

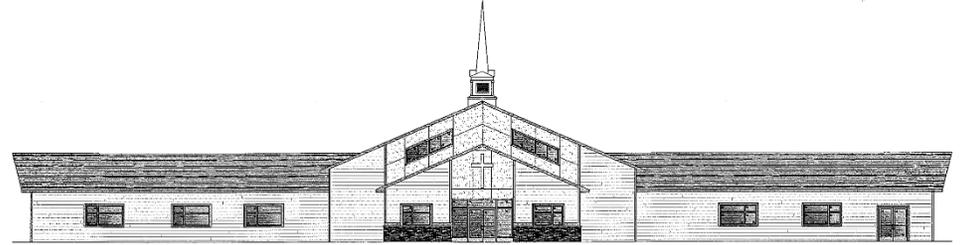
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First Edition

“Growing God’s Family by Serving”

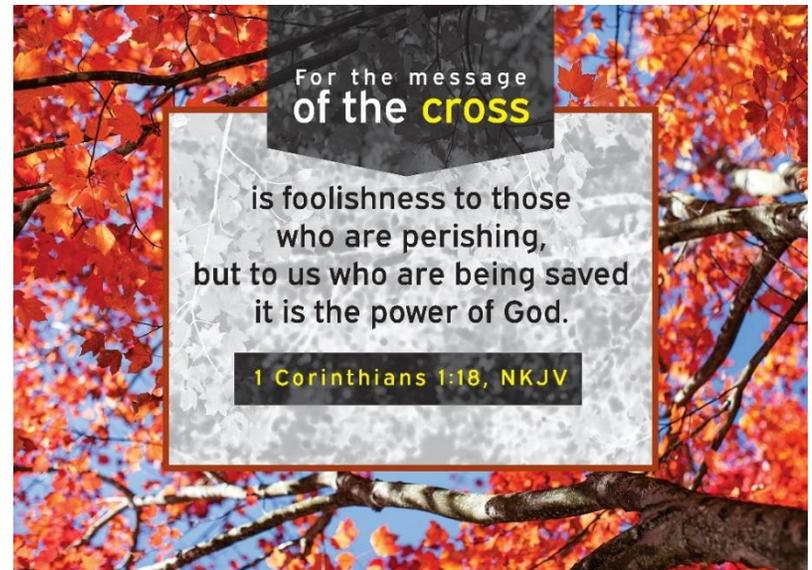


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October 2024

Christian Families

Children were of supreme importance to Jesus. Remember he said, “let the children come,” when the disciples tried to shew them away. He also said it would be better to have a millstone tied around our neck and thrown into the sea rather than facing God’s judgment should we lead children astray. Wow! Serious words to be taken most seriously.

The responsibility of parents to provide a roof over children’s heads and food for their stomach is only the beginning. We must bring God to their heart. Faith comes through hearing and blessed are the feet that bring the Good News! Parents are the primary pastors to their children. The child will do what we do, not what we say. Faith is more caught than taught as the child follows the old principle, monkey see monkey do.

Congregations come alongside parents to help in loving children and sharing the faith. To that end we offer a number of opportunities to assist parents. Most important is regular attendance together at worship. With the littlest ones this can be an exercise in frustration at first. But eventually patterns are learned and a good groove is made. It’s just like learning to eat. Lots of food gets all over until they finally learn to get most in their mouths.

Following worship is Sunday school. Regular attendance is also essential as the Bible is creatively explained. The Bible must be opened in the home as well, however. Don’t let the Bible collect dust on the shelf. Use the home devotional books we provide free of charge. Faith must not be something we merely practice at church. Remember, the family that prays together, stays together.

We are trying a few new things with Sunday school that will help parents talk about faith and pray together. We trust this will be a blessing to all but we need good participation to make it happen. There will be building Bible stories with Legos. We will have faith conversations and prayer. We want families to grow together in Jesus.

Finally, we are offering times over the year to have family fellowship. So often the families get pulled away from each other. We want to have our families play together. Below is a list of upcoming activities. Be sure to follow future announcements for more information. Let this also serve as a time to get to know fellow Christian families as well.

All for Christ,
Pastor Bryan

Family Activity Schedule

Month	Activity
October	Pumpkin Patch Outing
December	Advent Craft
January	Bowling
February	Winter Fun Day
March	Roller Skating
May	Service Project
Summer	Vacation Bible School Kayak Trip Softball League?





STUDENT RIGHTS

You have the religious freedom to pray or read the Bible—as long as these activities are done voluntarily, led by students, and not done in a way that interrupts school lessons. Talking about God or reading the Bible during free time is almost always okay. As long as you are acting voluntarily and not disturbing

class, then most of the time you have constitutional rights to express a personal, faith-based viewpoint.

Bring their Bible

Just as students can bring other favorite books they are reading to school, they can also bring their Bibles or other religious books and read them during free time. You can even use the Bible in a class assignment as long as you do so in a way that is relevant to the subject the teacher has assigned and meets the requirements of the assignment.

Pray

You can silently or quietly pray before eating lunch, gather in groups to say a prayer around the flagpole before or after school, or pray before or after a sporting event. Student prayers are considered to be private, personal speech. You are allowed as long as they are student-led (rather than being adult-led or school endorsed), aren't disrupting academic instruction, and are voluntary.

Share Bible verses

In general, you can voluntarily express your personal and religious beliefs to their classmates through verbal or written expressions, as long as they follow their school's policies and do not engage in these activities during classroom or instruction time. Schools can enforce reasonable limits on times and locations for where students are allowed to distribute materials. But these regulations must be applied equally to all students. That means schools cannot impose an outright ban on religious-themed materials if they already allow students to distribute non-religious materials.

BYBTSD 2024

Thursday, October 3rd



Fall Harvest Dessert Bar

Sunday, October 20th

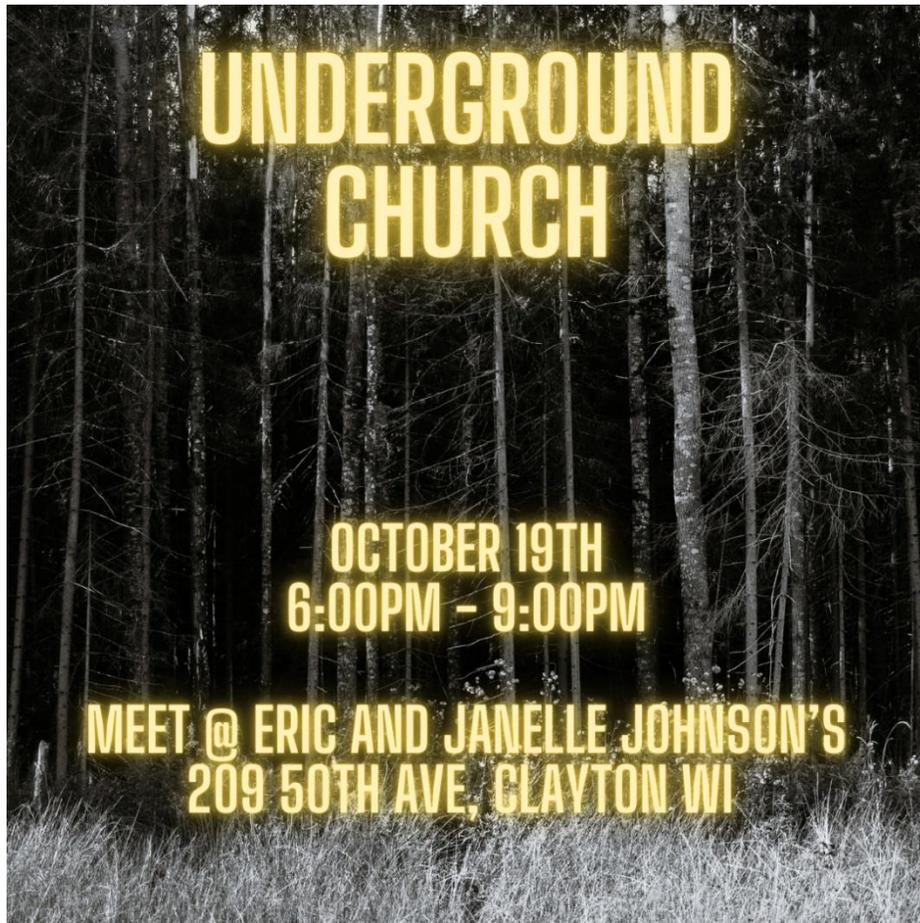
Serving: 9:00 AM to Noon

MENU:

Carrot Cake, Apple Bars, Pumpkin Bars, Peach Cobbler,
Juice, Milk, and Coffee

*All proceeds will go to our Youth Mission Trip.





OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



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| 1: Deb Arcand
Sherry Klinger
Darla Cain
Chris Petersen | 12: Russell Arcand |
| 3: Matthew Magnuson
Samantha Haley
Mackenzie Ward | 13: Tim Prusak
Kyle Fritz
Kelsie Barney
Nicholas Haley |
| 4: Angela Harris | 14: Brenda Campion |
| 5: Leona Voss
Aaron Buhr
Nolan Pittman | 15: Terri Moe
Nickolas Witthoft
Paul Warner
Melvin Paulson |
| 6: Nancy Luehman | 16: Rhianna Campion |
| 7: David Callaway | 17: Amber Paulson
Kenneth Cuper |
| 8: Jordan Witthoft
Kristen Otis
Eric Moll
Norma Solum | 18: Crystal Sloan |
| 9: Greg Dodge
Anna Wilson
Duke Krueger | 19: Ben Kobernick
Maurice Hanson
Barb Juleff |
| 11: Dale Wood
Sheila Dipprey | 21: Patti Wyss
Melanie Cuper |
| | 22: Eric O'Connell |
| | 23: Gina (Somsen) Akselrod |
| | 24: Burton Beckman |
| | 25: Jordan Olson
Levi Kuhn |
| | 26: Steven Paulson
Neil Larson |
| | 27: Denny Benson |
| | 29: Brooke Hadac
Emily Hadac |
| | 30: Richard Becker
Toby Larson |
| | 31: Ken Iverson |

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Memorial Given to the Memorial Garden Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Lee Wick	Paul & Penny O'Connell

Memorials Given to the Unspecified Fund

<u>In Memory of</u>	<u>Given by</u>
Joe & Betty Juleff	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Buster & Viola Johnson	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Lee Wick	Mike & Rosemary Johnson
Richard Hannemann	Mike & Rosemary Johnson

OCTOBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

ALTAR GUILD: Hannah Eckwall

GREETERS: Neil & Emily Larson Family and Tim & Patti Wyss

READERS

- 6 Eva Wilson
- 13 Chris Petersen
- 20 Natalie Petersen
- 27 Bert Petersen

COUNTERS: Dan Cain & TBD

COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Dan Cain

USHERS

- 6 & 13 Derry Monson & Terry Monson
- 20 & 27 Keith Anderson & Dave Somsen

FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

- 6 Kyle & Shari Overby
- 13 Potluck – Dave & Carol Somsen
- 20 Fall Harvest Dessert Bar – Mission Trip Fundraiser
- 27 Deann & Tiffany Wagner

FINANCES
Giving: Total offering for August \$13,829.30 (<i>\$20,728.08 needed monthly</i>) August year to date offering \$145,089.28 (<i>\$165,824.68 YTD Budget</i>)
Bremer Mortgage Remaining Balance \$626,340.75

NEWS & NOTES



We keep the following in our prayers and acts of love: Taylor Cardinal, Dixie Croes, Dennis Luehman, Levi Ramsey, and Cyndy Witthoft (sister of Deann Wagner).
If you want to be included on the public prayer list, please notify the church office.

SYMPATHY: Our sympathy is extended to following on the death of a loved one:

- Sharon Kuhl (nephew, Kurtis Olsvig)
- Cindy Nilssen & Terri Moe (aunt, Eleanor Eggert)

BAPTISM: Daxson Kane Bignell, son of Charles & Kayla Bignell

THANK YOU: We recognize the following individuals who signed up to mow the grounds this past summer: Jack Wickum, Paul Colbeth, Bill McIntire, Mike Schramski, Dale Wirth, Josh Buhr, Terry Monson, Linn Case, Ken Iverson, TJ Buhr, Brad Nilssen and Dan & Janette Cain. Thanks to all of you who made sure our grounds were well kept.

Time to be planning for the raffle that will take place during the Church Dinner in November!

Our popular basket raffle is planned to go along with our church dinner in November. Fill a basket with a gift theme. Empty baskets are available in the entry. If you would like to make a monetary donation and have a basket made, donations can be made until October 14th.

Quilting Ministry Volunteers Needed

Join our quilting ministry and help spread warmth and comfort to those in need. We have lost several members. We are seeking volunteers to assist with quilting projects that benefit Lutheran World Relief. Tasks: cutting fabric, piecing quilts, binding and tying. No experience necessary! We will provide guidance and instruction.

New Member Orientation

An informational orientation will be held after the 10:00 AM worship service Sunday, October 20th. Those interested should notify the church office (263-2846) so adequate supplies can be on hand. New members will be officially received into the congregation on Sunday, November 3rd. Please speak to Pastor Bryan if you should have any questions.