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NOTE FROM PASTOR JOHN

I have finished a book titled “Trains, Jesus, and Murder: the Gospel According to Johnny Cash” by Richard Beck. The title sounds disrespectful for what has Jesus to do with murder? But as you read this book about the musical and shall I say theological career of Johnny Cash the connection becomes clear.

When Johnny was only twelve years old tragedy struck the Cash family. His older brother was killed in a horrible sawmill accident. Earlier on that terrible day Johnny unsuccessfully tried to convince his brother to skip work and go fishing with him. But his brother turned him down saying he needed to earn some extra money. His brother’s death haunted Johnny Cash throughout his life. The mind can assign blame and Johnny felt guilty for not pressing his brother harder to go fishing. Johnny’s brother was planning on being a preacher. Johnny decided he would honor his brother’s memory

by becoming a preacher but not in the usual sense. He would spread the gospel message through song.

Johnny revealed true musical talent and was

beginning to make his way in the music business. But there was a problem. The record company was not interested in gospel music. Singers like Elvis Presley were beginning to be very popular so the record company wanted Johnny to sing rock and roll, or what was termed “Rockabilly”. He scored commercial success with his hit “Walk the Line”: “I keep a close watch on this heart of mine. I keep my eyes wide open all the time. I keep the ends out for the tie that binds. Because you’re mine, I walk the line.” The lyrics sound like a pledge for marital faithfulness. Johnny was married and there were many temptations as his star status grew. But later in his life Johnny said “I Walk the Line” was his first gospel song to be popular. It was not only a song about marital faithfulness; it was also about his faithfulness to God. But his friend and fellow country singer Merle Haggard commented, “Johnny Cash was out of line all his life. It was ludicrous for him to sing “I Walk the Line...he never walked any line.”

In short, Johnny Cash was far from perfect; he was a sinner. He was unfaithful to his first wife. He struggled with guilt and to calm the self-

accusations he turned to drugs. Author Richard Beck wrote “Johnny Cash could not walk the line. Nor can you or me and anyone else. God walks the line for us.”

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, is on February 26th. The Christian faithful gather for worship in the middle of the week, in the middle of our busy schedules, to honestly confess that we cannot walk the line. There is a long confession of sin and we plead “Have mercy on us, O God”. Following the confession we are marked with ashes in the shape of the cross. This is no pretty cross but one that is dusty and represents our death, “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” The service is meant to be painfully honest: we are not strong but weak; we are not free but captive to sin; we are not faithful but often stray from God and the commandments meant to protect and enhance life.

The ash-cross, although rough, does remind us that God walks the line for us. This is the theme throughout Scriptures. In the Old Testament we hear of Israel, the chosen of God, constantly straying and pursuing other gods. But God did not reject the people. Time and time again God called prophets to warn the people and threaten the wrath of God. But the force of such preaching was and ever shall be the love, mercy, and grace of God. God calls us to repentance because God is “slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.”

Just think of Jesus: he walked the line! The gospel reading for every First Sunday in Lent is the temptations in the wilderness. Satan wanted to get Jesus off the line of steadfast love for sinners. Satan offered Jesus glory—the glory of popularity and worldly wealth. But Jesus remained faithful. He walked the line, the line of faithfulness for us. Jesus walked the line of God’s glory, God’s mission that is to offer his life as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Every so often my computer will tell me I am off-line. This is frustrating enough, but the computer offers to troubleshoot, diagnose, and fix the problem. The season of Lent tells us we are off line. But the Scriptures tell us how to fix the problem. Now Jesus does not ‘fix’ us as if we are machines. German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote the following to show that God “loves” us into true repentance: “God is not ashamed of human lowliness but goes right into the middle of it... God draws near to the lowly, loving the lost, the unnoticed, the unremarkable, the excluded, the powerless, and the broken. What people say is lost, God says is found; what people say is “condemned”, God says “saved.” When people say No! God says Yes! Where people turn their eyes away in indifference or arrogance, God gazes with a love that grows warmer than anywhere else. Where people say something despicable, God calls blessed.”

When Johnny Cash did not walk the line it can be said this meant more than his fallible, fallen nature. He was also known as the “Man in Black” as he would explain, “I wear black for the poor and the beaten down, Living in the hopeless, hungry side of town.”Cash was not only interested in being popular in the music business. Author Richard Beck believes that Johnny Cash’s best and most artistic work dealt with the themes of the “Man in Black”. Johnny Cash would perform over thirty times in maximum security prisons like Folsom Prison and San Quentin. Even before an audience of murderers Johnny Cash would see Jesus. In Matthew 25: 31-46 we hear Jesus say, “I was hungry and you gave food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me....just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me.” When we feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, take care of the sick we are not trying to be like Jesus, but we actually welcome Jesus.

When we help the needy in whatever the condition, we are not the saviors; we are the ones being saved.

“The Gospel According to Johnny Cash” reminds us of important themes for Lent. We accept the mark of the cross remembering we are dust, and cannot walk the line of faithfulness; it is Jesus who walked the line for us, all the way to the cross. It is our Lord’s faithfulness that inspires repentance and creates faith in our hearts. The “Man in Black” points us to one of the important disciplines of Lent, to practice charity. The fasting of Lent is not so much giving up something like sweets or coffee, but what we give ourselves too, the good works of compassion never to earn Jesus’ love, but to celebrate his love which sets us free to help others. May we have a blessed Lent, a time of joyful faith renewal.

ORGANIST OR PIANIST NEEDED to fill in occasionally for Sunday services. If you or someone you know are interested, please contact Rhonda Buss at 715-223-5323 or rhonda_buss@yahoo.com

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO FAITH FILM FESTIVAL 2020 !!! This event takes place at the Nykolodeon Fun House, 692 Bollom Road, Three Lakes on Sundays: February 16 and March 8, from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Enjoy high-interest movies with theatre seating, screen and sound! There will be movie discussion, games such as billiards, foosball, air hockey and English darts. Potluck dinners, appetizers and dessert! Please bring your own beverages. Sign-up located on church Narthex windows. Good times will be had by all! Hope to see you there!

HANDPICKED BY GOD

By Chelsea Crockett

The world loves to tell us a handful of lies regarding self-worth, purpose and so much more. It encourages us to compare ourselves to others, whispering lies of "You're not good enough" or "If only you were taller, smarter, prettier." Have you ever felt overlooked by the world around you? I know we all have before and that none of us are alone in this. It's a feeling that sticks with you leaving you feeling discouraged, sad, and longing for more

The Bible talks about this feeling of worthlessness. Even the people back then felt this way at times. Fortunately, the Bible also tells us what God thinks about us, which is so much better than what the world tells us. Jeremiah 1:5 says, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart."

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MONTHLY NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters are now available online! If you would like to receive a paper copy, please sign up on the sheet outside of the office. Newsletters can be found at <https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/newsletters> or right on the front page of the website.

FACEBOOK

It's true! Faith Lutheran Church now has a Facebook page. "Like" us at <http://www.facebook.com/faith3lakes/> and watch the page for updates about what's happening in the life of our faith community.



PRAYER SHAWLS

To give comfort and peace. There is a tote of prayer shawls under the shelf when you walk in. If you know someone who is lonely and would

use one, feel free to take one. Once wrapped around their shoulders it feels like a hug from Jesus and their friends.

FELLOWSHIP

During Fellowship a basket is placed on the table to collect donations for the purchase of the Fair Trade decaf coffee. Individuals or groups who host Fellowship do not have to provide coffee. Occasional contributions to the fun are encouraged.

QUILTERS

We appreciate all of the quilting supplies which have been donated. We could use some help putting the quilts together. Quilting experience is not required.

The quilters meet every Wednesday from 12:30pm to 3:00 pm

LIVE-STREAMING

Did you know that when you're away, you can watch Pastor's sermon as it's delivered LIVE on Sunday morning? You can! Simply go to our church's website (<https://www.faithlutheran-threelakes.org/>) and click "Click here to watch live streaming during worship (Sundays at 9:00 am)" right on the front page. Just put in a name and hit "Enter Live Service". Streaming will start at the reading of the Gospel, which usually happens between 9:10 and 9:15, give or take a few minutes, so if nothing is happening yet when you start watching, just wait a few minutes. You can also watch a recording of many of Pastor's sermons on our website. Simply go to our church website, and go to "Worship" --> "Pastor's Sermons" and click on any sermon in the Archive of Recorded Sermons. It's that easy!

BAPTISMS WE REMEMBER THIS MONTH



On the cross and in the tomb, Jesus Christ triumphs over sin, death, and the power of evil. In our baptism we share in the death of Jesus—and have the promise of new life through his resurrection! Celebrate your freedom from sin, death, and the power of evil through your baptism in Christ Jesus. And remember in your prayers those who celebrate the anniversary of their baptisms this month.

- 10th Kailyn Fogerty
- 15st Jean St. Lawrence

Also remember: Jennifer Kortenhof, Duane Bonack and Scott Wick

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE

Year: 2019

Month: October

Number of Sundays: 4

Average Attendance: 41

Month: November

Number of Sundays: 4

Average Attendance: 32

<i>August 2019</i>	MONTH	YTD
Budget Income	\$8,026	\$14,634
Expenses	\$5,639	\$6,073
Net Income	\$2,386	\$8,561

*** This will be provided on a quarterly basis



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

**THOSE STRUGGLING WITH ILLNESS, PAIN,
LOSS OF HEALTH IN MIND, BODY, AND
SPIRIT, INCLUDING:**

Colleen and Duane Bonack, Gale and Martha Crow, Natalie Gerharz, Kristin Rolls, Kyle Smith, Paul Kragh, Monte James, Missy Wick, Wayne Schuelke, Sue Sorg, Kristine Gerhart, Rick Jacobson, Ollie DeMuth, Ellen Hohnstadt, Megan Schiller, Barb Hanson, Bob Beyer, Kim Terlizzi, Ed Fowles, Hunter St. Louis, Charlotte Jensen, John and Connie Lyons, Jan Lederhaus, Tiffany and Greg Lyons, Peter Santogade, Jerry and the family of Marge Baerenwald and Ann Woelfel.

Our home-bound including:

Norm Frauenfelder

Our armed forces including:

David Bredesen, Kaley Ebann, Tyler Kaltenberg, Nick, Brandy, Nathan Lamal, Jamie Madl, Jared Malda, Jon Priem, Brandon Paulick, Charlie and Will Starke, Nicole Young and Alex Brendemihl.

**ALL THOSE WHO ARE ANXIOUS AND
WORRIED ABOUT MANY THINGS**

Our Church Ministries:

Congregational Care
Congregation Council
Board of Worship Life
Board of Outreach
Board of Trustees

**Our partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ
including:**

St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church
Three Lakes Evangelical Free Church
Union Congregational Church
Grace Lutheran Church

**Our synod, the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the ELCA, and its congregations.**

**Our companion synod, the Eastern and
Coastal Diocese of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Tanzania, and its congregations.**



“Your word
is a lamp to my feet
and a light
to my path.”

~Psalm 119:105

December 31, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we put the last year into hindsight, we look forward again to what is to come. One might hope that in the year of our Lord 2020, we could expect deeper insight, clearer vision, and a more defined sense of purpose. That is certainly my hope for who we are as Church together and who you are as the body of Christ in your community.

There are those among you who might remember a time when the future of the congregation stretched in an unbroken and unswerving line. Councils and congregational leaders could, with some certainty, make plans for 5, 10, even 20 years in the future.

I do not believe that our current situation allows for such a long view. I think of the oil lamps of our ancient ancestors. My father enjoyed many excursions to the holy land on archaeological digs. He brought home pottery shards and mosaic pieces, and a reproduction of an ancient oil lamp. This small lamp was a staple for any ancient household just as a flashlight is today. The lamp fits easily in the palm of your hand, with a small bowl to hold the oil and a smaller opening at one end to hold the wick for burning. And this hand-held lamp would give off just enough light for the person holding it to take one more step. The light from this small clay bowl would not illuminate the whole path. But it would ensure that your next step would be safe as you would be able to see any immediate hazards, holes, uneven ground, or danger.

The Word of God, that is, the word made flesh in Jesus, is the light that will show us our next steps, one step at a time. We will not, cannot, see the entirety of our future. But digging into the life of Christ in study, prayer, conversation, and worship will most certainly shine a light.

I invite you to seek clearer vision in 2020, as a person of faith and as the Body of Christ journeying together. Look through the lens of the life & ministry and the death & resurrection of our Savior and Lord to see more clearly what direction, what effort, what decisions, what next step will be a faithful reflection of the light of Christ in your community and the world.

As we journey together into 2020, I pray that God would give us enough light for the next step and courage to follow where Jesus leads.

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

~ELW #793

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

From the president...

The council has decided to put our paving requirements on the spring schedule for Pitlik and Wick. They will assess our needs and proceed with an estimate.

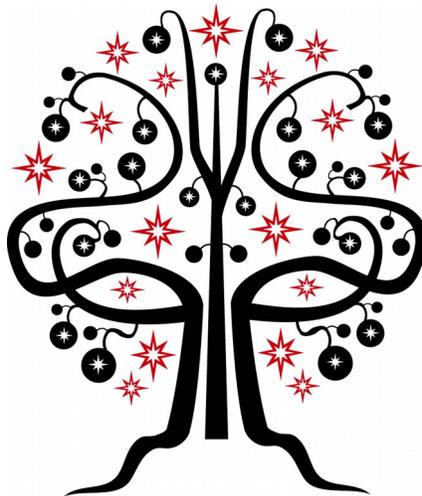
We have new attendance books in the pews. Please fill them out each Sunday. They give us needed information.

Thanks to Missy Wick for providing the new paten that holds both types of wafers (normal and gluten free) and chalice that holds wine (large section) and grape juice (smaller section). They are beautiful and make the communion offering easier.

We have donated \$500 of the January rent to a charity suggested by Miriam Bredesen. It is the Crossover Cups Mission in Dominican Republic. They are helping to break the cycle of human trafficking there.

Keep praying that the Holy Spirit brings us a new pastor! In the meantime, we continue to work with the pastors that Pastor John has scheduled for us. We are thankful for complete coverage.

Blessings to all of you!



Growing In Hope This Year

By Pastor Don Ginkel

It is good for us to have **HOPE** and to have a **growing HOPE**. But what is it? Romans 8:23-25,

"Not only so, but we ourselves (*believers*), who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to son-ship (*we are already adopted sons, but the following words tell us what we are waiting for*), the redemption of our bodies *when the body is raised from the dead on the Last Day*). For in this **HOPE** we were saved. But **HOPE** that is seen is no **HOPE** at all. Who **HOPES** for what they already have? But if we **HOPE** for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

Years ago a pastor was going on vacation. He called and asked if I would visit an elderly member in the hospital while he was gone; she was not expected to live long. She was nearly 100 years old. As I entered the room, I heard her softly singing hymns and then reciting Scripture - all in German. The focus was on Jesus, her Savior. It was an amazing thing to witness. She was filled with hope. She obviously had been nurturing it for a long time. Fortunately, I knew a little German. I asked if she would pray the Lord's Prayer with me. She said yes. We prayed: *Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name. Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel so auf Erden . . .* When we finished she had a happy face.



1 Peter 1:3, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (*this is an exclamation, an outburst for all God has done for us*)! In His great mercy (*it is in the inconceivable compassion of God that our redemption had its origin*) He has given us (*past tense*) new birth into a **LIVING HOPE** (*a bright future indeed*) through the resurrection from the dead."

My friend in Christ, have a **living** and **growing HOPE**; nurture it daily. In the Bible **HOPE** is the confident expectation of what God has promised and its strength is in His faithfulness. Be in your Bible a lot, like every day. Be in a good Bible study group. Spend less time reflecting on the past and what might have been, but more time on what is to come. And EVERYTHING good is to come. Help others do the same - some of your friends have little or no hope. May you be edified! May God be glorified!
Your brother - Pastor Don

Nine Good Reasons to Attend Church Weekly

By Thom S. Rainer

I think I've heard most of the excuses.

"You don't need to attend church to be a good Christian."

"We give our family priority when we miss church to do sports on Sunday."

"My church really doesn't meet my needs."

"I'm not getting fed at my church."

"Sunday is really the only day we have off."

"My church has a bunch of hypocrites."

I will deal with these and other lame excuses later. For now, I want to focus on the positive. Why is it important for us to attend church services regularly, usually weekly? Allow me to share nine reasons.



1. **The local church was God's plan in the New Testament.** From the founding of the first local church in Jerusalem to the growth of new congregations throughout the Roman Empire, the New Testament is clear. God wanted His people gathering regularly and faithfully. And lest we forget, all of these congregations had problems. All of these churches had problem people. Hypocrisy was real and pervasive, but it was not a valid excuse to give up the local church.
2. **The Bible speaks clearly about the priority of local congregations.** If you read the New Testament from Acts to Revelation, you will see that a gathered church was not just one important factor for the Christian, it was one of the highest priorities. After the ascension of Jesus, the local church was truly "the body of Christ."
3. **We are commanded and designed to enjoy worshiping the one true God as a gathered community.** What if church members really did one thing in worship services? What if they asked God to let them see Him and know Him fully as the church gathered together? What if that was the priority over evaluating the style of music? What if that was more important than the preacher preaching five minutes more than you deemed appropriate?
4. **A unified church can stand strong in a culture turning away from God.** We can't be a unified church with sporadic attendance. We can't stand together if we aren't persistently gathered together. Do you remember how the early church in Jerusalem reached a culture opposed to God? The outside world saw the unity and joy of the church and wanted to know more about this Jesus they worshipped. Remember, they were "praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. Every day the Lord added to their number those were being saved" (Acts 2:47). A faithfully attended church is a unified church. A unified church is an evangelistic church.

5. **The world looks at our priorities and evaluates what we deem as important.** Expanding on the previous point, we can't expect the community we serve to get excited about our church if the members of the community see it to be a low priority among the members. The twice-a-month attendees make the church an afterthought. The once-a-month attendee hardly thinks about the church at all.
6. **Accountability takes place in the local church.** When we gather together worshiping with others, we are holding each other up and accountable. When we belong to a small group in the church, our absence is conspicuous. We need people holding us accountable in love. We need others looking after us. Accountability is indeed a good thing.
7. **Families that attend church faithfully and regularly are happier and healthier families.** The research from the secular world is overwhelming. Study after study shows that families who are in church almost every week are among those with the best-adjusted children. Marriages are healthier. Small children grow to become mature and joyous adults. Though these studies are affirming, we can see throughout the New Testament how God has a clear and compelling plan for His children and their families to gather together regularly and faithfully.
8. **Discipleship takes place in the local church.** There seems to be this big mystery about discipleship. How do we do discipleship? Exactly what is discipleship? How does that work in the local church? Remember, discipleship is simply becoming more like Christ. We become more like Christ as we gather and worship together. We become more like Christ when we belong to a small group and do community together. We become more like Christ as we listen to the preached Word every week. We become more like Christ as we do ministry and evangelism through our local church. For sure, discipleship can take place outside the local church. But the New Testament clearly demonstrates the local congregation is God's "Plan A" for growing as a disciple.
9. **God gives us great joy when we serve others through the local church.** For sure, there are some grumpy and miserable church members. They seem to have a common trait. There are things in the church that aren't going *their* way. They are not getting *their* worship style. They are not getting *themselves* fed. They don't like the way the pastor does things because it's not *their* way. They focus on three people: me, myself, and I. But we can experience incredible joy as we serve others, as we put others before ourselves, as we don't focus on our own preferences and desires. We experience incredible joy as we serve other church members and those who reside in our community.

All of these nine reasons, of course, presume we are faithful attenders. We are neither obedient nor are we able to experience the full joy of our church if we attend once or twice a month or even less.

Faithful weekly church attendance is important. It brings us joy. It helps us to grow spiritually. It is one of the primary characteristics of a healthy family.

Above all, it is an act of obedience to God.

And that's what really matters.

Let This Little Nine-Year-Old Preach Round the World

If you're blocking Jesus, then for the love of God, get out of the way. Let Jesus show.

The Christmas pageant in the Episcopal church was a carbon copy of similar pageants around the country. Only in this one, in this year, at a critical moment, a little nine-year-old girl said something that people never forgot.

The manger was in front, as always. Young Mary wrapped in her blue mantle. Joseph sported a beard glued together from cotton balls. The wise men were there, too, as were the shepherds. And in the middle of them all, was baby Jesus, lying in the manger.

The nativity story was read, carols were sung, everything went off without a hitch.

Well, almost.

Various children were the angelic host. They were robed in white and sitting beside their moms and dads throughout the church. At the designated moment, they were to walk up front, circle the manger, and sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will among men."

And so they did. But there was a problem.

As the little angelic children gathered round the manger to sing, one little girl couldn't see. She was nine years old, smaller than the rest of them, and ended up being so far back that even on tiptoe she couldn't see what was going on.

In the momentary pause after the angels sang, "Glory to God in the highest..." the little girl, "electrified the entire church by crying out in a voice shrill with irritation and frustration and enormous sadness at having her view blocked."*

She said, "Let Jesus show!"

O Come, Ye Unfaithful

Let Jesus show. That's who we came to church to see, whether we even realized it or not.

There is within us a hunger so deep, so ravenous, that the very bowels of our soul growl with anticipation of being fed. We yearn for it to be satisfied. We are born searching for the feast. Show us the table. Show us where, once and for all, we can find the food that satisfies.

It won't be on the booth of moralisms and virtues. It won't rest on the plate of your chosen politics, your social programs, your precious projects to make the world a better place or usher in utopia.

For God we are ravenous. And God alone will satiate us. So, get out of the way. We're coming. Move aside and let us through to the manger. There in the feed trough. There he is. The Bread of heaven, born in Bethlehem—the House of Bread—come so our bodies and souls can partake of the very life of God.

Get out of the way. Or, even better, come with us.
O come ye unfaithful, broken and polluted.
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him, born the Friend of Sinners.

Preach it, little girl. Never stop.
May your voice resound till kingdom come.
Let Jesus show.

Five Reasons Rural and Small-Town Churches Are Making a Comeback

By Thom S. Rainer

The obituaries of rural and small-town churches are premature.

Indeed, we continue to see clear evidence of hope and promise for both the churches and the communities. While the need is still great in the cities and more urban populations, we cannot ignore God's work and opportunities in less populous areas.

What is taking place to give us such optimism and hope? Allow me to share five reasons. I must admit I was surprised at some of the research I found on this topic.

1. **The migration trend from these less populated areas has reversed.** There seems to be conventional wisdom that people are fleeing rural areas. There is a good reason for this perception. It indeed has been a negative trend for decades. But did you know the trend has reversed? Did you know the rate of decline in rural populations began reversing in 2011? Did you know the population in rural areas actually began increasing in 2016? This development is huge and should not be ignored by church leaders, denominations, and networks!
2. **There are a lot of people in rural and small-town areas.** The population number depends on how you define rural and small town. If you include any areas under 2,500 in population, there are 60 million people living there. That is a huge mission field that cannot be ignored.
3. **More church leaders are expressing a calling to rural churches and small-town churches.** Though our data is anecdotal, we have confidence we are seeing a trend. We began to notice it more in our conversations with Gen Xers and Millennials, but we are seeing this trend even among older Boomer pastors today. Much like the move to replanting and revitalization, we are seeing a calling among these leaders to become a part of these churches and communities.
4. **More church leaders are serious about rooting themselves and their families in these communities and churches.** Part of the calling we are hearing is a desire to establish roots in

these less populated areas. For many decades for many leaders, these churches were perceived more as stepping stones to the next opportunity. This attitude is shifting. The metaphor is changing from steppingstones to roots.

5. **The simpler life of rural or small-town areas is becoming increasingly attractive to many people, including church leaders.** Simply stated, many people are weary of the frenetic pace and cluttered life often emblematic of more densely populated areas. There is a desire to return to the basics of an uncluttered life. Church leaders are among those seeking this life balance.

The revitalization and replanting movement is growing. Among those churches in this growing movement are churches in rural churches and in small towns. It is an incredible thing to watch.

God has not given up on rural and small-town churches. We shouldn't either.



Quote of the Day

"In a world depending on force, coercive tyranny, and bloody violence, you are challenged to follow the way of love.

You will then discover that unarmed love is the most powerful force in all the world."

(Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. as cited by Pastor John Kuziej in "Prayfaithfully" devotions for January 15. Rev. King Jr. was born January 15, 1929)

CURRENT NEEDS FOR SYNDEO FOSTER CLOSET

- **Pajamas, all sizes, 0-16 years old**
- **Diapers, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6**
- **Baby wipes**
- **Boys and girls underwear for small children through teen sizes**
- **8-oz. plastic baby bottles**
- **Shaving cream and razors for teens**
- **Johnson's Baby Wash and Shampoo**
- **Suave children's shampoo, conditioner and detangler**
- **Deodorant**
- **Shampoo/conditioner for older kids**
- **Toothpaste**
- **Shower gel**
- **Bar soap**
- **Sippy cups**



Syndeo is a community-based foster parent support group. The aid provided by Syndeo support members include material items, rides, meals and errands for foster families. The support from Syndeo organizations has been shown to increase foster parenting success/continuation in the foster care program. There has been an increased need for foster parents, so retaining them is essential. For further information contact Pat Radtke-715-490-5097.

STEWARDSHIP CALENDARS



January

	1/5/20	1/12/20	1/19/20	1/26/20
Assisting Minister	Chuck Radtke	Phoebe Pettingell	Ken Huebner	Melissa Wick
Lay Reader	Jan Harris	Betty Roth	Rob Peterson	Marge Anderson
Altar Guild	Diane Kliss	Jan Harris	Linda Swanson	Debby Carlson
Greeters	Matthiaes	Wicks	Jan and Lily Harris	Andersons
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Betty Roth	Dawn Gonitzke
Fellowship	Carlsons	Roths	Hauschilds	Council
Video Streaming	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

February

	2/2/20	2/9/20	2/16/20	2/23/20
Assisting Minister	Chuck Radtke	Phoebe Pettingell	Ken Huebner	Melissa Wick
Lay Reader	Jan Harris	Betty Roth	Rob Peterson	Marge Anderson
Altar Guild	Diane Kliss	Jan Harris	Linda Swanson	Debby Carlson
Greeters	Schroeders	Sue Sorg and Jan Harris	Matthiaes	Jan and Lily Harris
Music	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Rhonda Buss	Dawn Gonitzke
Fellowship	BOWL	Outreach	Trustees	Swansons
Video Streaming	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson	Linda Swanson

If you cannot serve on your assigned day, please find a replacement, then notify the church office.

FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 9:00 am Holy Communion Presentation of Our Lord	3 Office Closed	4 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pastor John’s Office Hours 12:30 pm Theology Adventure Club (TAC)	5 12:30 pm Quilters	6	7	8
9 9:00 am Holy Communion	10 Office Closed 2:00 pm Council Meeting	11 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pastor John’s Office Hours 12:30 pm Theology Adventure Club (TAC)	12 12:30 pm Quilters	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22

<p>9:00 am Holy Communion 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Faith Film Festival – 692 Bollum Rd., Three Lakes</p>	<p>Office Closed</p>		<p>12:30 pm Quilters</p>			
<p>23</p> <p>9:00 am Holy Communion Transfiguration of Our Lord</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:00 am – 12:00 pm Pastor John’s Office Hours 12:30 pm Theology Adventure Club (TAC)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>12:30 pm Quilters</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>

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WEEKLY WORSHIP

Sunday Morning – 9:00 am
Holy Communion

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