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PASTOR'S OCTOBER ARTICLE

HIS PRESENCE - OUR PRAYERS



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Sunday School: 9:30 am
Worship Service: 10:45 am

Wednesday Activities:
Family Supper/Kids
Club/Youth Group 5:00 pm
Corporate Prayer: 6:00 pm
7:00 pm Choir Practice

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In April of 2009 our church had the privilege to host the then Northwestern District of the C&MA. Since then the name has changed to more accurately reflect our region, the North Central District of the C&MA.

Pictures in this newsletter are from that conference. I had asked our congregation to help create a prayer room where the delegates could escape to pray before, during or after business.

As always, our congregation rose to the challenge and created a walk through area with stations for prayer. The theme of the walk through was based on the Alliance four-fold gospel; Jesus is our Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King as we reach the world for Christ our King.

The prayer room was available 24 hours per day during these hours to pray for others. Many delegates took advantage of this room for prayer.

The one personal testimony that stuck me so deeply was a

pastor of our district who said he could not find the time to slip away to take advantage of this room, but he wanted to at least walk through it to see what was available. What he told me was gripping. He said that the moment he entered the prayer room he sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit and the sweet anointing of God. He was blessed by the peace it offered him as he just strolled through this prayer sanctuary.

Seven years later as the Governing Board was discussing the possibility of moving the Nursery upstairs into the church library space and moving the library across the hall, a broader suggestion was proposed to relocate the offices in the sanctuary to make space for a permanent and accessible Prayer Room. The Governing Board responded to this idea with enthusiasm and we are a couple of weeks out from fulfilling this dream.

In Matthew 18:19-20 Jesus makes this wonderful declaration, "Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it

*Prayerfully
building relationships to
impact lives
with the
transforming
power of
Christ for the
growth of
God's kingdom.*



Pastor's October Article Continued



shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven. For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst."

His presence as we pray together. We are told to pray in secret, which a prayer room provides. We are told to gather together to pray, which a prayer room provides. Jesus declares that God's house should be a *House of Prayer*.

When our new prayer room is ready we will have a special time on a Sunday morning service to dedicate it to the Lord. This is exciting and I appreciate all the suggestions offered for this special room. I am still compiling ideas for creating a functional and atmospheric room for prayer.

Pastor Kevin



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WAYS YOU CAN BE A BLESSING-

Would be willing to help cook and serve the Alpha Celebration Dinner meal on Wednesday, October 5th? This is a special meal served at the tables. We have a menu planned and recipes gathered. Some of the Alpha leaders will be there to provide instruction.

* Would you be willing to help out 2-3 times in the next few months in doing some final food preparation and serving? This would be a tremendous blessing to the Alpha table

so they can be with their guests as they arrive, instead of in the kitchen.

- Would you consider helping a few times in the nursery so a mom and dad with a young child can attend Alpha? Nursery workers need to be Safe Place approved. Please see Marsha or Terra if you are interested in this.
- Would you be willing to join others in a fun day of meal prep for Alpha on Saturday October 15th? We would like to prepare at least 8 meals. The ingredients will be provided so there is nothing you need to bring. If you would like to contribute ingredients, let us know. We won't turn it down!

Well, would you?

Thank you for considering helping. If you are able to help in any way, it is a huge blessing to us as we try to reach our community with the message of Jesus. We are excited about this session!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Operation Christmas Child will begin this month. A box will be available for items beginning on October 2, but you can start purchasing items now. We will receive items and boxes through November 13 with a tentative church family packing event on November 12.

We will also need helpers at the mall from November 13 through the 19

when we will be receiving the boxes from area ministries.

For more information regarding this ministry, please see Gloria Bush.



GREAT COMMISSION WOMEN

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 9, following the morning worship service. Bobby Roos and Lorinda Freeman will be providing the lunch. As of now, we do not have our missions focus for the month, as we are waiting for the national office to tell us what country the prayer

Focus is on. As soon as it is known, it will be publicized. All women are invited to attend this meeting to learn more about our international workers and uphold them with prayer and finances.



CLICK Here for National Project Details

ATTENTION!



Wednesday Night Kids Club begins October 5th.

We are looking for children ages 5 years through 6th grade who want to have fun and dig deeper into the truth of the Bible to learn more about who God is and what He has written in the greatest Book ever.

- Supper will begin at 5:00 pm
- Activities will be from 5:30-7:00 pm

We are looking for more adults to round out our team of leaders who will join them on their quest!

Do you love God's children and want to share the love of Christ with them, pray for and with them, and guide them in their knowledge of the one true God and His Scripture? Can you lead once a month? Bi-weekly? Weekly? Can you be called as a substitute?

Please join us! Call Lorinda at 218-213-8331

OCTOBER NURSERY SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Allison Bush - SS
Bridget/Emery M.

Oct. 9 Barb Sotzsky &
Lilly Bush

Oct. 16 Allison Bush

Oct. 23 Jodi Anderson

Oct. 30 Gail & Cassidy
Mohawk

Please arrive in the nursery 15 minutes before the start of the service. Make sure to check each child in and give a pager to the parent/guardian. At the end of the service, please clean up the nursery by putting away toys, taking out the garbage, and filling out the appropriate paperwork. Thank you so much for your serving.



OCTOBER USHER SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Bob Hyatt
Daniel Bush
Matt Anderson
Lonny Schmelzer

Oct. 9 Terry Fisher
Everett Dague
Joel Maki
Rick Norenberg

Oct. 16 Bob Hyatt
Matt Anderson

Harlee Sirjord
Daniel Bush

Oct. 23 Matt Anderson
Rick Norenberg
Lonny Schmelzer
Terry Lanska

Oct. 30 Matt Anderson
Joel Maki
Everett Dague
Daniel Bush



OCTOBER GREETER SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 John & Connie
Nylund

Oct. 9 Alice Edwards &
Carol Maki

Oct. 16 Vi & Gail Mohawk

Oct. 23 Jim & Phyllis
McGuire

Oct. 30 Jerry & Barb
Fletcher

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please check with someone scheduled before or after you and see if they can switch dates.



OCTOBER CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Oct. 2 Jodi Anderson
 Oct. 9 Bobby Roos
 Oct. 16 Terri Erickson/
 Kathy McCauley
 Oct. 23 Gail Mohawk
 Oct. 30 Family Sunday

Children's Church materials are located in a file cabinet in the Children's Church room.. There are also supplies in the room. Please contact Bobby Roos if you have any questions or would like to help serve in this important ministry.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 4 Carolyn Nyberg
 Oct. 7 Diane Wickstrom
 Oct. 9 Pastor Kevin
 Oct. 13 Allison Bush
 Oct. 14 Jim Dietrich
 Oct. 15 Connie Nylund
 Oct. 19 Bruce Eichorn

Oct. 21 Barb Monroe
 Dave Anderson
 Oct. 23 Olivia Carlson
 David Bush
 Oct. 25 Carol Maki
 Oct. 26 Nolan Schmelzer
 Oct. 27 Ben Freeman
 Trish Ellefson

Oct. 28 Bobby Roos
 Noah Eichorn
 Oct. 30 Emery Maki
 Oct. 31 Matt Anderson



OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 5 Jerry/Barb
 Fletcher
 Oct. 20 Josh/Amy
 Sirjord
 Oct. 21 Lowell/Bernie
 Knowles



ALPHA IS HERE! JOIN US!

Where is it?

Hibbing Alliance Church
218-262-6685 <http://hibbingalliance.org> or check us out on Facebook

When is it? Wednesdays, October 5th-December 13th (no class November 30th), plus a mini-retreat on Saturday morning, November 12th.

October 5th is the Alpha Celebration Dinner. This will be a special meal- with real plates and cloth tablecloths! After that we serve more simple, but delicious, meals that are buffet style.

What is Alpha? Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith, in a friendly, open and informal environment. It is a relaxed, no-pressure way to learn and share opinions. People are not pressured to commit to attending each week, there is no cost, no one is pressured to pray, read out loud, or share opinions. Alpha is a great way to introduce people to biblical Christianity in a way that is respectful and caring. It is an incredibly effective and easy way to reach those you care about. Please invite someone to join you at Alpha this fall.

Do I need to bring anything? No. The course books and DVD contain the information you need.

How should I dress? Casual is fine.

What will the evening look like?

Arrive and catch up on each other's week.

Have a delicious meal.

Watch a DVD presentation of that week's topic (see below)

Share ideas, questions, and opinions as one feels comfortable (no pressure)

Goodbyes. That's it!

What are the topics we will cover?

Weekly topics

Who is Jesus?

Why did Jesus Die?

How can we have Faith?

Why and how do I Pray?

Why and how should I Read the Bible?

How does God Guide us?

How can I Resist Evil?

How can I Make the Most of the Rest of my Life?

Why and how should I tell Others?

Does God Heal Today?

What about the Church?

Saturday morning Mini retreat Nov 12th

Who is the Holy Spirit?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

How can I be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

How can I Make the Most of the Rest of my Life?

Prepare the Way!

Missions Emphasis 2016–2017

This year's theme, "Prepare the way for the Lord," based on Luke 3:4–6, reveals how God is on the move in our world, making a way for overlooked and isolated peoples to come to Him. He is inviting us to join Him in "preparing a way" so that ALL will see His salvation.

How do we prepare the way? Through supporting our international workers with prayer and giving to the Great Commission Fund.

Our Hibbing Alliance Great Commission Fund Faith Promise campaign begins October 9th and runs through October 30th. Our pledge goals \$10,000. Faith Promise cards will be handed out October 9th. Each week we will check our progress to see how we are preparing the way so others can hear the good news...and we will have exciting news about what God is doing around the world. More about that later!

Looking ahead- Our own Tony and Raeni Roos and daughters will be here next April for the Spring Mission's Conference. Tony and Raeni grew up in the Hibbing Alliance Church. They are currently the Missionaries in Residence at Crown College while on their 1 year furlough from serving with Envision (CMA) in France. We are so excited to have them with us! Last spring, the Lain family joined us for the spring conference. Since the Lains serve in an area that makes protecting their identity important for ministry and safety reasons, we will provide you with specific prayer requests and updates at the mission's table, rather than the internet. FYI: The Lains made it to Spain a couple weeks ago. They just celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary! Pray for the family as they adjust to life in Spain and develop ministries there. Also, if you didn't get a chance to sign up to support the Lains, and you would like to, find them on the CAMA website. They have a Latte club, which involves signing up to give the cost of an average latte, \$5, every month. The Lains will send you updates via email about what is going on in Spain.



OCTOBER FAMILY SUPPER MEALS

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| Oct. 5 | Corn dogs, macaroni & cheese, beans, fruit cocktail, brownies with ice cream |
| Oct. 12 | Chicken stir fry, rice, mandarin orange jello, sherbet and fortune cookies. |
| Oct. 19 | Taco bar, fruit salad, ice cream bars |
| Oct. 26 | Ham & scalloped potatoes, corn, apple sauce, dinner roll, pumpkin cupcakes |

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 3:00 pm Church in use for wedding
2 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	3 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm Trustee Meeting	4 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	5 5:00 pm Supper/Clubs/Youth 6:00 pm Corporate Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice	6 5:30 pm Deaconess Meeting 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice	7 5:00 pm Wedding Practice	8 4:00 pm Church in use for wedding
9 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 12:00 pm GCW	10 5:15 pm Communication Team Meeting 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	11 3:30 pm DMC Meeting 6:30 pm Missions Committee Meeting	12 5:00 pm Supper/Clubs/Youth 6:00 pm Corporate Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice	13 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice	14 5:30 pm Lone Rangers	15
16 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship	17 6:00 pm Elder Meeting 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	18 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	19 5:00 pm Supper/Clubs/Youth 6:00 pm Corporate Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice 8:00 pm Finance Co. ** Meeting Minutes Due	20 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice	21	22 8:30 pm Area Ladies Retreat @ Wesley Untied Methodist Church
23 9:30 am Sunday School 10:45 am Worship 30 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 Hymn sing 10:45 am Worship	24 6:00 pm Governing Board Meeting 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study 31 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	25 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	26 5:00 pm Supper/Clubs/Youth 6:00 pm Corporate Prayer 7:00 pm Choir Practice ** Newsletter Articles Due	27 6:00 pm Worship Team Practice	28	29