

The Messenger

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

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Sharon Brubaker - Musician
Emma Brandt - Musician
Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt
Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

For May 2023

Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier
Melinda Hartter
Abby Pyne
Carrie Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Abby Pyne
Elementary – Lori Amberg
Jr High – Doane Brubaker

Food Pantry Item

Soap & Shampoo

Sunday School Nursery

May 7 – Carol Hoffman
May 14 – Ken Schwoerer
May 21 – Barb Karr
May 28 – Susan Waller

Board News

- The board is accepting scholarship applications for the Fall semester
- Income fell short of our monthly budget
- Video worship recording is being researched
- Discussed a possible refinish on the basement floor
- Discussed scraping and repainting the ceiling in the choir loft, due to peeling
- A gutter on the south side of the church needs to be fixed
- Thankful for new participants helping with Sunday worship
- Church has a new Compassion child to sponsor, named Yael

MAY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 3

Sunday, May 7

Thursday, May 11

Sunday, May 14

Sunday, May 21

Sunday, May 28

Church Board, 7:00

Morning Worship, Hospitality Time, 1st Sunday Game Night

MW, 6:30

Morning Worship, Mother's Day

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MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

6	Janet Logan
7	Ken Schwoerer
8	Nancy Staulcup
13	Isaiah Schwoerer
17	Kayla Myers
20	Doane & Sharon Brubaker (A)
28	Joseph & Emma Brandt (A)
29	Bill West
30	Brenda Dozier
30	Sophie Schwoerer
31	Sandy Litwiller
31	Karen Otto

Mother-Daughter Salad Supper!

“When Life Gives You Lemons, Call Mom!”,
Thursday, May 11 at 6:00 pm in the fellowship hall
of Carlock Mennonite Church. Invite your family
and friends! Please RSVP by May 7 to Brenda
@ 309/262-6022 or brendadozier67@yahoo.com

Library Corner

Upstairs... Grace, by Max Lucado, written in 12 chapters. Lessons in each chapter help expand our understanding of Grace. The 2nd section, by Kate Etue, is called a Reader's Guide. Each chapter has scripture and questions (could be personal use or family study. It was used in a previous Bible study session.)

Downstairs... (left side, top shelf/look for a white book)
Jesus The Friend of Children Each page has a Bible story of Jesus with a full page color illustration. A good read-aloud for our children.

From Pastor Doane...

In the sermon last Sunday, I told about 4-year-old Sebastian's comment when he watched me put in my hearing aids. Noticing his interest, I said "I'm putting on my ears." Bash responded, "Grandpa, you're different."

So, it caught my eye this morning when I saw an article by Chuck Swindoll titled; *Jesus' Command: "Be Different!"*

He's maybe my favorite preacher – at least in the top two. And I knew if I read on, the Spirit would challenge and encourage. He did. Here, see for yourself:

When Jesus walked the earth, He attracted a number of people to Himself. On one occasion, He sat down among them and taught them some bottom-line truths about how He wanted them to grow up.

The scriptural account of His "Sermon on the Mount" is found in Matthew 5, 6, and 7. If I were asked to suggest an overall theme of this grand sermon, it would be "Be different!"

Time and again, Jesus states the way things were among the religious types of their day, and then He instructs them to be different. For example:

Matthew 5:21-22: "You have heard . . . but I say to you . . ."

Matthew 5:27-28: "You have heard . . . but I say to you . . ."

Matthew 5:33-34: "Again, you have heard . . . but I say to you . . ."

Matthew 5:38-39: "You have heard . . . but I say to you . . ."

Matthew 5:43-44: "You have heard . . . but I say to you . . ."

Get the picture?

Then in Matthew 6, Jesus further explains how His listeners were to be different when they gave to the needy (6:2), and when they prayed (6:5), and when they fasted (6:16). The key verse in the entire sermon is, "*So do not be like them . . .*" (6:8).

You see, Jesus saw through all the pride and hypocrisy of others and was determined to instill in His disciples character traits of humility and authenticity. His unique teaching cut through the facade of religion like a sharp knife through warm butter. It remains to this day the most comprehensive delineation in all the New Testament of the Christian counterculture . . . offering a lifestyle totally at variance with the world system.

Are you willing to be different today?