

# Garden Gleanings

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Had a wonderful time Friday, August 16, in the church fellowship hall for our 3rd Quarter Senior Gathering. 72 people enjoyed a catered supper by BK Barbecue from Galva. Barbecue Brisket, Smoked Turkey, Herbed Potatoes, Baked Beans, Rolls and Cheesecake with Raspberry Sauce were served. Followed by Chad & Cassondra Basinger of Pretty Prairie. Cassondra is the daughter of Gary and Marci Huxman. Chad presented their story with photos how they farm and raise their crops and cattle. Cassondra told how their beef products, Basinger's Pure Local Beef, are marketed. Today's technology and farm equipment has vastly changed farming operations from 50 years ago. Quoting Chad, "It's not like it use to be done."



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## Bridal Shower



A bridal shower was held for Susanna Goossen on August 26 in the church fellowship hall. To start the evening ladies had the opportunity to "fill in the blank" about Su and Andrew's story. Su then read the correct story. Then the crowd got to participate in creating a wedding dress for Su out of toilet paper. The style option that got the most cheers was what several of Su's friends created for her dress. Susanna and Andrew Wiebe were married on September 1<sup>st</sup> and will be living in Alberta, Canada.



# PROMOTION SUNDAY

Promotion Sunday was held on Sunday, August 25, during the Sunday School hour. Each class in the Junior Department was recognized and those students who were promoted up to the next class were given a small promotion gift. Each teacher in the Adult department gave a short synopsis of what they will be teaching this next quarter in Sunday School. 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 2024-25 year. Be sure to thank them for investing their time into each of the lives of those they teach.

## Adult Sunday School:

Theo Rempel  
Darrin McMannis  
Steve Crist  
Larry & Jeanette Friesen

## Junior Sunday School:

Diane Morrison, Keshia Willis, Barb Beesley & Carolyn Wohlgemuth—Preschool  
Jenny Goering, Kylee Nelson, Cassie Albin—Kindergarten  
Grace Huxman, LuAnn McMannis, Sharon Smith & Pat Dirks—Elementary  
Scot Loyd, Julia Renich—Middle School  
Chris & Julie Nelson—HS

## Garden Kids:

Sheryl Miller, Jenny Loyd, & Jeanette Friesen—Directors  
Chantell Klaassen—Tech Duties & Communications  
Karis Friesen & Marci Huxman —  
3 yrs.—Kindergarten Teachers  
Mandi Crist & Denise Goossen—1<sup>st</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teachers  
Cindy Huxman, Bill & Sharon Mierau—  
Classroom Support Staff  
Jeanette Friesen & Shelly Friesen—3<sup>rd</sup>—6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers  
Jenny & Scot Loyd & Rashelle Schrag—Games

## Youth Group:

Lindley & Kayla Harms


**Thank You  
Teachers!**

# Youth Group Kick-off

The Youth Group kicked off a new year meeting in a new place! They met at the new church office on August 28. The Youth meet for Supper every Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. Following supper they play a variety of games and activities followed by a lesson lead by Lindley & Kayla Harms. When the kitchen in the Activity Center is complete they will shift next door and meet in the Activity Center, but until then they have been able to enjoy the use the office conference rooms to meet for supper, games and a lesson.



It's a boy  
Peter Clifford  
QUICK  
September 4, 2024  
7 lbs. 3 oz. • 19.25" long  
Parents: Caleb & Cynthia  
Big Sisters: Esther, Cora & Abigail  
Grandparents: Ernie & Florene Goering





# Vonnie's Views

Can I trust God? Why would He allow certain circumstances in my life? What good can come from hardship or heartbreak? These are questions that often plague people when faced with difficult situations or unmet expectations.

While I don't have answers to the "why" questions, I do have insights on how to trust God. I recently paused my reading of the Old Testament prophets to do focused study in Jeremiah, and I discovered profound insights in chapters 30-33 that are worth sharing.

Jeremiah spent much of his adult life warning Israel about impending judgment. As God had foretold, his warnings were met with mockery and disregard. In 586 BC, Jerusalem fell to Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, leading to a time of great suffering. The book of Lamentations describes the severe tragedy and the people's reactions.

Jeremiah wrote a letter to the exiles in Babylon, assuring them of God's good plans for them: "Plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope" (Jeremiah 29:11). Then, in chapters 30-33, Jeremiah reveals God's promise of restoration for Israel and Judah, despite their significant guilt, blatant sins, and deep pain. This brings us back to our initial questions: Can I trust God? Why would He allow these circumstances? What good can come from such trials?

In Jeremiah 31:31-34, God promises a New Covenant—one vastly different from the covenant made with the Israelites when they left Egypt. This New Covenant will write God's law on their hearts, giving them new hearts that desire to love and follow Him. How can the Israelites be sure these promises will come true?

God provides assurance in Jeremiah 31:35-36: "Thus says the Lord, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord of hosts is His name: 'If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the Lord, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever.'"

Consider how reliable the moon's cycle is and its relationship to the ocean tides. Even though we might not think much about it in Kansas, those who live by the ocean rely on tide charts, which are accurate because of the stable, predictable order set by God. Just as the cycles of the moon and tides are dependable, so is God.

Another example is given in Jeremiah 31:37: "Thus says the Lord: 'If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done,' declares the Lord."

The universe is vast, and despite scientific advancements, humans have yet to measure its full magnitude. Similarly, the depths of the oceans remain largely unexplored. We don't worry about the Earth dropping out of its orbit because of the stability and predictability of how God created it!



God is a covenant-keeper. He promised a Savior in Genesis 3. God fulfilled the promise of the Savior and will keep every other promise He has made. As 2 Corinthians 1:20 affirms, "For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory."

You can trust that God will keep His promises. No matter the hardships or heartaches you face, His reliability remains steadfast.

# October

## Prayer Calendar and Memory Verse

**Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 29:29—The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.**

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 have wisdom in teaching their kids God's truth.	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 Christians in politics to have wisdom, courage & God's leading.	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 wisdom in knowing how to help others & point them to Christ.	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 God's perfect peace would surround Mark, Mollie & the kids.	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.		

# Feedback

...from the  
Zooks

## Partnering to Reach the Lost in Suriname

These two transmitters, manufactured by the team at SonSet Solutions, will assist national missionaries in Suriname, South America.

*When Auca warriors of the Ecuadorian jungle murdered the five missionaries who were reaching out to them in 1956, it had a ripple effect on the missions world, inspiring many more to become missionaries. Ivan and Doris Schoen were among them and went to the Wayana tribe of Suriname. Their son, Tom, speaks the Wayana language. He grew up among them as they came to Christ, and today, the Wayana are inviting Tom to team up with TWR to bring gospel radio to the jungles of Suriname. Missionaries who went to the 'ends of the earth' (Acts 1:8) led the Wayana to Christ, and now the Wayana are going out and making disciples. (Matthew 28:19)."* — [twr.org](http://twr.org)



Late last year, partner ministry TWR came to SonSet Solutions and asked us to join with them in this effort. Tim and other members of the Broadcast Solutions team at SonSet Solutions have been working for several months building these transmitters for this outreach. Three low-powered shortwave transmitters have been completed. These transmitters are able to come apart and can be carried in several suitcases.

The three transmitters have been tested and are ready to be shipped. They are headed to Suriname in South America. Two transmitters will go to the tribes who have believed in Jesus and wish to reach out to other tribes in the Amazon jungle. The third transmitter will be used as a backup. The Wayana and Trio people plan to walk to the other tribes and follow up with the radio transmission. In some cases, the radio signal may pave the way for the messengers by preparing hearts before they arrive. Along with the transmitters, we will be sending 320 SonSet® radios. These will be tuned to the frequencies of the transmitters and will be handed out by the "missionaries" as they visit the other tribes. Please pray for the effectiveness of the two tribes as they follow Jesus' last words to us when he walked on the earth. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, ... Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20

Tim & Renee

Praise &  
Prayer

- Praise God for the three transmitters for Suriname. They are completed and ready to ship. Pray for the fourth transmitter being built yet. It will go to Peru.
- Continue to pray for partner ministry Across Nations. They are getting close to finishing the new studio and planning to dedicate it in October. They are also waiting on a permit from the FCC to increase the power at Tuba City. We are planning to travel to Arizona in October.
- Pray for our sons and their families. This summer brought big changes as two families moved. Pray as they get settled, start new jobs, find new friends, etc.



# Newsfeed:

Snapshots of our lives...  
inside and outside of  
SonSet Solutions



In June, we had a fun week of Vacation Bible School at our church. Renee enjoyed leading the snack team once again.

We had a great group of summer interns. We were privileged to host two of the guys for the first six weeks of their time at SonSet Solutions. If you are interested in the intern program, visit our website: [sonsetsolutions.org/internship/](http://sonsetsolutions.org/internship/).



Our family was busy this summer, too. We are so thankful for some time together in July. We also enjoyed a few days with Renee's parents, siblings, nieces and nephews.



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