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GO → 2018

Gothenburg United Methodist Church will be a drop off location for Operation Christmas Child again this year. You are invited to pick up a box in the Fellowship Hall and fill it with good things for a boy or girl. Collection dates are November 12-19th. Bring your box brim full of love to send. Please include your \$9 donation per box for shipping costs. Please remember no liquids, toothpaste, or candy can be shipped this year. Boxes will be taken to Kearney on Monday, November 19th at 10:00 am.

Did you know we sent 408 boxes last year!?!? Can we make it to 450 this year!?!? 450!! 450 kids could learn about Jesus and His amazing love because of you.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, has delivered 157 million shoeboxes to boys and girls around the world. We praise God for so many children whose lives have been transformed because of a simple gift. Help us celebrate our 25th year of ministry by packing a shoebox!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD DROP OFF SCHEDULE

Monday Nov. 12	10 am-1 pm
Tuesday Nov. 13	11 am– 1 pm
Wednesday Nov. 14	4-6 pm
Thursday Nov. 15	4-6 pm
Friday Nov. 16	4-6 pm
Saturday Nov. 17	9-11 am
Sunday Nov. 18	9 am– 12 pm
Monday Nov. 19	8-10 am



*The Power of
A Simple Gift*

CHRISTIANS IN ACTION

Our C.I.A. Youth Group is raising money to help us go to Youth 2019 National Conference next July in Kansas City. If you would like to support our trip, simply choose the envelope with your desired donation, enclose the dollar amount inside and then drop it into the Giving Box located next to our display in the Narthex or you can drop it into the offering plate during Sunday Morning worship. We really appreciate your prayer and support!



Stitches for a Good Cause

This is one of three quilts that will be completed by Wanda's Tuesday and Friday afternoon quilters. The tops were given to them by the Brady UMC in order to transform them into beautifully warm quilts. The group has decided to use this as a fundraising opportunity and have a silent auction to make the quilts available for purchase. Bidding will begin on Sunday, October 28th and final bids must be placed by Sunday November 25th (you may bid on that day). Wouldn't this make someone a wonderful Christmas gift?

You may bid in person at the church, you may call the church office to bid, or you can send a bid by email (to the church) as well. Bidding starts at \$300. Other quilts will be made available for auction as they are completed.

****Photo of quilt is on back cover of Newsletter****

November Birthday's

Happy Birthday

- 1— Karla Bartruff, Kully Harrison
- 2— Lael Greenlee
- 5— Paul Advey
- 6— Becky Dishman
- 7— Alice Peters
- 11— Karina Kelly
- 13— Molly Logemann
- 14— Perry Loostrom, Andrew Davenport, Jeff Morris
- 16— Kiley Porter
- 18— Ruth Walla
- 19— Braeden Brundage
- 21— Barry McDiarmid
- 24— Ardith Davenport, Andy Boson
- 25— Mike Wilson, Mary Plisek
- 30— Jenna Anderson

Happy Birthday!





Pastor's Perspective



LOVE—TELL OUR STORY—SHARE

Love—as portrayed in the life of Jesus—is the way in which we want to engage the world through words and actions that welcome all.

*Tell Our Story—Proclaiming Christ as the one who shapes our lives,
and why it makes a difference in the way we live.*

Share—Because of God's love lived out in the life of Christ, we know that we are blessed and are invited to share our gifts and blessings with others.

Dear Ones, the above words outline our goals for the next year. These will be used to help us focus our various activities and events for the year to come. In most cases this does not represent much of a change in what we do, but gives us a more focused language to shape how we talk about our faith; and that helps us tell the story. The main idea and goal is that everything we do should help us to “Proclaim Christ” in a way that others may see and hear and come to know Jesus.

Some among us have referred to this as our “Elevator Speech”, that nutshell conversation that can take place in the time it takes to ride the elevator from the 1st to the 6th (or other) floor. The idea is to be able to succinctly talk about who we are...what we do...and why. Some of you may be particularly good about this, but most of us are not. So, this is something that we will focus on in small groups—Coffee and Conversation, Confirmation, Bible studies, and others that will focus on what it is that makes us “Methodist”.

This is about all of us! It is not limited to those who serve on the Mission Outreach Committee—MOE; it is not just the focus of CIA Youth (Christians In Action)! This is an opportunity for all of us to be involved in finding ways to “Preach the Gospel at all times; if necessary, use words” as St. Francis of Assisi suggested. We invite you to step into the conversation, to join in the action, and let the world know that you are a Follower of Christ and that it makes all the difference in your world. May God continue to bless us with light, love and laughter as we go into the world to share the Good News. Amen. Pastor Jamie



The Beat

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Memorial Committee Minute

At a recent Memorial Committee meeting, members discussed the need of a wheel chair to be made available for guests to use as the attend activities at our church. Before considering the purchase of one, the committee decided to ask those reading the newsletter in anyone had a wheelchair that had once been used, but no longer needed. If you have a wheelchair that you would like to donate to the church for this use, please call the church office (308)537-2560 so the committee can get in contact with you.



Sunday School Scoop

Thanks go out to Sarah Anderson, Lynette Stevens, Lisa Jorgenson, and Jami Brundage for teaching Sunday School in October. Continued thanks to our adult class leaders also, Laron and Alice Peters and Joan Windrum.

During November, the 6-12th graders will continue to meet with Jami and Lisa. On Sunday, November 4th, Sue Kirkpatrick will be a special guest speaker for the Pre-K through 5th graders. She will present her Women of the Bible quilt project and talk to the youth about Women of the Bible.

On November 18th, Lindsey Tederman will lead the kids in singing during Sunday School. The students will then sing during the late service and present the Children's Sermon that same morning.

As always, looking for teachers and leaders in the Pre-K through 2nd grade classroom and the 3-4-5th classroom. Thanks so much for your consideration.

Music Minute

"When we feel, a kind of lyric is sung in our hear. When we think, a kind of music is played in our mind. In harmony, both create a beautiful symphony of life."~ Toba Beta

As the weather turns cooler and the leaves are falling to the ground, we all start making our holiday plans, so with that in mind we have only 4 weeks until Thanksgiving, 4 (maybe 5) more practices until the Community Choir Cantata (December 2 at 7:00 pm) and 6 practices until our Choir Cantata. My point being there is still time to join us in either or both choirs– think about making this part of your holiday "to do" list.

Thanks to all of you who make our services so wonderful– thanks to Barry McDiarmid and Claire Vincent for providing special music at early service. Thank you to band and those who run sound and power points. As always, you are greatly appreciated!

~Karla





Figures and Finances



Mission Shares	Percent of Budget	100%
	Paid to date	\$16,679
YTD General Expenses	(through Oct 21)	\$150,305
YTD Budgeted Expenses	(through Oct 21)	\$153,966
% of Budget		102.4%
YTD General Giving	(through Oct 21)	\$130,394
YTD Budgeted Giving	(through Oct 21)	\$153,966
% of Budget		84.7%



2018 GIVING AND ATTENDANCE REPORT						
	30-Sep	7-Oct	14-Oct	21-Oct	TOTAL	
Early Worship	30	31	26	34	121	
Late Worship	54	53	74	43	224	
Sunday School	38	36	19	27	120	
BUDGET						
Undesignated	\$ 2,243.36	\$ 6,279.30	\$ 1,656.25	\$ 1,391.10	\$ 11,570.01	
"Local Only"		\$ 150.00	\$ 197.90	\$ 601.51	\$ 949.41	
Apportion"	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 250.00	\$ 500.00	
GENERAL TOTALS	\$ 2,343.36	\$ 6,579.30	\$ 1,854.15	\$ 2,242.61	\$ 13,019.42	
Budget + or -	\$ (1,281.64)	\$ 2,884.30	\$ (1,840.85)	\$ (1,452.39)	\$ (1,690.58)	
NEEDED PER WEEK IN 2018 TO MEET OUR BUDGET - \$3695						
IN & OUT						
Bible Sticks				\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Camp Comeca		\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 30.00	
Camp Fund	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	
Epworth Village	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	
Sunday School	\$ 64.00		\$ 17.75	\$ 13.00	\$ 94.75	
Thanksgiving Boxes			\$ 25.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 135.00	
UMCOR	\$ 100.00				\$ 100.00	
World Communion		\$ 85.00			\$ 85.00	
Youth Projects		\$ 50.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 272.00	
IN & OUT TOTALS	\$ 364.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 124.75	\$ 333.00	\$ 966.75	
MEMORIALS						
Memorials				\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	
MEMORIAL TOTAL	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 95.00	\$ 95.00	
BUILDING & MAINTENANCE						
Stove Fund					\$ -	
B and M. TOTALS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
TOTAL GIVING	\$ 2,707.36	\$ 6,724.30	\$ 1,978.90	\$ 2,670.61	\$ 14,081.17	



Mark your Calendars!

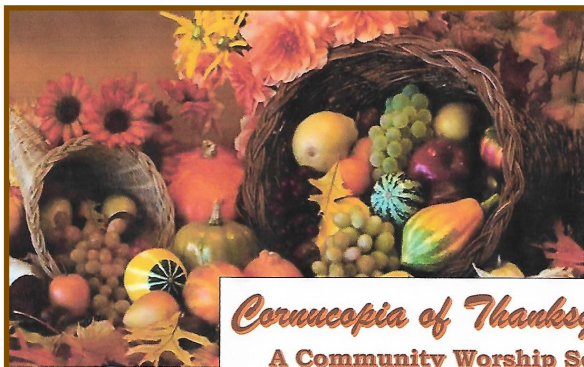
**Don't
FORGET!**



Retired Persons Lunch Bunch



It is turkey time! The Lunch Bunch Retirement Group will gather for our Thanksgiving dinner Wednesday, November 7th in the Fellowship Hall at 11:30 am. Turkey, gravy, and dressing will be furnished. You are welcome to bring any side dish. Hope to see you as we gather for our annual feast.



Comunecopia of Thanksgiving

**A Community Worship Service
Of Hymns and Readings**

November 18th 4:00 p.m.
American Lutheran Church

Bring a food item to share

**Sponsored by the Gothenburg
Ministerial Association**

CHARGE CONFERENCE BOOKLETS

Charge Conference Booklets are available upon request in the church office. If you would like one, please let Becky know and she will make sure you get one!!

Please Join Us for the 5th Annual



and



Local Backpack Program

SOUP and DESSERT BAR

Sunday, November 11th

11:00am - 1:00pm

E-Free Commons Building

1721 Lake Ave.
Gothenburg, NE

Free Will Donation &
SILENT AUCTION



Happy Thanksgiving!