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Don't Forget...

Turn your clocks back this
coming weekend
(November 3rd-4th)
so you don't miss church
Sunday morning!



From the Pastor's Pen

First of all I would just like to say a huge "Thank You" to all of you that have made me feel so very welcome at the church and also to all your kind and encouraging notes for the Pastor Appreciation Recognition. I am very happy to be here as part of your church family.

As I am seeking to continue to see how God would guide me in my sermons that I bring to you, I have been thinking about the Kingdom of God. My hope and prayer is that we, as the church, can capture a vision for the Kingdom of God, both in our own hearts and also for what it would mean for us as a church. In Luke 13:20-21, Jesus said, "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." What would it mean for this yeast to leaven our whole church with a vision for the Kingdom of God? And what does this even mean? My hope is that over the next few weeks we may seek to find what it means to be a part of the Kingdom of God and that this yeast may leaven our hearts as well as our church!

Howie



Serving a Meal to our Veterans



One of the most rewarding projects of our Missions committee is to plan and serve a meal to the veterans at the Veterans Drop-in Center in Rockford. We would like to share that experience with you in more detail, hoping to interest some of you to join us in the future.

The Missions committee typically gets together to plan the menu a week in advance. We try to give them a hearty meal and have found that meatloaf with all the fixings and Shepherds pie are two meals

that they dearly love! A few times this year we have asked the congregation to contribute to our meals, but usually the members of the Missions committee have been willing and delighted to provide what was needed.

There are 4-5 people from our church that, on our selected dates, dedicate most of their afternoon to help prepare and serve the meal. We prepare what we can of the menu before leaving the church at 2:30 and upon arrival at the Drop-in Center we finish the meal preparation while visiting with the Veterans that are there. We usually serve about 20 veterans in addition to those of us that help prepare and serve. At 5:00 supper is served and the most enjoyable part of the afternoon begins to take place! After preparing and serving a plate for each of the veterans, we fix a plate for ourselves and sit down to visit with them as we all eat together. There is no greater joy than being able to do something good for our veterans who served our country. The veterans help with clean up and any of the left over food is saved to serve for their lunch the following day. We are usually back to the church between 6-6:30 p.m. feeling fully rewarded for our efforts.



In the near future, the Center is hoping to move to a larger facility that will accommodate additional veterans. At that time, we will need additional members of our congregation to help us prepare and serve a meal to a greater number of veterans. We hope you will consider being part of our team when help is needed.



The Center is open Monday- Friday 12:30 - 6:30 pm. To learn more about the Center visit their Facebook page:

VeteransDropinCenterRockfordIL or
www.veteransdropincenter.com

The five of us that went on Aug. 26 were Bruce Muench, Roberta Hoover, Janet Turner, Peggy Wellnitz and Judy Schellenberger.



Congregational Care Team



October was a busy month for the members of the Congregational Care Team! Ten of our shut-in members received a visit from some of the members of our Care Team. Feedback from the people who were visited showed that they each enjoyed the time spent visiting together.

- * Loren Floto enjoyed popcorn and a 1950's rock and roll time when he visited Norma Bloom. As they were visiting and laughing, he had a pleasant surprise when Rose Lovejoy joined them! Norma and Rose are sisters both living at the same assisted care facility.
- * Gail Terry and Marilyn Read helped Pauline Lawhorn celebrate her birthday along with others.
- * Even though Darlene Weaver was packing to be a snowbird, she found time to visit Dawn Miller.
- * Pastor Howie has now joined us in bringing smiles to those not able to be with us on Sunday mornings. I wouldn't be surprised if he takes his guitar on his visits.

If you know someone who cannot attend worship services with us on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office and the Congregational Care Team will plan on going to visit them. If you would like to join our Care Team and help cheer members up, contact the church office and leave your name and phone number. Blessings to all reading this and helping us fulfill the sharing of God's love. Mary Louise Muench.



New Meeting Location for our Prayer Team

Our Prayer Team meets the second and fourth Tuesdays each month at 10:00 am. They are now meeting in the home of Bruce and Mary Louise Muench at

6918 Saladino Drive
Roscoe, IL

Please plan to join us on November 13th and 27th.



We still need a Volunteer Counter!



We are in need of someone to count the offering on the 4th Sunday of the month. We are required to have 2 people count and we are one person short on that Sunday. If you are interested in taking on this task, please contact Karen Fysh, our Financial Secretary, or call the church office.

Our Very Own Gretta Wulf is Hononegah's 2018 Homecoming Queen!



We all celebrate the good news with Gretta's family as she begins her reign as this year's Homecoming Queen. These pictures show her with the Homecoming King, Zach Hale, and with their court.



Let Us Pray For:

IN THE HOSPITAL:

Randy Campbell
Carter Fleig

CONTINUED CARE:

Carol Kingery
Rose Lovejoy
Tom Anderson
Lowell Freedlund
Troy Vail's father

OTHER:

Charlie Cunningham
Mike Melaas
Shirley Calvin
Justin Joiner
Jean Bennett

FAMILIES OF:

Dr. Joseph Winterhalter
Florence Keller

(Prayer requests will appear for about 1 month after submission. Feel free to submit them again via the Response Sheet, or contact the church office to add or remove names.)

For an urgent prayer request, call Sharon Ruff to start the prayer chain: (815-229-1932.)

Stewardship Sunday

November 18th

In our hymnal, on page XI, are written the words "Believe, Love, Obey". Our Savior, Jesus Christ, commanded his believers to be a servant to others and go tell the good news of his resurrection. In order for us to complete that mission, we need your prayers and your financial support. Your pledge of support allows us to know what funds we will have available on which to base our 2019 budget and support our church family and mission. Please fill out your pledge card on Stewardship Sunday. By God's grace, and your support, we will continue to be a light and source of support to others.

Karen Fysh

Financial Secretary

THANK
YOU

Dear Friends,
Thank you for helping me celebrate my birthday! It was such a joy to open so many cards. It helped to make my birthday special.

Love, Pauline Lawhorn

THANK
YOU



PLAN TO BE WITH US

DECEMBER 1st

CHILI LUNCH/SUPPER



Served in the Fellowship Hall

12 - 7 pm

All the chili you can eat (served with cornbread)

Vegetarian Chili available upon request

\$ 5.00

Also available for purchase:

Hot Dogs

Chili Dog

Chips

Beverage

Additional pieces of Cornbread and items from the Bake Sale



December 1st

Craft Sale 9 am - 5 pm

Bake Sale 12 pm until sold out!



Our Church Family

Annual Church Conference

(Charge Conference, to many)

Wednesday, December 5

Dinner at 6:00 pm (in the Fellowship Hall)

Nothing to bring. Just come and enjoy!

Conference at 7:00 pm (in the Fellowship Hall)

(SPRC to meet at 6:30 pm in the library)

A FEW
PHOTOS
FROM



TRUNK
OR
TREAT



There are many things that get done for our church and congregation by members that expect nothing in return for their good deeds. If you know someone that we should acknowledge please let the church office know. This month it was mentioned we should express our thanks to:



- ♦ John Carleton for installing new solar lights on all the lamp posts
- ♦ Nancy Bielema, Jill Huett, Sharon Ruff and Gail Johnson for organizing Pastor Appreciation Day in October
- ♦ Members of the Choir for taking on the responsibility of planning the Chili Supper for the Christmas Walk Weekend
- ♦ All those that participated in Trunk or Treat and/or donated candy for that event
- ♦ Don and Jill Huett for the donation of the clavino in the sanctuary

BIRTHDAYS

1	Gretta Wulf	18	Bob Lawhorn
2	Abbie Stevens		Tena Stenzel
4	Tiffany (Anderson) Springer	24	Loren Floto
6	James Shotliff	28	Gayle Lovejoy
7	Sue Miller	29	Phyllis DeGraff
8	Keith Knoespel		
15	Jill Knoespel		
16	Jerry Ruff		
	Kelsey Wulf		

ANNIVERSARIES

3	Art and Darlene Matlock
6	Eldon and Carol Hamilton
18	Brian and Sheri Zimmer
25	Ron and Phyllis DeGraff

November 2018

Sun

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Tue

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Thu

Fri

Sat

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<p>4</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am Fusion 10:45 am</p> <p>All Saints Day Communion</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Cub Scouts 6:30 Choir 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm</p> <p>Trustees 7:00 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:30 pm</p> <p>Sisters in Christ Movie Night 6:30 pm</p>	7	<p>8</p> <p>Staff/Parish Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	9	10
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<p>25</p> <p>Worship 9:00 am Fusion 10:45 am</p> <p>Food on the 4th Hanging of the Greens 10:15 am</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Daisies 6:00pm Cub Scouts 6:30</p> <p>Choir 6:00 pm Bells 7:00 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Prayer Team At Muench's home 10:00 am</p> <p>Boy Scouts 6:30 pm</p>	28	29	30	