Happy Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 14th

Leadership Meeting
Sunday June 13

Father’s Day
Sunday June 20

140th Anniversary
Sunday June 27
In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” This might be the most well known verse in the Bible. But Genesis 1 tells us that God did not speak everything into existence at once. He could have done that. He has infinite power so he can do whatever he desires. But this is not what God chose to do. Rather, he took an entire week to create the universe. Over a period of six days the Lord created everything in the universe and then on the seventh day God did something very interesting. The Bible tells us that, “On the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation” (Genesis 2:2-3). So as we see the seventh day was a day of rest for God. You might wonder why did God rest if he never gets tired? I once had a professor in seminary explain this well. He said that rest is much more than ceasing from work; it is also enjoying your work. In our case it the satisfaction of the work we have done all week and also enjoying God’s work - his creation. Now in the Old Testament the Sabbath day was the seventh day of the week – Saturday. But in the church age the best day to take a day of rest is Sunday. This is the day where you cease from your labor and join God’s people in worship. It is also a day where you enjoy God’s gifts: such as family, good food, and the beauty of his creation. Think about how wonderful this is. God gives us a day to rest, worship, and enjoy his gifts. To not do this is to go against his creative design. To not do this is foolish and you will not function as well over the long haul if you don’t.

Now I realize that some people occasionally have to work on Sunday’s, and if this is the case then another day should replace Sunday for that week. In the New Testament era we should keep this. It is for our benefit, but in the Old Testament era they had to keep the Sabbath (Exodus 20:8-10). For an Israelite to not keep the Sabbath would be a grave sin in God’s eyes. The Lord called his people to follow his model in working and those Israelite’s who obeyed experienced the blessing of following the Sabbath.

Now with work there are two errors that people make. On one end, there is laziness. The Bible warns against laziness. Solomon wrote that, “the soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied” (Proverbs 13:4). He also wrote that, “The sluggard does not plow in the autumn; he will seek at harvest and have nothing” (Proverbs 20:4). Every fall when we see the harvest in fields it is quite a sight to see, but those crops are only there because farmers labored hard to seed the fields several months before. God designed that we would work for our food and our possessions and so work we must do. However, there is an opposite error and that is overwork. If we are honest laziness is not a problem in our area but overwork is. Now hard work is to be admired but overwork is not. The one that overworks neglects the other important responsibilities that God has given. Two other big priorities besides work are spending time with your family and gathering with your church family. To take a day of rest gives you the opportunity to prioritize these other vital responsibilities. To do this you will be blessed, your family will be blessed, and so will your church family. Many of you are already doing this and you understand the blessing of having your priorities in order. Work is a wonderful gift (Genesis 2:15) but it is a lousy God (Exodus 20:3). What idols do is never satisfy you (Psalm 16:4). Work does bring satisfaction but only as you pursue work within the boundaries that God has given. To overwork is to forfeit the blessing of work. God designed work to be ceased from so that we are able to admire the work that God enabled us to do, to enjoy his gifts (including family), and to take part in the gathering of believers. To have this rhythm is God’s design. The Sabbath reminds us of these priorities. Honestly ask God how you are doing and be sure to put everything in its rightful place. By God’s grace may people look at your life and say with honesty that, “he/she lives for God.”

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth
Penney Family

The JOY of the LORD is my Strength! (Neh. 8:10b) Thank-you for your prayers and support for our family in Zadar, Croatia, these past 7 months.

Here are a few praises / prayer requests / ways to get involved...

PRAISE THE LORD...
Joy had a successful knee surgery and is coming to Croatia from June 8-Aug 12
Our family is visiting our friends in Macedonia from June 8-15
Debby and Brian were able to get Counseling Training in Croatia last week (see pic)
Opportunities for us to help counsel 2 couples in our church
Isaiah, Benji, Grace and Hope are finishing up homeschool! PARTY!

PLEASE PRAY FOR....
Grace as she plans to get baptized this summer in the sea (see pic of her in our church)
Continual Croatian Language Studies. Brian plans to do an intensive course this summer, as he needs to be at B2 level before he can do full-time ministry
Open doors for the Gospel to be shared along the coasts of Dalmatia. We were able to visit a church family in a nearby city this week, where they may be the only 4 believers in that city of 5000 people. There is Great Need for the Gospel here in Croatia!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED...
Go Global Leadership Race Fundraiser. Do a 5k to raise funds for this ministry here - (see our family 5k pic below) - https://www.facebook.com/GoGlobalRace/
Give towards the Earthquake Relief Project in Croatia. Read more about it here - https://send.org/Blog/earthquake-croatia
COME TO CROATIA AND HELP US!! Do a Short-term/Long-term mission trip to Croatia. Let us know if you are interested!
Thank-you again for partnering with our family in Zadar, Croatia, for the Gospel!

May the JOY of the LORD be your strength TODAY!
Some of the Youth Group met on May 1st to bake bread for Communion Sunday. They also made May Day baskets to give to the community. Thank you to Mark & Lori Brooks for hosting this event!

A lot of work has been going on at the Parsonage. Thank you to Shaun Anderson and his crew for building a beautiful, large deck! It looks fantastic and will get a lot of use! Some of the railing needs to be installed yet. Keep watch for the result soon! Thank you to Bob Swanson for loading and hauling the old cement stairs away. Alethia and Isaiah enjoyed watching the loader scoop up the large load. We are so blessed to have so many that do much for our church!

Monthly Events

Women’s Bible Study
Saturday, June 5
9:00am

Men’s Breakfast
Saturday, June 12
8:00am

Marriage Bible Study
Monday, June 14
6:30pm
Eureka Baptist Church

140th Anniversary Celebration

We’ve Come This Far by Faith...With God

Sunday, June 27, 2021

MORNING SERVICE
We will have an outdoor morning service on the church lawn under a tent.

LUNCH
Lunch will be served following morning service.

GLORY BOUND
The music group, Glory Bound, will perform after lunch.

Weekly Events

Sunday School
Sunday Mornings
9:00am

Morning Service
Sunday Mornings
10:00am

Fridays
Matson Building
9:30am

Kids Church
Sunday mornings during
Morning Service
Church Announcements

- Thank you to the **Trombley Family** for cleaning the church in May.
- **Marriage Bible Study** – Monday, June 14th at 6:30pm
- The **Cleaning Schedule** and **Mowing Schedule** is now posted. Please sign up if you are able to help out.
- There are **Anniversary Celebration posters and postcards** at church. Please grab some and give to family/friends/neighbors!
- **Youth Group** will be joining New Richmond’s Youth Group for an event on June 23rd.
- **Leadership Meeting** on Sunday, June 13th after morning service.
- Thank you, **Jeremy Hall**, for mowing the church yard in May!


**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**: Pastor Seth & Brianna Brickley 6/28, Gregg & Josie Peterson 6/29

**Church Cleaning Schedule**: June – Brooks Family

**Mowing Schedule**: June – Ray Chupp

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Thank you to Patsy Anderson and Nancy Hahn for cleaning up the church flower bed and putting down new mulch!

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Levi Marvin Swanson
Born May 4
Congratulations to Kyle & Abby Swanson and big brother, Roger

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There is much occurring around us—so it is a great time to have devotions, serve our local church, walk humbly, act in mercy, pray without ceasing, repent of sin, love neighbor, proclaim Christ, and remain steadfast in gospel hope.
Make sure to get your copy of the cookbook!

$10 suggested donation

Eureka Baptist Church
Vacation Bible School

July 12 – 15, 2021
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Age 4 through 5th grade

*If you’d like to help at all the week of VBS, please talk with Barb Trombley

David didn’t really know Goliath’s strength. He was TOO FOCUSED on God’s.

We are so Blessed