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*Pastor's Column*



When the kids go back to school it is a signal that summer is coming to an end. Now all summers are different and this one was no exception. It has been hot and humid and the rain has been spotty at best. So, some of us have had lots of rain while others almost no rain at all. Yet, today it is rainy and 69 degrees with a forecast to go into the 80's tomorrow. So, what can I say?

Well, we all talk about the weather but it does whatever it wants so we need to live with it and not worry about it is the best answer. Scripture tells us we need only consider the day we are in, for tomorrow will take care of itself which is excellent advice.

With that said we are humans who want things planned out to some degree. I believe God understands our need to be somewhat organized for the future. We need to have direction so we don't wind up in a place we don't want to be. Churches need to program their ministry so people will know what is coming and what to expect. The point here is not to worry if we need to change something if it does not work out as we planned. So often people can not make an adjustment in their lives be it the church activity or personal activity of their lives. In many ways we are not very flexible with our lives.

Now, with that said, why have a planning session for the whole year? That is a good question because ministry will happen even if we don't plan it. The planning session really accomplishes five things. First, it does give us a direction to follow. Secondly, people need to plan their schedules so they are available to attend. Thirdly, we don't try to do so much as to wear us out. Fourth, we can make changes as needed but try to stay with the plan. Fifth, God can alter a ministry but can do nothing if there is no ministry.

Hopefully, our planning session will help us see that we have a well rounded ministry, not just concentrating on one aspect or group. It gives us some goals to reach for and still be flexible in the process.

I look forward to hearing what you think are important ministries of the church. Please be there on Sat. September 22 from 9-2 to make it happen. May God's blessing be with us in our planning.

*God's Blessing,  
Pastor Jack*

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# Scriptures for the Month of September

**Sunday, Sept. 2: Song of Solomon 2:8-13; Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9; James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**

**Sunday, Sept. 9: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; Psalm 125; James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17 Mark 7:24-37**

**Sunday, Sept. 16: Proverbs 1:20-33 and Psalm 19; James 3:1-12; Mark 8:27-38**

**Sunday, Sept. 23: Proverbs 31:10-31; Psalm 1; James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a; Mark 9:30-37**

**Sunday, Sept. 30: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22; Psalm 124; James 5:13-20; Mark 9:38-50**



## Work Days

Sept. 8 after Prayer Breakfast—10 to Noon we will work on outside projects around the Church and Ministry House.

Sept. 15—9 to Noon again working on outside projects getting ready for Fall and Winter.

Make sure you bring gloves and bug spray (bugs are bad this year). There are a number of small projects and a few bigger ones that might take more than two mornings.

The more help we have the faster we can accomplish what we need to do.

## Planning Session

We are going to have another yearly planning session on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will break at noon for lunch which will be pizza! Then hopefully we will conclude our session by 2 p.m. This is a calendaring event in which we will prioritize the events of the church so we will know what our main ministries will be for the whole year. There is always a need to be flexible with dates but if people know we plan to do this ministry they will make an effort to be available. This planning session is open to ALL. Please come and help plan a meaningful church year for we need everyone's help to be alive and well in the faith and presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ!

*Those who plant seeds of  
Love, Joy, & Peace  
Shall reap a Harvest of  
Blessings!*



Living In Harmony  
& Prayer



Again, due to Labor Day weekend Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 8:15 a.m. with rolls, coffee, juice and milk. This is an important ministry of the church. Come and join the group for prayer!!



# Ministry House

Ministry House has officially opened and had their first guest! We got a glowing review from the pastor thanking us for providing such a wonderful home for their vacation. Her daughter asked "when can we come back?"

We also have a reservation for our second guests in September. Please remember this home is open to our congregation as well on a first come first serve basis.

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help- Peg Smith, Laura Darden, Bob Lyon- Ministry House Team and volunteers. Also to Randy Darden, Bob Lyon, Susie Bouchey (our painter), Dennis Thompson, Merry Jo Bell. Randy & Bob stained the front deck and got it looking really good.

A special thanks to the construction guys for the work upstairs and now on the renovations of the basement- Dave Gilliam, JD Settles and Larry Finley. The basement is coming along quite well.

It really is an all church effort for many prayers have been offered as well.

God's Blessing to all!!

## Worship At The Campgrounds

Church Picnic



Our Fourth Annual Worship at the RV park at the end of UU is coming up on Sept. 30. We have the shelter reserved there. Gary and Debbie Herrmann are still co-managing the campgrounds.

This year it will be a little different as it will be picnic style with the church providing the hamburgers and hot dogs plus buns and the rest of us will bring things like baked beans, potato salad, chips, deviled eggs (my favorite) and desserts.

Again we will shuttle anyone who does not have a state park pass from the church starting at 9:45 with worship at 10:30. Hope you all can make it.

## Wednesdays

Wednesdays will be a busy day!

- \* Noon Luncheons will start Sept. 19
- \* Choir will meet 5:30-6:30
- \* Prayer Time will begin 6:30
- \* Bible Study will be from 7-8 (This study will be the same as Monday morning Bible Study. So, you have a choice of when to come each week- Monday morning or Wednesday night.

## Mowing Team

Thanks to all who volunteer to do the mowing and trimming. The church and Ministry House grounds always look great. It takes a while to do that job and it is greatly appreciated by all!!

THANKS TO ALL THE TEAMS!!







# MOVIE NIGHT



We have had the whole summer off this year so hopefully everyone is raring to go to Movie Nights!! We are starting off with a great one. "I Can Only Imagine" which will be on Tuesday, September 2 at 7:00 p.m. Then on Thursday, September 20 we will have more of a "fun movie", "Down and Derby" also at 7:00 p.m. I hope you can come to these movies, we always have a great time. Pastor Jack even bought 2 huge bags of chocolates!!

## WELCOME CENTER HOSTS

Sept. 2: Helen Feuz

Sept. 9: Karen Pizzurro

Sept. 16: Jack Smith

Sept. 23: Dave & Sharon Gilliam

## GREETERS

Sept. 2: Jo Chambers  
JD Settles

Sept. 9: Helen Feuz  
Pat Bangert

Sept. 16: Sybil Mitchell

Sept. 23: Gary & Debbie Hermann

## Landscaping

We will be landscaping in two areas this Fall.

1) Out by the east side of the church near the gazebo. This provides an area for a fire pit so that cook outs in the gazebo can become another ministry of the church. A get together of 10-15 in the gazebo can make for a good family gathering. Also, we will attempt to conquer the green monster (electrical box) on the side of the church.

2) On the west side of the Ministry House. This will finish the work around the Ministry House and will include new gravel under the back deck.



This newsletter is published monthly. If you have an article for publication please get it to the pastor before the last week of the month. Also if you have an address of someone who you think would like to receive this newsletter please leave that information in the church office.

We have a Facebook page, please go to our page and "like" us. You can post suggestions, pictures or anything you would like. It is also a great way to find out what is going on and see the pictures of events already taken place.



August

October



# September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1  <b>Mowing Team No. 2</b>
2  Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30 <b>COMMUNION</b>	3  <b>No Office Hours</b>  <b>Labor Day</b>	4  <b>Movie Night 7:00</b> <b>"I Can ONLY Imagine"</b>	5  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b> <b>Choir 5:30</b>	6  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>  <b>L.E.O.T.A. Red Lobster 12:15</b>	7	8  <b>Prayer Breakfast 8:15</b>  <b>Work Day 10-12</b>  <b>Mowing Team No. 3</b>
9  Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	10  <b>Office Hours 1-5</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30</b> <b>Women's Ministries 12:30</b>	11	12  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b> <b>Choir 5:30</b> <b>Prayer 6:30</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	13  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>  <b>Trustee Meeting 10:00</b>	14	15  <b>Work Day 9-12</b>  <b>Mowing Team No. 4</b> <b>JD That's You</b>
16  Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30  <b>Brian Mitchell Speaking</b>  <b>BLUE SUNDAY</b>	17  <b>Office Hours 1-5</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30</b> <b>Women's Ministries 12:30</b>	18	19  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b> <b>Noon Luncheon 12:00</b> <b>Choir 5:30</b> <b>Prayer 6:30</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	20  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>  <b>Movie Night 7:00</b> <b>"Down and Derby"</b>	21	22  <b>Charlie's in Omaha 12:15</b>  <b>Planning Session 9-2</b>  <b>Mowing Team No. 1</b>
23  Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30	24  <b>Office Hours 1-5</b> <b>Bible Study 10:30</b> <b>Women's Ministries 12:30</b>	25	26  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b> <b>Noon Luncheon 12:00</b> <b>Choir 5:30</b> <b>Prayer 6:30</b> <b>Bible Study 7:00</b>	27  <b>Office Hours 9-5</b>	28	29  <b>Mowing Team No. 2</b>
30  Fellowship Time 9:30 Worship Time 10:30  <b>Worship at the Campgrounds Picnic</b>						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						Katie Jensen <sup>1</sup> Makayla Blake Tom Kutzner
2	Dave Thomas Ivan & Kathy Reimer	4	5	6	7	8 Jack Mielke
9	Bob Bell	11	Dennis Thompson <sup>12</sup> Dave & Sharon Gilliam	Jim Perkin <sup>13</sup> Bob & Sybil Mitchell	14	15 Henry & Ruth Ann Finck
16	Steve Fennema	18	19	20	21 Michaela Fransen	22 Mike & Jessica Eckerle
Susie Bouchey <sup>23</sup> Warren & Marilyn Samuelson	24	25	26	27	28	29 Jeff Sletto
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