



LYNNVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH

Making Much of Jesus

April, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk...

Life is so unpredictable. We think we know how things should go. Millions of people fill out brackets for the NCAA tournament. I am one of those millions. I usually fill out a couple of them. One bracket is the way I think things will go. I often go with the higher seed and pick an occasional upset here and there. I try to do a quick look at the teams and see which ones are playing well and which ones stumbled into the tournament. Based upon all the information I can gather I make my picks. Then I do an upset bracket. This usually includes Duke losing early because I don't just don't like them. You go out on a limb and make some far out predictions.

Neither bracket did worth a toot this year. I did have Kansas in the final four so at least I got one team in. I believe there are no perfect brackets left either because we just don't know how things are going to go.

I also watched the Kirk Korver funeral on YouTube. It seems so unfair for the life of that young man to be taken so young at 27. Again, life is unpredictable and at times unfair.

One thing you can always predict though is the love of Jesus. The love of Jesus is always constant. It never fails and never waivers. It was demonstrated to us by Jesus giving his life for us on the cross. When you live your life in Christ you can manage the unpredictable things it will throw at you. Jesus

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Upcoming Greeters

April 1st
Front: Ron & Vickie Nikkel
Canopy: Eileen Miller

April 8th:
Front: Pat Norman
Canopy: Wade & Kaylene Rodgers

April 15th
Front: Gorman & LaDonna
Rozendaal
Canopy: Henry Rozenboom

April 22nd
Front: Joel & Jen Rozendaal
Canopy: Euni Scholten

April 29th
Front: Jer & Jodi Schnell
Canopy: Beth Steenhoek

gives us hope and a love that goes beyond what we can comprehend. Live in the love of Jesus and love others like Jesus loves you.

Nursery for April

- 4/1: Kyle & Tammy Terpstra (CE host: Jen)
 - 4/8: Chris & Deanne Tice (CE host: Janel)
 - 4/15: Cory & Shawna Tice (CE host: Deb)
 - 4/22: Randy & Cindy Van Kooten (CE host: Lisa)
 - 4/29: Scott & Gayla Van Soelen (CE host: Missi)
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I would like to thank the church for supporting me with prayers and a donation so that I could go on a short mission trip over my spring break. During this trip, my group assisted the residents of Rockport, Texas in cleaning up after hurricane Harvey. Between our group, we were able to install insulation, drywall, windows, and electrical systems into several tiny houses for people who needed a place to live while their houses are being rebuilt. We also helped tear down partly destroyed houses so that new houses could be built in their place. Along with building and demolition, we also did small tasks like picking up trash, painting walls, cleaning, and moving fallen trees. This trip was very rewarding to me, and as a group we were able to see God moving throughout the people and volunteers in Rockport. Over the course of the week, I heard several inspiring stories from people who lost everything and are now trying to put their lives back together. I was so blessed to be able to go on this trip and see God working through disasters and while also growing my personal relationship with Him. Thank you again for all of your prayers while I was gone, I greatly appreciate it!

God Bless,
Jelissa Rozendaal



The trustees would like to thank the congregation for their support of the current projects. The cement project will start after spring temperatures remain consistently above freezing. We are very close to the amount needed for the kitchen remodel, and the monies to redo the personage deck are oh so close. We also have one open for some needed upgrades to the educational wing. Please continue to prayerfully consider support of these projects to keep our facilities in good repair. As always, if you have any questions about these projects or other items don't hesitate to talk with one of the trustees.

Chris Tice
Brian Lanser
Darwin Vos
Glenn Lewis
Tanner Vander Weerdt
Jason Allbee

Missions Around the World

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Saturday, March 24, we had eight teams package beans and rice for Jasper County Take Away Hunger. Each team packaged eight boxes. The first two teams at 9am were so fast they were able to pack an extra box each! Altogether we packaged 68 boxes. Each box holds 36 packets. Each package serves 6 meals. That means we packaged 14,688 meals!! Thank you!! These 68 boxes will be going to Florida and taxes to help with hurricane relief. Thanks to everyone that helped package and helped throughout the day with food, drinks and organizing the boxes and lines.

What a GREAT mission opportunity experienced right at home. Sometimes we forget that God has given us a beautiful mission field right here where we live! We need to take advantage of these opportunities!

Jack and Amber made it back home safely in Zambia. This is from their last newsletter and includes a few things they are needing.

Our Drill is Coming!

Right now Jack has traveled to Tanzania where the drill for wells is being dropped and will then be transported to Zambia. It will go by train from Tanzania to Zambia where it will be dropped in Kapiri Mposhi which is about a two-hour drive from the Capital of Zambia, Lusaka. Then it is another 9-11 hour drive to our home. We can't wait to have it here so we can start blessing more people with water for the cost of around \$3500 per well. There are so many places where people are still drinking from little pools of water they dig where all the animals also drink and walk through. We desire to give many new places clean, safe water to drink. We just need people to sponsor the cost of drilling each individual well (\$3500 includes the fuel to run the machine, the cost to get the machine to and from the villages, the hardware, pipes, Rhodes, and pump and the cost of labor for the people drilling).

This month there are a few things we need.

1. Extra transport money to get the drill all the way home - it will cost about \$3000
2. A new refrigerator - ours is getting old and we would like to get one that actually keeps our vegetables fresh. About \$1500
3. Books for our preschool students - the school building is just getting the finishing touches. It costs about \$15 per child for the year for their books. At the moment we don't have our children sponsored monthly so we would like the money for the books - \$1500 for all the children to have worksheets for the year. If there is an additional \$500 it would help with crayons and writing utensils.

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support.
We could not do what we are doing without partners like you.

Jack, Amber, Alicia, and Abigail

March USFW 2018

United Society of Friends Women

Monday, March 12th, at 5:30 we met at Lyn Kinney's home. Those in attendance were: Bev Flander, Ronda Lanser, Norna Waters, Cindy Norman, Regina Kaldenberg, and Lyn Kinney.

Ronda explained the procedure of percentages we are using for donating to the USFW International programs. We sent to the Keys to the Kingdom and Ramallah Schools, at total of \$150. We voted to donate \$200 locally to the Food Pantry that is being offered at Heart of Worship for the area.

This year's USFW International moto is "Spring Forth with joy" . Our state Spring Fling is being held at Bangor Friends on April 28th. Those from our area that plan to attend thus far is: Bev Flander, Betty Spangenburg, Cheryl Hansen, Jann Braaksma, and Lyn Kinney. Lyn will be assisting state treasurer, Charlotte Mosher, at the registration.

Carol McDonald Trip will be our speaker. She grew up in the Bangor Liberty area. She is a motivational speaker and educator that travels the United States.

Anyone wishing to attend may contact Lyn Kinney at 527-3922. To officially register you may also go to our President's contact at deannaakrum@yahoo.com or call 641-9919-5202. You can pay the \$10 fee at registration. (This includes you lunch.) Registration is 9:30 to 10a.m.. The event is 10 a.m to 2p.m.

Prayerfully Submitted
Lyn Kinney, President

Please consider scheduling an appointment to donate blood in honor of Stella on Tuesday April 24th from 2-6 pm at the Lynnville Friends Church FCC Building. You can schedule an appointment online at lifeservebloodcenter.org, you can call 1.800.287.4903, or you can send Julie Jones a message with your time preference.

Thank you so much for giving the gift of life!



APRIL 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Sunday School 1 Easter 7:30 Sunrise Service Focus Breakfast 9:00 Regular Service	Kristal Beyer 2 Trustees Meeting	Jamie Harthoorn 3	Duane Harthoorn 4 Jaci Vande Krol Cyvannah Vecchio	5	Carver Terpstra 6 Derik Allbee	Darwin Vos 7
Linda Beyer 8	USFW 5:30 9 Misson Meeting	Cris Lewis 10 Glenn & Cris Lewis	Senior Farewell 11 Night for Focus 6:30	Church Council 12 700	13	14
15	Jer Schnell 16	17	18	Elders Meeting 19 7:00	20	21
Kathy Arthur 22	23	Blood Drive in 24 honor of Stella	Dale & Bert 25 Schnell	Regina 26 Kaldenberg	27	Brian Lanser 28 Sarah Turnbull Mildred Stanley Hope Ministries in Des Moines 6:00 USFW Spring Fling
Chris Tice 29 Mac & Bernie from Mesquakie leading the service	30					