

# 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

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## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

1 Lou Barcomb

2 Makenna Hartter

7 Jacob Mohr

8 Lee Holtz

11 Ezekiel Otto

21 Leanne Welch

22 Lauren Mohr

24 Ed Holtz

### For October 2021

#### Hospitality Committee

Julie Greenburg

Carol Hoffman

Kayla Myers

Deanelle Schieber

#### Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Rene’ Atkinson

Elementary – Julie Greenburg

Jr. High – Annie Schwoerer

#### Food Pantry Item

Meat

#### Sunday School Nursery

October 3 – Carol Hoffman

October 10 – Emma Brandt

October 17 – Barb Karr

October 24 – Sophie Schwoerer

October 31 – Sophie Schwoerer

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 3	Morning Worship, Hospitality Time
Wednesday, October 6	Church Board, 7 pm
Sunday, October 10	Morning Worship
Thursday, October 14	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Sunday, October 17	Morning Worship, Church Wiener Roast
Sunday, October 24	Morning Worship
Sunday, October 31	Morning Worship

## BOARD NEWS

\*Trustees are looking for a new custodian beginning in October, there are plans to replace ceiling tiles in the East entry, looking at re-sealing the exterior doors and pushing the stairs back into place, choir microphone needs installed

\*Board considering whether our church would like to sponsor a quilt for the 2022 Relief Sale

\* World Bank: Consider where we may want to donate funds from the second half of the year

### STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Local and World Mission

Budgeted for 2021     \$115,898

Anticipated giving through August   \$77,265

Actual giving through August   \$87,724

## FROM PASTOR DOANE

“Some people remain silent and are thought a fool. Others open their mouth and remove all doubt.”

I heard that often in high school. It was a favorite saying of Mr. Weaver, a teacher, football and wrestling coach. He'd repeat it when we'd speak out our youthful words of “wisdom”. He humbled many a proud young man, including me.

The Bible offers plenty of wisdom about how we talk. Jesus' brother James said our tongues can be harder to train than a wild animal. Read about that in James 3:3-13. Particularly helpful, he declared that out of the mouth that praises our Lord and Father, should not come words that curse those who have been made in His image.

Jesus himself said that our mouth speaks what our heart is full of. We're kind of like a vending machine in that respect. You can read what Jesus said about that in Luke 6:43-45.

Paul got specific about how we can tame our tongues in Ephesians 4:29; “Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.”

He was pretty clear about what our words should not be and what they should be. Be sure you’re not using foul or abusive language. Some pat themselves on the back saying, “I may use some obscene language but at least I’m not cruel.” Others congratulate themselves that they never use cuss words, yet don’t seem to notice the mean and thoughtless things they say amount to cursing another’s soul.

Paul is clear that both – obscene and foul language, and mean, abusive words – are out of bounds for followers of the Lord Jesus.

Here’s what’s most helpful. He didn’t just say, “Clean up your act.” He gave a positive alternative that we can see and measure. “Make sure your words are good, encouraging and build up anyone who hears you.” That means you care enough to lift a person and not “take them down a couple notches”. And, it means you pay attention not just to the need of the person you’re speaking too, but be alert to who else may hear what you have to say.

Things we say that are damaging to the one we’re speaking to can often cause unknown collateral damage. And likewise, our words that build up one can cause collateral encouragement.

You know which kind of word-speaker your Lord wants you to be. What kind do you want to be? Won’t it be a great testimony when people are eager for us to open our mouth because they know what they hear will be good?

Pastor Doane