



LYNNVILLE FRIENDS CHURCH

Making Much of Jesus

September, 2018

From the Pastor's Desk...

Summer is quickly winding down. The Iowa State Fair has come and gone. School has started and we've even had fall sports to go to. We had a little teaser of cooler fall weather!

This will be the final year for the Bogaard family with a high school student. I'm sure at times this year won't go quick enough and at other times we'll wish that it would slow down a little bit. Senior pictures, ACT test, college forms, student aid, senior nights and graduation are some of the many things that we will navigate our way through this year.

The decision of what to do after high school is a difficult one. Does one continue their education? Which college? Two year or four year? State college, private college or community college. Maybe a trade school or just enter the work force. All of them are viable options but the decisions can be laborious.

Life is full of all kinds of choices. Some of them are easily made and others are difficult. Sometimes you will choose the right thing and other times you might look back and questions if the right choice was made.

To me one of the hardest decisions that we have to make is how we spend our time. I truly think that this is one of Satan's sneakiest tools. He fills our life with so many things and fills our time that we have very little left for God.

Take a step back and make sure that you are making time in your life to be enriched by God. Make sure your children have the same. Sports and school activities are great and I encourage involvement in them but make sure that involvement in church and taking time to learn about God also happens. Believe it or not they can coexist.

Wednesday night activities start on September 5 and Sunday school on September 9. Hope to see everyone there!

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Upcoming Greeters

September 2
Front Greeters: Curt & Donna Zylstra
Canopy Greeters: Virginia Vos

September 9
Front Greeters: Denny & Dot Zylstra
Canopy Greeters: Gary & Linda Beyer

September 16
Front Greeters: Jason & Dawn Allbee
Canopy Greeters: Boyd & Kathy Arthur

September 23
Front Greeters: Steve & Jocelyn Beyer
Canopy Greeters: Warren Blom

September 30
Front Greeters: Brad & Angie Braahart
Canopy Greeters: Marlene Bryan

Nursery for September

September 2: Boyd & Kathy Arthur
September 9: Steve & Jocelyn Beyer
September 16: The Bogaard family
September 23: Brad & Angie Braafhart

Saturday, October 13th

FALL RETREAT

FCC Center

9:30 to 2:00

Coffee time and lunch will be served. The fee is \$10. Let USFW, Lyn Kinney, know in advance if you are attending. You may pay that day. Also let us know if you are bringing children. If you are, then we will provide child care for them. You will need to pack a sack lunch for them.

Julie Jones will be speaking and showing slides of her trip to Cambodia and her time with our missionaries, Nathan and Brianna Martin & sons.

Missions Around the World

Thursday, August 23, Mike and I went to Hope Ministries-Door of Faith to minister to 11 men. What a blessing and privilege to be able to tell these men about Christ. They attend several Bible Studies but they seemed to soak in everything I said. We talked about the mustard seed and how small it is and about the Parable of the Mustard Seed that Christ told and recorded in Matthew, Mark and John. It reminded me, again, how we start with small faith and it should grow as our walk with the Lord grows. Is your faith growing? Is your walk with the Lord growing?

Please be in prayer for Sarah as she will be having cornea transplant on September 13. I know they appreciate all the prayers for their little family and for their ministry work in Clarkston, GA. How do I pray? Here is a couple of paragraphs from their last Newsletter:

Please pray for Dr. Kim as he prepares for surgery, for his hands to be skilled during the operation, for my anesthesiologists to have wisdom as I sometimes don't handle or respond to anesthesia well, and for a good outcome with improved vision and quick healing for my eye. Please pray for Daniel and the kids too as I will have limitations with lifting and bending for a month or more following surgery. We're thankful that both grandmas are coming down to help at different times afterwards! Give thanks, too, for the miracles that God gives us in modern medicine. I am grateful to live in a country where eye banks are commonplace and people sacrificially donate their loved ones' eyes (please remember to pray for the grieving family that is making this transplant possible!).

As I was sitting in the waiting room this week, God gave me this verse from Isaiah 12:2: Surely God

is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.

Thank you for standing in the gap.

There will be a meeting on Sunday, September 9 for anyone interested in going on a mission trip to Clarkston. If you are unable to attend the meeting but are interested or just want more information, please talk to Julie Jones. Thank you to everyone who gave towards their van on August 26. We raised \$2,316!!! Woo Hoo! If you missed out but would still like to give, please contact Eileen Den Hartog. Thanks for the love gift! It will mean so much to them.

This is from Meggan and Pavlos Vasileiadis's Newsletter.

Please continue to pray for their growing family and thank God for these praises:

α. An overall healthy pregnancy nearing its completion.

β. The chance to celebrate our graduates at our annual year end banquet sans kids because we recruited Aunt Morgan all the way from Chicago to watch the boys!

γ. The opportunity to offer a family in transition a place to stay for several weeks, leading to encouraging fellowship.

δ. Meggan's newly acquired Greek driver's license (along with the confidence to drive!), allowing more freedom and flexibility navigating city life as a growing family.

ε. Our boys attending our 3-day VBS program all on their own! What a blessing to see how at home they feel with our family of believers. We pray for their budding friendships with the other children in the community, from all sorts of backgrounds and family situations.

Thank you for praying for all our missionaries and organizations.

~Jack & Amber Mututwa & family

~Daniel & Sarah Zagami & family

~Pavlos & Meggan Vasileiadis & family

~Josh & Melanie Dilly & family

~Camp Quaker Heights

~Hope Ministry

~Love Packages

~Mesquakie Friends Center

~Nathan & Brianna Martin & family

~Mark & Lindsey Porter & family

~East Jasper Christian Food Pantry

Our meeting was held at 5:30 at Lyn Kinney's on Monday, July 9th, 2018.

Those in attendance were: Betty Spangenburg, Regina Kaldenberg, Ronda Lanser, Bev Flander, Garnet Gertsma, Jann Braaksma, and Lyn Kinney

Lyn opened with prayer.

Ronda presented the USFWI offering suggestions/percentages: \$50 to Kenya Children and Youth Education (2.8%)

Peace and Social Concerns of East Africa (USFWI sharing of resources) \$70 (4.0%)

Keys to the Kingdom, Kenya Funds Extension College \$35 (1.9%)

Total to USFWI funding concerns is \$155.

local funds to Pay it Forward \$100. and

Mission Banquet July 28th to Daniel and Sarah Zagami \$200.

Total distribution this month: \$455

Regina presented the book and recent letters of One Child 10 yr old, Yeimi of Honduras. She also displayed the book of letters and pictures. Regina remarked on what a good artist our child is. Also that she wants to be a doctor. She has a 7 yr old dog that lives with her mom and siblings. She attends church regularly. Yeimi speaks only Spanish. She thanks us for being her support. Her birthday is Sept. 15th. Regina has stickers that she sends her with each letter. Jann had commented that perhaps we could send her something special for her birthday. (The One Child rules causes that to be limited.) Betty suggested hair ribbons. We all thought that would be a good idea.

Garnet Gertsma, Bev Flander, and Lyn Kinney plan to attend the USFW Celebration of Service at 10a.m. Saturday, July 28th at William Penn University, MUSCO bldg., Oskaloosa, Iowa. They also will attend Mission Banquet Dinner at 12 noon at MUSCO Technology Center.

We have not sent any information in for the Eliza Cox Foundation this year. Last year Bev Flander and Lyn Kinney were inducted into the foundation.

Our State USFW Fall Retreat will be held at Lynnville FCC building Saturday, October 6th. We discussed concerns for a speaker, janitorial fees, menu suggestions, social (food) committee fees, name tags, and decorating ideas. It was decided to ask the state USFW ladies for help with getting a speaker. Our theme is GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS. Lyn has sent an email to the state USFW group. The President Deanna Ankrum responded that we can help with that, but will wait until after the Celebration of Service to have a state meeting concerning Fall Retreat.

It was suggested we go with fall decorating ideas. Perhaps Cathie Van Maanen can assist us with some ideas. The USFW State food fee we believe will be \$6 a head. It was decided to donate all to Social Committee. The Janitorial fee we will write a check for from our account.

Name Tags and programs for the day we believe will be furnished by state USFW.

USFW books have been returned from the church library. Lyn called Barb H. at the Lynnville Library. They would be most happy to take our books now and in the future. Regina and Lyn plan to take the books Wednesday July 11th to the Lynnville Library.

Prayerfully submitted,

Lyn Kinney

July 11, 2018