

# The Messenger

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

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Doane Brubaker - Pastor

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Emma Brandt - Musician

Rene' Atkinson - Musician

Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt

Kathy Schwoerer - Bulletin /Messenger co-editor

## **For March 2022**

### Hospitality Committee

Lori Amberg

Emma Brandt

Carrie Schwoerer

Kathy Schwoerer

### Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Melinda Hartter

Elementary – Lori Amberg

Jr. High – Carrie Schwoerer

### Food Pantry Item

Potato Products

### Sunday School Nursery

March 6 – Carol Hoffman

March 13 – Emma Brandt

March 20 – Barb Karr

March 27 – Sophie Schwoerer

## **MARCH CALENDAR**

Wednesday March 2

Church Board, 7 pm

Sunday, March 6

Morning Worship, Hospitality Sunday, Movie night

Tuesday, March 8

Chime Practice at 6:30 pm, Choir Practice at 7 pm

Thursday, March 10

MW, 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 13

Morning Worship

Sunday, March 20

Morning Worship, Movie night

Tuesday, March 22

Chime Practice at 6:30 pm, Choir Practice at 7 pm

Sunday, March 27

Morning Worship

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

7	Holly Moran
11	Jill Mohr
14	Greg Mohr
15	Stan Otto
19	Michael Orndorff
19	Greg Otto
22	Janice Reimer
29	Lori & Duane Amberg (A)

## FROM PASTOR DOANE

The verses below are from Romans 8, *the Message*. If this were a prescribed medicine the information and disclosure statement would indicate it is a powerful stimulant to your soul's immune system, as well as its respiratory, circulatory and nervous systems. In other words, this prescription will help you fight off spiritual and emotional pathologies. You'll breathe easier, be strong of heart, plus calm and balanced.

The disclosure would also tell you this is very addictive. But there's no reason for care or concern since it has no harmful side-effects, and you cannot over-dose on it. Here it is.

<sup>1-2</sup> With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah... those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud [of condemnation]. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death.

<sup>22-25</sup> All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The difficult times of pain throughout the world are like birth pangs. But it's not only around us; it's *within* us. The Spirit of God is arousing us within. We're also feeling the birth pangs [as these bodies] are yearning for full deliverance. Waiting does not diminish us, any more than waiting diminishes a pregnant mother... the longer we wait... the more joyful our expectancy.

<sup>26-28</sup> Meanwhile, the moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we don't know how or what to pray, he does our praying in and for us, making prayer out of our wordless sighs, our aching groans. He knows us far better than we know ourselves... and keeps us present before God. That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our lives of love for God is worked into something good.

<sup>31-39</sup> So, what do you think? With God on our side like this, how can we lose? If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us? And who would dare tangle with God by messing with one of God's chosen? Who would dare even to point a finger? The One who died for us—who was raised to life for us!—is in the presence of God at this very moment sticking up for us. Do you think anyone is going to be able to drive a wedge between us and Christ's love for us? There is no way! Not trouble, not hard times, not hatred, not hunger, not homelessness, not bullying threats, not backstabbing...

None of this fazes us because Jesus loves us. I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely *nothing* can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.