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September 2020 Newsletter

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It is well with My Soul

August 30
Matthew 16:21-28

September 6
Matthew 18:15-20

September 13
Exodus 14:19-31
"When Sorrows Like Sea Billows Roll"

September 20
Philippians 1:21-30
"Though Trials Should Come"

September 27
Philippians 2:1-12
"For Me, Be it Christ Hence to Live"

October 4
Philippians 3:4b-14
"The Sky, Not the Grave, is Our Goal"

October 11
Philippians 4:1-9
"Lord, Haste the Day When the Faith Shall be Sight"

Join us on Wednesday, September 2nd for the LAST

Wednesday Evening Worship on the Lawn!



Worship Moves Back to Sunday Mornings

The past few weeks we have had worship on the lawn on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. We have gathered, socially (well, physically) distant, around a campfire, cross, and table and had a church-camp style worship service. We chose Wednesday evenings to take advantage of cooler evening temperatures. Now that we are approaching autumn and cooler temperatures in general, we are planning to move worship to Sunday morning. On Sunday, September 13, we will have in person, at the church worship at our regular time: 10:00 a.m. This will follow Sunday School!!! Yes, Sunday School will begin that week as well! We will continue our live stream of worship on Sunday mornings as well, so if you can't make it to the church for whatever reason, you can still worship 'live' on Facebook or YouTube. **The short version:** there will be no worship at 7:30 on Wednesday, September 9th (or Wednesday nights after that). On Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m. we will have worship at the church and online.

If no one in your household has already filled out the survey regarding in person, in the building worship, please do so at:

[Survey](#)

Sunday Service and Fellowship Time

Worship services will continue to be live streamed on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. You can either use the

Facebook Link or the YouTube Link to see the live feed, or even worship a little later if you need to. Use the buttons below to choose which link fits your needs best.

[Facebook Link](#)

[YouTube Link](#)

**Join us for Fellowship Time
after Worship through Zoom**

[Zoom Link](#)

September 2020 Calendar Link

[Google Calendar](#)

Pastor Owen's Note

School just doesn't look the same this year. Come to think of it, nothing really looks the same, but school is particularly on many of our minds right now. Many of the certainties of the past have been swept away and things we have counted on being a particular way each year, simply are not. This has created a lot more work for teachers, administrators, students, and parents as everyone is in many ways re-creating the wheel to be ready for school.

I know in our household there has been much scrambling (well, more so than usual) as we get information about what is happening in trickles, then floods, then trickles, then floods.

But this is just the tip of the iceberg, and I don't know about you, but I find myself fatigued at all of it. I confess, I am subject to moments of frustration, anxiety, and despair.

So, I am glad for the gentle nudge of the Spirit in this moment that was brought through the work of Pat Fliger and her preparation for decorating the sanctuary. She set the theme for our next worship series: "It Is Well with My Soul!"

The hymn, while often sung at funerals, is a hymn that makes sense in any moments of trouble or distress. I've always loved the hymn - its haunting melody through the verses that resolves in the wonderful harmonies of the chorus as the words, "It is well

with my soul. It is well, it is well with my soul," are sung.

The author of the hymn, Horatio Spafford, had lost his four-year-old son and the vast majority of his wealth in the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. He planned to return to Europe with his wife and his four daughters, but a last-minute change of plans caused him to send them on ahead. The ship they were on sank rapidly after colliding with another ship and all four of his daughters died. His wife, Anna, survived, and sent him a telegram that read simply, "Saved alone." When Spafford went to join his wife, the story goes, he had the ship's captain alert him when they were at the spot where his daughters died. There, he penned the hymn - "When peace like a river, attendeth my way; when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou has taught me to know it is well, it is well, with my soul!" (taken from "The Chalice Hymnal: Worship Leader Companion" and the Wikipedia article: "It Is Well with My Soul.")

The hymn's words have provided so many people comfort and hope in moments of grief, discouragement, and despair. Its bold proclamation of faith in the face of death and such great tragedy can aid and remind us, even in this moment in history, of our unflinching faith - that doesn't deny tragedy, but proclaims that it is not the final word!

May our faith be refreshed! May we have confidence, not in our own plans and schemes or even the certainties of the world, but in the Spirit's presence through all that life brings.

Shalom,
Pastor Owen

Pastor Alison's Youth News / Christian Education Committee

A Note from Pastor Alison:

Normally for this newsletter I have rolled out all of our fabulous plans for children's and youth ministry for our first month of programming. There are usually parties and food, and fun games and opportunities for our children and youth to participate in. As you all know - this year is different. I am wanting to do my best to figure out what our children and youth need this year - things may look a bit different because of this - which is

why I've solicited some help.

Over the next couple of weeks I'll be meeting up with some of our youth, our sponsors, and parents to figure out what is best for our year this year as we embark on this year full of unknowns. In the meantime, I appreciate your patience.

Children, youth, and families - keep your eyes on your weekly emails (Monday Mayhem and Weekly CHAOS) as that is where we'll be broadcasting what's to come. I'm looking forward to what this year can be, even in the midst of unknowns!

Peace and much love to all of you,

Pastor Alison

SUNDAY SCHOOL start date: September 13, 2020

Mark your calendar for the start of Sunday school on September 13, 2020 at 9:00 am. We will start with in-person classes for K through 12. If you are comfortable to participate in-person, please know that social distancing practices will be in place. We ask that masks be worn as well. If a medical condition limits the wearing of a mask, please notify Deanna Clingan-Fischer, chair of the Christian education committee at skifischer4@msn.com.

We are in the process of determining a virtual presence for those who would prefer to join on line. Stay tuned for more information. Please know that classes may change as needed to accommodate students, teachers and parents.

For pre-Kindergarten, we will be implementing weekly lessons to be mailed to the student. So, at this time, there will be no in-person classes for children in that age range.

For adult bible study classes, we are continuing to work on this roll out so look forward to more information in the coming weeks.

Christian Education Committee



There Will Be a Food Bowl!!

Although many football programs have been suspended, we at ACC will celebrate Fall with our traditional Food Bowl featuring four Iowa and two honorary college teams.

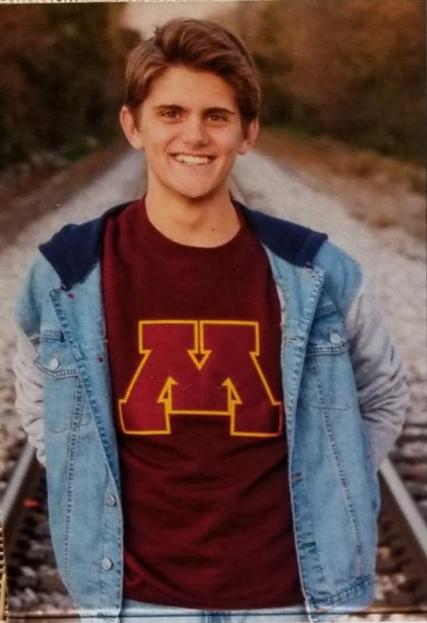
This is an opportunity to support your favorite teams. Votes are counted as five votes per \$1 donation to the “special monthly mission” fund at ACC. Simply indicate your choice of schools and the amounts to be credited weekly or anytime during September using whatever process is most appropriate for you. The competition will continue through September and all proceeds will benefit DMARC food pantries. Donations will be recorded on a chart with weekly updates. Obviously, there are logistics to work out!

Our financial participation is critical and most appreciated. The pandemic has hit many families extremely hard and food insufficiency has become a major factor in a too long list of difficulties they are facing. We can't fix everything, but doing whatever we can will make a difference.

May the best team win as well as all of God's people. Thanks for your participation on behalf of the Missions Committee and Drake University, Iowa State University, Oklahoma University, Texas Christian University, University of Iowa and the University of Northern Iowa.

We are extremely grateful for our ACC family. Thank you so much for your outpouring of sympathy via calls, texts, emails, cards, food and flowers. Our grief in losing Mom/Grandma/Great-Grandma has truly been eased by the love and caring shown through your acts of kindness. Thank you!

*Steve & Georgene
Darin, Lori, Morgan & Kayla*



Mike will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities this fall to major in Psychology and French

ACC Christian Education Committee,

Thank you all so much for the kind card & the giftcard, I really appreciate it! I am so happy that I am supported by the ACC family! Thanks again.

-Mike Hunter

Birthdays in September

- 3 Angela Johnson
- 5 Madilyn Moellers
Maya Schroeder
Coyer Kalvig
Laithan Kalvig
- 6 Tanya Cox
- 8 Adam Olson
- 10 Marlys Lapham
Corbin Widaman
- 14 Deanna Clingan-Fischer
- 15 Barb Bates
- 19 Norma Sperry
Randy Wehofer

20 Wesley Helmke
22 Sally Hanley
Susan Hanley
Amy Shelton
Kingston Ukpabi
23 Jodi Murphy
24 Logan Olson
Zola Parker
Emily Porath
27 Lori Reynolds

September Anniversaries

1 Mike and Laura Dolley
5 Darin & Lori Leach
6 Jon & Jennifer Hauschildt
17 Adam & Angie Olson
20 Curt & Megan Narwold
28 Larry & Nancy Squier
29 Jason-Paul & Amy Channels

The church continues to operate even in these difficult times. If you would like to continue (or begin) to contribute to the work of the church financially, you can mail in a check to 2506 SW 3 rd ST, Ankeny, IA 50023. Or, you can give online by clicking the button below.

There you can set up one-time or recurring donations.

[Online Giving](#)

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