

Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got.
Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot.

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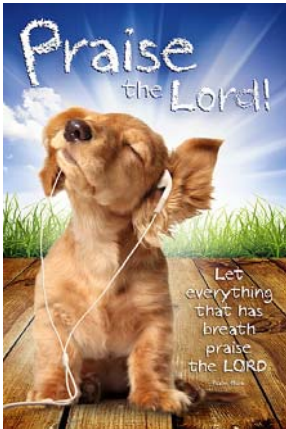
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From the Pastor's Desk

From Ecclesiastes 3: A Time for Everything ¹There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... ⁹What do workers gain from their toil? ¹⁰I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. ¹²I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. ¹³That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will regard him with great reverence.

As the breeze becomes more brisk, and the leaves lose their green, it is easy to see the season of change that is upon us. Or is it? For the one who searches out God's will, change is constant and not always so easily recognized. But the truth is the God is here, now, leading us (as individuals and as a church) through this season of change. My call to you is to prayerfully seek God's will for your life and for the life of our church, knowing that some seasons look pretty, and some bleak, but if God leads us into it, he will also lead us through it.

When a few of the Apostles were on trial before the Sanhedrin, facing imprisonment, torture, and even execution, an honored Pharisee named Gamaliel stood and testified on their saying "Let them go! For if their purpose or activity is of human origin, it will fail. ³⁹ But if it is from God, you will not be able to stop these men; you will only find yourselves fighting against God." (ACTS 5:38-39)

That could have been the end of the church, the future didn't look great, but an unlikely a teacher of God's law advocated for them, for us, saying let them stand the test of time! If Christ's church was founded in the wills and minds of men, it would have surely failed in a season. But we serve a Risen Savior, he's in the world today, leading us through seasons, through time, into eternity! If God is for us, who can be against us?

Grace and Peace, *Pastor Nate Starkey*

Special Missions and Offerings

October “Noisy Offering” will help support Keys to Freedom Ministries

Keys to Freedom Ministries vision is to seek out and partner with local churches and cultivate strong relationships and educate them about the spiritual needs of the incarcerated men and women in the jail. Our goal is to restore dignity to the souls of those who have fallen into sin by breaking the law and need a helping hand to return to wholeness through learning Gods plan for their lives by using God’s word as their guide!



Keys to Freedom Annual Banquet

Tuesday, October 11
6-8:30 PM
At Traverse City Christian School



Women’s Fellowship



Don't forget to bring your goodies for the Care Packages! They will be packed on November 6!



Saturday, November 12th
Long Lake Craft Show



We'll be collecting hats and mittens and scarves to donate! Don't forget to bring them in!



HAPPY FALL
Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
GALATIANS 6:9



TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART,
AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING;
IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM,
AND HE SHALL DIRECT YOUR PATHS.
Proverbs 3:5-6

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<p>2 8:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship Service & Communion</p> <p>6pm Men's Group @ Jim Wright's</p>	3	4	<p>5 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samaritas</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6 10am Bible Study</p> <p>10am Church Women United at Bethlehem Lutheran Church</p>	7	8
<p>9 8:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship Service & Potluck</p> <p>2pm CROP Walk</p>	10	<p>11 10am Adult Group</p> <p>6pm Keys to Freedom Annual Banquet</p>	<p>12 3pm All Faiths Svc @ Samaritas</p> <p>7pm Bible Study</p>	<p>13 10am Bible Study</p>	14	15
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<p>30 8:30am Adult Bible Study</p> <p>10am Worship Service & Potluck</p> <p>3pm Trunk or Treat</p>	31			<p>AA Schedule:</p> <p>Mon. 8pm everyone welcome</p> <p>Wed. 7pm Women only</p> <p>Sat. 10am Men only</p>		

October Birthdays and Celebrations!

1st Don & Clara Hasenick Anniversary
 4th Mark Walter
 5th Pete & Sue Morrison Anniversary
 6th Laurie Gogolin
 7th Tim & Sue Whitney Anniversary
 12th Shane Barrett
 13th Robin Merchant
 17th Dennis Aurand
 19th Jim Hockin

20th Jo Purdy
 22nd Steven Surowitz
 22nd Marcia Clone
 25th Jean Ridge
 26th Dave Galligan
 28th Gabrielle Gualtiere
 30th Kaitlynd Hamstra



Upcoming Events...



Mark Your Calendars for the 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat, on Sunday, October 30 from 3-5pm.

Decorate your trunk or bring a game/activity for the kids to play. If you just want to help in the kitchen or donate candy, we greatly appreciate that! Last year was a huge success even with the rain. This year we are praying for nice weather and we hope you'll join us in making it an amazing event for our community!



Mark Your Calendars for the Fall Harvest Dinner

Come join us on Friday, November 11 for the annual Harvest Dinner. More details to come!