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A Word from Pastor Jon

Ways to Affirm Others

1 Thessalonians 5:10–15; Hebrews 3:13

Over the next few newsletters I want to share some good articles concerning Christian community. My desire is to see us continue to grow closer to each other. So starting with this newsletter I want to share ways we can uplift and affirm one another.

Would you identify just a couple areas that speak to you and put them in practice so you can be an encourager to others, both inside and outside our church?

1. SPEAKING. Proverbs 16:24 says, “Pleasant words are ... sweet to the soul and healing to the bones.” The number of ways we can encourage one another through our speech is almost limitless. One way is to recognize verbally the positive qualities in others’ lives.

2. WRITING. The New Testament epistles are proof of the power of written communication. Sometimes a short note to someone who’s discouraged can mean so much. Think creatively. For example, I sometimes leave “I love you” notes in my husband’s lunch bag.

3. BEING PRESENT. “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted,” says Psalm 34:18. Sometimes God asks us simply to be with others in person on his behalf. We don’t have to speak much; our presence itself can be a deeply encouraging gift.

4. TOUCHING. Jesus often touched people. Scientists are just starting to document the positive effects of touch, which God has known about all along. From a light touch on the forearm to a tight hug, these gestures encourage others wordlessly.

5. PRAYING. “You help us by your prayers,” Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 1:11. Everyone can have this ministry. My friend Kenneth was immobilized by a stroke as a young adult and can move nothing but his eyes. Yet he’s known as someone who prays for others.

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6. SHOWING HOSPITALITY. “Practice hospitality,” says Romans 12:13. The Greek word for hospitality denotes “brotherly love of strangers.” Practicing biblical hospitality means reaching out to the “emotional strangers” who need to experience the heartfelt compassion that comes with the extra plate on the table.

7. GIVING. “A generous man will himself be blessed,” says Proverbs 22:9. God wants his people to share their lives with others—their time, their money, their possessions. Any of these can be used creatively to encourage others.

8. HELPING. Common jobs and chores—housework, yard work, mending, shoveling snow, baby-sitting—become holy in the ministry of encouragement. “Whatever you do,” says Colossians 3:23, “work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.”

—JEANNE ZORNES

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Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jon

PARISH NEWS...



AUGUST LECTIONARY READINGS	
August 7, 2016 12th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40
August 14, 2016 13th Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56
August 21, 2016 14th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17
August 28, 2016 15th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14



COVENANT IS AN IN-DEPTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS READ AND DISCUSS THE BIBLE TOGETHER, LEARNING HOW TO LOVE GOD—AND EACH OTHER—BETTER.

Three 8-episode segments each explore a different aspect of Covenant life. Each will examine what Covenant means, and the progression of a Covenant relationship with God.

CREATING - Examines how the Covenant community is created and established.

LIVING - Focuses on how the community lives out their Covenant in faithful love—how it's applied to actual relationships in everyday life.

TRUSTING - Looks at the crises that sometimes call Covenant life into question, and how we are restored to trust in God when troubling things happen.

Covenant represents a relationship—a living, breathing conversation. And we invite you to join in it.

Please check the online calendar and the weekly bulletin for the schedule for each church, or call the church office for more information.

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CHURCH? I would love to talk with you about Church Membership. If you would like to learn more about church membership and what it means to be a member, please let me know or call the church office, leave your name, contact information, and say "I'm interested in membership" and we'll take it from there! ~Pastor Jon

Newsletter Deadline for September 2016

Newsletter Articles due in Office

Monday, August 15

Newsletter Folding Party

Wednesday, August 24

HELP US KEEP UP TO DATE!



Your help is needed to update our records. On the back of the prayer cards that are available each Sunday, there is a Communication Card. Please take a few minutes to fill out one of these cards (please print clearly) and place the card in the offering plate or in the special basket in the foyer. Please contact the office if you would like a card mailed or e-mailed to you.

MARION SENIOR LIVING FUNDRAISER: Join us Thursday Sept 8th from 5:00-7:30PM for a great meal and fellowship time! Our Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser will be catered by Zio Johnno's. Admission: Adults are \$10.00 Children 3-10 are \$5.00 Children under 3 are free. Tickets: Tickets can be purchased at the door or you can pre-order online. Location: Faith Lutheran Church, 155 Boyson Rd, Marion, IA 52302. Can't make our event? Donations are appreciated! <http://marionseniorliving.com/event/lasagna-dinner-fundraiser-2016/>

Serving God as an Usher

Ushers serve God today by:

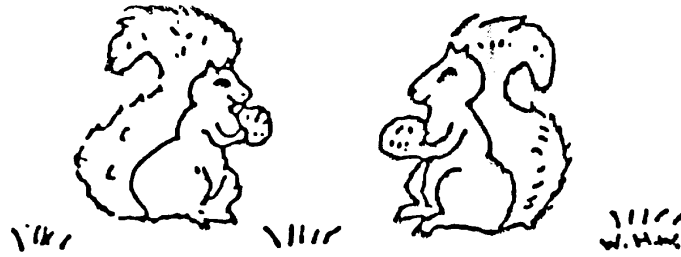
- directing visitors,
- helping take up the offering,
- lending a hand to pastors, and
- stepping in when urgent needs arise. (The first priority of an usher is, after all, the safety of those who are worshipping.)



When you do this, you're joining with centuries of people who have loved God and have valued *the event* that takes place when God's people gather together in worship.

So, be part of caring for the community of faith. The effective usher does more than pass out bulletins. You are often the first impression that is made on a guest on behalf of the church.

There is a sheet with usher responsibilities/instructions on the information table in the fellowship hall for you to review. If you would like to be an usher or want more information then write your name, contact information, and the word "Usher" on the communication card on the back side of the prayer card in your bulletin and put it in the offering plate.



THE ALBURNETT CHURCH CHATTERER

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FINANCIAL FACTS

Fact: 2013 Expenses Budget: \$70,362
Fact: \$5,863.50 needed per Month for Expenses
Fact: \$1,353 needed per Week for Expenses

Contributions		Attendance	
6/26	\$553.00	6/26	28
7/3	N/A	7/3	47
7/10	\$725.00	7/10	45
7/17	\$837.00	7/17	43
7/24	\$1090.00	7/24	34
7/31	N/A	7/31	N/A

COMMUNITY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL August 8-9-10. Theme: "In the Race With Jesus." Where: Christian Church in Alburnett. Ages: K-6th. Date: Time: 6-8PM.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL: First Produce: radishes! They got a little ahead of us; we had some big ones! On the vine, cucumbers, zucchini, eggplant, watermelon and tomatoes. Kale and cabbage are coming along and so are the weeds! Plenty of sunshine and rain, and some good care from the children with a few water fights! Lesson: inviting the sparkle of Christ into our lives.
Pam Kirk, 319-533-1120



LET'S START OFF FALL SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH A BBQ: What: Round-up BBQ (Meat will be provided, bring a dish to share). When: Sun. Aug. 28. Time: 5-7PM
Fall Sunday School will begin September 11, 10:30-11:30AM. Ages: Pre-K to 6th.

The Church Chatterer...

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 KATIE JOHNSON
- 3 ADAM SLOAN
- 3 KRISTI CAVES
- 4 ROBERT MIELL
- 5 HUNTER CAVES
- 9 JENNIFER SLOAN
- 10 FREIDA HITE
- 10 SHIRLEY ANDREWS
- 10 TOMMY MOORE
- 11 MILDRED ATZ
- 11 KELLY KIRK
- 15 MICHAEL KADLEC
- 17 DAVE MACHACEK
- 17 NEVA LANNING
- 18 GREELY SLOAN
- 18 KASSIE LAWRENCE



- 23 CYNTHIA SMITH
- 23 CHRIS SARGENT
- 23 WENDY WIEBOLD
- 25 BELINDA HENLE
- 27 ERIC SLOAN
- 27 DAVID MACHACEK
- 28 KRISTEN MACHACEK BAKER
- 28 DOROTHY SHERMAN
- 30 KATIE GRITTON

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 KEVIN & TERI JOHNSON
- 17 JOSH & KRISTI CAVES
- 21 RANDY & ROBIN MORRISON
- 31 RONALD & JULIE HOOVER

If your special day is not listed here, please contact Virginia Lyttle at the church office.

MISSIONS PROJECT: Going back to school with new school supplies is an exciting time for children. Our Mission project for August will be focused on purchasing backpacks and school supplies for needy families in our school district. We will be asking for donations to buy the supplies needed for students at their different grade levels. Please help make a child's first day of school extra special.



Ushers & Greeters



AUGUST GREETERS

- 7 Bart & Kim Gingrich
- 14 Dorothy Sherman &
- 21 Ardie & Carol Smith
- 28 Everett Schilling &

AUGUST BAKED GOODS

- 7 Nicole & Elise Smith
- 14 Judy Burns
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *Volunteers needed*

August Communion Steward:

Judy Burns

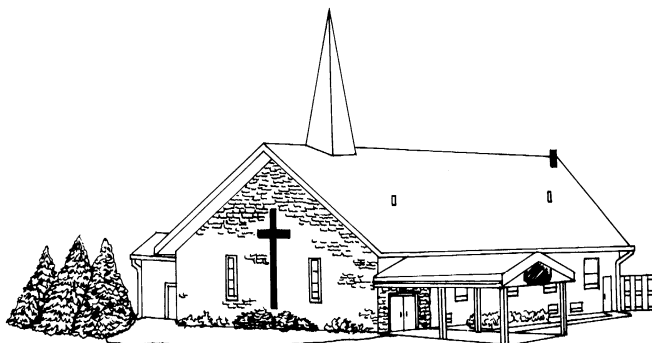
AUGUST USHERS

- 7 *Volunteers needed*
- 14 Richard & Judy Burns
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *Volunteers needed*

AUGUST NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 7 *Volunteers needed*
- 14 *Volunteers needed*
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *Volunteers needed*

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church. 7



THE PRAIRIE CHAPEL CHIPS

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STEWARDSHIP

*When I became a member of Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church I promised to be faithful with my...***PRAYERS:** Pray for Peace and for all our friends and family recovering from surgery, injury, and undergoing treatments for illness.

PRESENCE:
Bring a Friend!!
Weekly Attendance:

6/26	33
7/3	52
7/10	39
7/17	70
7/24	n/a
7/31	n/a

GIFTS: Weekly budget needs approximately \$1485.
Weekly Offerings:

6/26	\$1,675.00
7/3	\$2,356.00
7/10	\$2,002.00
7/17	\$2,122.04
7/24	n/a
7/31	n/a

SERVICE: BIG THANKS.....to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School a huge success. Check out the pictures and videos on our Facebook page!

COMMUNITY CLUB will meet on Thursday, August 4 at 6:30PM at the church. See you there!

THANK YOU Prairie Chapel Family for helping make our anniversary a memorable day. Your cards and your presence at our open house meant so very much.



May God Bless You All!

~Wally & Laura Falcon 8

PRAIRIE CHAPEL NEWS...

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Barbara Trumm
- 4 Mary Ann Beckner
- 7 Sabra Ehlert
- 8 Angie Kisling
- 10 Becky Sejkora Miller
- 11 Matt Wittenburg
- 13 Karen Martin
- 14 Michael Seibert
- 17 Heidi Clemens
- 17 Logan Blackford
- 17 Casey Robertson



- 18 Alexis Marie Dietiker
- 19 Allison Beckner
- 20 Logan Mason
- 21 Nick Ritze
- 23 Debra Beckham
- 23 Whitney Thompson
- 25 Sharon Sejkora
- 26 Kevin Banasik
- 26 Megan Banasik

- 26 Brett Blackford
- 27 Travis Robertson
- 29 Julie Miller
- 29 Jayda Bowman
- 31 Twyla Hutchins

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 DeWayne & Mary Ann Beckner
- 1 Anthony & Stacy Mason
- 6 Chip & Holly Kohl
- 7 Kevin & Allison Beckner
- 10 Tim & Kathy Clemens
- 26 Becky & Steve Miller

If Your Special Day is not listed here, please drop a note to or call Virginia Lyttle at the Church Office.

AUGUST COMMUNION STEWARD & SERVERS - Lois Martin & volunteers.



AUGUST USHERS/GREETERS

- 7 Barb & Dale Garlinghouse
- 14 James & Judy Kotrba
- 21 *Volunteers needed*
- 28 *Volunteers needed*

AUGUST ACOLYTES

- 7
- 14
- 21
- 28

Volunteers Needed

Please add **your name** to the sign-up sheet at the church.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: No meeting in August. The Nominating Committee will meet.

MISSION PROJECT: Socks & Underwear and School Kits:



- 3 spiral or bound notebook 8 ½x11 wide rule or 250 sheets loose paper
- 1 30 cm metric ruler
- 1 box 24 crayons
- 1 2½” eraser
- 1 blunt pair scissors
- 1 hand pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- No political or religious icons/slogans on any items.

