

October 2022



EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God shall stand for ever.
Isaiah 40:8*



Hayride

Saturday, October 8
5:00pm

**Wednesday Night
Bible Study**

6:30pm
Matson Building



**Quarterly Business
Meeting**

Sunday, October 16



A Note from Pastor Seth

Last month I wrote a pastor's page about how Christians should focus their minds in the age that we live. What I explained is that the Bible tells us how the world is going to end. Things will get dark, but that does not mean that every place in the world will get dark. During the final seven-year Tribulation when the Anti-Christ reigns there will be places that people flock to. What we see right now is the world is already getting darker. We do not know when the end will come. It may be that the light will still shine through in many places, preventing the end from coming very soon, but the end will come, and generally speaking, things will get darker as time goes on. It is not as if mainstream America is going to once again be a place where the government is small, where it is financially responsible, where Marxist ideas are seen as a threat, where the belief that life beginning at conception is the norm, where same sex marriage is considered unacceptable, where the thought of a child becoming the opposite sex is considered absurd, and most importantly, the Bible and the Bible alone is seen as the Word of God. What I just described is the old America that was greatly influenced by Christianity. But those days are gone never to return in the mainstream.

But what I described above can be the norm in communities that are not yet lost. New York City and Washington DC (and all major cities) are lost but Polk County, WI is not, since Christian morality still has a strong presence here. It may be God's calling for some of his people to remain in the city, but for most Christians they should find places where there is still opportunity for righteousness to move forward. As I explained last month, major cities are centers for debauchery. This is why Jesus pronounced judgment upon them during his ministry (Matthew 11:20-22). There might be some there whose hearts are not completely hardened, but that number is few. What Jesus says is that when the gospel has been preached

to a place for years and years, and the place turns darker and darker, it is time to move on. As Jesus said, "If anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town" (Matthew 10:14). Jesus does not tell us to change our strategy because the old strategy did not work; he says to move on to places that will receive the message of the gospel. But thankfully in our world there are places where righteousness can be promoted and where the gospel can still go forth with power, breaking through the hearts of men, bringing them to faith in Christ. For this to happen communities need strong churches. One problem I have seen with city churches is that instead of being counter-cultural to the evil happening around them they go with the flow of society. For example, in the summer of 2020 when Black Lives Matter marched in major cities do you think city churches stood up to this godless movement? If there is one, I do not know about it. What I read and heard is that pastors and church members marched with this movement that is Marxist, pro-abortion, against the nuclear family, and so on. What fellowship does light have with darkness (2 Corinthians 6:14)? Churches across the board should have been against this movement but they were not. If a church goes along with the world then darkness has no problem completely taking over. The only way that darkness does not advance is when churches stand against the darkness. In a place like Polk County, where there is still light, that is what we are to do. The debauchery of the city is not too far from us. We are sixty miles from a major American metropolitan area. In order for our area to keep the darkness away churches need to stand against the dark spirit of the age. In an age where there are efforts to confuse what is truly right and wrong (Isaiah 5:10) we need to be clear on the evil that is out there.

Every church needs to be clear that government has no role in telling churches what they can and cannot do.

Eureka Baptist Church

2393 210th Avenue

St. Croix Falls, WI 54024

715-483-9464

www.eurekabapchurch.com

Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

Sunday School: 9:00am

Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

Women's Friday Group: 9:30am

Every church needs to say that this woke movement is actually pushing racism not condemning it. Every church needs to unashamedly say that all abortion is evil. Every church needs to say that marriage is between one man and one woman and not apologize for it. Every church needs to be clear that it is egregious to let a child become the opposite sex, and most importantly churches need to stand fully on the Word of God. Churches need to say not only that the Bible is the Word of God, but also that it is fully sufficient to address the problems in the world and in each person. When people say we need other tools to help us we know they are out of step with Scripture (2 Peter 1:3).

The decline of society in America I largely put at the foot of the church. For decades pastors have not wanted to offend the world. To say, "Don't get involved in politics" is really to say, "Don't say anything controversial." It is to say, "Let's not bring the Bible to bear in the public square." But if we are to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:39) we must bring the Bible to bear on the public square. It is every church's responsibility to tell Christians how to live in the home and how to live in the church, but they also need to be instructed how to live and how to have a voice in the public square. It is the responsibility of pastors to be clear on these issues so that their people will be clear on these issues to their neighbors and in their own town. The only way for darkness not to overtake a location is for churches to be biblical. It is because churches have been silent, or worse become like the world, that evil overtakes communities. May our church stand for what is good and stand strong against evil and I pray that other churches in our area do this as well. For Polk County to be a bastion of light for God's glory, the church needs to be the church.

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth

Mission Missions reach

Miron Family: Ireland

We have already been back in Ireland for a month now. Crazy! We are mostly all settled back in to our rhythms of Irish life, so the time has arrived for another thrilling update and some prayer requests. Huzzah!

Our Time on Home Assignment

Well, we did it. Our first trip back to the States for home assignment is in the books, and we are super grateful for all the Lord did, and for all the time and blessings we received from all of you. Nearly everything and everybody we hoped to see and do we were able to, which was a big answer to prayer. We learned a lot of what we can do and what we can't do as well. Thank you to everyone who shaped so much of their schedules around us, we were so very loved by you all! And thank you for your patience in all that we didn't do well.

We also came into the summer with a rather large deficit in our budget, and through your generous giving and a faithful Provider we are officially back to 100% supported! Praise God! Thank you for your prayers and for all our new partners! This was a massive answer to prayer.

Our community group is meeting again, though not without a few pains to begin. Within a few days of us being here, one family had to move out of country and another member was going through a rather significant crisis of faith. We were reminded rather quickly of our need to be here. But, praise God, everyone seems to be in a good place now and we have our group rhythms going again. The ladies are starting a new Bible Study next week, and we have restarted our seeker Bible study with Joe as well. We even have the potential of growing as a group as another single lady and another family are thinking of joining. Please be praying for us as we continue to ask God to form this core group.

Ministry opportunities on the horizon

Nationwide evangelism effort

There is an evangelism campaign that is happening through all of Ireland for the upcoming 6 weeks that our church is participating in called 'What's the Story?'. Basically, there will be promotions being displayed from multiple sources throughout the country that ask a new question every week, and every church that is participating will devote the message to answering those questions. I have the opportunity to preach the first week, looking at the question, 'Is anybody out there?'. Please pray for the campaign and that the Spirit would stir in the would-be seekers in the country and in our area.

Christianity Explored

Our community group is also praying about and working towards doing an evangelism course in our village, starting with Christianity Explored. I have been seeking out a space to be able to meet on a weekly basis that would be a comfortable 'third space' for people to participate in the discussion. We are particularly excited about a space in the upstairs of one of the pubs in our village. Please pray that we can confirm the use of the space, and as we continue to figure out some of the details such as advertising for the study. I'll send on another prayer request when we have more details.

Please pray for our family as we get back to life here. It's hard to explain, but the spiritual push back is real. Sarah and I have both felt the very real oppressive difference here versus our time in the States and relish your prayers for encouragement and endurance. Please pray for the new evangelism efforts, both for the 'What's the Story?' campaign as well as the Christianity Explored course in our village. I also have the opportunity to speak to a group at the University in Galway on the topic of 'Does my life really have purpose?'. That is a 6-week evangelism effort that the Christian group at the University is putting on that's meant to coincide with 'What's the Story?'

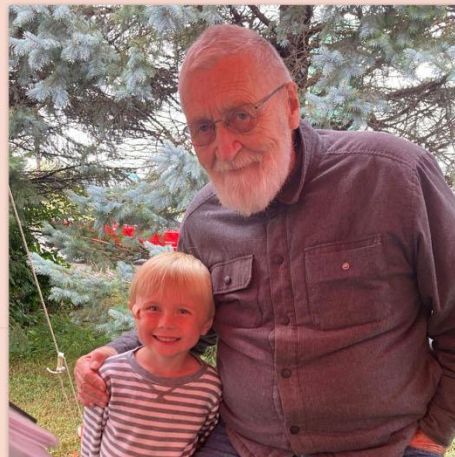
Please pray for the Irish lad we are studying the Bible with, Joe. It has been SUPER encouraging to see his excitement for Jesus grow, and he has really sunk his teeth into reading the Word.

Please continue to pray for Norah's skin condition. It worsened again after coming back to Ireland. We were recently to a new doctor and began a new treatment just yesterday.

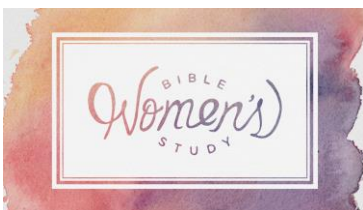
Please pray for upcoming visa meeting on the 20th. This is for our annual check in, and the last one on the current visa we have. After this, we will need to re-apply for our next 3-year stint.



River Road Ramble



Monthly Events



Women's Bible Study
Saturday, October 1
9:00am



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 8
8:00am



Marriage Bible Study
Monday, October 3
7:00pm



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

2022 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Gordon Trombley

Elders

Mark Brooks
Keith Johnson

Trustees

Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

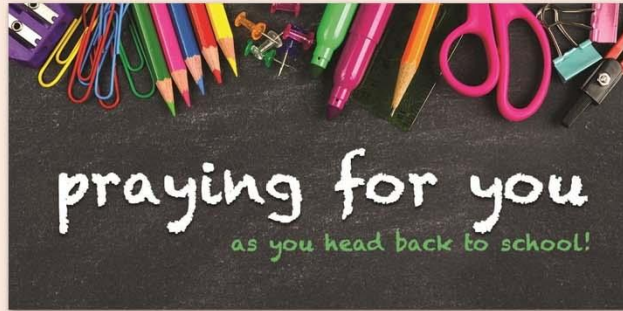
Treasurers

Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- We need some help with **church cleaning** and **snow removal**. The sign-up sheets are on the back bulletin board, or you can talk with Shaun Anderson to sign up.
 - Please mark your calendars for **Harvest Service!** November 13th with potluck following the morning service.
 - Those interested in **Church Membership** will need to talk with Pastor by the first week of October. Voting for new members will take place at the October Quarterly Business Meeting.
 - We have a new and improved **weekly email update system**. If you do not receive weekly updates and would like to, please let Amber know. jeffamberlindo@gmail.com
 - Join us for the **Hayride** on October 8th! We will start with the hayride and then come back to the church for a meal, dessert and fellowship. If raining, we will still have the meal and fellowship.
 - There will now be **Communion Kits** in the balcony for those that would like to participate.
 - **Quarterly Business Meeting** on Sunday, October 16 after morning service.
 - Because Christmas Day falls on a Sunday and we don't want the morning service to run long, we will have the **Children's Nativity** on Sunday, December 18 during morning service.
 - All receipts for reimbursement need to be turned in to treasurer, Hansi Fox, by December 1st.
- HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Lisa Olson 10/15, John Chouinard 10/23, Roger Swanson 10/23, Nancy Hahn 10/24, Lori Brooks 10/26, Alethia Brickley 10/28, Doug Olson 10/28,
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Bob & Debi Swanson 10/3, Jason & Heather Taylor 10/12, Jeff & Amber Lindo 10/28

Continued from September Newsletter...



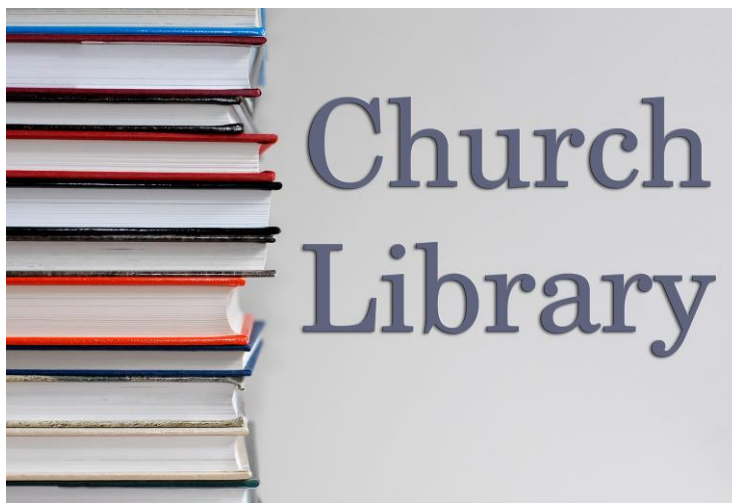
Join us for
Wednesday Night Bible Study
6:30pm in the Matson Building



We are looking for help with church cleaning. If you're able to sign up for a month, please talk with Shaun Anderson.



We have some openings on church Ministry Teams. If you'd like to join the Worship Team or Compassion & Care Team, please talk with Pastor Seth. This is a great way to get involved!



We hope that you are enjoying the new library. We want to encourage you to check out books that interest you. We have sections for nonfiction, fiction, Christian help, bibles and biblical references. We also have a shelf of children's books.

Below is a list of new books that will be shelved alphabetically by author under the New Book section:

Global Reset: Do current events point to the antichrist and his worldwide empire? by Mark Hitchcock and Jeff Kinley

How to Win Souls and Influence People by Ray Comfort

Six Days by Ken Ham

When God Weeps: Why our suffering matters to the Almighty by Joni Eareckson Tada

Canceling Christianity by David Fiorazo

Spiritual Warfare in the End Times by Ron Rhodes

Revealing Revelation by Amir Tsarfati

If you have any questions about the Church Library, please see church librarian, Julie Johnson

Options for Women Tri-County



We will keep you updated with the event details.



Interested in becoming a member of Eureka Baptist Church? We will be voting on new members at our Quarterly Board Meeting on October 16th. If you are interested in membership, please talk with Pastor Seth.

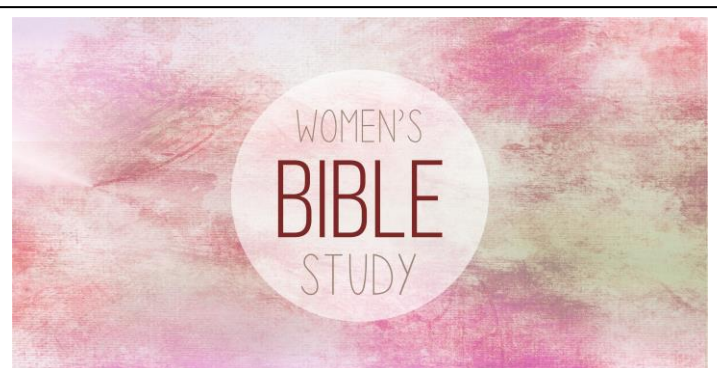
See you there!

Church Hayride

Saturday, October 8th

5:00pm

Food and Fellowship after the Hayride



Our monthly meetings have been re-imagined— still on the first Saturdays of the month, still at nine a.m., BUT the discussions will center on practical topics from a Biblical point of view. Come and see for yourselves! Teens are welcome, too! On October 1st, Madison Jorgenson will be leading as we explore healthy, godly ways to handle stress in our lives.

Eureka Baptist Church
2393 210th Avenue
St. Croix Falls, WI 54024



