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August, 2024

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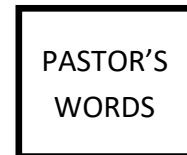


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THE CHRISTIAN CALLER

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For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity,
but of power, love, and self-discipline” (2 Timothy 1:7 NLT).

When God gives us an idea, he gives it in three parts:

First, he says what he’s going to do (spoken word), then he says how
he’s going to do it, and then he gives you the timing.

The biggest mistake people make is getting the first part but for-
getting the other two. We take God’s idea and go out and try to do it
as if he doesn’t care how it should be done. We try to do it our way,
and we usually fall flat. We don’t know the timing, so we try to rush
things.

After moving into our previous house (and after living there for
almost 6 years), we decided to build a Sugar Shack for processing ma-
ple sap into syrup. Right after we poured the concrete for the foun-
dation for it, Kelly learned of an opportunity to relocate back here to
the U.P. and we pursued that idea.

God said, “Right idea for the Sugar Shack, but it’s the wrong
place and wrong time. Don’t do it, because I’m not in it.” So we
changed those plans, built it as an out building, and moved back to
the U.P. God blessed us with the right property and after that God
said, “Now, here’s where you’re going,” and we built a different Sug-
ar Shack in the woods surrounded by maple trees from rough cut
lumber from the property. Looking back on it, I think that the second
Sugar Shack turned out better than the first, even though I’m still not

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done building it and it's been over 8 years since I started it.

How do you know God's timing? God starts bringing all the pieces together. But you have to wait for it! Then, when God says, "Go," you move into action. At that point, you have to take a step of faith.

Taking a step of faith may seem impossible for you today because you're facing a big problem. Maybe you've got some difficult decisions to make. You feel fearful, discouraged, and depressed. Then one morning, a stranger calls and says, "I don't know you, but I understand you're having some problems. I called because I really feel like God wanted me to share this verse with you." Through that person, God gives us a spoken word and reminds us how he is working in our lives.

That verse was 2 Timothy 1:7, and it's a verse some of you need right now. God's promise to you is this: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline"* (NLT).

God wants to work in all of our lives — that's a thought (logic). But he also wants to work in *your* life with an idea. Does God still do miracles today? You bet he does. But he does them in his timing, according to his sovereign will. Believe that God is working in your life, claim his promise, and move forward with his power!

Pastor B.J.



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We exist to joyfully share God's love, preach the Good News, and make disciples.

August

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| August Noisy Offering — Backpack Buddies-Zion Lutheran Church This collection provides meals to school age children up to the age of 19 who are in need of food assistance in our community. God is working through us, all donations are welcome! | | | | 1 S/PPRC 10 AM | 2 Vic & Sharon Vanderville | 3 |
| 4 Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Worship 11 AM Ted & Louise Burson Michael Haynes | 5 Bible Study 11 AM Prayer Group 12 PM | 6 UWiF Picnic & Cardmaking 12PM (noon) | 7 | 8 Ruth Annelin Kerry & Larry Billings | 9 Jim & Sara Blanchard | 10 |
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Ad Council will meet quarterly. The meeting dates are: Sept. 10, Dec. 10 starting at 10 AM. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

Prayer Chain

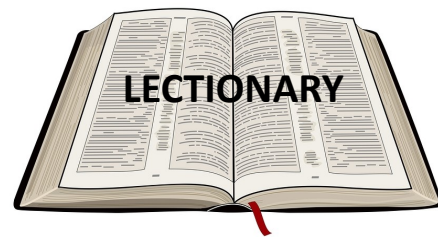
As many of you know we have a group in this church, called the Prayer Chain, that offers daily prayers for individuals, situations, and problems brought to them. Prayer requests can also involve individuals, situations, etc. outside our church community.

These prayer requests may be called in to Pastor B.J. Ash at 906-341-6662 (church) or 906-286-1492 (Pastor B.J. cell). You may also call Carol Weinert at 906-341-4499.



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Newsletter suggestions are always welcome! If you have anything you wish to have published in the next newsletter submit before **August 23, 2024** deadline. Pictures and other additions can be emailed to: office@manistiquemethodist.org

July Mission Noisy Offering for Society of St. Andrew will be announced soon. Thank you for your support!

August 4 — 11th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Sam 11:26-12:13a; Ps 51:1-12 (UMH 785); Eph 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

August 11 — 12th Sunday After Pentecost

2 Sam 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Ps 130 (UMH 848); Eph 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

August 18 — 13th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14; Ps 111 (UMH 832); Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

August 25 — 14th Sunday After Pentecost

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43; Ps 84 (UMH 804); Eph 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

FOR OUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

Let us please keep the following people in our prayers: Sandi Kolder and Family, Pat Foldenauer, Char Crosby, Curt & Celie Norton, Mary Whinnen, Barbara Schneider, Ted Burson, Mary Prater, Lynn LaRose, Katie Putnam, Joel Prater, Jo Nell Rubick, Phyllis Burge, Martha Weeks, Penny Tracy family concerns, Kerry Billings family concerns, baby Brooklyn, Connie Meade, Connie Whitsitt, Sharon V. & Celie's N. brother, Carolyn Williams brother-in-law Tom, Michael Haynes, the leaders in our church and country, our community, our unspoken requests and all the joyous blessings received.



A View From the Belfry August, 2024

Howdy from the belfry! I don't believe it! July is nearly over, and that means that summer is going fast, too! We had a really busy June, and a really busy July. In addition to VBS and Folk Fest and everything else, the Ash brothers have been to various camp programs at Camp Michigamme! We also had a high school graduate, MacKenzie Billings, who had a very nice graduation party in Cooks. We wish you well, MacKenzie! We wish our other graduate, Emma Jones well too! Now let's see what August will bring! So far the plans include a United Women in Faith picnic and a church picnic at the Ash Family Palace and Barbecue Barracks. In addition to the planned events, we have also had a couple of funerals this summer. We said a temporary farewell to Linda Curran and Joe Kolder, but we all plan to see them again some day when we join them in our new homes in Heaven. (Are there bats in Heaven??? Just wondering...) People really don't like such farewells, but they are a part of life, too.

Wonder of wonders, the bat statuette has been found! Connie Kelsey discovered it in the storage cabinet in the narthex, hidden in a dark corner behind some of the stuff in that cabinet. It has already been hidden again. Hopefully it won't take quite so long to find it this time around. That crabby old lady who had the decency to give up writing that column about how to bore people...uh, I mean that column which is now being written by Connie Kelsey and contains very important and interesting information, well anyway, that crabby old lady commented that maybe nobody wants to look for a bat and we should just give up hiding it. However, the office staff (Connie Kelsey and Pastor B.J.) seem to have fun with it, so I think we'll continue to hide it for awhile longer. It really is a beautiful work of art! If you find it, please tell Connie when and where you spotted it!

On that note, I think I'll take a fly through of the church and see if I can spot it! Hopefully I'll be back before it's time for the September newsletter!

Sharon Feichtenbiner and Pixie Livingston updated our Camp Michigamme banner! It was delivered to Camp Michigamme in



July by Kelly Ash. Thank you ladies!

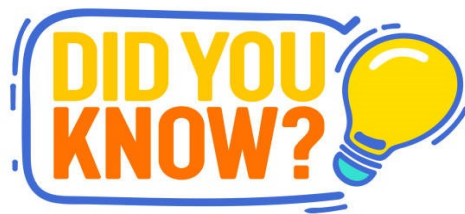
Lay Leader Lines—Connie Kelsey

Q: Now that Vacation Bible School, Independence Day Parade and Folkfest is over, can you update us? Are there other activities planned for the summer? Are there any photos available?

A: It has been a busy spring and summer so far. We held Vacation Bible School in June, that was a very fun adventure. With the help of Vic & Sharon Vanderville and their daughters, our Independence Day float was beautifully decorated. The volunteers riding on the float, received lots of compliments and the children looked forward to the taffy candy. Our Folkfest booth was a huge success, we were sold out by 3 PM. We could have sold more but after making 12 batches, we couldn't ask for more. Our pasty making crew plus the booth volunteers worked very hard, thank you to all! We will be splitting our profits three ways this year: the Ministerial Association, God's Country Community Ministries and the Bay



Cliff Health Camp. We are still calculating the profits and subtracting the expenses. I will keep you posted as soon as I have the final numbers. Future activities include the annual church picnic to be held on August 24th from 11AM-3PM.

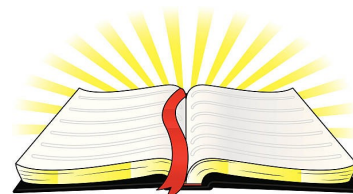


- When King David died, he was succeeded by his son Solomon. Solomon loved the Lord and walked in the statutes of his father, except for one thing. What did Solomon do which David did not?
 - He sacrificed his firstborn son on an altar.
 - He remained celibate throughout his life.
 - He became very wealthy.
 - He worshiped and offered sacrifices at the high places.
 - He wanted to build a temple to serve as God's house.

2. In a dream the Lord appeared to Solomon and asked what Solomon wanted the Lord to give him. What did Solomon ask for?

- Great wealth.
- Several hundred wives.
- Permission to build a temple for god.
- An understanding mind.
- Victory over the enemies of Israel when wars were fought.

The answers to these questions can be found in 1 Kings 3:3-14.



United Women in Faith News

Submitted by Char Crosby & Candace Haskell



United Women in Faith

The UWIF lovingly and faithfully prepared and served two funeral luncheons in June and July for the families and friends of Linda Curran and Joe Kolder. Their graciousness was greatly appreciated.

August 6th at 12:00 noon will be the UWIF annual picnic of salads and card making with Rosemary McCormick. This picnic is open to all women. We are looking for volunteers to bring in a salad or a dessert. There is a sign up sheet available. September 3rd will be our pledge to mission meeting. Connie Kelsey will have a pledge to mission presentation. Please contact Carolyn Williams about how you can help with the November UWIF Sunday program.

What fun we had at the Independence Day Parade! Thank you to all the volunteers who participated and those who enjoyed watching the parade. Many people commented on how well it looked!

