

The Messenger

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

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Doane Brubaker - Pastor

Bob Waller -Board Chair

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Sharon Brubaker - Musician

Emma Brandt - Musician

Rene' Atkinson - Musician

Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt

Kathy Schwoerer - Bulletin /Messenger co-editor

For February 2022

Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier

Julie Greenburg

Carol Hoffman

Jan Reimer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Abby Pyne

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr. High – Kathy Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Rice

Sunday School Nursery

February 6 – Carol Hoffman

February 13 – Emma Brandt

February 20 – Barb Karr

February 27 – Sophie Schwoerer

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Wednesday February 2	Church Board, 7 pm
Sunday, February 6	Morning Worship, Hospitality Sunday
Tuesday, February 8	MW, 6:30 pm
Wednesday, February 9	Choir Practice, 7 pm
Sunday, February 13	Morning Worship
Sunday, February 20	Morning Worship
Wednesday, February 23	Choir Practice, 7 pm
Sunday, February 27	Morning Worship

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

2 Nathan Moran

10 Kenzie Schwoerer

15 Duane Amberg

16 Eli Schwoerer

19 Doug Sifford

22 Vicki West

27 Suzi Waller

STEWARDSHIP SNAPSHOT

Local and World Mission

Budgeted for 2021 \$115,898

Anticipated giving through December 115,898

Actual giving through December \$125,316

FROM PASTOR DOANE

At the age of 44, a scan revealed a tumor in my left kidney. Hearing a doctor say, “You have cancer” leaves you feeling a lot of things you’d rather not feel. To determine if he could leave part of the kidney or had to take it all, the doctor ordered an MRI. Back then I was much bigger than now, and people half my size told me the MRI is a pretty “tight” place. They were right. What a relief to finally bust out of that machine!

Are you in a tight spot and feeling severely confined? There’s no room to move or turn and you can barely catch your breath?

Or, maybe you’re between a “rock and a hard place” – just about out of options? You have to make a decision, but either choice has hard consequences?

Look at this, write it down and stick it to a cabinet or mirror. “When hard pressed [hemmed in], I cried to the Lord and He brought me into a spacious [open] place” (Psalm 118:5).

Please, read it again... slower.

Psalm 118 begins, “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” And the Psalm ends with verse 29; “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Different translations of the Bible use various words for “love” in verses 1 and 29; words like lovingkindness, mercy and grace.

You may be in a real tight spot or between a rock and a hard place. Maybe that’s about all you can see right now. But through it all, God sees you in a more spacious place. You still dwell in His ample pastures, fenced safely within the Lord’s persistent goodness, enduring grace, relentless mercy and steadfast lovingkindness.

Take a firm grip. Trust Him, and get ready to bust out.

Doane