

The Clarion
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Dear Friends in Christ,

After my recent surgery I was given a pillow that had two contrasting images. The pillow itself is what we traditionally call heart-shaped. It is the shape we will see adorning Valentine after Valentine this month. Imprinted on the pillow is a diagram of what the human heart actually looks like—the oblong shape with vessels coming out of and going into it. The diagram is definitely a different shape that what we typically call “heart-shaped.”

This contrast of images got me thinking about the contrasts we have in the understanding of love. After all, we consider the heart a symbol of love. Yet, the concepts of love that we see bantered about in our culture today are often vastly different than how love is defined from its original source—God.

According to the worldly understanding of love, it is something that you fall in and out of. It is permissive and overlooks or condones and approves anything that is considered wrong—because, in the worldly understanding of love, there can be no judging of right and wrong of a person’s choices or lifestyle. Love, according to the worldly understanding, means you let someone go their way, live according to their own definitions and desires, even if they would actually lead to a person’s demise.

How are we to know what love truly is? We are told “God is love” (1 John 4:8). We look at how God acts toward us and we begin to truly understand what love is. God’s love does not rise and wane, increase and decrease. Rather, His love is steadfast and endures forever (see Psalm 100:5 and many other passages). God, in His love, gave His laws and ordinances as a standard of right and wrong. Why? That life in this world may go well with you and you may live in His blessing (see Deuteronomy 5:33). Out of love, God does rebuke and correct—point out our sin and errors—so that we may be turned from our errors and realize again the great mercies and blessings of God.

God certainly never overlooks or condones our actions that are contrary to His will. What He does is forgive, remove the guilt of the offense, that we may be drawn out of it and brought again to live in accordance with His good and gracious will. This is not an easy or docile love. It is the love that moved our God to take on human flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. God’s love involved Him humbling Himself to serve a fallen humanity who had “fallen out of love” with Him and gone their own way. It involved a horrible, excruciating, bloody, painful sacrifice—even enduring damnation on the cross—so that we would never have to experience that. He died our death, endured our damnation, so that we might have full, complete, and everlasting life with Him. THAT is love.

Remember, “greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends” (John 15:13). That greatest love is yours in Jesus. It may not always look the prettiest. It will contrast with images of love that we see in our world around us, but it is true love. The love of God given you in Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Ogilvie

Receive Encouragement During the Sunday Morning Bible Study

The Sunday morning Bible study continues its focus on the letters that Paul wrote to the Thessalonians. Hard-

ships are not foreign to Christians as they live in this fallen world. They come in the form of illness or other worldly struggles, and they come in the form of persecution and opposition. Paul knew the similar realities that the Thesalonians endured, and his words, by guidance of the Holy Spirit, continue to inform and inspire you. Join us in the Sunday morning Bible each week at 10:15.

Learn about District Missions February 3rd.

On Saturday, February 2, and Sunday, February 3, Rev. Dean Rothchild from the IDE office will be our guest preacher. On Sunday morning, he will also give a presentation about district mission efforts during the Sunday morning Bible study time. Come and learn about what our mission support is doing through our district.

Plan for Lent Today

Lent starts a little later this year, with Ash Wednesday not occurring until March 6. Beginning that evening, however, we will start our midweek Lenten services. Those midweek services will again be held at 6:30 p.m. They will be preceded by a light meal served in the Fellowship Hall.

St. Paul to Host Band Concert on March 22

St. Paul will be hosting a concert of the Lake Country Lutheran High School Concert Band on Friday, March 22, at 7 p.m. The band is stopping in Williamsburg as part of their Spring tour. Lake Country Lutheran High School is located in Hartland, WI.

For their stop in Williamsburg, we will also be looking for host homes for members of the band. Please prayerfully consider if you would be able to offer this hospitality. Our LIS families are especially encouraged to consider this opportunity.

A Heartfelt Note of Thanks

Thank you so much for the outpouring of encouragement and support following my recent surgery. Thank you for the prayers offered up on my behalf. Thank you for all the cards, notes, calls, and other communications sent my way. They did much to raise my spirits during this time, which was much needed.

My surgeon was accurate when he told me prior to my surgery that afterward I would have very little energy for anything for a few weeks. My days in these first two weeks have consisted pretty much of naps, a few minutes of walking, having a little to eat, and then repeating that cycle. However, I do see a little progress each day, and am thankful to God for that.

I look forward to the time when I am back with you all on a regular basis. Until then, I keep you all in my prayers and thank God for all of you!

In Christ,

Pastor O.

Together in the Word.

Being in God's Word daily is truly a blessing. The readings that will be posted for the next several months are taken from the daily lectionary which is found on pages 299-304 in *Lutheran Service Book*. Blessings on your reading and meditation.

February	1	Zechariah 11:4-17	
		2 Timothy 4:1-18	
	2	Zechariah 12:1-13:9	
		Titus 1:1-2:6	
	5	Job 2:1-3:10	
		John 1:19-34	
	6	Job 3:11-26	
		John 1:35-51	
	7	Job 4:1-21	
		John 2:1-12	
			3 Zechariah 14:1-21
			Titus 2:7-3:15
			4 Job 1:1-22
			John 1:1-18

8	Job 5:1-27 John 2:13-25	17	Job 13:1-12 John 6:1-21
9	Job 6:1-13 John 3:1-21	18	Job 13:13-28 John 6:22-40
10	Job 6:14-30 John 3:22-4:6	19	Job 14:1-22 John 6:41-59
11	Job 7:1-21 John 4:7-26	20	Job 15:1-23, 30-35 John 6:60-71
12	Job 8:1-22 John 4:27-45	21	Job 16:1-22 John 7:1-13
13	Job 9:1-35 John 4:46-54	22	Job 17:1-16 John 7:14-31
14	Job 10:1-22 John 5:1-18	23	Job 18:1-21 John 7:32-53
15	Job 11:1-20 John 5:19-29	24	Job 19:1-12, 21-27 John 8:1-20
16	Job 12:1-6, 12-25 John 5:30-47	25	Job 20:1-23, 29 John 8:21-38
		26	Job 21:1-21 John 8:39-59
		27	Job 30:16-31 John 9:1-23
		28	Job 31:1-12, 33-40 John 9:24-41

Altar Flowers needed for February 2/3, 23/24

Christian Service Committee News about our Church Family (all addresses are Williamsburg, IA 52361 unless noted)

Highlighted Birthdays and Anniversaries for February. Complete lists of birthdays and anniversaries are posted on the bulletin board at the west entrance.

- Feb 1 – Harleen Bott 70, 2433 280th Street
- Feb 1 – Jason Wardenburg 20, 2811 225th Street
- Feb 3 – Davin Harper 10, 1349 Keokuk Iowa Rd., Webster 52355
- Feb 6 – Sandra Ficken 80, 1509 West Welsh Street
- Feb 8 – Marilyn Murphy 82, 130 Country Club Drive,
- Feb 9 – Barbara Gahring 60, 210 West South Street, PO Box 44
- Feb 10 – Myrna Heitshusen 84, Highland Ridge Care Center, 100 Village View Circle
- Feb 10 – Dorothy Lane 86, 120 West Woodbine Drive, North English 52316
- Feb 10 – Harlan and Joan Heitman 63rd, 203 Long Street
- Feb 12 – Ida Strunk 103, 100 Village View Circle
- Feb 12 – Graceyn Uhlmann 10, 603 Clark Street, PO Box 508
- Feb 13 – Keith & Barbara Disterhofs 20th, 1842 Q Ave, Marengo 52301
- Feb 14 – Mariah Stockton 30, 2983 F52 Trail, Parnell 52325
- Feb 17 – Aidan Schrock 11, 860 Sandpiper Court, North Liberty 52317
- Feb 17 – Dylan Schrock 11, 860 Sandpiper Court, North Liberty 52317
- Feb 18 – Rebecca Ogilvie 50, 2115 E. Court Street, Iowa City 52245
- Feb 23 – Ed & Sandy Ficken 62nd, 1509 West Welsh Street
- Feb 25 – John Davies 70, 21 20 M. Avenue
- Feb 25 – Myrle Stanerson 86, 100 Village View Circle
- Feb 26 – Marylin Armstrong 86, 100 Village View Circle, Apt. 312
- Feb 26 – Tyler Schaefer 15, 3147 M Ave, North English 52316
- Feb 29 – May Kruse 83, 406 W. State Street, Apt 1

Those in need of prayers or who are sick or in hospital

- Grace Belland, 112 Ridge View Circle
- Christopher Doehrmann, 304 Taylor Dr., PO Box 557 Lone Tree 52755
- Pastor Tom Ogilvie, 2115 E Court St., Iowa City 52245 – heart surgery
- Tate Schaefer
- Roland Williams, 304 West Welsh Street St.

We would like to welcome new members to St. Paul: Brett & Ellyn Kozishek and Baylea and Emma Rose Hin-

richs.

Congratulations and blessings to Amanda (Taylor) and Kevin Anderson on the birth of a daughter Cora Grace born December 27, 2018.

And to Katie (Imhoff) and Matt Lundquist on the birth of their son Reece Mark David Lundquist on Dec 29th. Grandparents are Mark and Gloria Imhoff.

And to Clint and Elizabeth Wichmann on the birth of their son Liam on January 8. Grandparents are Kenny and Gloria Wichmann.

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Patricia (Kenneth) Hagen of Homestead who passed away Dec 27th. Pat is the sister-in-law to Doris Heitman and aunt to Kurt and Loring Heitman.

New address - Don and Joyce Sandersfeld 9001 Windsor Parkway #301, Johnston , IA 50131
Justin and Nicole Simmons and family, 207 Rogers Dr.

If you need food or know of someone who does, the HACAP Food Reservoir Mobile Food Pantry is at the Williamsburg Kirkwood Campus from 3:00-4:00 pm on the last Tuesday of each month. February 26th

If you need clothes, check out the following places: Contact each store to find out the dates for their sales.

Crowded Closet 1213 Gilbert Court, Iowa City, 9:30-5:00 M-F, Sat 9:30-4:00 319-337-5924. Colored tag ½ price each week.

Good Will/Coralville 2551 Heartland Place, 319-248-4729

Good Will/Iowa City 985 Highway 6 E, 319-248-4705, 9AM-9PM M-F, Sat. 9-6 PM, Sunday 12-5PM

The Attic, Free clothing – call 668-2288 for an appointment (St. Paul Methodist), the hours are Monday 9-11AM, Thursday 5:30-6:30PM

Salvation Army/Iowa City – 1725 Boyrum St., 9AM-8PM, M-Sat. 319-339-4984

Clarion Deadline is February 19

Clarion Assembly will be on February 27 at 1:00pm

Confirmation grades 7th & 8th 6:30pm.

Elders will meet February 12 at 7:00pm

Evangelism will be meeting on February 26 at 5:30pm

His Too Class meets on Tuesdays at 3:00pm.

In our Church Library

Adult books

Amish Promises by Leslie Gould

Journey Down a Quiet Lane in Lancaster County Where Love and Heartache and Friendship and Healing Meet
When Joel and Shani Beck arrive at their new home, they're looking for peace. Shani is thrilled to have Joel back from Iraq, but he needs time to heal, and the quiet of Lancaster seems just the place. They can't imagine any trouble

with their Amish neighbors, the Lehmans, but things get off to a rocky start when their son is involved in an accident that injures one of the Lehman boys. Eve Lehman has run her brother's household ever since the death of his wife, but Tim's a stern patriarch. Despite his protests, she's drawn to the new neighbor, Shani, and the two begin to form a strong friendship forged on faith and family. Things seem like they've quieted down until Joel's single and handsome army friend Charlie catches Eve's attention--a man unlike any Eve has ever met. Suddenly life for both families becomes more complicated than any of them could have ever imagined.

Amish Sweethearts by Leslie Gould

Can These Two Friends from Opposite Worlds Find Love? They've been best friends for years, but as high school ends, Zane Beck can't help but look at his Amish neighbor, Lila Lehman, with different eyes. Her controlling father sees only one future for Lila, though, and arranges for her to be courted by an upstanding young Amish man. When Zane sees the two together, his plans for the future crumble, and he impulsively enlists in the Army, following in his father's footsteps. However, the passing of years and the distance between them isn't enough to halt their now hidden feelings for each other. If being together used to be difficult, it's now impossible, especially with the Amish opposed to war. Zane's service takes a dramatic turn when he's sent to Afghanistan. Being on the front line and the reality of taking a life has him questioning whether he can continue to serve or not. But all choices have consequences--both his and hers. With Lila preparing to marry another, will these one-time sweethearts ever find the life together that they both still long for?



Amish Weddings by Leslie Gould

Gould's Series Concludes in Love and Marriage Gregarious Rose Lehman, who's always the life of the Amish youth singings, is determined to marry the bishop's son, Reuben Byler--until the handsome Army buddy of her future brother-in-law shows up in Lancaster County. In comparison to Trevor, Reuben seems downright boring. Trevor shares Rose's sense of fun and adventure, and her easygoing disposition. When her sister Lila's buggy is rear-ended and Lila is horribly injured, Rose finds herself with more freedom than she's ever experienced. Everyone is so concerned about Lila that no one realizes Rose is sneaking out with Trevor. Except for Reuben. But in his usual passive way, he doesn't confront her, nor does he address the situation with her Dat or anyone else in the district. Rose appreciates Reuben's discretion, but she also resents it. Part of her relishes the freedom she's found with Trevor, but the other part of her wishes Reuben would "fight" for her, as much as any Amish man would. Too late, she realizes the foolish choice she's made. Has she ruined her best chance at love, or is there another path to happiness she just hasn't seen yet?

Heart Land by Kimberly Stuart

A story of reconnection, lost love, and the power of faith, Heart Land follows a struggling fashion designer back to her small Iowa hometown as she tries to follow her dreams of success and finding true love. Grace Klaren has finally made her dream of living in the Big Apple and working in the fashion industry a reality. But when she's unexpectedly fired and can't afford the next month's rent, Grace does something she never thought she'd do: she moves back home. Back in Silver Creek, Iowa, Grace is determined to hate it. She rails against the quiet of her small town, where everything closes early, where there's no nightlife, where everyone knows each other. She's saving her pennies and plotting her return to New York when she almost runs over a man who's not paying attention at a crosswalk. It turns out to be Tucker, her high school sweetheart whose heart she broke when she left ten years ago. They reconnect, and Grace remembers why she fell for him in the first place. And her career begins to turn around when she finds a gorgeous but tattered vintage dress at a flea market. She buys it, rips it apart seam by seam, and re-creates it with new fabric, updating the look with some of her own design ideas. She snaps a picture and lists the dress online, and within a day, it sells for nearly \$200. Suddenly, Grace has her ticket out of here. But Grace can't fight her growing feelings for Tucker. Sometimes when they're together, Tucker paints a picture of what their future could be like, and it feels so real. And when she finally gains the funding to move her new business back to New York, Grace must decide where home really is--will she chase her long-held New York dream, or find a new dream here in the heartland?

Why Am I Joy:Fully Lutheran? by Matthew C. Harrison

Matthew C. Harrison invites you to view Luther's Small Catechism through a lens of joy, being completely confident in Christ's free forgiveness **for you**. For that is what it means to be Joy:Fully Lutheran.

Children's Books

Firebird by Brent McCorkle and Amy Parker

What if God's love were like the sun, constant and unchanging? What if one day you realized nothing could take that away? Firebird is a bright orange baby oriole who just loves the sunshine. But whenever a storm blows in, he frets and asks Mama why God allows the rain to take the sun away. When Firebird is finally old enough, his mother gently instructs him to fly up through the thunder and lightning to see what's on the other side. It's a rough flight, and just when he's about to give up, Firebird rises above the storm to discover the sun shining where it always had been. God never lets the storm take the sun away. With that truth in his heart, Firebird continues to bask in the sunshine, but just as important, he learns to rejoice in the rain. Firebird is a children's book that parallels the life of Samantha Crawford, a storybook artist in the inspiring new film Unconditional who has lost sight of God's love.

The Legend of the Valentine by Katherine Grace Bond illustrated by Don Tate

Marcus, a nine-year-old African-American boy living in Alabama in the sixties, learns the true meaning of valentines as he is faced with whether or not to forgive his classmates and others who have hurt him and his family. His wise grandmother tells him the true story of St. Valentine, who lived out his faith by loving others with the love of Christ and who was persecuted and put to death by the Roman government. An especially tender moment occurs when Marcus's mother and he receive a handmade valentine from his father, who has been jailed because of his nonviolent protests in support of civil rights.

Waiting in Wonder for Easter, family devotions for Holy week by Gail Pawlitz, illustrated by Eva Vagreti

Lent is a time of preparation, wonder, and anticipation. As your family waits for Easter, you can focus on the real reason we celebrate this most wonderful, most amazing day.

This collection of fifteen daily devotions, Bible verses, activities, and prayers will guide your family through the days leading up to Easter.

Quick, easy, and meaningful, these devotions will get your heart ready for Jesus. He is risen!

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Antonio Meets His Match

Antonio should probably be called "Brave Ant", for the heroic way he leads his Army Ants in defending the garden from, say, big Bully Croaker.

But when some foreign ants move into the garden, their strange ways challenge Antonio to use something other than physical strength and military experience to solve a problem.

Teen book

For Such a Time as This by Angie Smith, illustrations by Breezy Brookshire

From bestselling author Angie Smith comes her second children's book, "For Such a Time as This," a Bible storybook for girls that features 40 biblical retellings from prominent women in both the Old and New Testament. Illustrated once more by Breezy Brookshire, "For Such a Time as This" is the pair's second children's book together following the success of "Audrey Bunny". "For Such a Time as This" illuminates the stories from the perspective of prominent women of the Bible, including Eve, Sarah & Hagar, Esther, Mary Magdalene, Gomer, and more with vivid and historical accuracy. Girls aged 6 to 10 will enjoy learning about God through the recounts of the Bible's heroines and stunning illustrations. Summaries at the end of each story highlight the attribute of God to be learned and offer thoughtful reflections for both parent and child to take away."

LYF meets at 6:00 at the Education House

Mid-Week meets at 6:30-8:00.

Adult Choir "Sunday Singing" will be on February 10 and March 10th. We will meet on those Sundays at 8:30 AM to rehearse. Watch for information about special rehearsals for Palm Sunday and Easter if needed.

One Accord meets at 6:30 PM.

Quilters will be meeting each Monday in February at 9:00am.

St. Paul T-Shirts are for sale, sizes small –3x.They are red in color. Sizes Small –Xl are \$8.00, 2X-3X are \$11.00.

Tuesday Morning Men’s & Women’s Bible Study meet at 9:00am

Women' Guild: 10 members & Pastor met for Women’s Guild on January 3rd Pastor led us in Bible Study from Quarterly “shh! Peace. Be Still”. Secretary report & correspondence was read. Treasury report was read by Joan Heitman as Loretta Glandorf was absent. Delta Kappa Gamma brunch will be held March 2 and Jeanette Peirce & Evelyn Hudson served us the menu and it was a real treat. Think we all approved. April 27 the Zone rally will be held at St Paul’s. Women’s Guild will serve refreshments in April. There was a sheet sent around for signing up for a Sunday. Program books reviewed. Beverly Kuddes serves refreshments in February A ballot vote was taken as to serving cookies & bars instead of cakes at funerals it was voted to continue serving cakes etc. Darlene Read led us in mites. January birthdays Lora Shultz , Vera Knock & Amanda Goad.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, hospital visits, emergencies, while Pastor Ogilvie is recovering, please contact Pastor Meyer from Immanuel at 319-668-2999 or 319-330-5005. Any other issues contact your elder or contact the church office. Thank you



