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



Cultivating Koinonia

By Pastor Nate Crandall

God is building a spiritual house. The building blocks of this house are born-again believers in Christ Jesus. They have been called out of spiritual darkness into the light. They belong to God as his chosen and holy people. They are living stones, and the connection to the foundation, which is Jesus, is covenant relationship with him. The house that is being built is God's family where love and trust define their relationship with God and with one another.



Fellowship

One of the ways that the Bible describes the nature of our relationships in Christ is by using the Greek word, koinonia, which is translated as fellowship. In koinonia we share life together as friends. We have friendship with God and through that friendship with God we have a unique kind of friendship with others. The life we share together comes from Christ and is found in Christ. Though God is the one who builds a spiritual house where the fullness of life in Christ is a shared experience, we are responsible to develop these relationships. Friendship with one another does not happen by accident. It only grows with intentional vision and effort. Koinonia friendships start with our friend-

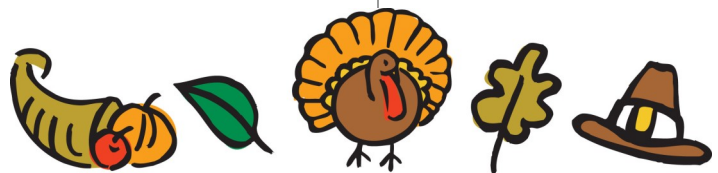
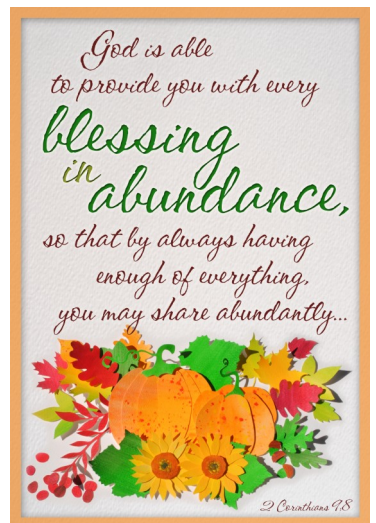
ship with God, and they flow out of our relationship with him. So our relationship with the Lord must be cultivated to begin with, but our friendships in the Lord also must be cultivated.

Over the next six weeks we will be emphasizing relationships within the church family and how to grow them both stronger and deeper. We will find that intentionally growing in our relationship with the Lord will cause our church family relationships to grow. We will also find that intentionally growing in our relationships with the church family will cause our relationship with the Lord to grow. It's all about relationships. God is a relational being who calls us to be in vital relationship with him and with one another. My prayer for us is that we will take a step in the cultivation of our relationships in the Lord so that we may experience the joy and the beauty in them that God has so lovingly prepared for us.

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SO MANY BLESSINGS

Faithful Stewards *by Pastor John Pethtel*

As The Connecting Church - Milton SDB, our buildings are more than just bricks and mortar; they're a sacred space where we gather to worship, learn, and, of course, connect. Just like any home, our building requires ongoing care and attention to ensure it continues to serve our mission effectively. This month, I want to highlight continuing building needs we're facing and explore ways you can be a part of stewarding our precious space for future generations.

Maintenance and Repairs:

Over time, wear and tear is inevitable. We are currently looking at addressing issues such as flooring, roofing, windows, lighting, heating and cooling, and more.

Accessibility Improvements:

We are committed to ensuring our buildings are accessible to everyone. This includes potential upgrades to the elevator, ramps, doorways, and restroom facilities to accommodate individuals with varying abilities.

Technology Enhancements:

To support our weekly gathered worship as well as our streaming, we are exploring upgrades to our audio-visual systems. We are also looking at upgrading security features for our entrances.

Space Utilization:

As the use of our building and our community changes, we will need to re-evaluate our space allocation to better accommodate ministries and programs, potentially involving minor renovations or repurposing of existing rooms.

How You Can Be a Faithful Steward and Partner in Ministry:

Financial Contributions:

Your generous donations, whether through a one-time gift or ongoing giving, are vital to funding necessary repairs and upgrades.

Volunteer Time:

We welcome your skills and talents to help with maintenance projects, cleaning, and beautification efforts.

Sharing Your Ideas:

Do you have suggestions for how we can better utilize our space or improve accessibility? Share your thoughts with the Operations Pastor.

Prayerful Consideration:

Remember to pray for wisdom and guidance as we navigate these building needs and make decisions that best serve our community.

Together, we can ensure our buildings remain a welcoming and functional space for generations to come, reflecting our commitment to responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to us.

Do you have any questions about our building needs or would you like to donate financially to a project? Please contact the Operations Pastor.



Greetings, The pantry is getting ready for the holiday season. This year we are asking for purchased (not homemade, sorry) Christmas cookies and candy to distribute during the month of December. The pantry is continuing to be super busy. Last Wednesday alone there were 5 new registrants. The pantry could not do what it does without the generosity of the Milton community. The best times to bring items to the pantry are Monday or Wednesday mornings from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Have a blessed and festive Thanksgiving. Connie Brouillette

PULSE Update *by Pastor John Pethtel*

During our June congregational meeting, our church voted to engage in the PULSE Church Health Process through the SDB General Conference and that the Trustees will serve as the PULSE leadership group.

The trustees met in September to discuss our first steps in PULSE. It was decided to pursue a review of the ministries and programs of the church in relation to the vision, mission, and values of the church. This will gradually occur over the first quarter of 2025. Regular reporting from the trustees will continue.

A brief description of the PULSE Church Health Process is below:

The PULSE Church Health Process (hereafter referred to as PULSE) will provide our church with a process and tools to assess and improve its leadership and health on a regular and periodic basis.

PULSE is not a program. It is not a checklist of things to do or stop doing. It is not a linear process of step A to step B and so on. It is not meant for just a few people in the church. It is not a cookie-cutter or self-service model.

PULSE is an intentional process to be journeyed through with a guide (PULSE facilitator) as a covenant community. This process is designed to focus on four key elements in healthy churches by providing time for evaluation of ministries, strategizing and planning for God's more preferable future, prioritization of goals, strategizing, praying and listening for God's revealed will, joining God in the work that He is already doing, and executing the mission that God has given the local church in their immediate context. This process is meant to be cyclical (revisited on a regular and periodic basis)

New Sabbath School Class The Helping Hand Study Sabbaths at 9:00 a.m.

Are you ready to dig into the Bible? These studies focus on the worship practices offered as a grateful response to the covenantal relationship God initiates, first with Abraham, and later with the people of Israel.



**Don't forget to
return your
filled
OCC boxes by
November 2.**

Fuel up on Outreach

KWIK TRIP™

Don't miss out on getting your Kwik Trip gift cards! For each gift card purchased, the church get to keep a portion of the money. That money will go to support our many amazing Outreach programs. Whether you are going to shop yourself or need a *kwik* gift idea, why not support the mission of the church while you do it? There are many card options available for in-store only, or for gas/in-store combined. Cards are available for purchase on the 4th Sabbath of every month in the Welcome Center. Or you can make other arrangements by contacting the Church Office at 608-868-2471 or Debbie Johnson at 608-289-0579. Fill 'er up with purpose!



November

BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Jocelyn Dutcher
- 5 Cindy Greene
- 6 Zoey Kersten
- 9 Sydney Rotzoll
- 11 Rinald Kersten
- 11 Kathleen Holbrook
- 12 Lukas Mullen
- 14 Benny Uhlich
- 18 Nick Kersten
- 21 Tabatha Pethtel
- 26 Lance & Perla Call
- 27 Carol Aiken
- 28 Kory Geske

November Bulletin Board

Scripture Memory Program

Each year, the SDB General Conference elects a new president. That president as part of their duties chooses a theme the coming year, including a list of Scriptures which fit with their theme! This year's Conference President, Tom Davis from Marlboro, NJ, has selected "Shouldn't It Be Obvious" as his theme for our sessions in 2025.

MONTH 2 *And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.*
Matthew 10:38-39 ESV

*Hiding
His Word
in my heart*

November	
6	Club
13	Club
20	Club – Board Game Night
27	No Club – Happy Thanksgiving



November Children's Church

November 2
Unit 23: Session 5
We Are Part of God's Kingdom: Matthew 22; Luke 14

November 16
Unit 24: Session 1
Jesus Knew He Would BE Rejected: Luke 13

Men's Chorus
November 16
Rehearsal at 8:00 a.m.
Singing at 10:30 a.m.

Ladies Sit 'n Sip
Tuesday, Nov. 12,
9:00 a.m. at Sharla's



November	
4	Roller Skating w/ Koinonia Youth Ministries
6	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision – Camp Wakonda
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20	4:30 Bible Study – The Ice Shantea 6:30 Collision – Pizza Night
27	No Meetings – Happy Thanksgiving

Focus on Funds

as of September 30, 2024

General Fund Balance	\$24,125.52
Cash at Mem. Fund	\$27,122.08
Sept. Undesignated Inc.	\$15,933.55
Sept. Total Income	\$25,955.46
Sept. Expenses	\$22,517.49
Denomination Giving YTD	\$ 3,438.00
Capital Campaign Fund	\$ 6,524.38

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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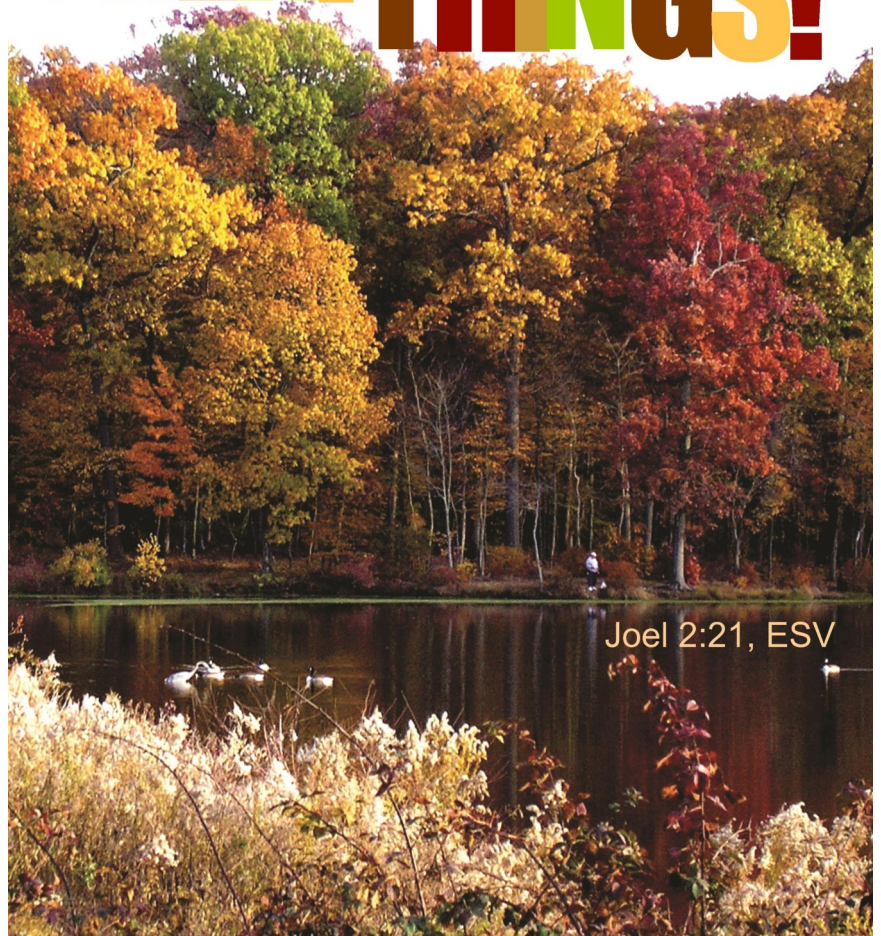
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FEAR NOT, O LAND;
BE GLAD AND REJOICE
FOR HE HAS DONE

GREAT THINGS!



Joel 2:21, ESV

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.