

The Church Mouse

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Worship: 11:00am



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From the Pastor's Desk

Pastor's Pondering's.....

*How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. Psalm 36:7 NRSV*

There are times in our lives when we need to experience comfort. A comfort surrounding us as only true comfort can. A comfort that is all welcoming. A comfort filling us with warmth and reassurance radiating forth from grace, love and forgiveness. There are times when we long for and need to experience such a comfort.

All of these thoughts crossed my mind when I read Psalm 36:7. What a wonderful, authentic gift we have from a God who loves us! When we are frightened, God, who is steadfast, comes and gathers us underneath mighty, warm wings. God hugs/cuddles us, comforts and reassures us. When we are confused, frustrated, worried, angry, grief stricken, joy filled, depressed, filled with any emotions that overwhelm us, God gathers us in under mighty wings. God's steadfast love engulfs us. It is a special gift that God shares with all of us when we are willing to let go and let God—easier said than done.

It seems, in my life, I fight those wings! I feel that I should be able to handle things on my own. The “business” of life puts up barriers between me and those wings. Schedules seem to take over our lives. What society deems important, what we feel is “the only way”, drives us farther and farther away from those wings. But thanks be to God, God's steadfast love never fails. We cannot be separated from God's love. God's love is our constant in the middle of a life that is so inconsistent.

As we walk our different paths, may the Holy Spirit lead us. May It lead us to let go and let God. May It lead us to remember God's love for us, that was so great, Jesus died for us. Because of His blood shed on the cross, we are righteous. May It lead us to live our lives seeking to find comfort in the shadow of God's mighty, grace filled, loving, wings.

God's peace
Pastor Ethan

Pastor's Visits

If you want Pastor Ethan to visit you, please give him a call on his cell phone 1-402-879-5097. In the midst of the Coronavirus, he is cutting back on visitation. If you call him, he would be happy to come to visit just let him know.

Phone Calls

In the midst of the social distancing, let's not forget to keep in touch with one another. A good way is through the phone. Let the Spirit lead and if you get that nudge, give that person a call to check to see how they are doing. We are here for one another.



Food Pantry Donations Needed

Clay County Food Pantry

The Church of the Plains Sunday School classes will be driving around town on Sunday. September 27th between 10-10:45 a.m. If you would like to donate please leave food items on your front porch or at your door to be collected by our students.

Items Most Needed: canned soup, box macaroni and cheese, box meals, cereal, canned fruit, ...Any meat items (hot dogs, hamburger, lunch meat, ect.) *Any other non-perishable items are acceptable as well.

*Thank you for your much needed donations! The food will go to help those in need in our Clay County Community, it is greatly appreciated!

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Tithes and offerings

Pray about your giving

It is a hard time for all financially and in other ways also. As you pray about how your funds are best spent as stewards of what God has given, please don't forget the churches of the Heartland Shared Ministries. Even though we haven't met face to face at the churches, and offerings haven't been gathered, bills continue to arrive and need to get paid. Let the Spirit lead and direct and thanks for sharing your time, talents and treasures—gifts from God—for the people of God!



- September 27... Leave food out for the Food Pantry
- 30... 10:00 coffee at the church
- October 4... 9:30 services at Salem
11:00 live stream with U.C.C.
11:00 services in Edgar
- 7... 10:00 coffee at the church
- 11... 9:30 live stream at Salem
9:30 services at Edgar
11:00 services at U.C.C.
- 12... Columbus Day
- 14... 10:00 coffee at the church
- 16... Boss's Day
- 18... 9:30 services at Salem
11:00 live stream at Edgar
11:00 services at U.C.C.
- 21... 10:00 coffee at the church
8:00 Session meets
- 25... 9:30 services at Salem
11:00 services in Edgar
11:00 live stream at U.C.C.
- 28... 10:00 coffee at the church
- 31... Halloween all day

One of our members have moved. Please keep her in your prayers and if you get a moment send her a card.

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BIRTHDAYS

- 2...Colton Shuck
- 4...Mildred Jacobson
- 10...Jeana Lipovsky and Gayle Peters
- 11...Olivia Andersen
- 15...Sherry Shaw and Deloris Springer
- 16...Carol Beck
- 17...Kelly Andersen
- 22...Megan Shaw
- 25...Linda Moore
- 27...Karys Liposky

ANNIVERSARIES

October 4...Travis and Abby Schendt 2008

NEWS from the HEARTLAND SHARED MINISTRIES

Each month news, announcements, schedules, and other information that will be of interest to all the congregations of Heartland Shared Ministries will be included in each church's newsletter.

In order to start meeting in person: Each sanctuary and fellowship hall will have to be marked out for physical distancing (at least 6 feet apart for all except households, etc) and for 75% occupancy. All hymnals/bibles/books will need to be removed from the worship area. Fellowship before and/or after worship hasn't really been discussed. I guess it will be up to each church keeping in mind physical distancing.

Ushers/Deacons will need to be wearing face coverings if bulletins are going to be handed out.

The guidance from the health districts are still stressing that people with under health issues/ age not meet to worship in person. Face coverings will not be required but will be strongly recommended, if not for covid for the influenza that will be coming around soon.

All of these things will take some time getting used to and we will run into some bumps in the road. However, I believe we will be a stronger HSM as we worship using the same order of service, gather together to watch a live stream or continue to watch it from home. God is at work!

Let the Spirit lead!!!
Pastor E



HSM Prayer Concerns

Sharon Reiland, Del Klover, Ruth LivgrenDonna, Betty, Vince, Chance, Linda, Dale, Cody, Louis, Carolyn, Donnie, Emmet, Bruce, Cammie, Glen, Kip, Jerry, Pastor Ivan, Pastor Stuart, Glen M, Marcia, Jim J., Jim R. Carolyn S, Kirby, Brent, Marc, Louise, Carly, Vaden, Deloris, Jean, Dan, Clark and Deb, Mary, Lana, Vergene, Peg, Bill, Kaylee, Linda, Kyler, Megan, Joan, Norma, Martha W, Mildred J, Sharon R, Barb J, Deloris S, Barry M., and Donna Waddle and all who are having surgeries and those being tested for cancer. flood victims, first responders and military, the health of our country and medical staff.

***Please help the secretaries to keep these lists up to date. Let us know if there are any changes to the prayer list by leaving a message on the church answering machines and we will be glad to add or take off anyone from the list. Thank You!

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Ezekiel 18:14, 25-32, The fairness of God's way

Psalms 25:1-9, Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

Philippians 2:1-13, Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

Matthew 21:23-32, A parable of doing God's will

