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EUREKA BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER

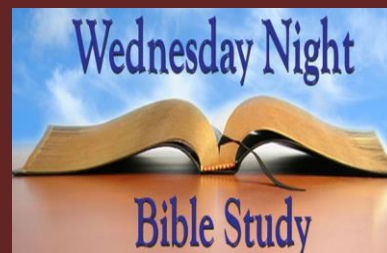


Hayride

October 7

Youth Group

Meets weekly
4:30pm-6:00pm



Wednesday Bible Study

6:30pm



A Note from Pastor Seth

One of the most dangerous animals in the North Country of America and Canada are wolves. When a wolf comes around few animals stand a chance. One animal that is particularly vulnerable to wolves are sheep. Sheep are unable to defend themselves, so it is the responsibility of shepherds to stand between the wolves and them. Of all predators shepherds probably have concern for wolves more than any other. Without the shepherd wolves will have a field day as they prey on the sheep. It is well known that Scripture compares followers of Christ to sheep (John 10:3), and those who lead them in a local church are called shepherds or pastors (Ephesians 4:11). Pastors carry with them an enormous responsibility. They have the responsibility not only to feed their sheep through the preaching and teaching of the Word (Titus 1:9a) but are also called to protect the sheep in their charge from those that teach falsehood (Titus 1:9b). So, what do wolves look like according to Scripture? They are those that pose as shepherds but are really working for Satan (2 Corinthians 11:13-14). As Jesus preached The Sermon on the Mount he warned his listeners, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). The apostle Paul echoed Jesus' words during his ministry. He warned churches that, "Fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them" (Acts 20:30). What Paul writes is a sobering reality. Wolves, largely speaking, do not come from the outside, but from within. They graduate from evangelical seminaries, are hired by churches, and

somewhere along the way this false shepherd starts to show his true colors as he begins to speak, "twisted things" (Acts 20:30). Instead of helping the flock the false shepherd harms the sheep, leading them away from the truth, and Paul makes it clear where they lead them to; they lead people to themselves (Acts 20:30). False shepherds are those full of pride that want all the glory for themselves. One might wonder why these men (and sometimes women!) choose religion for a career. The answer is obvious when you think about it. Churches are attractive places for those who desire power and influence in order to feed one's ego. Satan is glad to use the fleshly desires of these false leaders to steer people away from the truth. The grim reality is that modern American evangelicalism is flooded with false teachers. We of course do not know an exact number, but when you realize that much of American evangelicalism is basically a synthesis of Christianity and worldly ideas, it is no mystery where these secular ideas came from. They were introduced into the church by wolves, and also accepted and spread by many deceived leaders, who are truly born again, but let down their guard for whatever reason. So how do you spot them in our day? False teachers belong to the world and therefore push the world's agenda. False teachers are passionate about what this passing world is passionate, and the world approves of their teaching, but Jesus told his followers they would not be approved by the world (John 15:18-19). This life is a life of opposition with the world, not one where you link arms for different secular causes. When Christian leaders regurgitate mainstream propaganda you have to wonder the genuineness of this shepherd.

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Sunday Morning Service: 10:00am

*Kid's Church during Service

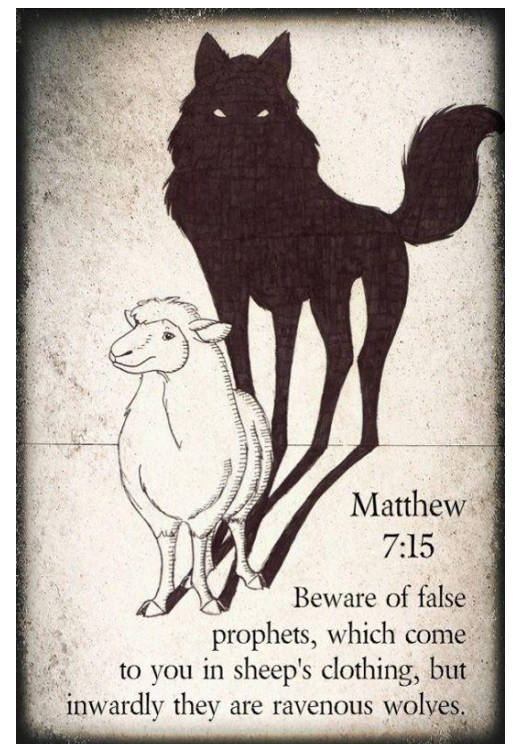
Sunday School: 9:00am

Wed Night Bible Study: 6:30pm

Women's Friday Group: 9:30am

Do they belong to the world or Jesus? Teachers mixing secular philosophies with Christianity are either worldly (which disqualifies them as shepherds) or much worse, a wolf disguised as a shepherd, who is really working for Satan. Either way, there is no question that in these latter days wolves surround us (2 Timothy 4:3-4). These wolves fill pulpits every Sunday, speak at big conferences, sell many books, and are known and even admired by professing and deceived Christians. But do not be fooled by them. They come as messengers of light (2 Corinthians 11:14) but are really ravenous wolves (Matthew 7:15). Watch closely. Are shepherds linking arms with the causes of the world or aligning with the holy cause of the Chief Shepherd. Jesus tells us how we will know them: "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16).

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Seth



MissionReach

Stout Family: Croatia

Thank you for your prayers and support for our family in Croatia, brothers and sisters in Christ!

Life is constantly changing for our family, as we have 2 adult kids in the states and 3 kids here with us in Croatia. Benjamin has started his senior year of high school and is preparing for next steps. Please pray for him, as his visa expires on January 8, and as an 18 year old that could mean he will need to leave Croatia, before he graduates. Please pray for favor and wisdom. May the Lord lead and guide as we trust and follow our Good Shepherd!

Archery in Zadar - We have joined an archery club here in Zadar. We normally try to go 1-2 times a week and meet new people. Last week, we met Magdalena, a highschool girl, that together, Debby and I, were able to share the Gospel with. Pray for more open doors to show and share the Truth of Jesus Christ, as we do archery for God's glory. Check out a couple of fun archery pictures below.

New Season / New Ministries - Praise / Prayer Requests

Youth Ministry - please pray for our church youth group that we will be leading again this fall, for growth spiritually and for more youth to come from Zadar

Outreach Ministry - pray for our evangelism team as you go to the peninsula to meet people and share the Gospel and also for our relationships with our neighbors

Kids Ministry - pray for Debby as she teaches Sunday School again this fall in the Croatian language.

Mobilization Coordinator - pray for Brian as for a season he is the Mobilization Coordinator for SEND Europe. Pray for him as he goes to Cornerstone College in the Netherlands on October 2, to recruit and share about missions with the students.

English Club - Brian will be teaching Conversational English at the Innovation Center in Zadar, starting this month.

Praise the Lord that God keeps providing for our support! Thank you! If you want to join the team in this way.

Breathe Free Ministry - Check it out here as we desire to have a place for pastors and missionaries to come and be with Jesus - Breathe Free – A place to just be with Jesus, to breathe freely and find rest in Him. (breathefreecroatia.com)

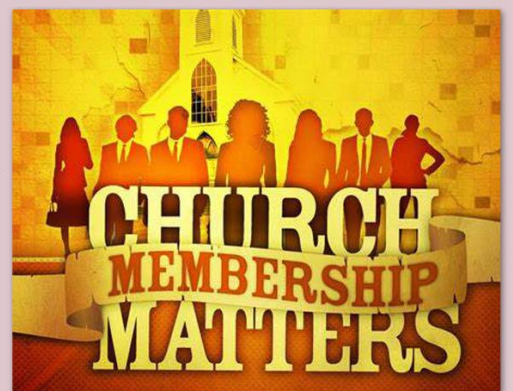
Thanks again for your prayers and support!



Left: New Highway 87 signs were put up to welcome drivers to Eureka Baptist Church.

Right: Eureka Baptist Church votes in new members at Quarterly Business Meetings. If you are interested in church membership, please talk with Pastor Seth.

Are you getting the weekly email news blasts? Lots of important information is sent out that way. If you'd like to be added, please email Amber... jeffamberlindo@gmail.com





FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone that submitted a "First Day of School" photo! Please be praying that all these kids have a safe and successful year of school!



Events



Women's Bible Study
October 7th
Hayride Event



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, October 14th
8:00am



Weekly
4:30pm-6:00pm
Every Sunday



Bible Study
Wednesdays 6:30pm



Eureka Baptist Church Youth Group started meeting on a weekly basis in September.
 October 1st - Matthew 5:13-16
 October 8th - Matthew 17-20
 October 15th - Matthew 5:21-26
 October 29th - Matthew 5:27-32
 Youth Group will not be meeting on October 22nd.



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

2023 Board Members

Deacons

Shaun Anderson
Jason Taylor

Elders

Mark Brooks
Keith Johnson

Associate/Youth Pastor

Doug Schmidt

Trustees

Eric McKinley
Shaun Anderson

Deaconess

Barbara Trombley
Lori Brooks
Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Secretary

Amber Lindo

Treasurers

Hansi Fox
Abby Swanson

Church Announcements

- If you'd like to help with the meal for the **Hayride event**, please sign up at church or online.
 - **Youth Group** will not meet on Sunday, October 22nd.
 - There is a **Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck** on Sunday, October 15th after morning service.
 - Alan Walker teaching on "**Biblical Creationism**" starting October 15th at 9:00 AM.
 - Pastor Seth is now a regular contributor on **truthscript.com** – Be sure to visit often to read all the great articles!
 - If you have any items to add to the **November Newsletter**, please have them to Amber by October 25.
 - 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
 - **Wednesday Evening Bible Study** is meeting weekly at 6:30pm.
 - Thank you to **Patsy Anderson** for decorating the church for fall!
 - Church Teams will soon begin to work on **2024 budgets**. Please be thinking about team purchases for 2024 so you can add them to your budget. The goal is to stay within budgets this year by planning ahead.
 - Thank you to those that have been **cleaning the church** and **mowing the lawn!** It is appreciated!
 - If you have an interest in getting **baptized** in the winter months, please talk with Pastor Seth. –
 - Soon the snow will start to fall. Please remember that there is **no parking** on the street. Please utilize the parking lots around the church.
 - **Mama Bear Apologetics** study will continue to meet on Sundays at 4:30pm.
 - Please be praying for the **farmers** in the area. They are starting harvest and need prayers for safety.
- 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



Eureka Baptist was a strong presence at this festival. Mark Brooks shared his musical talent, Barb Trombley displayed a sampling of materials from Options on 8 Pregnancy Resource Center, and Pastor Doug Schmidt provided powerful words of truth.



Church Hayride
Saturday, October 7
Hayride 4:30pm, Supper 5:30pm



Women's Monthly Gatherings
9 AM, Saturday November 4th
Special Speaker: Wendy Peterson
Topic: Healthy Habits for Christian Women
Come for fellowship, practical information you can use,
and Truth from the Word.

Looking Ahead: Annual Ladies' Christmas Dinner
December 2 (Watch for details!)



Geared for moms on the go, **Mama Bear Apologetics** is a podcast for mothers who want to learn how to defend the Christian faith, help give their children reasons for believing, and understand the worldviews that challenge Christian faith in the first place. The hosts, Hillary Ferrer and Amy Davison, do a great job of inspiring the listener to always be ready to give a reason for the hope that she has in a way that is gracious and charitable. (See Peter 3:15)



CHURCH LIBRARY News

Featured Book
Heaven

By: Randy Alcorn

Have you ever wondered:

- What is Heaven really going to be like?
- What will we look like?
- What will we do every day?
- Won't Heaven get boring after a while?

In the most comprehensive and definitive book on Heaven to date, Randy Alcorn invites you to picture Heaven the way Scripture describes it—a bright, vibrant, and physical New Earth, free from sin, suffering, and death, and brimming with Christ's presence, wondrous natural beauty, and the richness of human culture as God intended it.

This is a book about real people with real bodies enjoying close relationships with God and each other, eating, drinking, working, playing, traveling, worshipping, and discovering on a New Earth. Earth as God created it. Earth as he intended it to be.

The next time you hear someone say, "We can't begin to image what Heaven will be like," you'll be able to tell them, "I can."

We have added a new set of children's series books, Imagination Station – Adventures in Odyssey. Please encourage your kids to check these out!

Julie Johnson
Eureka Baptist Church Librarian



Pastor Willis Christenson

"Pastor Willie"
1931 - 2023

Willis A. Christenson, 92, passed away September 1, 2023, at Devine Home in St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin. Willis was born the first of six children to Christian and Martha (nee) Brenizer Christenson, January 2, 1931. He was the first boy born in Grantsburg, Wisconsin Hospital.

He attended Bass Lake and Orr elementary schools and graduated from Luck High School in 1950. He was hired out as a hired hand before serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War where he spent a lot of his time serving on an aircraft flight deck. Following his time in the army, he attended trade school in Fargo, North Dakota to become a diesel mechanic. He was united in marriage to Mary Berglund in 1958. Rhoda and Mark were added to the family in 1966 and 1968, respectively.

Willis was a faithful servant of God through his leadership as pastor of churches in Cambridge, Minnesota, Merrill, and Eureka Center, Wisconsin. He enjoyed deer hunting with his son and nephews. He enjoyed special snowmobiling in the West Yellowstone area with his brother, Maurice. He was a talented handyman, and a small plane pilot, loved fishing and camping when his kids were younger, and had a love for Mexico, building churches in the summer for several years. He was a musician at heart and loved playing gospel bluegrass. He loved to travel on road trips, planes, trains, and automobiles.

He leaves behind Mary his loving wife of 65 years, his daughter, Rhoda (Abdi) son, Mark, brother, Maurice, and sisters Shirley and Rose, nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Christian and Martha, sisters, Ione Muehlhauser and Fern Darmody, brothers-in-law, John Patrick Darmody and Bruce Muehlhauser, and niece, Salina Muehlhauser. The Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Apple River Community Church.

Military Honors were rendered outside of the church following the service by the Amery American Legion and the Wisconsin State Military Honors Program.

I Corinthians 13:12: Now, Willie is seeing his Lord and Savior, face to face.



The children learned about Solomon's temple.
Then, they had a chance to build temples.

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