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Women's event

Ladies! You are invited to join us for **Gather at Grace, Friday, February 4 and Saturday, February 5** at Grace Church Eden Prairie (9301 Eden Prairie Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347). All of us have battles we are facing. And God's battle strategies look nothing like man's. If you are tired of fighting on your own, then don't miss this event, featuring Mary Kassian, popular speaker and award-winning author. Her desire is to help you apply the timeless wisdom of the Bible in this modern-day. She has authored several books through the years. This event also features Laura Perry, who will share her powerful testimony about being radically transformed by Jesus Christ after living as a transgender for nearly nine years.

Please let Becky Anderson or Theresa Stimpert know or sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in attending.

More details about the conference can be found at gatheratgrace.com



Our Mission:
To relate to
God more
intimately,
to evidence the
fruit of the
Spirit, and to
bring Jesus
into all our
relationships.

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HRCC News

From the Pastor's Pen....

In the small group that I am privileged to guide, one of the things we do when we begin our study is we recite together what is called "*The Jesus Creed*". It is a quote both from Deuteronomy 6 and from Jesus when he was asked, "Which is the great commandment in the Law?" It goes like this: **"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these."** (Deuteronomy 6:4, Matthew 22:37-39.) This commandment was the priority of Jesus and when we repeat this it helps become our priority as well.



For Jesus everything is shaped toward becoming people who love God and who love others. The Old Testament Law contained 613 separate laws and this would help a Jewish person live out the Law in their lives. That is a lot of laws to learn. Jesus reduced the 613 laws down to two laws, loving God, and loving others.

Let me ask you to take a moment to reflect on two questions: First, how does Jesus' command to love Him with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength affect you? Second, what do you think it would look like to express love to your neighbors around you? This morning I was reading my Bible in **Matthew 25**. At the end of that chapter Jesus says, **"But when the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, then He will sit on His glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before Him; and He will separate them from one another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and He will put the sheep on His right, and the goats on the left.**

"Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry, and you gave Me *something* to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me *something* to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me.' Then the righteous will answer Him, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, and feed You, or thirsty, and give You *something* to drink? And when did we see You a stranger, and invite You in, or naked, and clothe You? When did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?' The King will answer and say to them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, *even the least of them*, you did it to Me.'

"Then He will also say to those on His left, 'Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave Me *nothing* to eat; I was

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thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.' Then they themselves also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?' Then He will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.' These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)

Do you know of any neighbors that are hurting and in need? Do you know of any neighbor that is at the margins of life? Have you ever thought of yourself as a person that could make friends with people who are hurting or at the margin of life? When we see and experience the humanity of people with needs that are different from our own, we have new opportunities to learn how to practice the love of God. Something that is important to know is that friendship is an equalizer. I can't come as the one who has the answers. I can't come with the power to fix someone. Yet I can come as a friend who walks with another where they are.

This month we celebrate Valentine's Day and we often are encouraged to love our spouses and our families. We can also love our neighbors. I pray that the Lord will form His character in all of our lives, the character of a love life for God and for our neighbors.

Please know that I love you and desire that we all become more like Jesus.

Pastor Howard

Marriage Encouragement

Come join us on Saturday, February 12 from 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM in the fellowship hall as Craig and Ardis Dirksen share their story and give ideas to encourage you in your marriage. ALL marriages need encouragement whether you have been married 1 year or 50 years (or more). Those attending will not be asked to talk or share their feelings or break into small groups. This will be just a fun morning together. After the presentation is finished at noon the church will be providing lunch for you. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to let us know you are coming.

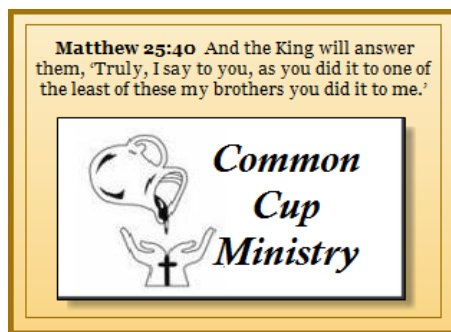
Scrap & Craft



Has the frigid weather outside left you inside with a case of cabin fever? We have the answer for you! Join us for Scrap & Craft Friday, February 18, 4:00-10:00 and Saturday, February 19, 9:00-4:00. If you don't have your own project to work on, we have several to choose from, from White Cross items to cut and sew to blankets to tie for Common Cup.

Friday night is a brown bag dinner and Saturday will be a potluck at noon. Please let Dawn Vandenberg or Becky Anderson know if you plan to attend so we know how many tables to prepare.

We hope to see you there - and feel free to bring a friend!



It is the goal of Common Cup that no child should go hungry over the weekend. To that end, our church has been asked to provide pudding cups for the Backpack Feeding Program for 2022. Currently Common Cup is packing over 260 bags for the weekend feeding program, which parents apply for. We are currently helping feed those in need from Head Start and K-5th grade in Hutchinson, as well as Glencoe/Silver Lake grades K-6th and Head Start. We also recently received a request from Lester Prairie Schools. It is very important that our church do their part in collecting pudding cups.



Save The Date!

Ladies, please put a "save the date" on your calendars for March 6, 2:00PM. We will be having a baby shower for Jennifer Schaufler and her baby girl.



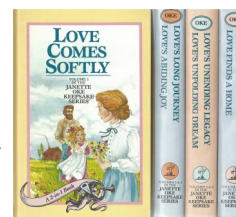
★SUPER BOWL★

You are invited to the home of Gordon Houk, 125 N. Pine in Lester Prairie on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at 5:00PM for the Super Bowl Party. Pizza and pop will be provided. You are asked to bring a snack to share.

In the Library



This month our library is featuring books by the author Janette Oke. Mrs. Oke is a Canadian author of inspirational fiction whose first novel was published in 1979. She has written more than 75 others since then. The first novel of her Canadian West series became the basis of a current TV series. Our library does not have all of her books, but we have a nice selection. Check one out this month!



Colossians



ADMONISH	HARSH	LIFE	SAINTS
BODY	HEARTS	LOVE	SALT
CROSS	HID	MASTERS	SLAVES
DEAD	HOLY	PAID	SPEECH
DIED	HOPE	PAUL	SPIRIT
EARTHLY	HOSTILE	PEACE	TEACH
EVIL	HUSBANDS	PRAY	TRUTH
EYE SERVICE	HYMNS	PREY	WISDOM
FORGIVEN	JOY	PRISON	WIVES
FOUL TALK	KNIT	REWARD	WRATH
GRACE	LIE	RULE	WRONGDOER

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Read Through the Bible

Join us as we read through the Bible together again in 2022. This year we will be doing a Chronological Reading Plan. This Bible reading plan will take you through the entire Bible in an historical linear timeline order with the first events first to the last. You may pick up a copy of the plan on the table in the foyer at the church. The readings for each week will be in the bulletin and for the month in the newsletter.

1: Exodus 7-9	9: Exodus 30-3	17: Lev 14-15	25: Numbers 5-6
2: Exodus 10-12	10: Exodus 33-35	18: Lev 16-18	26: Numbers 7
3: Exodus 13-15	11: Exodus 36-38	19: Lev 19-21	27: Numbers 8-10
4: Exodus 16-18	12: Exodus 39-40	20: Lev 22-23	28: Numbers 11-13
5: Exodus 19-21	13: Lev 1-4	21: Lev 24-25	
6: Exodus 22-24	14: Lev 5-7	22: Lev 26-27	
7: Exodus 25-27	15: Lev 8-10	23: Numbers 1-2	
8: Exodus 28-29	16: Lev 11-13	24: Numbers 3-4	