of Mark study** will be held in the alcove at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Children's Fellowship supervised by our Nursery Staff will continue for younger children and those who don't choose to do the study. Kids – bring your Bible and be prepared to dig into God's word!!!

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### Step In SS Class Guest Speaker

According to the International Orality Network, approximately 80% of the world are oral communicators and learners. That is that they either are illiterate or they prefer to learn through listening. Therefore, in many cross cultural contexts, the best way to communicate the gospel is through sharing oral Bible stories. **On February 11th** come to Sabbath school and learn from a guest speaker how to communicate Bible stories orally.



**Check out the Church Libraries –  
Lots of good books for all ages to  
read during these winter months!**



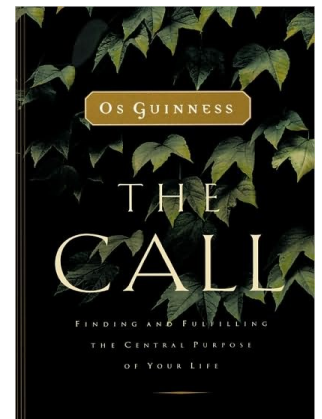
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## Elders Book Club – February 25, 9:00 a.m.

Are you wondering what God is calling you to do in 2023 and beyond? Join the conversation on February 25<sup>th</sup> at the 9:00 a.m. Sabbath School gathering with Carl Greene. We will be using Os Guinness's classic book *The Call*, to guide our conversation.

If you would like a copy of the book, please pick one up at the Welcome Center or contact Janet Butler.

*“Calling is the truth that God calls us to himself so decisively that everything we are, everything we do, and everything we have is invested with a special devotion and dynamism lived out as a response to his summons and service.”*



# February Bulletin Board



## Anniversaries and Birthdays

- 1 Karissa Bornemann
- 5 Michelle Crandall
- 6 Nola Mae Gray
- 7 Rylee Rotzoll
- 15 Ron & Annmarie Bennett
- 24 Doug & Jayne Lubke
- 25 Sawyer Harris
- 25 Mackynzie Rotzoll
- 26 Beau Gilmore



## Camp Wakonda 2023

- Camp Discover June 26-30
- Camp Collision July 9-16
- Intermediate Camp July 16-21

## February Children's Church

### February 11

Unit 14: Session 4 -  
We are to Repent of Sin  
(Matthew 3)

### February 25

Unit 15: Session 1 - Jonah  
Warned of God's Judgment  
(Jonah)

### Men's Chorus

will rehearse at 8:00  
a.m. on Sabbath,  
Feb. 18th and sing  
during worship that  
day at 10:30 a.m.

### Ladies Sit 'n Sip

Tuesday, February 14th  
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's  
Celebrate Valentine's Day  
with friends!



### February

|    |                                     |
|----|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Club – Valentines for Seniors Night |
| 8  | Club – Soup or Bowl Night           |
| 15 | Club                                |
| 22 | Club – Movie Night                  |

### February

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|----------|------------------------------|
| 1        | Collision                    |
| 6 (Mon.) | Roller Skating with Koinonia |
| 8        | Collision                    |
| 15       | Collison – Pizza Party       |
| 22       | Collision                    |



### Focus on Funds

as of December 31, 2022

|                         |             |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| General Fund Balance    | \$ 5,952.45 |
| Cash at Mem. Fund       | \$55,411.80 |
| Dec. Undesignated Inc.  | \$20,749.75 |
| Dec. Total Income       | \$27,677.40 |
| Dec. Expenses           | \$20,244.71 |
| Denomination Giving YTD | \$ 7,360.00 |
| Capital Campaign Fund   | \$ 9,361.14 |

# February 2023

| Sun                                      | Mon                            | Tue  | Wed  | Thu                           | Fri       | Sat  |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|-----------|--|--|
|  |                                |  |  |                               |           |  |  |
|  |                                |  | <b>1</b><br>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's<br><br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person and on zoom<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda   | <b>2</b><br><br>Groundhog Day | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>9:00 Sabbath School<br>9:00 Kids Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship   |  |
| <b>5</b><br>9:00 Redeeming Grace Church  | <b>6</b><br>8:00 TOPS          | <b>7</b><br><br>7:00 Scouts  | <b>8</b><br>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's<br><br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person and on zoom<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda   | <b>9</b>                      | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b><br>9:00 Sabbath School<br>9:00 Kids Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship & Children's Church                    |  |
| <b>12</b><br>9:00 Redeeming Grace Church | <b>13</b><br>8:00 TOPS         | <b>14</b><br>9:00 Ladies Sit 'n Sip - Sharla's<br><br><br>Valentine's Day<br><br>7:00 Scouts | <b>15</b><br>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's<br><br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person and on zoom<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda  | <b>16</b>                     | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>8:00 Men's Chorus Rehearsal<br>9:00 Sabbath School<br>9:00 Kids Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship<br><br> |  |
| <b>19</b><br>9:00 Redeeming Grace Church | <b>20</b><br>8:00 TOPS<br><br> | <b>21</b><br><br>7:00 Scouts   | <b>22</b><br>6:30 Men's Bible Study - Sharla's<br><br>9:30 Women's Bible Study - In person and on zoom<br><br>6:25 Awana<br>6:30 Collision - Camp Wakonda  | <b>23</b>                     | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>9:00 Sabbath School<br>9:00 Kids Fellowship<br>10:30 Worship and Children's Church                  |  |
| <b>26</b><br>9:00 Redeeming Grace Church | <b>27</b><br>8:00 TOPS         | <b>28</b><br><br>7:00 Scouts   | <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p><b>Sabbath Sunset Times</b></p> <p>Feb. 3 5:12 p.m. Feb. 4 5:14 p.m.<br/>           Feb. 10 5:21 p.m. Feb. 11 5:23 p.m.<br/>           Feb. 17 5:31 p.m. Feb. 18 5:32 p.m.<br/>           Feb. 24 5:40 p.m. Feb. 25 5:41 p.m.</p> </div> |                               |           |  |  |



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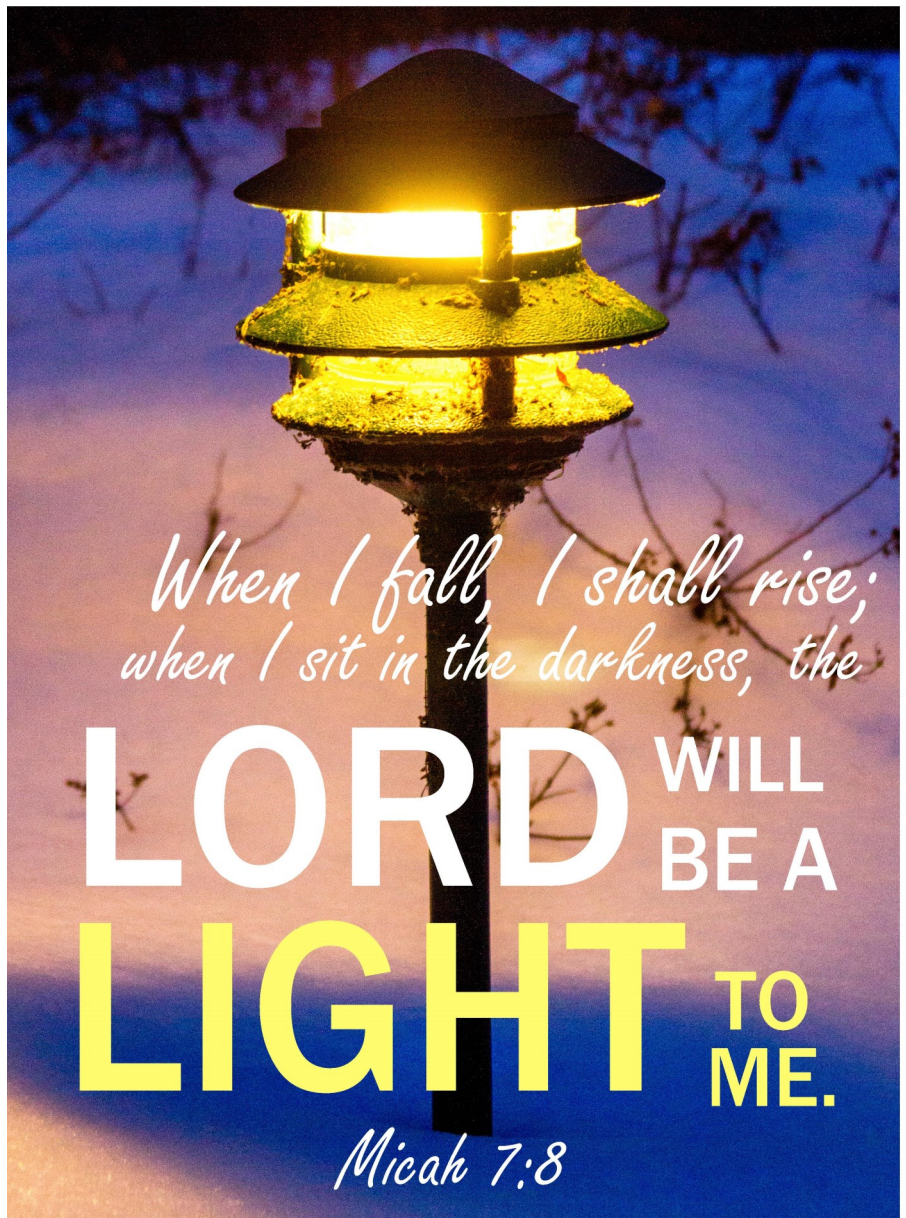
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*When I fall, I shall rise;  
when I sit in the darkness, the*

**LORD** WILL  
**BE A**  
**LIGHT** TO  
**ME.**

*Micah 7:8*

### Online Worship

Our Sabbath morning worship service is available **live** on our YouTube channel.  
Go to <http://TheConnecting.Church/WorshipOnline> for the link.  
We are also posting links to the sermon notes on that same page.