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CHARIS PREGNANCY AND FAMILY CENTER NEEDS:

Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays to help with childcare.

Volunteers are needed to provide lunch on Tuesdays.

Charis has need for \$20 gas ONLY cards to be used for client transportation

Clients can earn these after successful completion of their mentoring lessons.

Contact Cindy Sweeney for more information at csweeney@charisfdl.com

CONSISTORY INFORMATION

Due to the fact that the consistory did not meet in time prior to the publishing of the November Beacon the information for the October 26 meeting will be included in the next Newsletter.



Pastor's Pen

Abounding in Thanksgiving

Our Reformed, Protestant forefathers understood the importance of gratitude in the Christian life. The Heidelberg Catechism is divided into three sections. Questions 1–11 articulate “the misery of man,” questions 12–85 outline “man’s deliverance,” and questions 86–129 emphasize “thankfulness.” This threefold division is commonly summarized as “Guilt, Grace, and Gratitude.” Question 86 asks, “Since then we are delivered from our misery, merely of grace, through Christ, without any merits of ours, why must we still do good works?” The answer: *Because Christ, having redeemed and delivered us by His blood also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image; that we may, testify by the whole of our conduct, our gratitude to God for His blessings, and that He may be praised by us.*

With this question and answer in view, let us look closer at gratitude, laying out four points and applying them to the catechism’s answer.

First, gratitude is initiated by an act of kindness: God’s gracious blessings in the person and work of Christ.

Second, receiving God’s grace in Christ breeds thanksgiving in the heart of the recipient. This is reflected throughout the Psalms, and especially in Psalm 104:1-4: *Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.*

Third, thankfulness engenders appreciation; that is to highly esteem the act of kindness. Psalm 63:3-4 says: *Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You. So, I will bless You as long as I live; in Your name I will lift up my hands.*

Fourth, appreciation prompts action on the part of the recipient of the act of kindness to show how he values and esteems the act of kindness toward him. This is the point of the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:2: *And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

In short, Christian gratitude is grounded in the knowledge of God’s grace toward us in Christ, and that knowledge manifests itself in high esteem and awe of that grace, which propels us to serve and please Him.

Pastor John



Renae's Thoughts

Youth Groups and Adventures Club are well on their way and so much has been moving through these events. The sponsors and myself have decided that we need to stand up and be brave about our faith. As we traveled to Silver Birch with the Junior High Youth Group we definitely felt called to be bold through the message that Dave Weger presented to us.

The theme for this year's Silver Birch Retreat was Know-Show-Grow-Go. The students were challenged with knowing God, showing God living in their life, growing in God and then going out and telling others about Him.

We first have to concentrate on Him. When we seek Him, we will find Him. Know what God says, know who He is and by knowing Him you will not be confused by what the world is trying to teach us. We need to overlook the world's confusion and respond to God. We need to stop worrying about what others are saying and turn our focus on what God wants us to do.

When we truly know God, we will live in accordance with his will. We live in a time when so many people are following what the majority are doing. Right and wrong belongs to God alone!!! We need to stay close to Him so that we are not sucked into the world's issues. Knowing God and knowing what is truth helps us to be bold in our faith.

Just as a baby grows daily, we as Christian need to continue to grow also. We need to be fed by His word, in prayer, and live according to how God wants us to live. We need to live in the truths of God. The more we grow the more we know. We are children of God and nothing can take that away from us.

God also wants us to go out and tell others about Him. One of the ways we can do this is to serve others. None of us is so great that we should not be willing to serve others. Jesus is the exact example of how we should live. He served us all the way to His death on the cross. He gave us His life on the cross so that we can live. God loved us to the very end. God wants us and He wants us to tell others about His wonderful love!!!!

Are you ready to Know-Show-Grow-Go? Be bold and tell others about Him!

Renae Lind

Youth Director



Thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The youth are so very grateful for your continued support not only of the Soup Supper/Cake Auction but also your prayers for each and everyone of them. They have been blessed by your generous donations and purchase of cakes. We were able to clear \$8,000.00. You truly are amazing and we are blessed by each and everyone of you. Thanks again,

Renae and all of the Bethel Junior High Youth Group



NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Lift

5th Floyd Smit
 12th Harley Coehoorn
 19th Ken Beekman
 26th Ed Montsma

Sound

5th Harley Coehoorn
 12th Merwin Kimble
 19th Kelly VandeZande
 26th Harley Coehoorn

Liturgist

5th Amanda Hiemstra
 12th Mark Kastein
 19th Shelly Hiemstra
 26th Sandy VandeZande

Greeters

5th Ed Montsma
 12th Nick Kamphuis
 19th Dan Brown
 26th Brian Brown

Fellowship

5th Lynn DeBoer
 12th Randi Turner
 19th Jack Theyerl
 26th Jared Hoinacki

Nursery

5th Lori Coehoorn
 12th Mac Mattheis
 19th Angela Arndt
 26th Sophie Newbury

DVD Delivery

5th Charlene Kamphuis
 12th Shelly Hiemstra
 19th Karen Redeker
 26th Charlene Kamphuis

Children's Message

5th Danelle Smit
 26th Amanda Hiemstra

1st Drew Gunnink
 Deb Pinnow
 Owen Miller
 2nd Randy TerBeest
 3rd Dan Kastein
 Anna Lind
 4th Jesse & Alex Tipton
 5th Parker Hiemstra
 Cheryl Leusink
 6th Landen Bos
 7th Glen Belmer
 8th Brady Madigan
 Kaiden Beltezore
 Sydney Leusink
 Olivia Schliep
 9th Floyd Smit
 Emily Leusink
 Elliot Mulder
 Randy & Jean TerBeest
 John & LaRae Vander Plas
 10th Mallory Kastein
 Tanya Hansen
 Dan & Amy Redeker
 11th Michael Kastein
 Pat Schmuhl
 Stephanie Henning
 12th Jim Kamphuis
 Carmen Laper
 13th Emily Beekman
 Jaden Gosse
 Jeff & Kim Miller
 15th Mel Boomsma
 Bret Henning
 16th Chris & Ashley Wiedeman
 18th Austin Hiemstra
 Brian Erickson
 Tiffany Derksen
 22nd Bill Lind
 26th Kathy Montsma
 27th Jon Post
 Karl Rens
 John & Elizabeth Tilstra
 28th Jon Gunnink
 Kim Kamphuis
 30th Brian Madigan
 Bennett Slager
 Mel & Robin Gunnink



Wed., 1st 6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Cantata & Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
 Sun., 5th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship;
 Sunday School all ages
 6:00 p.m. Church & Culture Discussion
 6:30 p.m. Bestway Drivers Education Class
 Mon., 6th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Adventures Club 3K-5th grade
 Tue., 7th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00 p.m. Senior Gathering

Wed., 8th 9:10 a.m. 55+ Bible Study
 6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Cantata & Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
 Sat., 11th 3:00-8:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in Use
 Sun., 12th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship; Sunday School all ages;
 Deacons Meeting
 6:00 p.m. Roman's Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. Bestway Drivers Education Class
 Mon., 13th Beacon Items Due
 5:30-7:00 p.m. Adventure Club 3K-5th grade
 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting
 Tue., 14th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering Potluck & Fellowship
 Wed., 15th 6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Cantata & Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group
 Thu., 16th 6:30 p.m. Consistory
 Sat., 18th 9:00-12:00 p.m. Bethel Quilters
 Sun., 19th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship-Thanksgiving Offering
 Following the service: Fellowship; Sunday School all ages
 6:00 p.m. Men's Ministry
 Tue., 21st 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Items Due
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Wed., 22nd Bulletins Printed
 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service @ Bethel
 Thu., 23rd & Fri., 24th Offices Closed
 23rd-27th Pastor Vacation
 Sun., 26th 9:20 a.m. Prayer Time, Youth Room
 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Following the service: Fellowship; Sunday School all ages
 6:00 p.m. Church & Culture Discussion
 Tue., 28th 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
 1:00-3:00 p.m. Senior Gathering
 Wed., 29th 6:00 p.m. Jr High Youth Group
 7:00 p.m. Cantata & Choir Practice
 7:30 p.m. Sr High Youth Group

Veterans Day Program



Friday, November 10, 2023

Brandon School gymnasium

Skydiving event scheduled at 9:30am

Program in gymnasium at 9:45am

Veterans and their families, please join us early at 8:30am to enjoy some snacks and coffee

The community is invited to join us for this special program featuring distinguished guest speakers and participation from the Brandon elementary students.

Brandon Community Blood Drive

**Bethel Reformed Church
305 W Main St**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2023
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

For an appointment please call Judy Henker at 920-346-2966 or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org



Come give blood Nov. 10-30 for an exclusive pair of EIT & Red Cross socks, while supplies last! Join us to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the film EIT and make giving blood a holiday tradition! © & TM New Line Productions, Inc. (s23)



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Consistory 2023

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Ed Montsma (24) 920-948-4578
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Jon Post (25) 920-960-1402

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