

Food Pantry

April was our month to restock the Food Pantry. Because of our April closure, we will double bless the Food Pantry this month.

- A. Please drop of any donations at the church. We will pray over it before we deliver it to them.
- B. Please bring any items to the church between 9-noon any day.
- C. The board will discuss giving our benevolence offering to the Food Pantry after Communion on 5/29.

SUNDAY, May 10, 2020

WELCOME!

Whether you are just visiting the area, looking for a church "home," exploring the Christian faith, or worshipping as a part of the church community, *we are glad you are here!*

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00-10:00 AM

Pre-School thru 5th Grade..... Lower Level
Middle School Elsie's House
High School Elsie's House
Adult Class Sanctuary/ East Wing

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15-11:30 AM

An unattended nursery is available downstairs

Morning Worship

Thanks MOMS, Happy Mother's Day!

Proverbs 31:10

Prelude

Joy of the Lord

Announcements

Special Music

The Botkin Boys

Tributes to Mom

Prayer

Message:

Pastor Myron

Build Your Kingdom Here

Closing Prayer

** Stand as you are able*

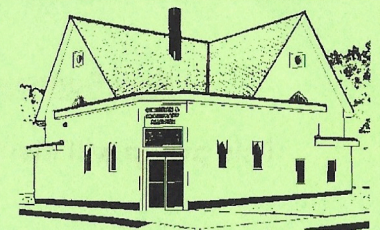
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TODAY

No Current Activities

THIS WEEK

Bible Study Wednesday, May 13th at 7:15 pm. When is it right to Question God? We plan to interact over this possibility this week.

FUTURE EVENTS/Announcements

De Smet Alliance Prayer Tree

Coordinator: Glenda Dubro (605) 203-1797

Assistant Coordinator: Sandi Lee (605) 860-0030

Assistant Coordinator: Kitt Wattenphul (724) 433-2530

Please call the Coordinator first to get the Prayer Tree praying.
If the Coordinator is not available, please call one of the assistant coordinators with the information and they will get the tree praying.

~~If you are not a part of the prayer tree and would like to be, please sign up on the sheet provided in the foyer. Please indicate if you would like to be part of the phone, text or email group. Thanks.~~

VBS

~~Save the Date!! VBS will be June 7-11 in the evening this summer. More details coming soon. Please pass along this information to others.~~

New Sunday Evening Men's Group

This group will start 5/17 at 6 pm. All men invited.

Coming Soon to Wednesday Evening Study

Francis Chan, Remembering the Forgotten God. Come learn with us about the power and presence of God with this DVD interactive study. If you dare!! ;) You may purchase this study book in advance through Amazon or your local book store to be ready to interact with us.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 10	Greeters	Gregg & Glenda Gass
	Ushers	Deb Geiman & Bill Clasen
May 17	Greeters	Mike & Janeé Poppinga
	Ushers	Poppinga Family
May 24	Greeters	Emmett and Vicki Harty
	Ushers	Neal Martens & Curt Eichacker

DE SMET ALLIANCE CHURCH LEADERS

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WOMEN'S MINISTRY Contact Person	Kathy Gross,	854-3007

Our Mission is:



To REACH non-believers for Christ;
To LEAD non-believers to faith in Christ;
To CONNECT them with other Christians;
To help them GROW in their faith; and
To Challenge the growing to DISCOVER their ministry
and HONOR God with their life.

MOTHERS

- 1) Honor; show honor (Ex. 20:12; Lk. 18:20)
- 2) Give reverence (Lav. 19:3)
- 3) Care for Mother-in-law (Ruth)
- 4) Do not forsake their teaching (Prov. 6:20)
- 5) Mothers, a life giving source (Ez. 19:10)
- 6) Fools despise mom (Prov. 15:20)
- 7) Child who get their way despise mom (Prov. 29:15)
- 8) Physically abusing mom = death (Ex. 21:15&17)
- 9) Mother's job never ends (I Sam. 2:18-19)
- 10) They have found wives for children (Gen. 21:21)
- 11) Mother's can be instigators (Gen. 27:13)
- 12) They can be sneaky (Ex. 2:8)
- 13) Mothers can be tricked (I Kings 2:13-25)
- 14) We are told to leave our mothers (Gen. 2:24)
- 15) Like Mother like Daughter (Ez. 16:44)

FAMILY MATTERS

Answers to your questions...

Our kids generally know which parent is “softer” for various requests. (We suspect they talk and pool their insights.) How do we keep them from playing off the other parent or manipulating the softer one?

ANSWER:

It's pretty common for one parent to be firmer than the other. The challenge occurs when a child knowingly plays one parent against the other.

If Dad tells a child she can't have extra money for the mall, she may ask Mom, hoping for a different answer. Or, in the case of divorced parents, a child may threaten to move out and live with the other parent if he doesn't get his way in money matters.

The solution to this challenge is similar to the one for the challenge of over-indulgent grandparents. First, confirm your child's actions with the other parent. Then confront the child.

You can hope that when confronted, the child will change behavior. If, however, he will not change, our advice is twofold. Don't “play the game” and get caught in that trap, and don't take the conflict out on your child.

Consider imposing a “manipulation” penalty (loss of privilege, reduction in allowance, etc.) whenever the child asks another parent the same question that one parent has already answered.

If you're doing your part by being a role model and training your child to respect authority, you're fulfilling your responsibility. You may not see the results in the short term, but in the longer term, you will see that God is faithful.

Commit your child to God. Trust that He will work in your child's life, in His timing. It won't be easy, but we believe your training is well worth the commitment and faith required.

(Adapted from *Your Kids Can Master Their Money* by Ron and Judy Blue and Jeremy White)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

ANSWER:

Loving our enemies means doing kind things for them, wishing them well and praying for them. It also means forgiving them and not condemning them. And that's hard to do! Enemies don't like us and are out to hurt us. But with the help of God's Holy Spirit, we can love them. After all, that's what God did for us.

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Appreciating Mothers

MOM, YOU'RE A HERO

BY JIM DALY

MY MOTHER WAS MY HERO. ONE OF MY MOST SPECIAL MEMORIES of her harkens back to the weeks just prior to her death. I was 9 years old, standing beside her bed as she lay sick with cancer. She was weak, but she smiled when she saw me. Then she grabbed a few dollar bills from her bedside table and pushed them into my hand. She asked me to go to a nearby store to buy chrysanthemum seeds and plant them outside her bedroom window.

It's still a touching moment for me. I felt proud that she had given her request to me. Not my older brothers and sisters, but me. I planted the seeds, and a few weeks later they sprouted to life as my mother's life came to an end.

That was a long time ago, but my mother's wit, humor and gentle spirit continue to live on in my heart. Especially when I see chrysanthemums.

Mom, there is nothing ordinary about motherhood. You're not a maid or a babysitter. You're molding your children's character. You're shaping them into godly adults who will influence their world.

In fiction, superheroes wear flashy costumes and leap tall buildings. In real life, heroes are humble people who sacrifice for others and champion good values. If that's not a description of you, Mom, I don't know what is.



Tough
Questions
from Kids

How can
I love my
enemies?



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THE PATH OF SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTION

As parents, we want to believe that love can fix every wound of the soul. That is what the young version of myself believed adoption was all about. Yes, adoption is a redemption story, but anyone who has walked this road knows that there are also no guarantees. That is why unconditional love needs to be at the root of every decision to adopt.

Every child has an intricately woven heart and a complex brain. Each baby, child and teenager who is adopted carries with them a personal story of loss and trauma. They all have their own unique “special needs.” Some of those needs can be diagnosed and labeled or medicated; some of them cannot.

That might sound terrible and scary (and I won’t argue that it’s not the latter), but the beauty can overshadow the pain. After all, God gave us free will so that our love for Him would be a choice and not forced; and recognizing that will help us love each child right where they’re at, even if they can never reciprocate our love in the way we long for. Realizing that Jesus gave His very last breath to demonstrate His love for us—sometimes that’s when we’re able to give up a life we can control in exchange for a life of washing dirty feet and turning the other cheek . . . again and again and again.

I cannot advocate for adoption apart from Christ, because it is His love for us that I believe must be the driving factor in our decisions. I am convinced that anyone who has the power of Christ working in them is qualified.

Does that mean God will “call” all of His people to adopt? Absolutely not. But I do believe that He longs to lead many to fulfill this great need. For some that may mean they are called to adopt, and for others it may mean a calling to support those around them who have been called to adopt. And the calling must begin with hearts that are willing to embrace their own story of redemption and adoption.

Adopting the specific children that God led us to was never really our choice to make. Rather, it was our surrender to that calling that made it absolutely necessary.

—Natalie Maxwell



TEACHING OUR CHILDREN SACRIFICIAL LOVE

A successful marriage requires more than saying the words “I love you.” Couples need to show sacrificial love in marriage.

I witnessed a perfect example of generosity and self-sacrifice during breakfast one morning. My daughter Annie (9) loves bacon. But this particular morning, by the time she hit the breakfast table, there were just three pieces left. Annie quickly claimed them.

One catch: I’ve got another bacon-loving daughter, Murphy (17).

Annie gulped down one, holding the other two warm strips of bacon in her hands. And then she paused . . . before handing one of the pieces to Murphy.

“Hey, Dad, did you see that?” Annie asked me. “I just laid down my life for Murphy.”

I gave her a high five for connecting the bacon with a Bible study we’d been doing on John 15:13: “Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.”

Of course, I did remind her that *her* sacrifice wasn’t as great as the pig’s!

—Greg Smalley

THE GIFT OF BEING KNOWN

“I need an hour of your time tomorrow,” my husband said with a smile. He had just returned from exploring some new sections of a mountainside creek near our home. Intrigued and excited by the prospect of an hour together sans kids, I agreed.

The next day, we hopped into the car for our little mystery adventure. After a short drive, he led me to a trail I had never seen before. Since my husband is a landscape photographer, I assumed he was probably taking me to some new grand vista or maybe a roaring waterfall he had found. Instead, we followed the twists and turns of a brisk, bubbling creek, scrambled over boulders and ducked under low branches until we arrived at a hidden hillside bursting with tiny, perfectly ripe wild strawberries.

I stared first at the strawberry patch, then at my husband, and then back at the strawberries. At that moment, I was struck by a powerful thought: *My husband knows me.*

One of the great gifts God has tucked into the aspect of “becoming one flesh” in marriage is the opportunity to be known. God knows us intimately and wants to be known in return. And He has designed marriage to tangibly display this kind of intimate relationship for the world to see.

—Jessie Minassian