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Scripture is filled with admonitions to praise the Lord with song, and singing is what I think was taking place in Isaiah's vision of the throne of God. "I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, lofty and exalted, with the train of his robe filling the temple. Seraphim stood above him, each having six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called out to another and said, 'Holy, Holy, Holy, is the Lord of hosts,'" (Isaiah 6:1-3)

It doesn't actually say they were singing, but we know according to Job 38:7 that at creation the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy. We also find singing in heaven when the Lamb of God was seen standing on Mount Zion. "And I heard a voice from heaven, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder, and the voice which I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne." (Revelation 14:2-3)

The point of what I'm saying is simply that I generally think of songs being offered to God around His throne. I read something the other day in Zephaniah 3:17, however, that painted for me a new, and very exciting picture of singing and the throne of God. When I read it, it almost gave me goosebumps, and I couldn't believe I hadn't read it before.

I proceeded to read it from my NASV, and while it's a beautiful picture, it didn't do for me what I read from the NKJV that's in my chronological Bible.

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy" is no doubt a more literal translation than, "The Lord your God in your midst, the Mighty One, will save; He will rejoice over you with gladness, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing", but I really love the picture of God singing from His throne when He sees His people living lives that honor Him.

Let's keep God singing this week!
God Bless, Rick



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Dinner-8

The first couple in each group of 8 is asked to schedule the first dinner and assign those coming to bring a designated part of the meal. At the first meal the group is asked to schedule the time and place for the second.

Wayne & Belinda Hutchins
Rick & Janet Polley
Lee & Schar Zimmerman
Vicki Small/Jeff Thompson

Kirk & Kristin Polley
Jim & Shannon Higgins
Otto & Kileen Huber
Chris & Rhonda Luzio

Rod & Carolyn Brown
Bob & Dixie Williamson
Jonathan & Jeni Sperry
Troy & Rebecca Smith

Cory & Nicole Moore
Casey & Erica Blakley
Rich & Karen Mann
Rick & Marilyn Wenneborg



Kevin & Lisa Hendricks
Paul & Nikki Hunley
Jack & Carole Stucki
Mark & Tina Huber



STATISTICS

Worship	8/5	113
Offering		\$9,157.15
Worship	8/12	127
Offering		\$4,256.00

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-8/19/18

Greeters	Jack & Bonnie Ruebush
Visitors' Stand	Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation	Paul Hunley
Ushers	Jonathan Sperry
	Kirk Polley
	Jake Divjak
	Jeff Edmiston
	Rich Mann
	Jim Trimberger
	Bob Williamson
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers	Marilyn Wenneborg
	Grace Hunley
Infants	Julie & Lily Divjak
	Vicki Small
Sunday School	
Toddlers	Rhonda Luzio
Infants	Kileen Huber
	Krisitn Polley



Dear Church Family,

I really appreciate the gift of a large-print Bible for my birthday celebration. Reading it will really be a pleasure.

Thank you for your love, support and prayers for our family throughout the years.

With many, many thanks!

God Bless!
Lucy McKnight
(and Bob, Becky, and all the family)



We are pleased to announce two baptisms that have recently taken place. Zack Bates was baptized at the church on the evening of July 31st by Brett Hunley, his small group leader at Cornerstone Community Church, and Tracy Magyar, Mabelle Edmiston's mom, was baptized in Lake Springfield on Sunday afternoon, July 22nd, by Jeff and Mabelle.

Congratulations to both Zack and Tracy as they begin their new life in Christ.



Let Us Pray For...

- Tina Huber and family at the passing of her cousin's husband less than a week after walking his daughter down the aisle.
- Close friends of the Edmiston family who lost their father to suicide.
- Business associate of Chuck McLaughlin whose police officer daughter was killed in Canada.
- Family of Evan Depoy, a young man killed in auto accident.
- Family of seven year old who drowned while with his grandfather.
- Praise for the rescue of Joyce Evans' brothers and nephew while hiking in Denali.
- That Rick's heart ablation will successfully address his AFib.



LSCA's FAMILY ARCHERY DAY

If you are looking for something fun to do on Saturday, consider heading out to LSCA! Their annual Archery Day is for the whole family and will include an opportunity to enjoy the LSCA grounds... swimming, fishing, canoeing and of course... shooting bows.

They will have certified archery instructors to lead the way in safety and instruction. This event is for the novice shooter to the experienced bow hunter and all levels in between. In addition to all the activities, the event includes 3 meals for the family. What a great way to spend a day outside enjoying creation! Please see the LSCA website for registration details and more information.



Sunday evening activities and youth groups resume on Sunday, September 16th. I am looking for a few volunteers to help out with the younger kids during our time together. Your participation would involve loving on cute little ones in the nursery for an hour or possibly working through a lesson with those who are 3-5 years old. Please let me know if you can help out in this way!



POWERLIGHT

Jr. & Sr. High Students

Feel free to join us this Sunday for the Powerlight-Fest at the Illinois State Fairgrounds. For those who do not know, Powerlight is an annual free Christian concert located at the Lincoln stage on the last day of the fair.

Since it is the last day, admission is half price. So, you will need to bring \$5 to get in at the gate and spending money for any food or rides you wish to purchase. Here is the lineup we will be seeing.

- 3:30-4:30 Slingshot 57
- 5:00-6:00 KJ 52
- 6:30-7:30 Citizen Way
- 8:00-9:00 Zach Williams

We will meet here at the church at 2:00 to leave for the fair, and should return by 9:45. As always, feel free to invite a friend to come hear some good music and eat some fantastic fair food!



Let's all be sure to keep our kids and their schools in our prayers this week as the new school year begins. Please pray for protection, wisdom and guidance for our children as they develop new friendships and enter into another year of learning.