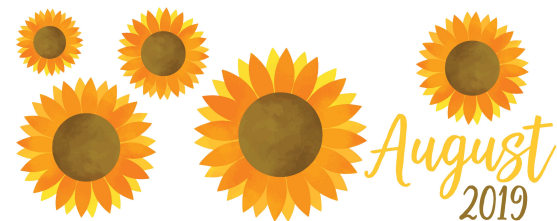


Food for Thought

- ❖ Teach me the happy art of attending to things temporal with a mind intent on things eternal. ~ Puritan Prayer
- ❖ Love cannot be cut loose from the truth of God's will. Truth shapes how to show love. ~ John Piper
- ❖ Christ leads me through no darker rooms than He went through before. ~ Richard Baxter
- ❖ Once your soul has been enlarged by a truth, it can never return to its original size. ~ Blaise Pascal
- ❖ The purity of Christ's disciples sets them apart from pagan culture. The church today needs to rediscover the critical part purity plays in our identity as His spotless bride. ~ Randy Alcorn
- ❖ O Christian! What is our light affliction when compared to such an eternity as this? Shame on us if we murmur and complain and turn back, with such a Heaven before our eyes! ~ J C Ryle



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mission

The mission of our church is to
glorify Christ,
proclaim the Gospel,
reach the lost,
and train and instruct
Christians in the faith
for service and daily living.

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Communion on the Moon

by Pastor Kevin Dick

The past few weeks the nation has celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the first manned mission to land on the moon. I remember as a teenager watching this historic event on television with a grainy, black and white picture as the three astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins made their journey to this natural satellite of the earth.

It was not widely known, but before Armstrong and Aldrin stepped out of the lunar lander on the moon's surface, Aldrin celebrated Communion by himself. NASA granted him permission to bring a small morsel of bread and a cup for wine in his personal belongings so he could remember the work of the Lord Jesus. For him it was an act of thanksgiving. He would later describe it as "part of God's eternal plan for man." Aldrin took a moment to read silently from John 15:5, which he had written on a index card: "I am the vine you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for you can do nothing without me."

Aldrin commented on the Communion experience further when he said, "In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and first food eaten there, were Communion elements."

Having Communion on the moon as a once-in-a-lifetime event and, as a way of remembering God's special gift of salvation, helps enhance the spiritual meaning. Yet I would add that gathering at the Communion table in a local church

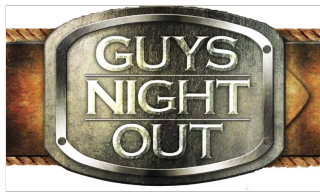
surrounded by fellow believers is equally significant. Jesus' death and resurrection remind us of our need of saving grace whether in a distant place or in our local setting.

In upcoming Communion Services, let us again and again remember Jesus' work for us on the cross. Our salvation came at great cost to our Savior as he suffered for us. But let also not forget that it is all part of the larger gospel story of God's redeeming grace.

As Aldrin acknowledged God's gift of salvation on the moon's surface on that historical, human event, he was also worshiping God for a safe arrival. Without God allowing all the technology to get him to the moon, it would not have been possible. God was given worship in Aldrin's heart for His eternal and earthly provision.

Whether in some distant place or in a simple church setting, we are reminded of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to save and redeem our sinful souls.





**Saturday, August 17
5:30-8:30**

Men 18 years of age and older are invited to come for a great meal, fellowship, and Bible study. We are studying a series taken from the book by Dr. John MacArthur entitled Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You. The sign up sheet is at the Information Center in the church lobby. See George Schneider for more details.



Coming up:

**Men's Retreat, September 6-8
Luther Park Bible Camp, Chetek, WI
featuring "The Jesus Challenge"
DVD series with Dr Tony Evans**

All of us have things we need to overcome. These are challenges, circumstances, emotions, habits or situations that are holding us down. But guess what? God not only wants you to overcome life's scenarios, He has provided the way for you to do just that.

Covering Jesus' messages to the seven churches in Revelation, Dr Tony Evans teaches you relevant principles for your won victorious living.

George Schneider will soon have more information. Watch for it!



Jesus as your Friend

Do you consider Jesus a friend? Scripture never states that He wants a long-distance relationship with us. Quite the contrary. But friendship!? Sounds so easy... Actually, it really is. We act as His friends when we do what He says. And He has made it so very simple for us. There are those who argue that though Jesus can call us His friends, we can't reciprocate! If we call Him friend, then we aren't reverencing Him. To whitt I say – ridiculous! If we are saved, have acknowledged Jesus as Lord, why would we suddenly stop reverencing Him?

From other words that Jesus spoke, I believe that we can infer that this gift of friendship is extended to us who believe and act as His friends. How can I presume and assume this??? Because Jesus began His discussion by saying: "You are my friends if you *keep on* doing what I command you" (John 15:14). So does this describe what you do... or at least purpose to do? If so, then you meet His requirements for friendship.

Even a cursory glance at friendship, it is never casual. There are foundational expectations - John 15:14, "...if you keep on doing what I command you." Reason? "...so that you go and bear fruit and keep on bearing..." The Lord is fully aware that we don't always succeed, but where's our heart? If it is fixed on Him, then we will. Bottom line: someone wrote that friends of Jesus **love** one another, **obey** His commandments, **understand** His truths, and are chosen to **bear fruit** that remains.

Be encouraged!

Carolyn's new book, Dear Church, is now available on amazon.com. She's actually talking to you, me, us! Let's tap into her wisdom and gain insight into God's heart for His Church!



Great Questions!

by Sharon Meier

Not enough of the inmates I visit are askers of questions. Like most of us, if they locate a listening ear, they like to talk about themselves: their problems, struggles, likes and dislikes... their stuff. Once in awhile, I am sitting across from someone who is truly seeking, and I know this because of the questions being asked.

Today I was asked if Heaven and Hell are physical places or if they are only spiritual. What a great question! Another was, "Why do I forget about God throughout the day? I want to think about Him more, but I just forget." And yet another was, "Why can't I get my brother to listen to me when I want to talk with him about God?"

When I get questions like these, I get so encouraged because I realize there is spiritual hunger, spiritual thirst, spiritual life coming to the surface and displaying a work of God in a human soul. Very exciting!

If that is true for me, what must it be like for God? I believe He is so very pleased when we ask Him questions...especially what and how questions. Unfortunately, most of our questions seem to be "whys". (Sometimes I refer to them as "the whiney whys.") I think He gets as tired as we do when we hear them! Incredibly, He invites us to, "Call to Me, and I will answer you. I'll tell you marvelous and wondrous things that you could never figure out on your own." (Jeremiah 33:3 MESSAGE) There are many "invitations" our LORD sends our way to come to Him. We just need to start accepting each invitation! It will delight Him and be of infinite value to us! Let's bring our questions to Him, lean in to hear His answers, and go about our days satisfied and encouraged.



Aviana Mae was born to Heather and Cody Saylor on July 22. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 oz. and measured 19.5" long. Beautiful gift!

Gecko Tape

God saw that every thing He had made, and behold, it was very good. and the evening and the morning were the sixth day

Genesis 1:31

Then there is the amazing ability of the gecko to walk up walls and across the ceiling. The gecko can do this because it has tiny hairs, called setae, on its feet. These hairs are so tiny that they actually grip the molecules in the surface of the material upon which the gecko is walking.

Human attempts to duplicate the gecko's ability underscore the excellence of the gecko's design. Scientists recently made a one-square-centimeter patch out of water-resistant plastic that had over a million tiny setae on it. As impressive as that sounds, their gecko tape was only one-third as efficient as the gecko's foot. But it is efficient enough that a glove made out of gecko tape could hold a man to the ceiling. However, man-made gecko tape only works about five times before it refuses to stick. That's because the plastic from which gecko tape is made attracts water. Every time it is applied, it picks up a little water from even apparently dry surfaces. This causes its setae to clump together and lose their ability to grip a surface. The gecko's setae repel water so well that they work even on an obviously wet surface.

We should not be surprised that even 21st century science cannot duplicate the wonders created by God.

~ Written by Pastor Paul Bartz, Steve Schwartz and Paul Taylor
www.creationmoments.com

Editor's note: A unique resource for more fascinating facts about nature and the Bible is a book entitled, Have You Considered: Evidence Beyond a Reasonable Doubt by Julie VonVett and Bruce Malone.



Are you a missionary?

A missionary is one who is sent to accomplish a mission. According to Jesus in Matthew 28:19 & 20, if you are His follower, you are under orders to make disciples wherever you go. How would your Commanding Officer rate you?



Come share your time and talents with Faith Kids on Wednesday nights or Sunday mornings. Children's Church has openings for

teachers and One Way Club/Bridge/Youth has opportunities to serve as group leaders and sound room helper.

If you are interested in teaching but not sure if you could commit to every week, you may want to consider teaching every other week or once a month. Maybe you would like to team teach with someone else. We are open to many possibilities. Contact Jane Collins if you are interested. (563-380-8354)



We would like to invite you to partner with One Way Club and Samaritan's Purse to pack shoeboxes for children around the world who may never before have received a Christmas present. We have

already been collecting items for shoeboxes throughout the year. We will be suggesting an item of the month and will have our giant shoebox available for donations.

Our donation calendar:

August: school supplies: crayons, markers, pencils, colored pencils, pens, solar calculators, coloring books, notebooks, etc.

September: Hygiene items: washcloths, soap, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, hair accessories, etc (toothpaste is no longer allowed in shoeboxes)

October: clothing items and toys: t-shirts, stuffed animals, small balls, flashlights/ batteries, etc. (avoid toys with war like themes, candy is also no longer allowed in shoeboxes)

November: \$9.00 donation to send one shoebox, and prayer.



GOD'S MORNING ROUTINE

Every new day, we wake up to blessings from God.

Directions: Use the clues to fill in the words. Then write the boxed letters in order below to complete Lamentations 3:22-23, NIV.

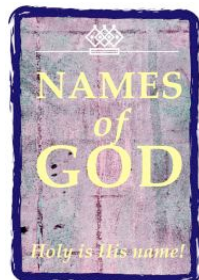
- Brush these daily _ _ _ _ _ □
- Do this to your shoes _ □ _
- This rises in the east □ _ _ _
- Cold breakfast food □ _ _ _ _
- Hot breakfast food ☉ □ _ _ _
- Talk to God □ _ _ _
- Morning meal _ _ _ □ _ _ _ □
- Extend your limbs □ _ _ _ _
- Fruit drink _ _ _ □ _
- Waffle machine _ _ □ □
- Eat these scrambled or fried _ _ _ □



Because of the LORD's great love ... □ □ □
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 new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

LAMENTATIONS 3:22-23, NIV

Answer: teeth, tie, sun, cereal, oatmeal, pray, breakfast, stretch, juice, iron, eggs; his compassions



Elohei Kadem

"The Ancient God"

The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you.

Deuteronomy 33:27

COMMUNITY CARE CLINIC



September 28, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Located at

Faith Community Church

(also known as Faith Evangelical Free Church)

1110 E Cass St, Prairie du Chien

Contact: Kevin Dick

608-379-0153

VOLUNTEER SIGNUP SHEET

Free services we hope to provide if we have enough volunteers:

- * Free Lunch (12:00-1:00)
- * Professional haircuts
- * Massage therapy
- * Child care for those using the clinic
- * Bibles and prayer available
- * Oil changes by appointment
- * Winter clothing
- * Manicures
- * Family photos
- * Face painting
- * Blood pressure checks

----- Tear along line; put in offering plate -----

Name _____ Phone _____

Email address _____

Please check areas in which you are willing to serve. Thank you.

- Oil changes/car inspections
- Kitchen (set up, cooking, serving, clean-up)
- Food donation
- Registration/scheduling
- Host (answer questions, guide families)
- Coordinator for spa area
- Hair cuts
- Manicures
- Take family photos/selection & printing
- Blood pressure checks
- Floater (wherever needed)
- Child care (nursery)
- Child-care Coordinator
- Crafts for kids
- Face painting
- Clothing distribution
- Help with clothes sorting
- Set up church for clinic (Thursday/Friday)
- Church clean up
- Prayer team

August 2019

Faith Community Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE POOR, NOT GRUDGINGLY, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BLESS YOU IN EVERYTHING YOU DO. DEUTERONOMY 15:10</p>						
<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Needs Fund Communion 10:15 AM Worship 3:00 PM Bible Reading 	<p>5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time 7:30 PM Elder Board meeting 	<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastor gone 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>
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<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 10:15 AM Worship 12:15 PM Prison Ministry Meeting 3:00 PM Bible Reading 	<p>19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time 	<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Food Pantry Sunday 10:15 AM Worship 12:00 PM Potluck Lunch 3:00 PM Bible Reading 	<p>26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:30 PM Prayer Time 	<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bulletin Deadline 	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>

August Volunteers



Date	Church Cleaning	Fellowship Time	Greeter	Ministry Highlight	Nursery	Trustee Duties	Ushers	Mowing
4	Part One: Jones Part Two: Meier	Ryan & Merideth McClendon	Cody Saylor	None	Rachel Peak Katherine Lein	Mike Mullikin	Rob Chuck Jason Bob	Nick Johnson
11	Part One: Schneider Part Two: Saylor	Tina Leckliter	Cody Saylor	Prayer	Heather Saylor Cary Kann	Mike Mullikin	Rob Chuck Jason Bob	Bob Meier
18	Part One: Mansfield Part Two: Slotman	Bob & Sharon Meier	Cody Saylor	Missions	Allison Miller Sue Mathre	Mike Mullikin	Rob Chuck Jason Bob	Cody Saylor
25	Part One: Irish Part Two: Mathre*	Potluck Lunch	Cody Saylor	Welcome	Merideth McClendon Miah Miller	Mike Mullikin	Rob Chuck Jason Bob	Howard Slotman