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November 2022

Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth/Children's Ministry Intern Luke Chavanne

Pastor's Notes

For who sees anything different in you? What do you have that you did not receive? If then you received it, why do you boast as if you did not receive it? --1 Corinthians 4:7 (ESV)



Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' --Deuteronomy 8:17 (ESV)

How are you bootstraps? Many of us may have heard the description that is sometimes used of people saying, "he pulled himself up by his own bootstraps." That is one of the adages that expresses the value of people taking initiative and doing the hard work needed to better their lives. Sometimes it is hard for those of us who have had opportunities to do just that to be able to relate to or have compassion for those who have not had those opportunities. As a result, we can easily forget that everything we have is actually something received, rather than generated by ourselves. In fact, the passage in Deuteronomy above warns of the danger of starting to think that way.

Might we review this notion, as we look forward to Thanksgiving this year? For instance, even in the adage, the odds are pretty good that the guy who pulled himself up by his own bootstraps probably did not make the boots himself! He likely didn't raise the cattle from which the leather came, either, nor did he grow the rubber tree from which the soles and heels of his boots came. All he probably did was buy the boots!

Think about all the things in your life that you actually have little to do with except receive them into your life, and then use them as best you could. I drive a car, as most of you do. And yet, were I born in the deep Amazon jungles, I might never have even seen a car, or if I were born in the days of the American Revolution, I would not have been driving a car. And, as was the case with the boots, all I did was buy it, and try to care for it. I didn't design it, dig the ore or do the smelting for the metals in it, shape any of the parts for it, assemble the machine, or, for that matter, even do the repairs when they are needed. All things I am merely the recipient (and purchaser) of. I graduated high school and colleges, and worked hard to do so; but I did not establish the high school or college, train the professors, discover the science or develop the math...and for that matter, I didn't even decide what kind of brain I was going to be born with! So much I received.

Unlike millions around the globe, I benefit from electrical lights and central heat and air conditioning, none of which I created for myself, and in my case, not even in a house I own, but one the church provides! The family into which I was born, the freedom of the country I inhabit, the clothes I wear, the water I drink, the glasses that help me see, the food I eat and the grocery store where I find it, the language I use to communicate with others, the ability to understand that language, for that matter, the body and strength I have and the planet on which I live....I am, at best, only the caretaker or developer of all things things.... Received, received, received. One of the differences that should mark us as Christians is that we recognize all in our life as the gifts of God, and are grateful to him for them. However, I suspect that all too often, most of us are not grateful enough, nor express it enough.

As we move through November, I want to encourage you to make a November listing of all the things you have received in your life, for which you can (and should!) give God thanks. Later, this month, we will have a special time when we will be invited to share our gratitude in some tangible ways...food items for distribution, monetary donations as thank offerings, and perhaps more. Begin now making your list. See how many items you can discover each day, and record them for sharing later on.

We are blessed,

Richard



November Bible Puzzle:

In Wednesday night Bible study, we are just starting our way into the book of Habakkuk. What significance does something from that rarely read book play in our Christian faith throughout history?

November Peoples Puzzle

This month's puzzle is an individual who has 2 of his/her children (Sons) who are electricians in Iowa (*Answers provided next month*)

October Bible Puzzle:

What other individual in the Bible was named Deborah besides the judge/prophetess/warrior of Judges 4-5? In Genesis, you may recall when Eleazer brought Rebekah back to become Isaac's wife, that a servant girl came with her. In Genesis 35:8, we learn that her name was also Deborah. (And for those who wanted to pursue even further, in the books we call "The Apocrypha" is a book named "Tobit", and Tobit's paternal grandmother, who helped raise him, was named Deborah.)

October Peoples Puzzle:

The member who climbed Mt. Bierstadt and was on the way to another when her hip went out? Rosie Godina. She also hiked the Narrows out in Zion National Park!

MISSION CONFERENCE 2022

God is moving in our Church! We were so blessed to be able to host the 2022 Mission Conference right here at home. We had special guest speakers from ABHMS, AB Nebraska, AB Foundation, The Bridge, Rainbow Acres, Camp Moses Merrill International Ministries and a couple of missionaries. Here are some photos from the event.



If you know of someone in our church family whose name should be on this birthday and/or anniversary list and it is not, please call the office at 402-721-1265 to let us know.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Anniversary!

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Don Charleston	402-657-0171	2		
Cliff Hammond	402-721-7453	5		
Heather Newcomer	402-919-4371	5		
Leland Foreman	402-719-4099	7		
Joan Sorensen		8		
		9	Jim & Deb Peterson	
Jean Foreman	402-719-1298	11		
Mark Anderson	402-727-0740	12		
Steve Dodd	402-727-7228	22		
Bob Marsh		22		
Dale Tharp	402-720-4912	25		
		27	Doug & Mary Ann Ritthaler	402-721-1623



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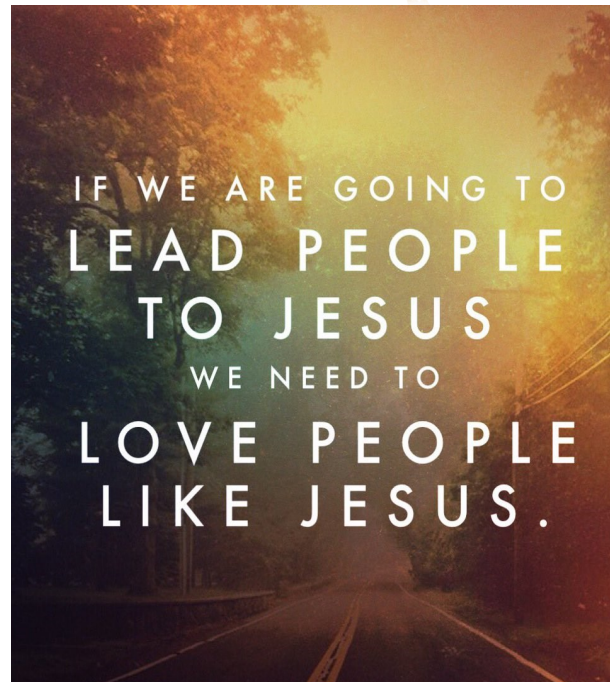
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Edgewood Vista

2910 Clarkson St. Fremont 402-753-8800

Mary Ann Paulger #7

We were so grateful and blessed to have had all the Sunday Pastor Appreciation Meals in October, we have decided not to host a Harvest dinner this year. We will be out making goodie bag deliveries!



NOVEMBER 3, 2022



1:30 P.M.

HOSTESS: NAOMI

American Baptist

Women's MINISTRIES

November Monthly Meetings

November 14 | Esther Circle - Runza East - 11:30 a.m.

November 15 | Hannah Circle - 1:30 p.m.

November 17 | Naomi Circle - 12:30 p.m.

We are collecting **Bingo** Prizes for
Maple Crest Health Centers

Please bring your donations to the office
of the ABWM meeting.

Examples:

- Lap robes
- Shawls
- Scarves
- Lotions
- Puzzle Books
- Socks
- Stamps/ Stationary
- Knick Knacks
- Pop
- Small Candy Bars
- Costume Jewelry
- Individual Kleenex

Bible Book of the Month:
Habakkuk



Vision Team Meeting: October 11, 2022

Members present were Pastor Richard, Mike Raasch, John Mitchell, Marcia Hill, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon and Dorothy Charleston.

Pastor Richard opened the meeting with a thought about the Crocus, the earliest Spring flower. He commented about the forum meeting on Sunday - so many leaders gathered here at one time! What are God's intentions for us? The Vision Team needs to focus on the times ahead!

Randy gave his report. \$13,000 more spent than came in. His balance sheet was reviewed. Checking account balance was \$3307.88, Building account was \$10405.09, Endowment was \$298426.88, Memorial gifts was \$23189.18

The Trout's, missionaries to the Philippines, have been designated for \$1000 for 2023. They provided music for Sunday service.

Joel made a motion to withdraw \$5000 from Memorial Funds to pay for Sanctuary lighting expense. Mary seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in favor.

Because of the monthly dinners the Harvest Dinner will not be held. An alternative activity with cookie gifts will be held. Mary moved to give \$200 gratuity to Mel's Diner. The vote passed. The cost of the Mission Conference Meal was \$1300. An anonymous donation of \$1000 was donated to cover the dinner costs.

A motion on behalf of the Endowment Committee was made by Mike to open an account at the American Baptist Foundation so they can develop a solid proposal of a revised indenture for approval by the Vision Team and the congregation. No funds will be transferred until approval, and fees will be paid. Mary seconded the motion, and the vote carried.

Plans for next year were discussed. Expanding Bible Study groups, sending outreach cards to Police, Fire and Schools.

Nominating Committee will be Mary Weldon and Shelly Bowen. Budget Committed will be headed up by Joel and Mike.

No further business, Mike closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Charleston clerk



November

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

The Family of God

Day 1: Genesis 17:1-5	Day 17: Acts 2:41
Day 2: Genesis 17:6-9	Day 18: Acts 2:42-43
Day 3: Matthew 1:17	Day 19: Acts 2:44-45
Day 4: John 1:1-5	Day 20: Acts 2:46-47
Day 5: John 1:9-13	Day 21: Acts 4:32
Day 6: Matthew 3:16-17	Day 22: Acts 9:31
Day 7: Matthew 6:33	Day 23: I Corinthians 12:4-7
Day 8: Matthew 7:13	Day 24: I Corinthians 12:21-23
Day 9: John 14:5-7	Day 25: I Corinthians 12:24-26
Day 10: Matthew 12:46-50	Day 26: Galatians 5:19-21
Day 11: Matthew 16:15-18	Day 27: Galatians 5:22-25
Day 12: Matthew 28:18-20	Day 28: Ephesians 4:1-3
Day 13: Luke 24:44-49	Day 29: Ephesians 4:4-6
Day 14: Acts 2:22-24	Day 30: Ephesians 4:31-32
Day 15: Acts 2:36	Bonus: Titus 3:3-7
Day 16: Acts 2:37-39	

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*





Kid's Club | FBYouth

Kids Club and FBYouth are in full swing!
For Registration/Transportation information please contact
Luke Chavanne or the Church office.



The month of October has been incredible for our youth group! We have continued our streak of averaging about 25 kids on a nightly basis! We have also begun seeing our kids pop into the morning sessions on zoom and at the second service on Sunday! We also held several successful youth events this month! We had a community wide event at Heedum field gathering about 40 total youth from our community along with 22 from our group and midland students as well. We then had a youth event at the fall festival at Moses Merrill where we had several youth kids of our own and 10 total teaching them about Christian servitude with a lot of fun on the way. We look forward to the events to come and thank you all for your unwavering support.

-Luke Chavanne | Youth Pastor Interim



Nebraska football games are being shown @ the Family Center. Bring a friend, food to eat and share and a drink. Masks are optional. Doors open 30 minutes before the game.

No Games will be shown over the Thanksgiving Holiday



We want to thank the ABW, ABM, Personnel, Staff, and Vision Team for having great Pastor Appreciation meals. A special thanks to Deb Barden and Betty Laughlin and Joel Foreman for all their hard work setting up for the event and decorating tables.
-Mary and Martha (Marcia)

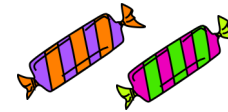


Join us in the Family Center the second Sunday of the month!

5:30 Brown Bag Fellowship

6:00 Movie Starts

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, -Hebrews 12:28



Halloween Hysteria





We love this community! In early October we were able to participate in Fremont's Halloween Hysteria. We were down town passing out Candy and FREE Hotdogs. Praise God for the wonderful evening and the great turn out. Thank you to all that volunteered, donated and

Glory be to the Father and the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.



It's always a good idea to verify times and places,
Thanks!

NOVEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 7pm - AA Meeting	2 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15 - Meal 7pm - Kids Club/FBY	3 1:30 - ABWM	4 9am - Men's Coffee	5 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - Property Team
6 COMMUNION 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 	7 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarvers	8 1:30 Hannah Circle @ Runza East 7pm - AA Meeting	9 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15 - Meal 7pm - Kids Club/FBY	10	11 9am - Men's Coffee	12 8:50 - Personnel Team 9am - Vision Team
13 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 5:30 - Brown Bag 6:00 - Movie 	14 9am - Men's Coffee 11:30 - Esther Circle	15 7pm - AA Meeting	16 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15 - Meal 7pm - Kids Club/FBY	17 12:30 - Naomi	18 9am - Men's Coffee	19
20 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service	21 9am - Men's Coffee 7pm - Woodcarver	22 7pm - AA Meeting	23 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15 - Meal 7pm - Kids Club/FBY	24 Office Closed 	25 Office Closed 6:30 Decorate Church for Christmas	26
27 9:30 - Traditional Service 11am - Casual Service 1st Sunday in Advent	28 9am - Men's Coffee	29 7pm - AA Meeting	30 9:30 - Women's Coffee 6:15 - Meal 7pm - Kids Club/FBY	22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. -Galatians 5:22-23		

Prayer Emphasis For November:

Pray for the farmers who are harvesting their crops.
Pray for families that may not have food for a meal to eat.

Coffee & Cookies

- 6 - Esther
- 13 - Naomi
- 20 - ABM
- 27 - Sign Up!