

September 2023

Garden Gleanings

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SENIOR ADULTS EVENT

Sixty-one seniors met on Friday, September 8 for "Breakfast for Dinner" in the church fellowship hall. The tables were decorated with blue and white table cloths, a small wooden air plane (made by Terry McCloud), and blue Air Force flags. We served cinnamon rolls, egg casseroles, sausage balls and cups of fruit slush. Coffee, tea and water were available.

After the meal, we had everyone at their tables make paper airplanes. They could choose which ever one they thought would fly the best. That person then came to try and fly it across the room. The table whose plane flew the farthest got a package of peanuts as their prize. Our speaker for the evening was Ed Flora from Whitewater, KS. He was a General in the Air National Guard and now retired. He still flies corporate planes in Wichita. He gave a wonderful testimony of his life and life of his family. Ed and his wife, Chris sang the song "Day by Day" to close the service.

We all had an enjoyable evening and enjoyed the meal cooked by David McCloud.

Committee: Stan & Marcy Vogt, Terry & Darla McCloud, Eldon & Eva Pankratz



PROMOTION SUNDAY

Promotion Sunday was held on Sunday, August 27. Promotion Sunday is the day that students in our Junior Sunday School Classes are promoted up to the next class. This year we had several groups move up to the new classrooms. Five kids moved up to the Kindergarten class and 5 moved out of the Kindergarten class up to the Elementary class. We had two girls move into the Middle School class and two boys moved up to the High School class. Congratulations to these students! Another part of Promotion Sunday is showing our appreciation to all the teachers in both the Adult and Junior departments who have taught during the past year. Thank you for investing your time in all of our Students, young and old.



Please be in prayer for all these teachers/workers in all areas of the church for the upcoming 2023-24 year. Be sure to thank them for investing their time into each of the lives of those they teach.

Adult Sunday School:

Perry Koehn
Theo Rempel
Darrin McMannis
Steve Crist
Larry Friesen

Junior Sunday School:

Julie Miller, Diane Morrison, Barb Beasley & Carolyn Wohlgemuth—Preschool
Jenny Goering, Kylee Nelson—Kindergarten
Grace Huxman, LuAnn McMannis, Sharon Smith & Keisha Willis—Elementary
Scot Loyd, Julia Renich—Middle School
Nathaniel & Jordana Goossen—HS

Garden Kids:

Sheryl Miller, Jenny Loyd, Chantelle Klaassen & Jeanette Friesen—Directors
Karis Friesen, Marci Huxman & Cindy Huxman—3 yrs.—Kindergarten Teachers
Danae Pyle & Mandi Crist—1st—2nd Grade Teachers
Jeanette Friesen & Shelly Friesen—3rd—6th Grade Teachers
Jenny & Scot Loyd, Katie Hanzlicek & Bill Mierau—Games

Youth Group:

Lindley & Kayla Harms

Thank You Teachers!

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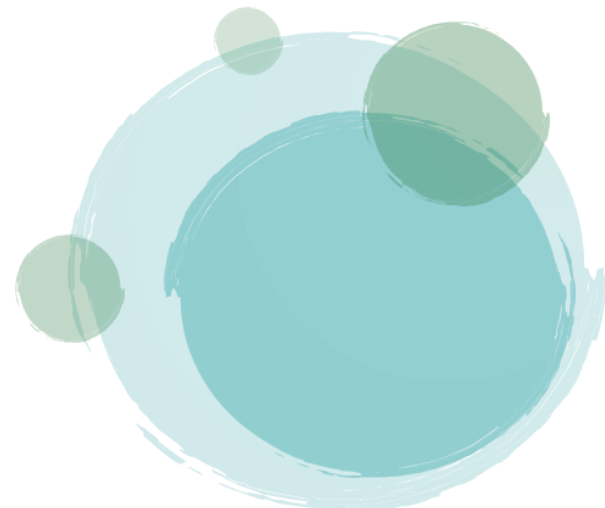
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ADULT/CHILD PRAYER MINISTRY

Elisabeth Kitto—Gary & Marci Huxman/Elaine Goossen

Elaine—We can't measure how much it means to a person to be prayed for everyday.

Marci—Elisabeth is such a sweet girl with an infectious smile. It was a privilege to pray for her and have her in my Sunday School class the past couple of years.

Elisabeth—Every week Elaine give me a note. I know that she prays for me and cares about me.



Wyatt Sommerfeld—Kyle & Katie Hanzlicek/Bill & Sharon Mierau

Kyle & Katie—We have enjoyed being able to pray specifically for Wyatt this year as he attends school—for wisdom, for his protection and that he would be a light to those around him.

Bill & Sharon—Happy to be able to support you in prayer. Hang in there and trust in the Lord always.

Layton Pyle—Nathaniel & Jordana Goossen

Jordana—I love this ministry. What a blessing to be involved in the growth of our little ones. Thank you.



Cora Quick—Dale & Shelly Friesen/Norv & Ev Schrag

Dale & Shelly—It was a privilege to pray for Cora—that she would be sensitive toward God and desire to become more like him.

Norv & EV—It is such a blessing to see Cora and her siblings give pastor Craig sermon notes, and for giving us gifts and notes as well. We thank God for her parents being such great examples of raising Godly children in these difficult days, and also teaching them respect for the elderly. We intend to continue to pray, as we do now, for all parents to be sure that all their children be saved, grow in Jesus, and be in Heaven.



Vonnie's Views

Recently I switched up my prayer plan to keep it fresh. I decided to go with the familiar ACTS format: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, & Supplication. I printed the acronym on a single sheet which I fill out every Wednesday morning to pray through for the coming week. Over the next few months, I will unpack the various sections of the ACTS format and share how it is helping me to pray in a more focused way.

Adoration. What is that? The dictionary defines adoration as: deep love and respect; worship; veneration. To adore means to honor and admire profoundly and respectfully.

I wanted to infuse fresh energy into the Adoration part of my prayers. As I decided how to do this, it seemed natural to use inspired words of Scripture. I copy Scripture into the adoration section of my prayer plan. The box shows recent Scriptures I've been praying through. As I pray through these verses for a week, I find myself meditating on them throughout the day (and even sometimes at night when sleep eludes me). I've come close to memorizing parts of these Scriptures (a side benefit and a reminder that memorization isn't that difficult, it's a function of frequent repetition).

Praying through passages like this have reminded me anew that I can *know* God—not just know *about* him. Jesus prayed that we would *know* him intimately (John 17:3). As I adore God, I deepen my relationship with Him.

My prayers through these passages have led me to a greater reverence of God. As I have thought and prayed over these passages, the following things have become precious:

- **God alone is God.** He is independent of anyone or anything. He is not on a continuum with anything or anyone else. God is distinctly different anyone or anything. Any limitation that we see in creation should NOT be projected onto our thoughts of God. He is *utter perfection*.
- **God lives outside of time,** yet he keeps his promises in time. Wayne Grudem writes, “God has no beginning, end, or succession of moments in his own being, and he sees all time equally vividly, yet God sees events in time, and he acts in time.” (Systematic Theology, 2nd edition, p. 199) God is entirely faithful to his promises.
- **God has no needs.** *Nothing* in his creation (least of all me!) meets any need in God. Although I meet no “need” in God, he designed and created me for his inexplicable and perfect purposes--which includes bringing God real joy and delight!
- **God is unique and exquisitely beautiful.** The highest angelic powers stand in awe of Him! Revelation describes the beautiful worship scenes of Heaven—including all the creatures that surround the Throne of God in reverent, everlasting worship.

These two passages do not begin to scratch the surface of the adoration of which God is worthy. Without him, nothing (including you and me) would exist. Everything in creation could pass away in an instant; God *necessarily* exists forever and holds everything together (Colossians 1:17).

There are no words to express how starting prayer time with adoration based on Scripture has changed the rest of what I pray about. God has given us words to use, I encourage you to incorporate them into your prayer time!

Remember the former things, those of long ago;

*I am God, and there is no other;
I am God, and there is none like me.*

I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come.

I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.'

Isaiah 46:9-10 NIV

The highest angelic powers stand in awe of God.

He is far more awesome than all who surround his throne.

*O Lord God of Heaven's Armies!
Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O Lord?*

You are entirely faithful.

Psalms 89:7-8 NLT



Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

Memory Verse: Psalm 31:24—Be strong and let your heart take courage, All you who wait for the Lord.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Pray our church would be characterized by unity and love.	2 Pray for Elwyn & Linda to have times of refreshing & pure joy.	3 Pray parents would faithfully get their kids to Wed. night programs.	4 Pray other churches would be led to unite in prayer regularly.	5 Pray for Ivan & Mary to have the energy to keep up with the kids.	6 Pray for Hope Shelter & Union Rescue Mission.	7 Pray our hearts are clean & pure, that nothing would stand between us and God.
8 Pray only God's truth would be proclaimed among us.	9 Pray those who can't take care of themselves have the help they need.	10 Pray James & Angela have wisdom in setting goals & priorities.	11 Pray lost people would be drawn to Christians who can tell them of Jesus.	12 Pray the truths taught Wed. night would come to the mind of the kids.	13 Pray for open doors for Joe & Denise to build relationships.	14 Pray for Harvest Radio & All Nations Radio - clear, strong broadcasts.
15 Pray for hearts open and sensitive to the Holy Spirit.	16 Pray Josh & Camila protect their personal time with God.	17 Pray for Wed. night teachers as they prepare & pray.	18 Pray for those in their 20's making life-impacting decisions to seek God first.	19 Pray Peter & Rachel have God's peace in every situation.	20 Pray for governmental leaders - integrity, wisdom, courage.	21 Pray Chuck & Connie are able to comfort those suffering around them.
22 Pray we would be more concerned about God's glory than ourselves.	23 Pray we each finish well - never knowing when we will finish.	24 Pray Tim Zook is able to keep up with technology.	25 Pray those in bondage to an addiction would find forgiveness & deliverance in Jesus.	26 Pray for wisdom to know how to apply truths learned.	27 Pray Mark & Mollie have a good support system around them.	28 Pray for open doors to share the gospel - for us & for the missionaries.
29 Pray for an opportunity to encourage someone in the Lord.	30 Pray your life exalts the name of God.	31 Pray for God's light to shine through the darkness & souls to be saved.				

Dear Friends and Supporters,

September 2023

We were so encouraged with the good response from our last newsletter. We have no idea if it is even being read! You cannot imagine how this helps us to “keep on keeping on” in this ministry in Southern Missouri with the Hill Top Chapel.

I, Chuck, want to share a “very special” experience that happened just yesterday at our church. Before I share that experience, I would like to share a special verse in the Bible: **“... to Him that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think ... be glory in the Church.”** Ephesians 3:20-21. There is an advantage we have in being a small congregation. In visiting with a new family after church, the wife asked if I remembered her. She was the lab technician for the x-rays I had done a few months ago. She mentioned that I had related my ministry at our church and had given her one my business cards. Bottom line, it pays to advertise! We were glad to have their family with us for the morning service. Our visitors are such an encouragement to our people as well as myself as their pastor.

I, Connie, have been in Yuma, Arizona. My son, Ed, took me to visit my brother, Joe, who was very ill. We were able to visit with him the first evening we were there. Later that night he suffered two heart attacks and then went to be with Jesus.

God did so many things for us during this week. One of the first was that we ‘just happened’ to be there with Joe that particular weekend. We had planned to return home on Sunday afternoon but he died on Saturday. We were able to pray and be with him his last two hours. The hotel that the Lord led our three families to was perfect for spending time together and the price was very reasonable. Ed was able to put together a slide show of Joe’s life and make some great Memory Cards. The list goes on of how it was *HIS* plan. It is amazing that we were able to change our non-refundable/non-changeable tickets for later in the week at no charge. We left for home right after the funeral service on Friday.

Psalm 139 says our days are numbered, so His timing is perfect. God has done some very amazing things on this trip. Only He could put this all together.

Please keep my niece and nephew, Janet (Jim) and Joey, in your prayers as they work through this difficult time.

It has been a fast summer and we look forward to what the Lord has in store for all of us this fall. We are thankful for your part in this ministry. Send us your praise and prayer requests, too, so that we can agree with you in prayer for your needs. We enjoy hearing from you.

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7

Yours in Ministry,
Chuck and Connie Myers

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Hansen Update September 2023

Dear Praying Friends,

At the end of August, we sent you an email about the pending bypass surgery for me, Peter. It happened as scheduled on Aug. 29. Instead of a quadruple-bypass surgery it turned out to be a quintuple-bypass surgery.

The first few days in the hospital were a bit difficult, but I have steadily continued to make progress. I was discharged from the hospital on Sep. 5. Amazingly, the only pain medicine I have needed since leaving the hospital is Tylenol.

There are many restrictions on what I can do. No lifting, pushing, or pulling of anything heavier than 10 lbs. for the first 6 weeks. The next 6 weeks that limit is raised to 25 lbs. No driving till the doctor approves, which we hope will be next week. Only sleeping on my back is probably the hardest restriction since I normally sleep on my side. Thankfully the recliner helps, though I don't sleep as well there as a whole.

Energy and motivation to do things has been low, but I believe I'm seeing small improvements in this area also.

Physical rehab starts next week, and I can tell I have a long way to go till I'm back to normal.

Thank you so much for praying for us! We have been greatly encouraged by how many have let us know they are praying for us.

We are also very grateful to God for allowing my physical needs to be discovered in time, prior to a heart attack.

Please pray for full recovery and for wisdom in knowing how soon I should travel again.

In Christ,

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