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TOGETHER

BY PASTOR UTECHT



"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (Ephesians 6:10-20)

The theme for lent is "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work." (1 John 3:8) In that we are looking in particular at the power over evil spirits, and how to deal with such things. It is Jesus who is the exorcist, and we live in Christ, free from the devil. We have no reason to fear with Christ in us.

As we do this, here in Valentine, not too many have troubles like this, although on occasion there are some troubling spirits. In Rosebud it is a very regular occurrence. People have troubles with the spirits in their homes and lives. Jesus Christ the Son of God came to destroy the work of the devil there too.

One of the things I am asking of you this year is to realize that we are in this together as brothers and sisters in Christ. We are not alone as we live in, and share life in Christ. Pray for me, that I share Christ fearlessly as I should. Pray for our neighbors, and brothers and sisters in Christ in Rosebud. Pray for the members of our congregation and community that we all live life in faith, knowing that *"The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work"*.

As we have life in Christ, let's share that life and work together.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Utecht

LWML NEWS

FEBRUARY MEETING

Plans for serving the first Lenten meal were made.

The group also discussed the possibility of upcoming fundraisers to allow for more mission work and outreach.

MARCH MEETING

The LWML will be meeting on March 4th at 5:00 pm at the church. The meeting will conclude at 6:00 for the Lenten meal.

UPCOMING DATES

The Spring Rally will be April 4th in Ainsworth. Registration begins at 9:30.

District convention will be in Columbus on June 26th and 27th at the Ramada Inn. There should be more information in the Leaguer.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEBSITE UPDATES

The following features have been added to the website...Check them out!

- [Live homepage](#) featuring current announcements, a link to download a pdf of this newsletter, and an up-to-date calendar.
- [Updated list](#) of church officers.
- [Women's Ministry Page](#) featuring Bible studies and LWML.
- [Youth Ministry Page](#) featuring VBS, Confirmation, Sunday School, and Youth Group.
- [Recorded Services](#) are archived under the media tab.
- A [Members Page](#) features helpful links for the congregation such as: our church management software, online giving, and cleaning and usher schedules.

CHURCH NURSERY

Our church warmly welcomes and embraces children (and the noise that sometimes comes with them). ❤️❤️

However, For parents' convenience, we do offer a nursery in the upstairs of the church (third door to the right) if the need arises.

THANK YOU

Jean Stoltzenburg and family would like to thank the church for their work in preparing for Bud's funeral services.

They sincerely appreciate the outpouring of love and support and wish to pass along their appreciation.

LENTEN SERVICES

Soup suppers during lent will be at 6 pm. Worship will be at 7. Confirmation will follow and be done at 8:30.

This year we will be focusing on Christ overcoming the devil, with a look in particular at the power over evil spirits, how to deal with that through the Cross of Christ.

During Holy week we will have good Friday services with soup at 6 and worship at 7 on April 10th.

LIVESTREAMING

We are now livestreaming church services! You can find them live on Facebook (or archived on the website).

IF YOU HAVE AN ITEM FOR THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER, PLEASE HAVE IT TO JILL BY MARCH 30.

ITEMS FOR FACEBOOK OR THE WEBSITE CAN BE SUBMITTED TO JILL OR JEFF MCQUISTAN AT ANY TIME.

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YOUTH AND FAMILY

CONFIRMATION AND MIDWEEK

Midweek will continue on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 pm

During Lent, Confirmation will be after services and end at 8:30 pm.

Confirmation Sunday will be April 26th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

All women are welcome to attend our current women's Bible Study (*The Secret Joy of a Surrendered Life*).

The evening group will be meeting at the Church on Thursdays at 6:30 during Lent. March dates are the 12th and 26th.

The afternoon group will meet at 2:00 pm. on Thursday afternoons at Jill Tetherow's house. March dates are the 5th and 19th.

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group will continue to meet every third Sunday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES

The Board of Education is excited to announce a new Sunday School format!

Children are invited to attend a short (around 20 minutes) Sunday School session directly after church.

They are welcome to grab a donut and head up to the Sunday School room to hear a story, sing a song or two, and learn more about Jesus!



WORKING TOGETHER

OUR YOUTH NEED YOU!

Children today need their church family.

It is important for our youth to know that they are loved and supported by more than just their parents. They need you too!

Would you consider signing up to read a story, sing, a song, and get to know the kids a little bit better during a short (20 min or less) Sunday School session?

No prep - a short lesson will be laid out and ready to go!

No commitment - sign up for one Sunday at a time...according to your own schedule!

No teaching skills required - this is a laid back and informal approach to spending some time together and sharing the love of Jesus.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

March

1 Whittley Cumbow
 4 Billy Cumbow
 6 Hank Lancaster
 7 Mary Frances Fleming
 8 Dick & Ruth Stiefel
 9 Boone Jespersen
 11 Lynn Graeff
 11 Cody Heinert
 13 Sarah Olson
 14 *Randy & Linda Schafer*
 14 Sharon Eickhoff
 14 Kurt Stolzenburg
 19 Sandy Jacobs
 19 Slade Jespersen

21 Titus Utecht
 22 Kerry Krueger
 22 Duane & Carolyn Porath
 25 Annalena Nelson
 25 Justus Utecht
 31 Tatin Krueger
 31 Megan (Gallino) Leikam

April

1 *Billy & Teena Krueger*
 2 Courtney Galloway
 2 Jennifer Stolzenburg

12 Noah Krueger
 13 Jack Lancaster
 14 Fayth From
 14 Wayne Soles
 16 Claire Lancaster
 16 Risa Bopp
 16 Caden Gale
 17 Kailyn (Graeff) Sebron
 21 Jeff Sayer
 21 *R.J. & Kaye Cozad*
 23 Doc Lancaster
 24 Michael Gallino
 26 Priscilla Hawthorne
 28 Jhett Jespersen
 29 David Nelson



STEWARDSHIP SCHEDULE

CHURCH CLEANING

Mar 02 Jean Tetherow
 Mar 09 Jean Tetherow

 Mar 16 K. Petersen
 Mar 23 K. Petersen

 Mar 30 Jill Tetherow
 Apr 06 Jill Tetherow

 Apr 13 Graeff
 Apr 20 Graeff

USHERS

March

 Shane Hamilton & Terry Hunt

April

 Doug Jacobs & Dean Kockrow

many thanks