

THE KIRK KONNECTION

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I'm often alone in the office on Wednesdays.

As such, I am afforded a great opportunity to work on service and bulletin preparation, of which I take full advantage. But that's not all I do during office hours in the middle of the week.

One of my favorite things about the sanctuary at Kirk of Our Savior is the acoustics. If I want to try out a few hymns, I stride on over to the sanctuary and sing. Ok, if I'm being completely honest, it's not always a hymn. Sometimes it's a tune from Phantom of the Opera. Sometimes it's "Let it Go" from the movie Frozen. *Always* it's exhilarating.

I am constantly astounded at the boom that is produced in our sanctuary. I barely raise my voice, yet I might as well be yelling. My words reverberate off of the walls and return to me with a quality of sound that not only covers up the notes I don't quite hit, but also nearly convinces me that I should be the next American Idol.

Once I leave the sanctuary, of course, I'm cruelly jolted back to reality and forced for the umpteenth time to come to terms with the fact that I'm more Frank Caliendo than I am Frank Sinatra. But during those precious moments in that worship space I can be Sinatra, Elsa, Michael Crawford or anybody else. Even when I stop singing, just the sound of the wind or the rain is amazing in that room.

As I sat and silently thanked God this morning for blessing us with this wonderful set of acoustics in our worship space, I got to thinking about church attendance on two particular Sundays: Easter Sunday and the Sunday which immediately follows.

There are a number of people who have an appreciation for our sanctuary that is similar to my own; the sight and sound are truly impressive. But they only want to experience it on holidays. For this population, all that lies in between Christmas and Easter are 363 nondescript days. I know, faithful reader, that you might be silently saying, "Well that's not how *I* feel. And I *will* be at church on those other days." If that's the case, then I'm truly thrilled. But the focus should not just be on our own personal attendance. If so many others are attending on those "big" worship days but skipping the remaining Sundays, what does that mean?

Well, it might just so happen that on the days that many consider holy above all others, folks want to have a profound experience: a time filled with joy and celebration and sound, and maybe even a message of Christ's birth or resurrection mixed in. And what better place to do that than in church, where there are people that prepare just such an experience for you? Naturally it makes sense to satisfy the desire for that experience in the sanctuary of a church on those holiest of days; I would compare it to watching a movie at home as opposed to doing so in a theater. For these individuals it's equally reasonable to forgo returning on other Sundays because the spiritual quota has been met.

The other possibility is more difficult for us to face: perhaps the reason is that those of us who *are* in the pews on a weekly basis are not bringing the message of Christ's love and saving grace in a way that inspires others. Maybe not on Sundays, maybe not throughout the week. Perhaps it's our words, perhaps our actions that have held would-be worshipers at bay. Either way, the world has noticed and has decided that we are only relevant 1/26th of the time.

Going to church doesn't make one a Christian; more people in the pews is not necessarily a reflection that we're doing everything right. But when there exists a significant population that manifests its presence only on two particular days, it begs the question of *why*. And that question cannot be faithfully asked without looking in the mirror.

So, my dear friends, let's look into that mirror together! Let's courageously face what we find and, with God's help, let's become agents of change that make Christ relevant 26/26th of the time.

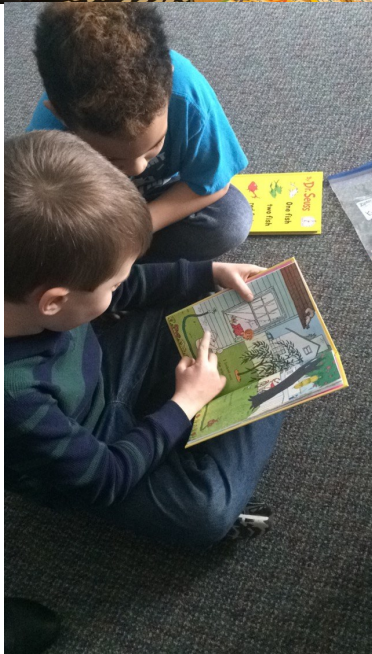
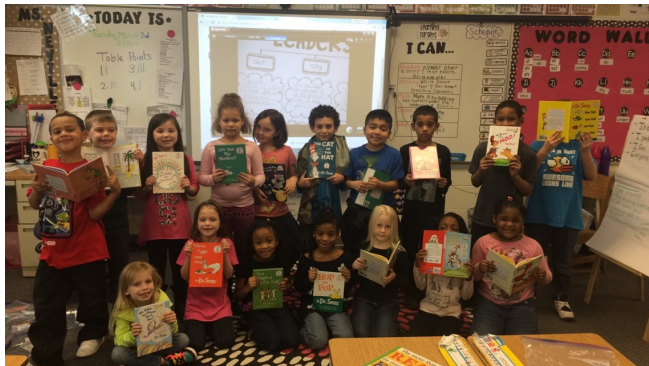
Pastor Mike

April 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	2 9:45am Choir
3 Communion	4 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	5 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	6 6:30-9:30 NA	7	8 7pm-Card Night-Fellowship Hall 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	9 9:45am Choir Practice
10 Session	11 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	12 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	13 6:30-9:30 NA	14	15 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	16 9:45am Choir Practice
17	18 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group	19 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	20 6:30-9:30 NA	21	22 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	23 9:45am Choir Practice
24 Deacons	25 7:30-9pm Bi-Polar Depression Support Group 6:30-9:30pm Hope for Healing Hearts	26 7-10pm Harmony Town Chorus	27 11:30-Classy Lassies and Grazers Lunch 6:30-9:30 NA	28	29 7:45-9:30pm Alanon	30 9am Spring Clean-up

A NOTE FROM OUR ADOPTED TEACHER- MS. NEVILLE

Judy Curtis came to visit at the beginning of the month (*March*) and provided a generous gift of Dr. Seuss books, erasers, pencils. The students were absolutely thrilled. I've attached a picture of my students this month reading the books that were given, during our reading time. We are having a war with the other first grade classrooms to see which class can each read 160 minutes. IF we reach our goal we are going to have a "game day" all day in the classroom. It's been exciting the last couple of weeks with reading and most importantly, teaching the kids to LOVE reading like I do. I've tried to read a new Dr. Seuss book each day with my students when I get time and that's been a blast! We appreciate all that you guys do at Kirk Of Our Savior!!! You've been a true blessing to the students and I.



Days Gone by

Grandma says when she was young
They played a different way –
Their pleasures were quite simple
Compared to those today.

In winter cold and snow bound
She used imagination
As Jack Frost painted windows
A wonderland creation.

A palm held tight against the pane
Made openings to see
The swirling snowflakes all about
With drifts as high as she.

Then one day there'd come a change
Though snow was on the ground
The air was filled with promise –
With puddles all around.

Joyous spring with life anew –
Discarding winter wear –
With "longies" cut to shorter lengths,
Enjoying weather fair.

She dreams her dreams of long ago
Those happy carefree years
So dear to heart and soul
Though sometimes mixed with tears.

By Edna T. Burch©

1917 – 2004

Charter member at the Kirk



Melda Davis

Donald Rock

Pat Ross

Jan Wharrie



2016 CROP WALK

The 22nd annual Crop Walk will take place on Sunday, May 1 at 3pm at First Congregational Church in Wayne.

Registration begins at 2:30pm.

The Crop Walk has been held on the first Sunday of May since 1995. Money raised is used by Church World Service (CWS) to provide food, medical care, disaster relief and self-help development efforts for needy people throughout the world including the

United States. 25% of money raised at the Wayne/Westland Crop Walk will be donated to local organizations-St Mary's Outreach (Bolde Food Depot), Salvation Army, Good Hope Lutheran Food Pantry and FISH.

Please contact Judy Curtis for more information.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Madeline Carpenter, Chairman and Elder

Bonnie Hilberer, Elder

Audrey Conner, Deacon

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Cindy Handford, Deacon

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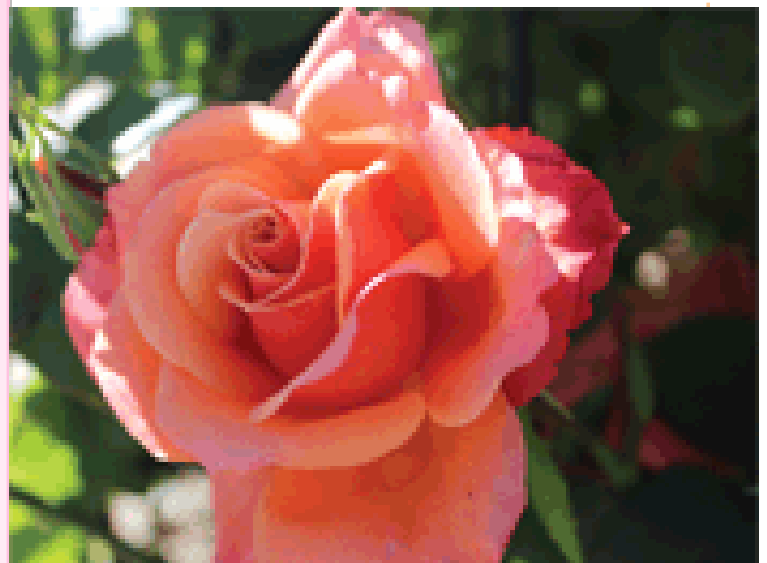
David Garcia, Elder

Nancy Pride, Deacon

Patrick Frobe, Deacon

John Jennings, Deacon

TREASURER: Fred Kirk



April 2016 Daily Lectionary

These Scripture readings are from the two-year daily lectionary of the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (Westminster John Knox Press, 1993). The readings from the three-year Revised Common Lectionary for Sundays and Festivals are not included in this document.

April

Friday, April 1

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Exod. 13:1–2, 11–16

1 Cor. 15:51–58

Luke 24:1–12

Saturday, April 2

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Exod. 13:17–14:4

2 Cor. 4:16–5:10

Mark 12:18–27

Sunday, April 3

2nd Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150

Evening: Pss. 136; 117

Exod. 14:5–22

1 John 1:1–7

John 14:1–7

Monday, April 4

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Exod. 14:21–31

1 Peter 1:1–12

John 14:(1–7) 8–17

Tuesday, April 5

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Exod. 15:1–21

1 Peter 1:13–25

John 14:18–31

Wednesday, April 6

Morning: Pss. 99;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Exod. 15:22–16:10

1 Peter 2:1–10

John 15:1–11

Thursday, April 7

Morning: Pss. 47;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 68; 113

Exod. 16:10–22

1 Peter 2:11–3:12

John 15:12–27

Friday, April 8

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Exod. 16:23–36

1 Peter 3:13–4:6

John 16:1–15

Saturday, April 9

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Exod. 17:1–16

1 Peter 4:7–19

John 16:16–33

Sunday, April 10

3rd Sunday of Easter

Morning: Pss. 93; 150

Evening: Pss. 136; 117

Exod. 18:1–12

1 John 2:7–17

Mark 16:9–20

Monday, April 11

Morning: Pss. 97; 145

Evening: Pss. 124; 115

Exod. 18:13–27

1 Peter 5:1–14

Matt. (1:1–17) 3:1–6

Tuesday, April 12

Morning: Pss. 98; 146

Evening: Pss. 66; 116

Exod. 19:1–16

Col. 1:1–14

Matt. 3:7–12

Wednesday, April 13

Morning: Pss. 99;

147:1–11

Evening: Pss. 9; 118

Exod. 19:16–25

Col. 1:15–23

Matt. 3:13–17

Thursday, April 14

Morning: Pss. 47;

147:12–20

Evening: Pss. 68; 113

Exod. 20:1–21

Col. 1:24–2:7

Matt. 4:1–11

Friday, April 15

Morning: Pss. 96; 148

Evening: Pss. 49; 138

Exod. 24:1–18

Col. 2:8–23

Matt. 4:12–17

Saturday, April 16

Morning: Pss. 92; 149

Evening: Pss. 23; 114

Exod. 25:1–22

Col. 3:1–17

Matt. 4:18–25

Sunday, April 17
4th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Exod. 28:1–4, 30–38
1 John 2:18–29
Mark 6:30–44

Monday, April 18
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Exod. 32:1–20
Col. 3:18–4:6 (7–18)
Matt. 5:1–10

Tuesday, April 19
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Exod. 32:21–34
1 Thess. 1:1–10
Matt. 5:11–16

Wednesday, April 20
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Exod. 33:1–23
1 Thess. 2:1–12
Matt. 5:17–20

Thursday, April 21
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Exod. 34:1–17
1 Thess. 2:13–20
Matt. 5:21–26

Friday, April 22
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Exod. 34:18–35
1 Thess. 3:1–13
Matt. 5:27–37

Saturday, April 23
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Exod. 40:18–38
1 Thess. 4:1–12
Matt. 5:38–48

Sunday, April 24
5th Sunday of Easter
Morning: Pss. 93; 150
Evening: Pss. 136; 117
Lev. 8:1–13, 30–36
Heb. 12:1–14
Luke 4:16–30

Monday, April 25
Morning: Pss. 97; 145
Evening: Pss. 124; 115
Lev. 16:1–19
1 Thess. 4:13–18
Matt. 6:1–6, 16–18

Tuesday, April 26
Morning: Pss. 98; 146
Evening: Pss. 66; 116
Lev. 16:20–34
1 Thess. 5:1–11
Matt. 6:7–15

Wednesday, April 27
Morning: Pss. 99;
147:1–11
Evening: Pss. 9; 118
Lev. 19:1–18
1 Thess. 5:12–28
Matt. 6:19–24

Thursday, April 28
Morning: Pss. 47;
147:12–20
Evening: Pss. 68; 113
Lev. 19:26–37
2 Thess. 1:1–12
Matt. 6:25–34

Friday, April 29
Morning: Pss. 96; 148
Evening: Pss. 49; 138
Lev. 23:1–22
2 Thess. 2:1–17
Matt. 7:1–12

Saturday, April 30
Morning: Pss. 92; 149
Evening: Pss. 23; 114
Lev. 23:23–44
2 Thess. 3:1–18
Matt. 7:13–21



CARD NIGHT
Friday, April 8
7:00 p.m.

Join us for a night of card playing-Euchre, Rummy, Uno, Pinochle or whatever you can think of.

Bring a treat to share and a drink for yourself.

Let's get to know each other better and have some fun at the same time.

If the card game you want to play requires cards other than regular playing cards, please bring them.



Friday, April 8th, 7 p.m. – Card Night in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, May 14th, 2 p.m. – Ice Cream Social and Sing-along

Sunday, July 17th, following worship – Pot-luck Picnic

Friday, September 16th, 7 p.m. – Bonfire and Wienie Roast

Friday, October 14th, 7 p.m. – Board Game Night

Happy Birthday!



April 6
Fred Kirk

April 28
Ada McMechan



We Are Family

**WHO DOESN'T
LOVE
FREE STUFF?**

Check out the freebie table in the lounge. Items that have been on the table for longer than 2 months have been removed and donated to a local thrift store. Feel free to bring in items you no longer use or need. Feel free to take anything that you can use.

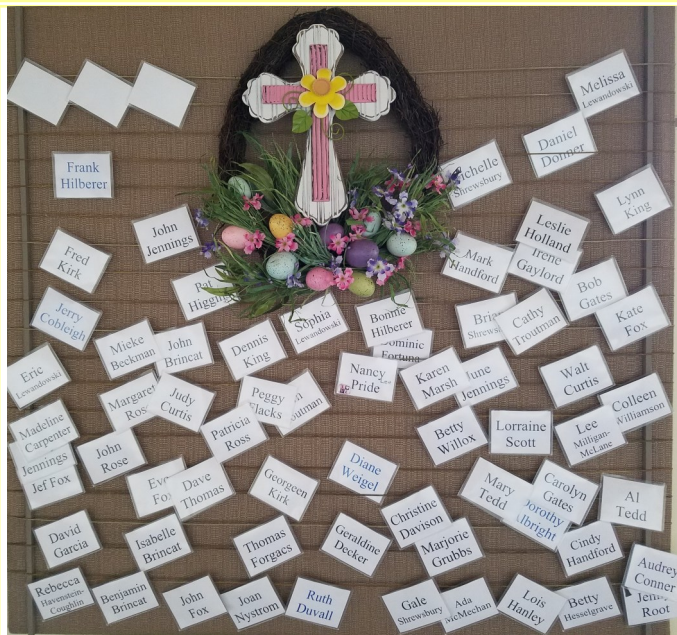
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NAME TAGS ARE HERE!

Thanks to some generous session members, we now have a permanent place for our name tags! They are located on the bulletin board just inside the door by the top of the stairs. You are invited to wear yours every Sunday!



Saturday, May 21

8 AM - 4 PM

There will be a Flea Market/Garage Sale on Saturday, May 21st outdoors on church grounds from 8 AM to 4 PM. There is a fee of \$25 per parking space for those who wish to set up and pawn their wares. Signs for advertising the Flea Market will be made available soon. For more information, please see Michelle Shrewsbury.



ACTUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS TAKEN FROM CHURCH BULLETINS:

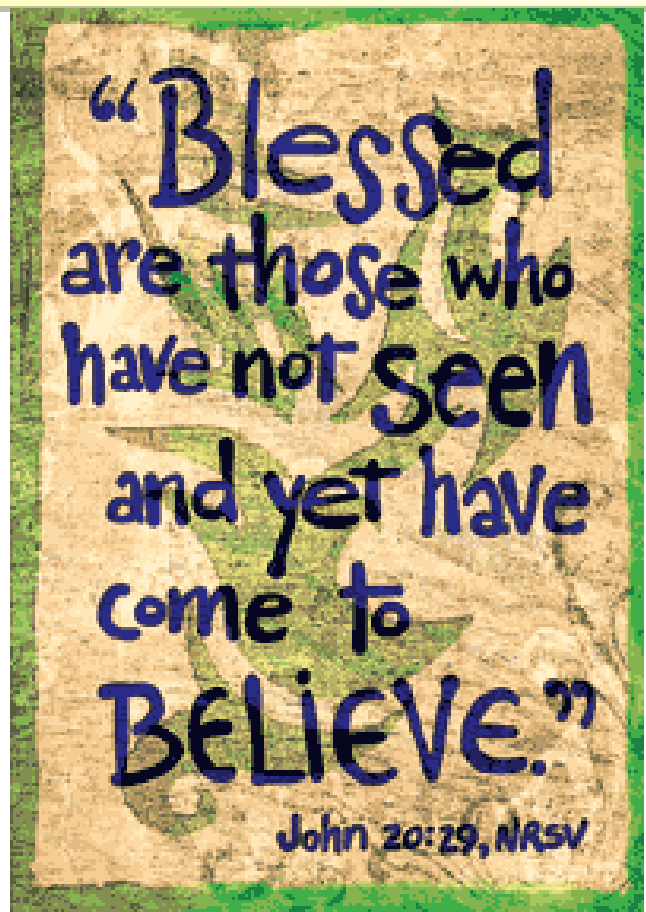
Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help.

Thursday night-Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The 1991 Spring Council Retreat will be held May 10 and 11.





Financial Report was not available at time of printing.

Now that you have finished reading the newsletter, please take a moment to pray for...

NEEDING PRAYERS:



Willow Creek's preschool teacher, Darlene Taig, has an 11-year old granddaughter with Kleeftstra Syndrome

Joan Nystrom's brother-in-law, Jerry Schellenberger, has been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's lymphoma

SPRING CLEAN-UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 30 AT 9:00 AM

You are invited to come help in whatever way you can. Help indoors, outdoors, provide lunch or snacks. Contact David Garcia.

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.