

# The Messenger

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

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## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

4 Trisha Harter  
6 Luke Greenburg  
10 Brian Mohr  
11 Debbie Miller  
18 Bob Waller, Jr.  
19 Ross Greenburg  
20 Doris Greenburg  
20 Nathan & Heather Waller (A)  
21 Brian & Jill Mohr (A)  
23 Julie Greenburg  
23 Riley Waller  
24 Sharon Brubaker  
24 Julie & Ross Greenburg (A)  
30 Jeanise Frank

### **For September 2021**

#### Hospitality Committee

Melinda Hartter

Danielle Otto

Annie Schwoerer

Carrie Schwoerer

#### Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Melinda Hartter

Elementary – Lori Amberg

Jr. High – Carrie Schwoerer

#### Food Pantry Item

Applesauce

#### Sunday School Nursery

September 5 – Carol Hoffman

September 12 – Emma Brandt

September 19 – Barb Karr

September 26 – Sophie Schwoerer

### **SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

Wednesday, September 1	Church Board, 7 pm
Sunday, September 5	Morning Worship, no hospitality time
Thursday, September 9	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Sunday, September 12	East Bay Camp, Worship & Lunch
Wednesday, September 15	Forged for Christ Youth Group Kick Off
Sunday, September 19	Morning Worship, Baby Shower Abby Pyne
Sunday, September 26	Morning Worship

### **BOARD NEWS**

- \*Outreach committee helped a family purchase a new stove, working on a plumbing project for a local family, working with the fire department to get contacts of families in need
- \*Trustees are looking into a new layer of blacktop on the parking lot
- \*Trustees looking at SW corner of nursery and also at water stains in the bell tower
- \*World Bank collection for the first half of the year will go to Fernando's sponsorship
- \*Relief sale board is considering an online auction as well as a 1 day in-person event

### **EAST BAY CAMP SERVICE/LUNCH**

September 12, we will meet outdoors at East Bay Camp. Worship service and lunch will be at the TeePee Pavilion in Aldersgate. Head North at Green Gables (PJ Keller Hwy), follow this for about 2 miles over the spillway and turn right on the Ron Smith Memorial Highway...go for 1 mile and the sign for Aldersgate Park will be on the right. It is directly across the road from the pool, just past the Gregory Chapel where we have held our service in the past. There are some benches available in the pavilion, but you may want to bring lawn chairs. For lunch, please bring a dish or two to share (there are outlets for crockpots, etc.). Table service and drinks will be provided.

A Bumper Sticker....

“Do you know Jesus this closely?”

FFC Youth.... Thank you so much for coming out and supporting FFC this year! We made a little over \$1200! This is an amazing start to saving up for our mission trip next year and we are so blessed to have you all as our community of believers. Please continue to pray for our youth group! Jesse and Amber Brandt

### FROM PASTOR DOANE

#### **A fine piece of work? Who? Me?**

One morning a couple weeks ago, I read Ephesians 2:10. After thinking about the verse and reading different versions of it, I thought it could be the basis of a sermon on September 5. A couple days later, I realized that's Labor Day weekend. The verse suits that holiday.

“We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (NIV)

Think about those three pieces in reverse order; “*good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*” God prepares our work for us – ahead of time. Interesting – the phrase “good works” doesn’t only refer to benevolent acts and Christian service. It can also apply to the common work of all kinds of honorable vocations.

What difference does it make if you head off to work every day knowing God has arranged it for you? Stop, and think about that for a moment.

Not only does God prepare your work for you, but He prepares you for the work. The middle piece of verse 10 says you are “*created in Christ Jesus to do good works.*” Certainly this has to do with all the intelligence, talents, skills and ability to learn that God designed you to possess and manage.

And beyond that, it has to do with being a new creation in Christ (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). So this catalyzes your work with sacred and holy dimensions. Think about that for a moment, too.

I love that first piece; “*We are God’s handiwork.*” Other words come to mind, like “workmanship”, “poem”, “masterpiece”. Wait... “poem”? Yes. The Greek word Paul used that’s translated “workmanship” or “handiwork” is *poiema*.

Just like a finely crafted oak table can be a masterpiece of craftsmanship, and a well-taught math class is a good piece of work, so a poem can be a fine work of art. Many beautiful songs began as poems. So maybe it’s fitting to think that as God sends you about your work today, you are a song He’s singing to the world.

Enjoy being a fine piece of work that’s showcasing the Master’s handiwork. And take satisfaction in the good work He prepares for you.

Pastor Doane