

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church
Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00

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Emma Brandt - Musician

Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt

Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

For February 2023

Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier

Barb Karr

Karen Otto

Food Pantry Item

Rice

Sunday School Nursery

February 5 – Carol Hoffman

February 12 – Emma Brandt

February 19 – Barb Karr

February 26 – Sophie Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Abby Pyne

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr. High – Carrie Schwoerer

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 1

Sunday, February 5

Tuesday, February 7

Thursday, February 9

Sunday, February 12

Sunday, February 19

Tuesday, February 21

Sunday, February 26

Church Board, 7:00

Morning Worship, Hospitality Time

Choir, 7:00

MW, 6:30

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Choir, 7:00

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Board News

- Jesse and Amber Brandt are stepping down as youth group leaders after the June 2023 mission trip.
- No scholarship applications yet for Spring 2023.
- Water leak has been fixed.
- Attic repair/sealing is still being discussed.
- Organic Cleaning rate is now \$300 per cleaning.
- A bench has been placed in the elevator entry.
- Pastor Doane plans to begin a class soon with the Junior High students in preparation for baptism for those who desire to be baptized.
- Mennonite relief sale committee has asked us to support them by buying a 15 minute segment on the radio broadcast – board approved.
- Congregational feedback will be sought on whether to hold monthly family game nights, and also whether to begin a Bible Study again.
- Mennonite Relief Sale is March 18th, 2023.
FEC Conference is July 27 & 28 in Ft Wayne, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 Nathan Moran
10 Kenzie Schwoerer
15 Duane Amberg
16 Eli Schwoerer
19 Doug Sifford
22 Vicki West
27 Suzi Waller

Library Corner

Upstairs... top shelf, right side, you will find a variety of materials on health and wellness.

From the downstairs library... middle section – an interesting assortment of chapter books. Enjoy some relaxing family time together, sharing a read-aloud story!

New email address.... Janice Reimer has a new email address. You may add it to your church directory.

ILFarmMom6@gmail.com

From Pastor Doane...

How many sentences will be written about you in a book of history? You could be surprised. I was... when I learned I'm mentioned in a book on the history of the Missionary Church.

Don't think; "Wow!" It's pretty inglorious. Nevil Cowan, an experienced pastor from Jamaica, and I – both seminary students at the time – tried to give an old deceased Congregational church in Malden, MA new life as a Missionary church. The effort was short-lived and we had to lay that congregation to rest.

This coming weekend, we'll talk about one of those people who shows up only once in the history books of Israel. His name is Jabez and he got five sentences. That's quite a bit more than the majority of people named in the Bible.

Here's what's recorded about Him.

Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, "I gave birth to him in pain." Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request. (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)

Just two short sentences about who he was – not much to go on. Then, two sentences about what he prayed. And a lot of people come from it thinking, "What a selfish way to pray."

If that's what you think, think again. Because, look at the fifth sentence; "And God granted his request." When you see that outcome, you'd do well to take a closer look at the person and their prayer.

That's what we'll do this coming Sunday. And I'm trust that we can tune up our praying because of the exercise.

Please give it some thought between now and then.

- What do you think those two verses reveal about Jabez as a person?
- What do you think he meant by the four particular things he asked of God?
- Why do you think God did what Jabez asked?

And, one more thing. Keep up your praying.

Pastor Doane