

**Birthdays**

05 – Carol Chapman      14 – Alex Williams  
05 – Sharon Gardner    17 – Katelyn Kruger  
13 – Kaitlin Kubly      21 – Karen Wason  
   29 – Brooke Nerlien

**Committee of the Month**

\*Carol & Greg Chapman  
Mary & Marv Goemaat  
Tricia & Greg Polzin

**Greeters**

01 – Anna & Jim Williams  
08 – Amanda & Travis Langfitt  
15 – Eleanor & Jeff Fankhauser  
22 – Mary & Roger Kallem  
29 – Chris & Frank Sharp

**Acolyte**

Landen Kakacek

**Ushers**

Jeff Fankhauser  
Roger Kallem

**Greetings! I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones doing well.**

I realize I say this all the time, but it is true - time flies by. It is hard to believe that we are just days away from celebrating Thanksgiving and Christmas is right around the corner.

I would like to go back to the sermon topic from yesterday. We read Psalm 98 for the sermon scripture yesterday and talked about living lives of praise and thanksgiving. We had a lot to be thankful for in our worship service at both churches. We celebrated Landen Kakacek's public profession of faith at the Presbyterian Church and the choir sang a beautiful song for special music at the Congregational Church. "Fun was had by all."

Sometimes we think "lives of praise and thanksgiving" are just for our more spirit filled friends or our Pentecostal friends. Maybe we should reconsider that sort of thinking. I mentioned yesterday that James Howell (Preaching Professor at Duke Divinity School) says that; "Praise is our best counter to evil in the world."

What would happen if you and I put more effort into living a life of praise and thanksgiving? What would happen if you and I were more regular about offering our praise and thanks to God? What would happen if you and I spent more time thanking God for all the blessings we have?

We talked some yesterday about how living this sort of life increases our connection with God's Holy Spirit as well as our connection with our neighbors. Isn't that what the Christian life is all about?

Really, isn't that what Christmas is all about?

My prayer is that this Christmas season would inspire us to live lives of praise and thanksgiving. My prayer is that in living those lives the Christ Child would come fresh into our hearts. My prayer is that we would stand with God and with our neighbor as we stand against the evil in our world.

May God bless you, Pastor Bill

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