

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

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

11 Jeremy Myers

11 Kane Schwoerer

19 Lori Amberg

23 Gary Keith

29 Carol Hoffman

29 Susan Sifford

For November 2021

Hospitality Committee

Lori Amberg
Brenda Dozier
Karen Otto
Janice Reimer

Food Pantry Item

Tomato Products

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Abby Pyne
Elementary – Kayla Myers
Jr. High – Kathy Schwoerer

Sunday School Nursery

November 7 – Carol Hoffman
November 14 – Emma Brandt
November 21 – Barb Karr
November 28 – Sophie Schwoerer

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 3	Church Board, 7 pm
Saturday, November 6	FFC Youth meet
Sunday, November 7	Morning Worship, (no hospitality time)
Wednesday, November 10	Choir Practice, 7 pm
Thursday, November 11	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Saturday, November 13	Free Sale/Toy Sale
Sunday, November 14	Morning Worship, Thanksgiving Meal
Saturday, November 20	FFC Youth meet
Sunday, November 21	Morning Worship
Wednesday, November 24	Choir Practice, 7 pm
Sunday, November 28	Morning Worship, Hanging of the Greens

Remember!

Daylight Saving Time ends
Sunday morning, November 7.

BOARD NEWS

- *Plumbing work for a local family has been completed.
- *We will be sponsoring needy families for Christmas
- *Our church will be sponsoring 2 quilts for the 2022 Relief Sale
- * World Bank: Funds from the entire year will go to Fernando
- *Board decided to have the parking lot resurfaced
- *The board will be seeking replacements for board positions- 1 deacon, 1 deaconess, 1 trustee
- *Mennonite Relief Sale in 2022 will be a one day event on the 3rd Saturday in March. There will be a quilt sale, and the auction will be both in-person and online

Congregational vote regarding our church affiliation...

To remain independent – 7

To affiliate with a conference – 34

To join EVANA conference – 4

To join FEC conference – 33
(Fellowship of Evangelical Churches)

FROM PASTOR DOANE

“Papa, what is sex sin?” That’s a question Corrie Ten Boom asked when she was a young child. She’d heard the term and asked other adults what it meant, but they just blushed and changed the subject or turned their attention to some “important” task.

In answer, her father said, “Here Corrie, carry my suitcase off the train.” She tried to pick it up but said, “I can’t. It’s too heavy for me.”

He said, “It’s that way with many things, Corrie. You will someday grow strong enough to carry things that are too heavy for you now. Until then you must trust my promise to teach you what you need to know when you need to understand it.”

Author Anne Ortlund says, “Children are wet cement.” That is, like cement, they set in the forms into which they are poured early on. She relates that idea to; “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” (Proverbs 22:6)

Kids take the shape of the forms or molds you construct. They are smart and they are learning from you even when you think their attention is far away. When our children were busy playing and I wanted them to hear me, they could be deaf to my voice. Yet if I spoke softly to Sharon, they could repeat every word of it.

Moms and dads, grandmas and grandpas – you have what it takes to train up the child in the way they should go. Your most important instruments are touch and time, or affection and attention. It often requires letting go of what you want to do with your time and laying down your stuff to interact with this precious youngster or teen.

If you can take a deep breath, push to the back of your mind the things you’re anxious to handle, bring to the front of your mind your real affection for this child and give them your undivided attention, this will pay big dividends.

You may not be so sure about this, but it is true. When it comes to your children, no one else is better suited than you to answer their questions and shape their thinking; to help them as they struggle and calm their fears; to lovingly shape them through discipline and affirm them with praise.

As our three reached some point in young adulthood, I had intentional conversations with each of them. These talks included some apologies for ways I came up short where they needed their dad to do better. I wasn’t wrong about my failures. But each of them affirmed that I’d done better than I thought I had.

I’d bet you are too... doing better than you think.

Doane