

The Messenger

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

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Emma Brandt - Musician

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Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

For November 2022

Hospitality Committee

Julie Greenburg

Melinda Hartter

Abby Pyne

Carrie Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Tomato Products

Sunday School Nursery

November 6 – Carol Hoffman

November 6 – Emma Brandt

November 6 – Barb Karr

November 6 – Sophie Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Abby Pyne

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr. High – Carrie Schwoerer

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 1

Wednesday, November 2

Sunday, November 6

Thursday, November 10

Sunday, November 13

Tuesday, November 15

Sunday, November 20

Sunday, November 27

Choir Practice, 7:00

Church Board, 7:00

Morning Worship, No Hospitality Time

MW, 6:30

Morning Worship, Thanksgiving Meal following service

Choir Practice, 7:00

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Board News

*A one day relief sale will be held in 2023 on March 18. A sausage sale was held in October.

*Amber Brandt and Bonnie Melick have stepped down as VBS coordinators. There was discussion on possible changes for VBS.

*148 school kits were made for MCC.

*Outreach committee has decided to support Kyle & Nettie Embry, Jeff & Pansy Waller, and Heartline/Heart House

*It was reported that giving is still down, and we are still drawing from the parsonage fund to pay monthly expenses.

*It was decided to delay the digital sound & video system upgrade.

*Needing attention – possibly in 2023 - a boiler leak, electrical upgrading, bench for the elevator, sealing/closing in the attic

*Pastor Doane attended FEC orientation in October.

*A \$300 donation was given to Lake Bloomington/East Bay Camp for our annual outdoor service.

*Sorting/rearranging the church library is complete.

Library Corner

From the downstairs library...

The Princess and the Kiss by Jennie Bishop

*Note – written for boys too!

This book is an opener for parents/grandparents helping our youth understand the value of the gift of purity.

The author shows a young girl, a princess, secure in God's love. As she grows, we see a parade of flashy would-be suitors. A young man, also secure in God's love for him enters... Located on top right shelf.

Upstairs...

Jesus and Baseball by Rodney A. Drury

'Lessons Learned about the Kingdom of God'

Interesting title! The author shares 36 quick to read stories, learned coaching 6-8 year olds in rookie baseball. When we drop the ball, are afraid to stand at home plate, Jesus is patient. Jesus equips us and is with us. We are not alone in life on God's team. Each story is an example connecting with our daily walks with Jesus... Located in the center of bookshelf.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

11 Jeremy Myers

11 Kane Schwoerer

19 Lori Amberg

23 Gary Keith

29 Carol Hoffman

29 Susan Sifford

From Pastor Doane...

In the call to worship on Sunday I quoted from 2 Corinthians 2; “Our lives are a Christ-like fragrance rising up to God” (verse 15). But that’s only half of the verse. The rest continues; “But this fragrance is perceived differently by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing.”

Then in verse 16 Paul clarifies the different perceptions; “To those who are perishing, we are a dreadful smell of death and doom. But to those who are being saved, we are a life-giving perfume.”

You understand the apostle did not mean Christians stink. Nor did he mean we should go around causing a stink on purpose. What he means is that if we are following Christ as he leads us in His “triumphal procession” (verse 14), then we can’t help but give off a certain aroma. Some around us will catch a whiff of fragrant perfume, and others get the scent of a decomposing corpse.

We easily understand why following Jesus would make us like a pleasant scent. But why would we smell like death to some?

It’s a sensory way to describe the response of unbelievers having to face the truth. If they have any kind of conscience and inner awareness of their duty to God – and they do (Romans 1:19-20 & 2:14-15) – then each believer serves to heighten awareness of the unbeliever’s rebellion and future.

If it hasn’t been too long, you might remember feeling something unpleasant about being with sincere Christians. It wasn’t their fault, and your olfactory nerve wasn’t detecting a stench. But your soul was picking up a reminder of what comes from rejecting Jesus.

That perception changed when you believed and received the Lord. What seemed before like it smelled really rotten, took on a new and fragrant aroma. Keep close with Christ so you continue giving off the scent you ought to. Because “God uses us to spread the knowledge of Christ everywhere, like a sweet perfume” (verse 14b).

Doane