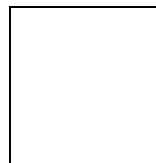




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Someone tells of seeing geese flying south in a V formation. Why do they fly that way—why not in a cluster? Two aerodynamic engineers wondered the same thing so they set up a wind tunnel experiment to find out. They quickly discovered that as each bird flaps its wings it creates an uplift for the birds that follow. By flying in V form, the whole flock adds 71% greater flight range than if each bird flew on its own. When a bird falls out of formation, he suddenly feels the weight of trying to go it alone!

We need that kind of support for one another, we can't go it alone without reverse consequences. If the pandemic has taught us anything it is we are social beings and it is vital we interact together. Our children not being able to be together physically in school has had negative consequences. Social distancing, avoiding crowds, not being with family has been extremely difficult for us all. Being able to worship together in person has been a healing experience for all of us who have been able to attend. I look forward to more experiences that will allow us to come together in person. I thank God for vaccinations that are helping us move forward to a more normal life experience together. As we continue this healing journey remember it takes all of us together, supporting one another that strengthens us for the journey. Remember together we can overcome, alone we will feel the weight of the struggle and it can be overwhelming. Once again nature teaches us of the importance of community. Together we are stronger.

Pastor Cliff

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Missions

Our Noisy Sunday on May 30 will be for our missionaries, Rev. Delbert Groves and his wife Sandy, at the New Life Center in Zambia. They have just delivered 40 PETs to people who are unable to get around due to disabilities. PETs are Personal Energy Transportation units that enable people to use their arms to pedal them. The New Life Zambia Facebook page has good pictures of these units. Our donations help buy supplies to build these units as well as support the food distribution and education that is done at the center. Thank you for supporting this ministry!
God bless,
Junelle and Sue



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Spring has mostly sprung and this creates an opportunity to upgrade our landscaping. Our experience is that we have lots of great help when we come up with a plan. However, we are in need of a plan. This is where you come in. We are looking for members of the congregation to work with us to put one together. This would involve a couple of meetings, probably at the church, to look at what we have and plan what we might be able to do. If you have experience or interest, please contact Lisa at the church office so we can have a planning meeting in the next couple of weeks. Those of you who discussed this a couple of years ago are encouraged to volunteer again so we can move the process forward.

We had the fire extinguishers brought up to code earlier this spring. In doing so, we were informed that Kidde has many fire extinguishers that are recalled. Some of our members have already taken advantage of that and have been sent replacement extinguishers free of charge. Personally, I had three of them replaced. It can be a safety issue so please check the following website to determine if you have one or more extinguishers that are recalled. <https://www.kidde.com/home-safety/en/us/support/product-alerts/recall-kidde-fire-extinguisher/> If you would like some help, please contact Lisa in the church office and the Trustees will be able to assist you.

Be Blessed and Be Safe
Stu Bernard



5/3 Luann Cederberg
5/4 Jena Roath
5/7 Travis Tueffel
5/8 LeRoy Swanson
5/16 John Hunter
5/18 Dawn Swanson
5/21 Donna Bodinski
Nathan Taylor

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We continue to move purposefully but carefully into the church for worship and other uses of the building. Social distancing and wearing masks are still required, but at least we get to see each other than on a screen or car windshield. As the building starts to be reopened, some of the people who were using the building prior to the shut-down are slowly coming back. The Boy Scouts, Piece Makers (quilters), Lifeline screenings, and Peggy Denler who holds a private piano recital, will be using our facility in the next 30 days. All of these uses are opportunities for us to make our presence more prominent in the neighborhood. We also benefit from direct donations or as the Scouts have done, provide improvements such as a new swing set and firepit. On Saturday May 8th we are welcoming Coon Rapids UMC Confirmation class to use our facility for a long day retreat. What a great blessing it is for us to be able to have a facility that is desirable for that sort of ministry and more. One of the amenities of our facility that Coon Rapids is excited about is the opportunity to use our firepit for evening fellowship.

Later this spring, the Scouts will be holding a flag retirement ceremony that will burn worn or retired flags following proper flag disposal etiquette. If members of the church have worn flags that you would like have disposed of properly, please bring them to the church so they can be included in the Scout's ceremony. When they settle in on the timing, it will be announced, and everyone will be welcomed to attend.

In preparation for more church activities, the Fellowship hall has fresh paint and a new color. The kitchen has a new set of used stack ovens donated by Steve Neitzel. We now have three functioning ovens in the kitchen along with a special surprise that I won't tell you about. You will have to go into the kitchen to experience it.

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IN HONOR OF
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1.
2. 10:00 am Worship Communion 10:00 am Sunday school	3. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing <i>Luann Cederberg B-Day</i>	4. <i>Jean Roath B-Day</i>	5. 7:00 pm Confirmation	6.	7. <i>Travis Tueffel B-Day</i>	8. <i>LeRoy Swanson B-Day</i>
9. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	10. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	11.	12.	13. 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting 7:00 pm Piecemakers	14.	15.
16. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school <i>John Hunter B-Day</i>	17. 5:00 Trustees Meeting 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	18. <i>Dawn Swanson B-Day</i>	19.	20. 6:30 pm Ad Council Meeting	21. <i>Donna Bodinski & Nathan Taylor B-Day</i>	22.
23. 10:00 am Worship 10:00 am Sunday school	24. 6:30 pm Caring & Sharing	25.	26.	27. 7:00 pm Piecemakers	28.	29.
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