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The Super Bowl will be played on Sunday, February the 5th and we have rented the Lakeview Lodge for all who would like to watch the game together. It will be open at 5pm and we ask that all attending bring some finger food to share along with a 2 liter bottle of soda. Even if it is only the commercials you enjoy, come on out for an evening of fellowship!

I was contemplating what to write this week in light of the election. So much has already been written, and it's easy to alienate by saying something that puts you in one camp or the other. I don't think a preacher should be partisan, and it really bothers me when politicians are given the pulpit. Still, we are admonished to "pray for kings and all who are in authority, in order that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity." (1 Timothy 1-2)

This year I have committed to reading through *The One Year Chronological Bible*. It attempts to place all the books and passages of the Bible in chronological order. Marilyn, Nikki, and Grace have all read it through in a year, but I had not done so. I decided this would be the year, and even though I'm not a big fan of the NIV, I thought it would be good to read the Bible again in another translation.

The reading for last Sunday was from the book of Job, and when I read it, I knew I had found the perfect message for this week. I share with you Job 12:13-23.

"To God belong wisdom and power; counsel and understanding are his.

What he tears down cannot be rebuilt; those he imprisons cannot be released.

If he holds back the waters, there is drought; if he lets them loose, they devastate the land.

To him belong strength and insight; both deceived and deceiver are his.

He leads rulers away stripped and makes fools of judges.

He takes off the shackles put on by kings and ties a loincloth around their waist.

He leads priests away stripped and overthrows officials long established.

He silences the lips of trusted advisers and takes away the discernment of elders.

He pours contempt on nobles and disarms the mighty.

He reveals the deep things of darkness and brings utter darkness into the light.

He makes nations great, and destroys them; he enlarges nations, and disperses them."

I pray for President Trump, and I pray that God makes our nation great again.

God Bless, Rick

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Sunday Worship Service
Bible School

9:15 AM
10:45 AM

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Worship 130
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-1/29/17

Greeters Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand..... Rick & Janet Polley
Communion Meditation..... Bill Carroll
Otto Huber
Ushers Connor Bales
Kent Ballard
Chris Luzio
Brad Stirmell
Jim Trimberger
Kirk Polley

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....Sara & Regan Bartels
Infants.....Jeni & Kate Sperry

Sunday School
Toddlers..... Julie Divjak
Infants.....Kristin Polley

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY-2/5/17

Greeters Beryl & Jamella Reese
Visitors' Stand..... Jim & Mary Sexton
Communion Meditation..... Paul Hunley
Kirk Polley
Ushers Jeff Edmiston
Bill Carroll
Chris Luzio
Scott Bales
Will Bartels
Rich Mann

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Julie & Abbie Divjak
Infants Renee & Madison Bales

Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Janet Polley

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

Rick and Marilyn will be on vacation for the next two Sundays, so there will be no paper published next week.

FEBRUARY SERVERS

2/12: Kirk Polley & Paul Hunley
2/19 & 2/26: Mark Huber & Paul Hunley

FEBRUARY PROJECTIONIST

Chad Formea

FEBRUARY GREETERS

2/12 Debbie Sanner
2/19 Judy Marlow
2/26 Will & Sara Bartels

FEBRUARY VISITORS' STAND

2/12 Bob & Dixie Williamson
2/19 Beryl & Jamella Reese
2/26 Lee & Schar Zimmerman

FEBRUARY NURSERY

Worship - 2/12

Toddlers: Karen Mann
Reagan Formea
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Kate Sperry

Sunday School

Infants: Kristin Polley

Worship - 2/19

Toddlers: Nikki & Anna Hunley
Infants: June Carroll
Janice McLaughlin

Sunday School

Infants: Bonnie Ruebush

Worship - 2/26

Toddlers: Kristin Polley
Courtney Bales
Infants: Marilyn Wenneborg
Anna Hunley

Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson

Let Us Pray For...

--Nancy Barry's brother recovering from brain surgery and doctors planning for follow-up treatment for cancer.

--Deanna and Pete Langheim at the unexpected death of a son-in-law.

--Friend of Ann Otten with terminal cancer.

--Adora Burdinsky with upper respiratory infection.



The Sweetheart Banquet will be held on Valentine's Day at Fulgenzi's. Seating will begin at 6:00, and the meal will be served at 6:30. The menu will feature roast pork with sides, and cheese tortellini. Cost for the meal is \$38 per couple. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board, and checks can be placed in the posted envelop.

Cory and Nicole Moore have agreed to put together a romantic trivia contest for the evening entertainment.

Life of Christ

This Sunday at 6:30 Jack Stucki will be leading the discussion of chapter 12, "The Intruder Who Was a Woman."



Some of the older kids have expressed interest in attending Winter Jam this year in Peoria. For those who don't know, Winter Jam is a concert highlighting 12 contemporary Christian artists showcasing their music. Contemporary music styles with good messages about forgiveness, grace and mercy...I'll take that over the world's music any day!

All Jr./Sr. High School students are welcome to attend. Winter Jam is a little earlier this year and will be held on February 12th in Peoria. Since it is a school night, we will be discussing what is a good time to return. However I do know that we will be leaving CCC at 2pm that Sunday afternoon.

The cost is \$10 at the door, that comes to around \$1 per band. What a deal! A sign up sheet is on the board and let me know if you have any questions.



High School Students

Don't forget to start planning for our ski trip on Presidents Day, February 20th. We will be skiing at SnowStar up near the Quad Cities. While skiing is not cheap, it is not horribly expensive either. For a day of fun on the slopes, lift tickets will be \$35 per person and it costs \$25 to rent equipment. Money will also be needed for meals throughout the day and if you choose to rent a tube for the tubing hill. Start saving now or do some extra chores around the house for Mom and Dad!



Junior High Students

Just a reminder that our early registration discount window ends next week. So far, 7 students from our class have committed to attending the conference for the early bird price of \$55.00. It will be held over the weekend of March 3rd and 4th. Try to sign up this week if you want to join the group!



Kids: Why change something when it is going great? It is great seeing you after Sunday School so let's keep the same rules as last week. For a SPECIAL reward, recite the following verse found in Ephesians 3:12. "In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence." See you Sunday!