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Dear Lord, we thank you for bringing us to the start of a new month. We pray that when this month is over, we will be closer to you than we are at this moment. Please bless our family and friends and keep them safely in your care. We ask for your healing hand to be upon those who are ill and we ask for your hand of provision to meet each need. We thank you in advance for all you will do. In Jesus' name we pray.
 Amen



March 2022



Lead Pastor Richard Crooks | Youth/Children's Ministry Interim Luke Chavanne | Fremont, NE

MARCH 2022

Come, behold the works of the LORD, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah --Psalm 46:8-11 esv

I dropped my intended Chimes article this morning and wrote a fresh one, because my wife came downstairs for breakfast and told me the radio had said that Russia invaded the Ukraine overnight. She also made the comment, "I wonder how many churches they will burn this time," referring to the previous Russian invasion of the Crimea, and the stories we have known of Christians suffering there. Another war has begun, a sad fact of human history since the beginning. Where will this one lead?

What is interesting to me is that I was considering changing to another topic already, asking if YOU, as part of our church, are ready for war? Why? Because we just baptized two young men in the last couple of weeks, and then last night at Kid's Club, I was called out of Bible study to come upstairs to talk with some more children interested in getting baptized, too, because they had just prayed for Christ to come into their lives. God is moving in our midst, and we are seeing some of the fruit in the realm of our work with young people through the leaders who are so committed and generous with their time. In my experience, though, whenever God starts working and people start coming to Christ, Satan starts working, too, and counterattacks to stop the Gospel's spread. So while you and I are watching the news of the new war in the Ukraine, make sure you are also paying attention to the war behind the war, the war that rages around the globe, the one in which you and I are engaged in here at Fremont, FBC.

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. -- Ephesians 6:12-13 esv

We are engaged in many activities that occupy our attention here on earth. As Christians, while we observe news of wars around the globe, or see battles in our own country for the soul of America, let us



never forget that the earthly battles are just that...earthly, temporary, fleeting. **But behind every human strife there is a heavenly battle** not for the soul of a country, but for the souls of men and women caught up in the grasp of sin and self. I find Psalm 46 reassuring, that even in times of war, God remains on the throne and will himself bring them to an end when HE chooses, not when we do. That Psalm was printed in the cover of the little New Testament my dad carried through World War II...it reminded him of that fact even while he was in the midst of battle. And it is up to us, as believers, to clothe ourselves in God's mighty armor and stand God's ground in the spiritual battles raging around the earth and in our own communities.

Last night at Wednesday Bible Study, before news of the invasion had come, we prayed for Russia and for our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine, and for Mr. Putin—that God to reveal himself to him. We prayed for Jordan and Jaxson, whom we have just baptized. We prayed for those working with our young folks up on the top floor, while they were serving on the front lines of this great conflict in which we are engaged. Let us never forget that, just as the Ukrainians are not going to just idly stand by and let Russia take over territory, so Satan is not going to stand idly by as the Gospel changes lives and people are baptized in our midst. Today, I exhort you to make sure you suited up and ready for whatever fiery darts Satan might sling our way, and never forget, God has never been dethroned, and he has never abdicated. He is working and will work his will and his way either through us or in spite of us, either with our aid or by getting us out of the way so others can aid. And if you read the back of the book, God ALWAYS wins!

Rise up, O Christian, this is your day!





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MISSIONS
& OUTREACH

This month we have been blessed to begin with a baptism of one of our own, in the youth group, Jaxson Krueger. This was special for us as a youth group to see the faith in another, demonstrated by his actions and as he followed through in believer's baptism. This allowed us as a youth group to begin focusing more on the callings of Christ and the opportunities that could be ahead in a life with and for Christ. It also provided our whole group opportunity to focus on seeking Christ with actions and seeking Him more often than simply when we show up at church. Then on the 20th I also had the privilege of baptizing Jordan Stevenson, exciting times!! Thank you for all your continued prayer and support in our ministry! With your help God is allowing us to boldly proclaim His name and to continue to cast out seeds so that they would continue to find good soil to spring up and produce fruit! -Luke



March Bible Puzzle:

Which Gospel indicates it was written for a specific individual? What other New Testament writing was for this person? Bonus points: some think the individual was actually symbolic because of the name's meaning; what does the name mean?

March Peoples Puzzle:

This church member worked as a Nebraska teacher....but only for one year! After making a move, he/she received training in an different field and never worked as a teacher again.

(Answers provided next month)



February Answers

Bible Puzzle

The 10 plagues as found in Exodus 7- are: water turned to blood, frogs, gnats, flies, livestock dying, boils, hail, locusts, darkness and the death of the first born. (That's what happened to Pharaoh...how hard is it for God to get YOUR attention?)

Peoples Puzzle

What member was certified as an EMT, has travelled to all 48 contiguous states, likes to collect coins and was named in Who's Who in American Junior Colleges two years in a row!
Alan Holzerland



If you are ready to turn your life over to Christ and start building that deep and personal relationship with Him. Let Pastor Richard, Luke Chavanne or Amity Bruce know. We would love to help.



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.

Birthdays	Phone	Date	Anniversary	Phone
Andy Pavel	402-719-7554	1		
Linda Crytzer	402-753-0256	2		
Rebecca Adams		3		
		4	Steve & Cindi Dodd	402-727-7228
Betty Adams	402-721-2048	5		
Rowena Gonzales	402-719-7809	5		
Randy Cash	402-721-3572	9		
Cynthia Christensen	402-721-5239	9		
Mary Ann Paulger	402-721-5620	9		
Delores Rasmussen	402-624-5775	9		
Clarence Reiss	402-721-8374	9		
Shelly Holzerland	402-721-7605	10		
Joyce Shellgren		14		
Deb Barden	402-720-2349	17		
Roxanne Woodman	402-496-3827	17		
Rod Musilek	402-721-1336	18		
		24	Paul & Eileen Cash	402-721-6418
Trish Hansen	402-719-7773	27		
Brian Weldon	402-727-5302	27		
Beryl Hornberger		28		
Mert Olson	402-719-9765	31		



Senior Residential/ Homebound

NYE SQUARE APTS 650 W 21st St. Fremont 402-721-9224	Edgewood Vista 2910 N Clarkson St. Fremont 402- 753-8800
Dalton Benson 402-721-7717 #126	Mary Ann Paulger #7
Wes Howe 402-721-4163 #133	
Charlie Wild 402-721-2158 #130	Geneva Peterson c/o June Cardwell
Joan Sorensen 402-830-6519 #178	12187 County Rd P1
	Fontanelle NE, 68044
SHALIMAR GARDENS 749 E. 29th St, Fremont, 402-721-1616	
Harlan Waugh (402-753-8046) #207	



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ~ 1 John 1:9

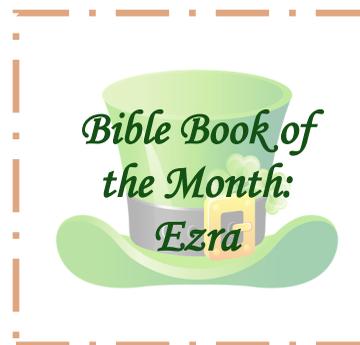


**March 3, 2022
ABWM @ 1:30
FBC Parlor
Hostess: Esther**

For Ezra had set his heart to study the Law of the LORD, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel. -Ezra 7:10



*Hannah - March 8th - 1:30
Esther - March 14th - 11:30
Naomi - March 24th - 12:30*



Vision Team Meeting: February 12, 2022



Mike Raasch called the Vision Team meeting to order with the following members present: Mike Raasch, John Mitchell, Eileen Cash, June Cardwell, Randy Cash, Joel Foreman, Mary Weldon, Marcia Hills and Pastor Richard Crooks.

Mike opened with prayer and a devotion dealing with times when one's world starts to collapse.

Randy provided and pointed out highlights of the financial report for the month, and answered questions as raised. He noted that with the downturn of the market, the endowment value dipped about \$17,000 in January.

John Mitchell shared an update of Property Team's activities. 1) They are looking into replacing the outside door by the buses which is in bad shape. 2) A 65" television was purchased for use in the parlor to make presentations easier to accomplish, mounted to the west wall. 3) Ongoing work on internet access continues, with 3 new cables with one run to the computer by the soundboard in the sanctuary, a second to be available to boost wireless in the West section of the building, and an additional as a spare to be used where needed. It is thought the projection screen that was removed might be useful hung in the Family Center for projection there. 4) Work is being scheduled for replacing bulbs and some lights in the sanctuary. 5) They are looking into companies and costs to replace parsonage roof which has been leaking. 6) When spring comes mulch chips will be gotten from the city to fill the edges of the parking beside the playground. 7) The big bus has not been starting, but since it is not needed right now, they will wait until spring to work on it. 8) Mary suggested we consider having Classic Cleaning add the church's entry doors to their regular schedule of Family Center window cleaning. Pastor will check into the cost.

June reported that on Wednesday evening, February 1, Jaxson Kruger was baptized during the Kid's Club time so they could see it, with Youth Pastor Intern, Luke Chavanne, working with Pastor Richard for it. Jordan Stevenson is scheduled for baptism on Feb. 20. Pastor and Luke are in discussion about some of the youth's questions and plans to address their concerns about the difference between what society and Christianity teach. 

Eileen shared that there are 7 lap-ropes at the quilters, which costs about \$45-\$60 each, so funds will be raised to cover. ABWM did not meet in Jan or February.

Pastor shared that he had met with Joan Sorenson, Linda Schutte and Bob Marsh, as Joan steps into assisting as the second Caring Ministry Contact, to help coordinate and possibly grow our use of greeting cards by developing a group of folks who will assist, and making sure that the current work is covered while looking into other possibilities. They decided we will be sending teachers cards in March, May and August, to the Fire Department and Police for the 4th of July and Thanksgiving, and also gather contacts to include the Wednesday night families for birthdays and anniversaries.

Pastor also shared other discussions that have occurred about placing another large screen television in the Family Center for Sunday mornings and for ball games. He mentioned that the

BIBLE READING/WRITING PLAN

The Holy Spirit

Take 10 minutes each day to read that day's Bible verse, write it in your journal and pray over it. Ask God to reveal to you what He wants to show you through His Word.

March 1 Judges 3:10-14	Mar 17 Jude 1:20
Mar 2 Matthew 12:31-33	Mar 18 Romans 8:26
Mar 3 Luke 24:45-49	Mar 19 Acts 2:38
Mar 4 John 3:6-8	Mar 20 Matthew 28:18-20
Mar 5 Romans 8:2-6	Mar 21 Galatians 5:22-23
Mar 6 2-corinthians 5:16-18	Mar 22 John 14:15-17
Mar 7 1 Chronicles 12:18-20	Mar 23 1 Corinthians 6:19
Mar 8 Micah 3:8-10	Mar 24 Isaiah 11:2
Mar 9 Acts 2:1-5	Mar 25 John 16:12-15
Mar 10 Luke 11:13	Mar 26 2 Corinthians 3:17
Mar 11 1 John 2:19-27	Mar 27 Ezekiel 36:26-27
Mar 12 John 14:26	Mar 28 1 Corinthians 2:13
Mar 13 Acts 4:31	Mar 29 Romans 8:9
Mar 14 1 Thessalonians 5:19	Mar 30 Ephesians 1:13
Mar 15 Titus 3:6	Mar 31 Acts 5:32
Mar 16 1 Corinthians 12:7	



September 28, 1953
February 21, 2022

Willis M. Pueppke

*Blessed are those who
mourn, for they shall
be comforted*
 *-Matthew 5:4*

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March
 WOMEN'S
Bible Study
 and Mission Project

2022

A NEW BIBLE STUDY TOPIC EACH MONTH -
 RESOURCES PROVIDED TO PREPARE FOR THE STUDY

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH - DISCUSSION FOLLOWED BY MISSION TIME -
 CURRENT PROJECT - WEAVING MATS FOR "FRIENDS OF ISAIAH"

Saturday - March 26, 2022 - 9 a.m.
 Coffee & Chist.. Book of Hebrews!



reason we purchased when we did was due to sales on large tvs occurring around the Super Bowl. Discussion of the idea followed, and Mary suggested we get the parlor tv working first to make sure everything works as planned, and then buy one for the Family Center around Black Friday. No action was taken, but the idea of waiting was recognized as having merit. (Shortly after the meeting, an individual offered to go ahead and donate to purchase a Family Center television now, so that it can be used for the movies we are showing and at the start of football season, and so purchase was made.)



Pastor reported that Nola and he had been invited by missionary Carmella Jones to come to Budapest, Hungary to visit her work and that of our other missionaries there. He indicated that he and Nola scheduled a week and half trip for April 18, right after Easter. He will be using a week's continuing education time for the trip, and access some convention/continuing education funds for a portion of the cost. They are checking with the missionaries to see if there are helpful items that could be collected to take for the work. Luke will fill the pulpit while Pastor is gone.

Men are planning on breakfast for Easter Sunday. Vision Team discussed and then set March 19 as an All-Congregation spring cleaning day for the church. Property and the office will help assemble a list of things to be done. If weather is bad, we will only do inside projects and schedule a late date for outside.

Mike and Pastor shared that they are working on a devotion style booklet for the congregation to have for the Lenten season as we prepare for Easter.



Meeting adjourned.

Notes taken by Mary Weldon and Pastor Richard



Making Dough & Baking Cookies, preparing the goodie bags from scratch!!

I want to thank my friends at FBC who helped me celebrate my 80th birthday. Songs and all! Thanks Pastor Richard! Bless you, Jill Pochop



Thank you Pastor Richard and his wife, and all who helped make my birthday a special milestone to remember. Want to thank the church for allowing me the use of Fellowship Hall. Fun to see all the friends and family. God Bless Everyone Wes Howe

Reminder! Pastor usually takes his "weekend" on Monday and Tuesday, and doesn't always have his cell phone handy and may miss your call.. If you call and miss him, leave a voicemail and he will get back with you when he can. If you miss him and it is an emergency, please call the church office and Amity will find a way to make sure he gets word.



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

MARCH 2022



Cookies & Coffee
6 - Naomi Circle
13 - ABM
20 - Hannah Circle
27 - Sign Up Sunday

Prayer Emphasis
Burma and Ukraine

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 6:15 Kids Club/FBY 7:00 Bible Study	3 1:30 ABWM (Bring your prayer of Jabez)	4	5 7am - ABM Bible Study 8am - ABM Breakfast 9am - ABWM Bible Study 9:30 - Property Team Meeting
6 Communion 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service	7 7pm Woodcarvers	8 1:30-Hannah Circle @ BK International women's Day	9 6:15 Kids Club/FBY 7:00 Bible Study	10	11 10am - Nye Square Bible Study	12 8:50 Personnel Team 9:30 - Vision Team
13 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service 5:00 Brown Bag Fellowship 6:00 Movie Night 	14 11:30-Esther Circle	15	16 NO Kids Club/FBY - Spring Break 7:00 Bible Study	17 	18	19 All Congregation Church Cleaning Day. Volunteers Needed
20 9:30 Traditional Service 11:00 Contemporary Service	21 7pm Woodcarvers	22	23 6:15 Kids Club/FBY 7:00 Bible Study	24 12:30-Naomi Circle	25 10am - Nye Square Bible Study	26 9am-ABWM Bible Study
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