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Fairview Church of the Brethren Newsletter

Sharon's Sharings...

The Roar of the Lion

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

Whether you believe the devil is real or not, Genesis 3:1 claims he is a created being, and the shrewdest of all the creatures God created. According to 1 Peter 5:8 he is like a lion that tries to instill paralyzing fear in his victims.

Let me tell you about a lion that roars. A young strong lion does not roar. The lion that roars is an old lion that is no longer quick and stealth. He is missing teeth and has to voice a fierce roar in order to cause his prey to be paralyzed with fear so that he can seize his dinner.

When we have committed our life to God, through Jesus, James 4:7-8 tells us, "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. Draw close to God, and God will draw close to you. The Greek word translated "resist" means to "flick off" like flicking off a fly. Realizing this builds confidence as we ignore the roaring.

And 2 Timothy 1:7, (Amplified Bible) says, "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity—of cowardice, of craven and cringing and fawning fear—(like the lion inflicts upon his prey) but He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of calm and well-balanced mind and discipline and self-control." Wordy, I know, but it tells it like it is.

When we are overpowered with the fear of our enemies' roars, remember the verses above. Satan's power is in our intimidation, his defeat is our believing, standing in, remembering and speaking God's Word.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-8

Lovingly, Pastor Sharon

Memory Verse this month:

"So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?"

Hebrews 13:6



Time Change

The time change will happen Sunday March 8th. Be sure to move your clocks ahead so you don't miss out on anything that Sunday morning.



March Birthdays

1 Patty Singley
14 Winston Pace
21 David Grove

Leadership Team Meeting Report

The Leadership Team met February 19 with 11 people present. Reports were heard from the Treasurer, Pastor Sharon, the Deacons, the Missions/Nurture Commission, and the Steward Commission. The full minutes from the meeting can be found in the pamphlet rack in the hallway, but some items of note include:

- Terracing and dozing work were completed on the church farm.
- Five deer were donated to the church and they were processed into deer burger using funding received at the December Harvest Dinner. The meat was donated to the Lord's Cupboard.
- The \$300 in donations received at the Valentine's Dinner will be used to help defray the costs of those attending the Favored Women Conference in April.
- The pastors and deacons are always available for counseling and/or prayer.
- The deacons will be gifting baby blankets to two babies.
- A crochet class has been started with the goal to donate afghans to Project Linus.
- The Stewards are obtaining estimates for installation of a Plexiglas railing in the balcony.
- The metal cross made last year to hang on the church exterior is being powder coated.
- A new high school youth group has been started at Fairview.
- The church will be purchasing a new camera and external microphone for use in recording the weekly sermons. A new CD player and mounting rack will also be bought. Several children grades 4-8 will be attending a lock-in at Waterloo in March.

Deadlines to be aware of

- ⇒ Bulletins are being printed on Fridays often so information should be to Lisa Thursdays at the latest.,
- ⇒ The slides for Sunday are being put together by Kim Thursdays or Fridays. So she needs that information on Wednesdays, Thursday mornings at the latest.

Things you could help with in our church

- ◇ Cleaning our church (Talk with Ryan Brinegar)
- ◇ Helping lead singing in worship service (talk with Ashley Brinegar)
- ◇ Bean bags, saucers chairs or similar comfy seating for youth room (Talk with Kim Lawson)



*Create in me a
Clean heart, O God*

Mark Your Calendars—

Northern Plains District Conference

July 31, August 1 and 2, 2020
Moderator, Lucinda Douglas
Church on Northland
5200 Northland Ave NE
Cedar Rapids IA 52402



“God's Adventurous Future”



Annual Conference 2020

July 1–5

Grand Rapids, MI

More information online



A Question By Emily Penner

This past week I heard a testimony from a man that grew up Muslim. He was sharing how he knew and was very passionate about Muslim. He would encounter Christians and others and ask them “Why are you a Christian?” or whatever they were believing.

He shared about how all the Christians would uhhmm and say they went to such and such church but they couldn’t really answer the question.

In college he met Tom and Ben. They showed up at his apartment door and he found in meeting with them every Thursday night for weeks and weeks. He really got so he enjoyed their visits. They really listened to him and his questions....not just to respond but to understand. They would listen, really listen and then answer his questions. If they didn’t know Tom and Ben would find out, and come back the next week. Needless to say he became a Christian after reading the Bible to reply to Tom and Ben. During his reading he was challenged by Apostle Paul about living by tradition alone. He realized that he was a Muslim because of tradition.

How many of us have really thought about why we are Christians? Questions are so good. It is often what Jesus did, he asked questions. So the people would discover for themselves....the truth. 1 Peter 3:15 “but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, ready at any time to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.” Ask yourself this week...”Why am I a Christian?” I’m am hoping that some of you will write up your answers and we can share them in future newsletters. I really look forward to thinking and writing mine up, and reading yours.



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A Thought for L E N T

FAST from criticizing, and
FEAST on appreciating,
FAST from ill-temper, and
FEAST on peace,
FAST from resentment, and
FEAST on contentment,
FAST from jealousy, and
FEAST on love,
FAST from pridefulness, and
FEAST on humility,
FAST from selfishness, and
FEAST on service,
FAST from fear, and
FEAST on faith.