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Until this morning, I had planned on using this column to simply celebrate the baptism of a granddaughter, and to encourage those who have not given serious consideration to being immersed into Christ to do so.

Without a doubt, the only thing that brings more joy to a father than baptizing his own child into Christ is watching that child baptize his child into Christ. The pride and joy I felt watching Matt baptize Josie is impossible to put into words.

Sadly, something I read on the front page of the SJR this morning also brought forth emotions that are impossible to put into words. However, with the standing ovation that was given the governor of New York when he signed into law the right to kill a baby as it is being born, and a pediatrician turned politician who made it clear that he believes a mother and her doctor has the right to end the life of a baby who survives an abortion, it shouldn't have shocked me.

Still, I was distressed by the headline that read "4 Democratic legislators propose expanding reproductive rights." And I was angered by the way the killing of babies has been cast as a "reproductive right."

For years women were deceived into thinking that an abortion was merely the removal of unwanted tissue. After science definitively proved that the unwanted tissue is fully human, the argument for abortion was changed into a question of personhood, and the value that should be placed on humans who are dependent on others. Now, in the name of "reproductive rights" the child is completely ignored.

If you didn't read the article, this attempt "to 'modernize' the state's abortion law" would repeal Illinois' current abortion law, would require all insurance policies to pay for abortions, would remove criminal penalties for doctors who perform illegal abortions, would lift the state ban on partial-birth abortions, and would repeal parental notification.

Even though most of you have chosen not to study and discuss on Sunday nights how we've gotten to the place where this is acceptable in our society, I pray you've given enough thought to this matter to be able to explain to your children how and why this has happened. God Bless, Rick



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ADULT VOLLEYBALL AT THE LSCA GYM

All adults are invited to head for the LSCA gym on Sunday nights at 8:00 for a time of recreation and fellowship on the volleyball court. We got off to a good start last Sunday, and play will continue through the month of March. This is primarily an adult activity, but teens will be invited to fill out teams if needed, and children who come to watch their parents play will be given the opportunity for a game as well.

STATISTICS

	2/3	
Worship		117
Offering		\$8,455.00
	2/10	
Worship		114
Offering		\$3,479.88

SERVING THIS SUNDAY-2/17/19

Greeters	Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand	Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
Communion Meditation	Paul Hunley
	Jonathan Sperry
Ushers	Rich Mann
	Kirk Polley
	Jim Trimberger
	Chris Luzio
	Brad Stirmell
	Scott Bales

WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers.....	Kelly Donaldson
	Cooper Formea
Infants.....	Erica Blakley
	Rebecca Smith
	Madison Bales
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Rhonda Luzio
	Kristin Polley



- Mary Sexton recovering from hospital stay.
- Kristin Polley and family at the passing of her grandpa.
- Machelle Edmiston's mom with breast cancer.
- Friend of Karen Trimberger with breast cancer.
- Steve Elder's granddaughter with failing kidneys.
- Sharon Stickel, a friend of Dixie, being treated for brain tumors.
- Family of Joe Pierce, a friend of Dixie, who passed away due to complications from the flu.



Jonah Emerson Huber was safely delivered on February 5th, a half ounce shy of 9 pounds, measuring 21 inches. He was welcomed into the Huber home by big brother Theo, and a proud mom and dad. And, of course, a proud grandma and grandpa.
 Congratulations to Kileen and Otto on the new addition to their growing family.

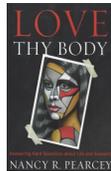
The Hidden Word

DEUTERONOMY 6:6-7

"And these words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up."

JOSHUA 24:15

" And if it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."



We will pick up our study of *Love Thy Body* at "Is My Body 'Me?'" on page 159 this Sunday at 6:30.

A big thank you to Chris for introducing chapter 5 last week.



Jr & Sr High Students

I am so happy that so many of you have cleared your schedules for our service project this Sunday. Your desire to serve Christ is evident in how you embrace these opportunities. While I hope to encourage and challenge you, you often end up encouraging and challenging me.

Let's start our day together by going out for lunch after Sunday School. So, please bring around \$10 which should cover your meal wherever we end up going. Then, we will head back to the church and start preparing the food. Since we don't have to leave until 4:30, we will definitely have some time for games and some friendly competition as the food is cooking and cookies are baking.

While at the Mission, we will first serve the residents before sitting down to eat and visit with them. Afterwards, while some are cleaning up, others can continue to visit and play games with the children who attend the meal. We will be returning to the church no later than 7:30 to meet up with your parents if needed. See you all on Sunday!



Please see me for any details needed concerning the 4th-5th grade and Junior High conferences this year.. Both are over the weekend of March 1st & 2nd and both will be AWESOME! We have plenty of room so feel free to invite a friend to join us for the weekend!



Did you know that this year is the 80th anniversary of LSCA? That is a long time! It has been a privilege for our church to support their ministry over the years as they share the love of Christ with kids of all ages.

Registration for the summer camping season is now open on the LSCA website. As in years past, the church will cover 50% of the camping fees for children in the church for one session of camp. Please stop by my office anytime, or text me, to get the discount code you will need at the time of registration.



Jr & Sr High Girls

While I have never participated in a paint night before, basically because I can't even draw stick figures that well, the girls in the Huber house have always had a blast at these parties. I am sure this one will be no different and I am looking forward to seeing your creations. As a reminder to those who have confirmed with Jeni, the paint party will start at 7pm here at the church. The cost is \$15 per person which includes the 11 x 14 canvas and all the paint supplies you will need. If you haven't done so yet, please bring the money with you on Friday to cover the supplies you will use.