



We Strive to Be: A church devoted to making disciples of Jesus Christ, growing together in knowledge and relationship with God and each other.

Today's Events:

Stay After Worship for our
Congregational Photo & 5th Sunday
Fellowship & Potluck

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 1** – Meal: Baked Potatoes, Frito Chili Pie, Salad, and Dessert
- Nov 3-5** – Randy Willingham Weekend
- Nov 15** –Meal: Beef Stroganoff, Green Beans, Fresh Green Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert
- Nov 19** – Pantry Patron Dinner: 5:00 p.m.

Start bringing your toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, etc. for Leonardos. They will be gathered and taken Sunday, November 5th.

Order of Worship

Pilgrim's Praise	Chris Taylor
Welcome/Announcements/Song Leader	Bruce Swart
#63.....	<i>I Will Call Upon the Lord</i>
#779.....	<i>I Love You, Lord</i>
#790.....	<i>Lord Take Control</i>
Prayer	TBD
#679.....	<i>Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
#590.....	<i>Jesus is All the World to Me</i>
#353.....	<i>One Day</i>
Communion Talk	Dudley Darrow
#448.....	<i>The Greatest Commands</i>
#449.....	<i>Thy Word</i>
Sermon: Salvation Comes	Erik Granberg
#791.....	<i>On Bended Knee</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Brent Dittmeyer

Nursery	Cheryl Kent
Sound Booth/Slides	Trey Johnson

Sermon Scripture: Esther 8,9

Sermon Thought:

In the book of Esther, we clearly see God at work in the lives of individuals and in the affairs of a nation. People tend to have short memories when it comes to God's faithfulness. To help counter this, Mordecai wrote down the events and encouraged an annual holiday to commemorate the Jews salvation.

Sermon Questions:

1. God is active in our lives; how can we do a better job of seeing it?
2. When God has been at work and has been faithful in our lives, how can we remember it and celebrate God's work?
3. What has stood out to you thus far in the sermon series on Esther?

Prayer Requests:

Jovita Lang – having health issues and tests ran

Avanell Long – Steve Long’s mom & Mandy Coker’s grandma; passed away

Dylan Jantz – Gordon & Carol’s grandson in Illinois; his girlfriend, Madeline Best, was tragically killed in a car accident

Birthdays:

Oct.
31st.....Renee Fuksa

Nov.
2ndLarry Cochran
3rdSofia Simmons
4thBraden Meek
.....Gordon Jantz

Next Week’s (11/5/23) Servants:

- Song Leader /Welcome:** TBD
- Pilgrim’s Praise:** Brett Thornton
- Communion Talk:** Gordon Jantz
- Shepherd’s Prayer:** Dan Kent
- Sound Booth/ Slides:** TBD
- Nursery:** Jeanita Meek
- Greeters For November:** Pam Denney
Linda Swart

Impossible To Please?

Some bosses and teachers are impossible to please. They seem to always find some fault with a person’s work or effort. It can be disheartening and discouraging, making that person just want to give up trying.

Some people see God like that-impossible to please. They feel like their efforts to be good enough or do enough for God are never sufficient. But Hebrews 11 tells us clearly how people gain God’s approval: by faith. Hebrews describes faith as being sure of God’s promises-confident that they are worth looking forward to and living for. Faith is also believing that the one true God who made the world (not just some sort of “higher power”) exists. Hebrews 11 says there is something specific we need to believe about this God: “that HE is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

God is not a stingy, hard-to-please tyrant or bully. He is a generous rewarder. He gives us the desire to go after him, and then he rewards us for our pursuit of him. What is the reward God gives us? He gives grace and forgiveness. He rewards us with the righteousness of Jesus in place of our failed attempts at being right with God. But the most prized reward he gives us is himself in closer relationship and clearer understanding.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible. Hebrews 11:1-3

Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. Hebrews 11:6

At last everyone will say, “There truly is a reward for those who live for God; surely there is a God who judges justly here on earth. Psalm 58:11

By Nancy Guthrie
Taken from ***Dinner Table Devotions***

Doors

In John 10:7, Jesus says “I am the door”. What does Jesus mean by this? What are doors for? Doors primarily have one job – to keep people in or out. They are the final step in completing the perimeter of a structure. It doesn’t matter how strong your walls are: If you don’t have a door, you don’t have a completed building. In modern language, Jesus might have said “I am the lock”. Modern day doors have locks as the final piece of security for your home or business. Doors with functioning, engaged locks are essential to the safety of our church. In the last month, doors have repeatedly been left unlocked after hours. This opens our church up to theft and vandalism, as well as creating a danger of unknown intruders. We want to be a church who welcome all to come to Jesus, and we use our building as a tool to serve our community. We need to be more thorough in our lock up procedures after every use of the building. Please help the safety team by checking all the exterior doors when you are leaving the building. If you have any questions, please ask Bill, Chris, Jim or Wendy.