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WHAT'S HAPPENING

A Note from Pastor Jason Owens



Dear Church Family,

As we step into this new season together, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and anticipation. God has blessed us with another opportunity to grow in our faith, serve our community, and strengthen our bonds with one another. It is a joy to walk this journey with each of you, and I am excited about what God has in store for us.

In the coming months, we will explore ways to deepen our relationship with Christ and with each other. We'll be launching new Bible study groups, expanding our outreach programs, and creating more opportunities for fellowship. These initiatives are not just activities; they are invitations to experience God's love in deeper, more tangible ways.

As we move forward, I encourage you to reflect on how you can contribute to our shared mission. Whether it's through prayer, volunteering, or simply offering a kind word to someone in need, every act of love makes a difference. Let's commit to being a community where everyone feels valued, loved, and supported.

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Opportunities to Serve This Month

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| Ministry Team Meetings | | | |
| Building and Grounds Ministry Team | Sept 11, 6:30 p.m. | | |
| Discipleship Ministry Team | Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| Mission & Outreach Ministry Team | Sept. 9, 6:00 p.m. | | |
| Worship Ministry Team | | TBD | |
| Shepherding Ministry Team | | TBD | |
| Leadership Council | Sept. 18, 6:30 p.m. | | |

Souper Tuesday

Souper Tuesday is planned for Tuesday, September 10th at 12 noon with the theme of "We Are The Church." Join us for food, fun and fellowship. Please let us know what you might bring, and sign up at the Welcome Center. Bring a friend.



Happy Birthday

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| Jeff Borer | 12th | Calvin Craig | 12th |
| Alice Pracht | 21st | Darlene Wolff | 24th |

All-Church Workday



WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH

Join the family for a workday at the church building from 9:00-noon on Saturday, September 21. A number of projects for people of all ages including edging the sidewalk, draining the drip system, washing the windows inside and out and a number of other projects. Come for an hour or all morning. More hands make the projects manageable.

(A Note from Pastor Jason Owens Continued)

Together we will build a strong Biblical Foundation on the following:

- ⇒ Kingdom Focus – God’s Kingdom
- ⇒ Kingdom Authority – Christ’s Authority
- ⇒ Kingdom Power – Power endowed by the Spirit (we have the same power as the first century church.)
- ⇒ Kingdom Mission – The Great Commission
- ⇒ Kingdom Motive – The King is coming again, and we want to take as many people with us as we can.

Finally, I want to remind you that the church is not just a building; it’s a family. If you are going through a difficult time or need support, please don’t hesitate to reach out. We are here for you, and together, we will navigate whatever challenges come our way.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and dedication to our church. Let’s embrace this new season with open hearts, ready to receive the blessings God has prepared for us.

In His Service,

Pastor Jason

God’s Beauty

We have watched the prayer garden mature into a beautiful display of God’s creation. Carol has put so much time and devotion to making this a beautiful place to connect with our Lord. Her family has also been instrumental in providing some of the plants for the garden and most recently, they placed a rock in the garden honoring Carol’s son, Joseph Kingsley on the anniversary of his passing. Please make time to visit our prayer garden.



Women's Fall Event

Women of the church, how does an evening where the cooking is done for you sound? Well, you are in luck! Please join the Discipleship Ministry Team for a Fall Women’s Event on Thursday, September 26, from 5:45-8:30 pm. The evening will be filled with time to connect and sharing a meal together prepared and served by some of the men of our church. We will hear an update on how Zo-eCare Pregnancy Center is helping women and an uplifting keynote speaker, Dana Lang from Sioux Falls. Dana’s message is titled, “Life Ripples”-Experiencing God and Making a Lasting Difference in Your World. Please RSVP your attendance at the Welcome Center sign-up sheet, call the church office and leave a message or contact a member of the Discipleship Ministry Team. RSVPs need to be received by September 20th for an accurate meal count. If you have questions please contact Jill Blaylock.



Keynote Speaker Dana Lang is a pastor’s daughter and the wife of a pastor. Dana describes herself as a scripture studier, talker, Yahtzee player, videographer for her husband, Jesus sharer, dream manager (yes this is her paying job), connector, hot air balloon rider, grandchild lover and a redeemed sinner. Dana speaks to groups of all types and sizes and is looking forward to encouraging and connecting with us. We hope that by reading a few words that describe Dana you are excited to join us to hear her inspiring and uplifting message at our Fall Women’s Event.

50th Wedding Anniversary



You are all invited to join Mike and Bev Polak for their 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House on Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. Please no gifts except for the gift of your presence.

Youth Group Notes

Youth group has been up and running with several students attending bi-weekly sessions. Each night consists of a lesson, short video, games, snacks and a prayer time. September meeting dates are the 11th and 18th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you would be interested in helping with snacks such as cookies, chips and dip or nachos and cheese, please contact Andrea High to get on the schedule.

If you have items you would like included in the monthly newsletter, please contact John Blaylock at least one week prior to the last Sunday of the month.