

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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A couple days ago Theo was turning the pages of one of my books and started talking to me about the gospels, rightly informing me that there are four of them but incorrectly stating that there are four "synoptic" gospels. There are actually 3 - Matthew, Mark and Luke - as the synoptic gospels generally have the same storylines while the Gospel of John does not resemble the others.

As I explained this to him, I also told him that the word "gospel," translated from the Greek word *eu-angelion*, means "good news." So when we are reading the gospels in our Bibles, we are reading about this good news, which for us is the news of our salvation: before Jesus came along, we had no hope of salvation. Thanks to the lifesaving death and resurrection of Jesus, however, we are redeemed of our sins and our salvation is assured.

This is not just "good news." This is the *best* news!!

While considering this concept – and how we are called by Jesus to *share* this good news – I thought about how important it is for us to share our happiness and joy with others. Thus I am trying to make a more conscious effort to regularly share the joy of my son Theo with you all, as he is a member of our church family and brings his mom and me so much happiness.

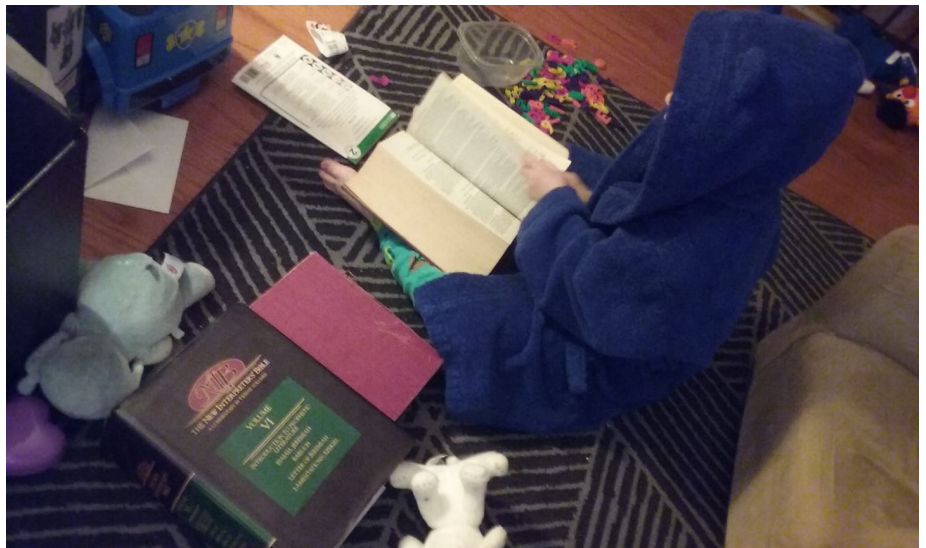
I took this picture – which illustrates a typical Theo morning – yesterday morning. I shared it with friends, and this was the caption: "Theo just told me that there is one regular gospel and three synoptic gospels. Two days ago he told me that Obadiah is a book in the Bible and also a prophet. Yesterday he pranced around and recited all the books in the Bible - and the New English apocrypha - in order. ...I only knew he got two wrong because I pulled out the New English once he got started." (*note: I have never tried to get Theo to read these books or prompted him to study them...100% of this is self-directed as he always steals my books and just sits and reads them, taking them back off my shelf after I put them away*)

Theo is a joy for me; his comings and goings and actions are "news" that is fun and happy and uplifting, and so I try to share it with you – my church family and my friends. This is something we should all do for one another: share our good news always, and not just so that we can grow closer to one another but also so that we can lift each other's spirits regularly. Good news from one of us can help rejuvenate another who is feeling down and out.

Sharing our good news is one of many ways we can faithfully live as church family in fellowship. And sharing our *best* news – the news that Jesus Christ died for us and rose from the dead – that by the cross and resurrection we are set free and our salvation is assured – is not only an even better way to live out our faith, but it's literally what Jesus has *called* us to do: "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation."

The whole creation.

So please, my dear friends: today and all days may we share all of our good news with our friends and family, and may we share our best news – that thanks to Jesus our salvation is assured – with *everyone*.
Pastor Mike





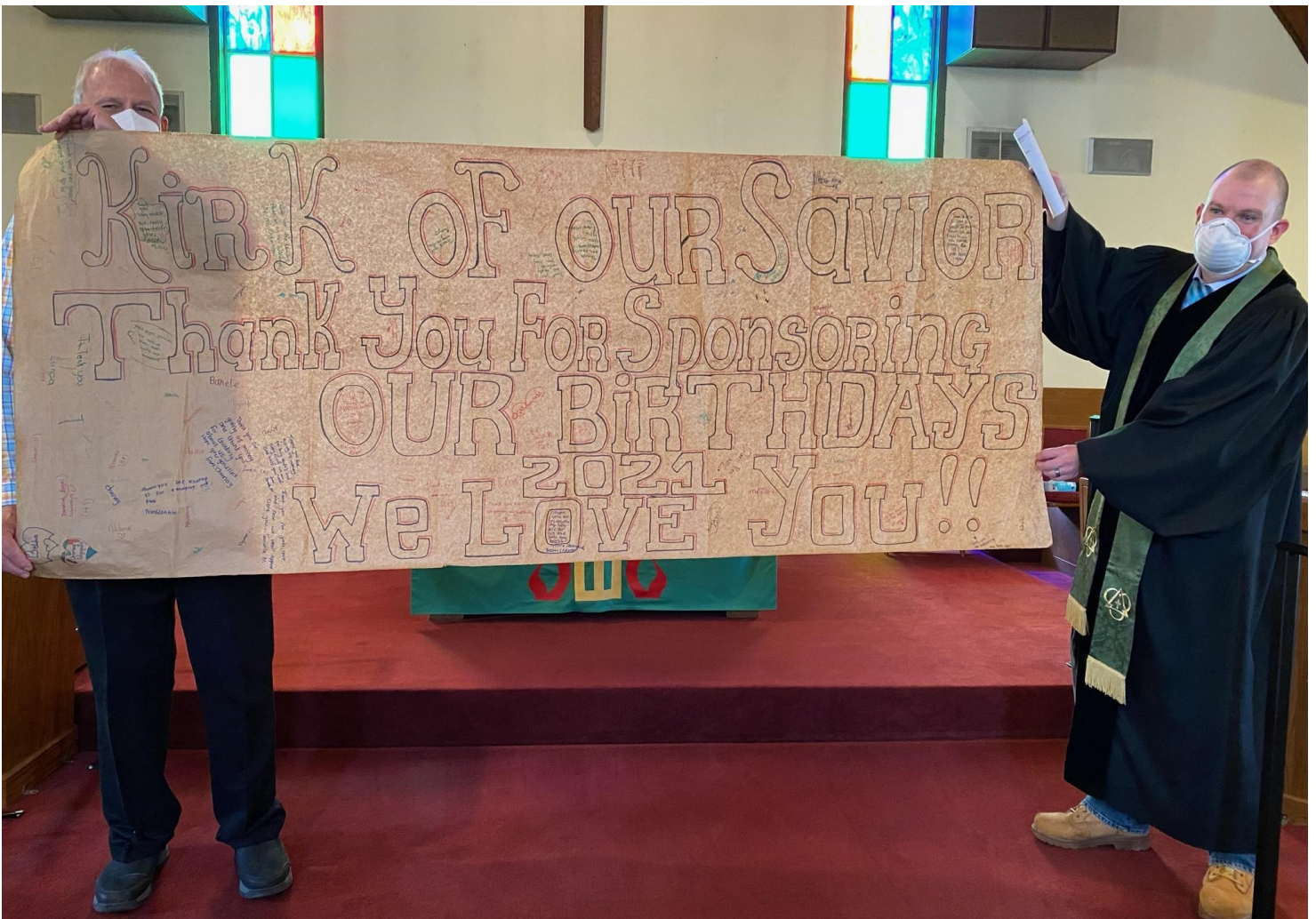
FEBRUARY

BIRTHDAYS

3 Nancy Pride
15 Brian Shrewsbury



Bob Cindric with Middelburg Care Village presented the Kirk with this enormous banner signed by the residents of MCV thanking Kirk members for sponsoring their birthdays last year.



The mission of the Kirk of Our Savior is to glorify God, nurture new and existing relationships, and bear witness to our faith and divine calling through worship, service, stewardship and prayer.

It is the vision of this church to become a living example of God's love, called to show Christ to those within the church community by offering ourselves in service to those in need and inviting all to share in this vision.

Congratulations!

Your organization was nominated for our Kroger Goals Against Hunger initiative with USA Hockey Arena! Someone in the community saw your efforts to combat hunger and make a difference and nominated you through our program.

As a thank you for all that you are doing, from USA Hockey Arena and Kroger, please find enclosed a USA Hockey lanyard, coozies, pens, a puck, a stress ball, drawstring bag, as well as \$100 worth of Kroger Gift Cards!

We hope this helps you in your work to end hunger and gives your organization the recognition it deserves!

Continue fighting hunger in the community and we hope to see you out at the rink!

Sincerely,



USA Hockey Arena & Kroger

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Our food pantry received recognition recently as a program that is helping to combat hunger and making a difference in our community. Thank you, parishioners, for your generosity!



Our talented pianist/organist Joonghun Cho has invited everyone to a concert on Saturday, February 26th, at which he will be playing Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto No. 2 with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra! The concert, which includes three more soloists, will be at 8 PM in Hill Auditorium in Ann Arbor. Best of all, it's **free**!!

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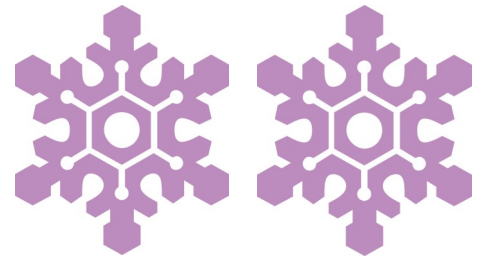
Happy New Year from Learn Through Play Preschool!

We embraced the cold and snowy weather. We did several activities where we brought the snow inside for the students to experience.

Have you ever made a snow volcano? We have! Snow can be so much fun.

Ms. Tara

LEARN THROUGH PLAY PRESCHOOL



February 2022 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 2018). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

Tuesday, February 1

Morning: Pss. 12; 146
Evening: Pss. 36; 7
Gen. 21:1–21
Heb. 11:13–22
John 6:41–51

Sunday, February 6

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Gen. 24:50–67
2 Tim. 2:14–21
Mark 10:13–22

Friday, February 11

Morning: Pss. 51; 148
Evening: Pss. 142; 65
Gen. 27:46–28:4, 10–22
Rom. 13:1–14
John 8:33–47

Wednesday, February 2

Morning: Pss. 96; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 132; 134
Gen. 22:1–18
Heb. 11:23–31
John 6:52–59

Monday, February 7

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Gen. 25:19–34
Heb. 13:1–16
John 7:37–52

Saturday, February 12

Morning: Pss. 104; 149
Evening: Pss. 138; 98
Gen. 29:1–20
Rom. 14:1–23
John 8:47–59

Thursday, February 3

Morning: Pss. 116;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 26; 130
Gen. 23:1–20
Heb. 11:32–12:2
John 6:60–71

Tuesday, February 8

Morning: Pss. 42; 146
Evening: Pss. 102; 133
Gen. 26:1–6, 12–33
Heb. 13:17–25
John 7:53–8:11

Sunday, February 13

Morning: Pss. 19; 150
Evening: Pss. 81; 113
Gen. 29:20–35
1 Tim. 3:14–4:10
Mark 10:23–31

Friday, February 4

Morning: Pss. 84; 148
Evening: Pss. 25; 40
Gen. 24:1–27
Heb. 12:3–11
John 7:1–13

Wednesday, February 9

Morning: Pss. 89:1–18;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 1; 33
Gen. 27:1–29
Rom. 12:1–8
John 8:12–20

Monday, February 14

Morning: Pss. 135; 145
Evening: Pss. 97; 112
Gen. 30:1–24
1 John 1:1–10
John 9:1–17

Saturday, February 5

Morning: Pss. 63; 149
Evening: Pss. 125; 90
Gen. 24:28–38, 49–51
Heb. 12:12–29
John 7:14–36

Thursday, February 10

Morning: Pss. 97; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 16; 62
Gen. 27:30–45
Rom. 12:9–21
John 8:21–32

Tuesday, February 15

Morning: Pss. 123; 146
Evening: Pss. 30; 86
Gen. 31:1–24
1 John 2:1–11
John 9:18–41

Wednesday, February 16

Morning: Pss. 15; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 48; 4
Gen. 31:25–50
1 John 2:12–17
John 10:1–18

Thursday, February 17

Morning: Pss. 36; 147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 80; 27
Gen. 32:3–21
1 John 2:18–29
John 10:19–30

Friday, February 18

Morning: Pss. 130; 148
Evening: Pss. 32; 149
Gen. 32:22–33:17
1 John 3:1–10
John 10:31–42

Saturday, February 19

Morning: Pss. 56; 149
Evening: Pss. 118; 111
Gen. 35:1–20
1 John 3:11–18
John 11:1–16

Sunday, February 20

Morning: Pss. 67; 150
Evening: Pss. 46; 93
Prov. 1:20–33
2 Cor. 5:11–21
Mark 10:35–45

Monday, February 21

Morning: Pss. 57; 145
Evening: Pss. 85; 47
Prov. 3:11–20
1 John 3:18–4:6
John 11:17–29

Tuesday, February 22

Morning: Pss. 54; 146
Evening: Pss. 28; 99
Prov. 4:1–27
1 John 4:7–21
John 11:30–44

Wednesday, February 23

Morning: Pss. 65; 147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 125; 91
Prov. 6:1–19
1 John 5:1–12
John 11:45–54

Thursday, February 24

Morning: Pss. 143;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 81; 116
Prov. 7:1–27
1 John 5:13–21
John 11:55–12:8

Friday, February 25

Morning: Pss. 88; 148
Evening: Pss. 6; 20
Prov. 8:1–21
Phlm. 1–25
John 12:9–19

Saturday, February 26

Morning: Pss. 122; 149
Evening: Pss. 100; 63
Prov. 8:22–36
2 Tim. 1:1–14
John 12:20–26

Sunday, February 27**Transfiguration of the Lord**

Morning: Pss. 103; 150
Evening: Pss. 117; 139
Mal. 4:1–6
2 Cor. 3:7–18
Luke 9:18–27

Monday, February 28

Morning: Pss. 5; 145
Evening: Pss. 82; 29
Prov. 27:1–6, 10–12
Phil. 2:1–13
John 18:15–18, 25–27

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	5
6 10:30am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship	7 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	8	9	10	11 6-8pm LTP Valentine's Day PJ Party 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	12
13 10:30am Worship	14 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	15	16	17	18 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	19
20 10:30am Worship	21 LTP No School 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	22 LTP No School	23 LTP No School	24 LTP No School	25 LTP No School 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	26 Presbytery Meeting
27 10:30am Worship	28 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge					

March 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	5
6 10:30am Worship	7 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	8	9	10	11 6-8pm LTP St. Patrick's Reading is Fun Party 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	12
13 10:30am Worship	14 7:30-9pm BiPolar Depression Support Group Meeting-Lounge	15	16	17	18 7:30-9pm Alanon -Lounge	19