

A weekly newsletter

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October 6, 2021



Youth Zone!

Don't forget about **SUNDAY SCHOOL**! We will meet DURING service on Sunday the 10th after the children's message. Come learn about how we as God's people are 'Refreshed by Water!'

YOUTH GROUP

will meet Wednesday, October 6th from 6pm-7pm outside by the garage. We will be making 'stained glass' with items such as tissue paper!

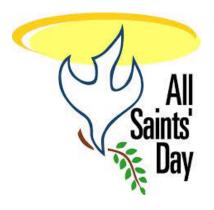
Stewardship

Our church will be starting its Stewardship campaign October 24th through Stewardship Sunday, November 14th. Please consider how you can help bless our church's ministries and outreach through your generosity.

BIBLE STUDY!

The Bible Study will be discussing Genesis 6-7, the story of Noah, the animals, and the flood, next Tuesday, October 12th at 4 p.m. Join us in the church basement or on zoom. All are welcome.

~ Pastor Bret



ALL SAINTS & REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday, November 7th will be All Saints and Remembrance Sunday. We will remember all our members who have died in the past year, and also those who have died in this time of pandemic.

We will also remember those who are not members of our church, but are loved ones or friends of ours who've passed. Join us for this service of remembrance.

ATTENTION BOARDS & COMMITTEES:

A reminder that during September and the first part of October, boards are asked to develop their goals for the 2021-2022 church year. There will be opportunity to share these goals at the October 12th Board of Trustees meeting. Each committee is vital for the important work of our church. Thank you for your time, energy, and commitment for the good of our church community and the wider community!

~ Anne Hoekstra



Thank you to all who have already donated to this year's CROP Walk! We would like to finish up our fundraising this week, so please mail or drop off your checks to Michelle at the church

office Checks can be made out to CROP Walk 2021. There is also a website at this following address: <u>http://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/first-congregational-walkers</u>. You can make a donation online. Thanks for your generous donations! 25% of all money collected will stay with our local food bank and the other 75% will go to Church World Service to provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them, and greater food security in communities around the world.

~ Diane Highnam



October 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10:30 Worship w/ Sunday School		4pm Adult Bible Study	6pm Youth Group	5:15pm - Bells 7:00pm - Choir		
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24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 Worship w/ Sunday School 31st - Halloween Trunk or Treat (Noon to 2pm)		4pm Adult Bible Study	6pm Youth Group	5:15pm - Bells 7:00pm - Choir		

Birthdays

1 16 Greg Hoekstra George Brown 22 3 Ann Zellhoefer Bonnie Bessman Carol Towsley Jack Koch Sarah Pavelski 7 Rex Boatman 24 Emily Highnam 8 Melissa Wells Landon Kelley 9 Marsha Lind Lucas Backens

26 Pat Brown Emily Lindaman 27 Abbey Martens Abbott 27 Andrew Yarngo 29 Pearl Goos 30 Bret Myers

Anniversaries

5 John & Barb Mardis 7 Teresa Dahlgren & Michael McCollough Dale & Barbara Hatinger 12 Russ & Carol Towsley 14 Scott & Ariel Driver 25 Rich & Kay Thuesen

MOMENT FOR MISSIONS



You Did It!

"Three business partners matched \$5,000 in donations to Love INC last week. We exceeded our goal and altogether raised \$16,404! Individuals, businesses, and partner churches all worked together to support Love INC and our neighbors in need. We are so grateful! Thank you for your generosity! It is truly inspiring!



In October, we're asking for dishes, pots & pans, and silverware. These goods can be given used (in good condition) or purchased new. We have many households in our community starting over for various reasons and they are in need of basic kitchen essentials.

If you would like to help meet this crucial need for our neighbors, donations can be brought to the church or to the Love INC office - 2603 Rainbow Drive, Suite 2, Cedar Falls, IA

Create an endowment of love. Please consider including our church in your estate planning.

