

The Messenger

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

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For October 2022

Hospitality Committee

Melinda Hartter

Carol Hoffman

Annie Schwoerer

Kathy Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Meat

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Rene’ Atkinson

Elementary – Julie Greenburg

Jr. High – Annie Schwoerer

Sunday School Nursery

October 2 – Carol Hoffman

October 9 – Emma Brandt

October 16 – Barb Karr

October 23 – Sophie Schwoerer

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OCTOBER CALENDAR

Sunday, October 2	Morning Worship, Communion, Hospitality Sunday
Wednesday, October 5	Church Board, 7:00
Sunday, October 9	Morning Worship
Tuesday, October 11	Choir Practice, 7:00
Thursday, October 13	MW, 6:30
Saturday, October 15	FFC youth group, 6:00
Sunday, October 16	Morning Worship, Annual Weiner Roast 5:00
Sunday, October 23	Morning Worship
Tuesday, October 25	Choir Practice, 7:00
Sunday, October 30	Morning Worship

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Local and World Mission

Budgeted for 2022 \$145,780

Anticipated giving through August \$97,184

Actual giving through August \$69,648

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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

Board News

- *Board discussed procedures and preparation to join the FEC
- *Giving through August was down
- *Boiler leak needs to be fixed
- *Possible updating the electrical panels was discussed

Library Corner

Our church library is “open for business”. You are welcome to look through books, and take some home to read (no sign out needed).

In the basement, we have books for younger readers from beginner (baby sturdy books) to chapter books including the “Left Behind” series. There are also resources to help in Bible lessons at home with family and also in Sunday school class. Parents, grandparents, teachers – come see the variety offered and borrow some to enjoy!

Upstairs, the books include church history, health & wellness, Bible dictionary, Strong’s Concordance and Bible commentaries. Also, we have books for the ‘comfy chair and blanket’ reader!

From Pastor Doane...

You may have heard a version of this parable that has the argument between a donkey and a tiger. But since this is a meditation written to spiritually inspire, I want to avoid political distractions. So, I've made it a conflict between a zebra and tiger. Enjoy...

The zebra told the tiger: "The grass is blue."

The tiger replied: "No, the grass is green."

The discussion became heated, and the two decided to take it to arbitration. So, they approached the lion.

Before reaching the clearing where the lion sat on his throne, the zebra started shouting: "Your Highness, isn't it true that the grass is blue?"

The lion replied: "True, the grass is blue."

The zebra rushed forward and continued: "The tiger disagrees and contradicts me and annoys me. Punish him."

The king declared: "The tiger will be punished with 5 years of silence."

The zebra jumped with joy and went on his way, repeating: "I'm right. The grass is blue."

The tiger was respectful and humble before the lion, but asked: "Your Majesty, why have you punished me? After all, the grass is green."

The lion replied: "Indeed, the grass is green."

The tiger asked: "So why do you punish me?"

The lion replied: "That has nothing to do with the color of the grass. The punishment is because you, a brave and intelligent creature, wasted time arguing about it with a zebra. And on top of that, you wasted my time with that question."

Moral of the story: It is a waste of time to argue with the fool and fanatic who doesn't care about truth or reality, but only the victory of his ideas and illusions. There are people who for all the evidence presented to them, refuse to understand; and others who are blinded by ego, hatred, and resentment. The only thing that they want is to be right even when they're wrong.

God's Word advises; ²³ *Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels.* ²⁴ *And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful.* ²⁵ *Opponents must be gently instructed, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,* ²⁶ *and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.* (2 Timothy 2:23-26, NIV)

Pastor Doane