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“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

“And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

These are the marching orders for all of God's children, if they be Jews or Gentiles. God has promised blessings upon all who obey, and cursings for all who disobey. Hear what Jesus Christ, the Messiah, has to say in Matthew 5:17-20; “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

“For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven.”

The world in which we live is a mess in so many ways one hardly knows where to begin, but begin we shall.

Whatever happens in our society there are groups of people who gather in throngs to place the blame on someone else instead of looking in the mirror of life and recognizing the culprit staring back at them. Many years ago there was a cartoon strip with a possum and many other animal characters in it. One special one was where something bad happened in our society and the cartoon characters were reflecting us. They were searching for the culprit, and the possum declared, “We has found the enemy, and he is us!”

We, as a nation have turned away from the only real source of guidance that humanity has, and that is the one true God; the One who created the universe and all it contains. We have many thousands of churches in this nation, and in so many of these churches a social gospel is preached. That is, if the poor are enriched, if the homeless are fed, clothed and housed, the addicts are given clean needles, and replacement drugs that are safer, and we teach tolerance of aberrant behavior, and we have a justice system that truly is just, plus who knows what else, then the murder and other violence in our society will diminish.

Well, a couple of things happened recently (which has become the norm) that dispels such mythology. The first one happens to be not a poor person, but two very wealthy leaders in New York State. They were sent to prison on corruption charges; nothing unusual about that except for the fact they were even caught and prosecuted.

However, they are now going to appeal the verdict. The basis for the appeal? It seems no one has been able to clearly define *corruption!* Well, at least not in this case.

The other one is when a terrorist went into a night club and killed and wounded a record number of people;... did I write terrorist? The terrorist called 911 and told them his plans, and he called them again while he was still shooting up the place.

However, law enforcement agencies and the president were loath to call it an act of terrorism, and indeed, not *ISIS* or *Radical Islam*, when the terrorist in fact said he represented **ISIS!**

How far down the slippery slope of lies we have come as a nation! When the leadership of a nation refuses to call something by its proper name when the facts are presented to them, it is impossible to fight crime. There are a number of factors that propagate crime but the number one factor is not calling things as they really are and then dealing with it.

This brings us to the churches in North America. When the Gospel of Jesus Christ is watered down by teaching social activism the people have lost their way. When sin is called sin as the Bible describes sin, and the preachers tell the people they must repent and be saved in the name of Jesus Christ, it gives them direction for their lives here on earth and direction for eternity.

Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6, NKJV).

Well, that certainly is good direction, is it not? But there are those who would question the need of Jesus Christ in the first place.

Again, the Bible speaks: “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, *because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*” (John 3:18 NKJV).

All of mankind stands condemned before God, not because of what they have done but because they have a sin nature; it is natural to sin. If anyone does not believe the Scriptures are true, it is sin. When lawmakers make laws contrary to God’s word, it is sin. Sin makes the body restless so people find ways to compensate for what seems to be lacking. Most of the time the consequences are very negative.

The answer to all of the problems in this nation, or any other, is to turn to God and allow His Son, Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to take their sin away by His sacrificial death on the cross.

In Romans 7:24-8:1 the Bible says, “O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

“So then, with the mind I myself serve the law of God, but with the flesh the law of sin.

“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”

See how easy it is to walk through life with the God of the universe? Don’t keep Him waiting; YOU may run out of time.

Serving Christ and the Community, Pastor Jim



In and Around the Community

We would like to send a huge thank you to Carol Duerr and all those who helped make the rummage sale such a great success!

Our July 17th service was dedicated to Eleanor Reynolds for her 100th birthday on August 1st. We sang Eleanor's favorite hymns, and the choir reunited to sing two anthems. It was a wonderful service in honor of an equally wonderful woman. Happy Birthday, Eleanor!

Please keep the family of Reverend Paul Beech in your prayers. He passed away on June 25th at the age of 94. Reverend Paul was a past interim minister at our church. Memorials can be sent to the Hospice of Orleans.

Congratulations to Andrew Cook who proposed to his girlfriend, Natalie, in July. We are thrilled for the happy couple and look forward to the upcoming wedding!

The Youth Group enjoyed both of their trips to Darien Lake this past month. They had a great time at the park as well as listening to the bands at Kingdom Bound. They were even able to meet some of the performers!

We are happy to hear that Kelsey and Kayla Mosher and Mazie Carpenter's grandmother is now in remission. However, she is now battling pneumonia.

Kylie Davenport announced that her baby sister is a carrier of cystic fibrosis, but doesn't actually have the disorder herself. What a relief for the family.

Please remember the Cliff family in your thoughts and prayers. Scott Cliff passed away unexpectedly on July 4th.

Shania, the foster child we've been keeping in our prayers, can no longer be staying where she was and is now back in foster care. Her mother is trying to get her back before school starts.

We continue to pray for Andrew Cook's fiancé's mother, who is suffering from complications from brain surgery. Her brain isn't reacting correctly, and she has intense pain in her face. She has to be on strong medications, which causes her to act strangely and be depressed. This is increasingly tough for her and the family.

We are devastated to hear that Eliza Ketchum, a past accompanist, failed to wake up in early July. Eliza, 28-years-old, was studying to become a nurse practitioner and was working as an RN. Many attended her memorial service, which was full of love, music, and stories from family and friends. Please keep the family in your prayers.

Remember the Bartolucci family in your prayers. Family and friends continue to grieve Giana's death, especially her parents.

Congratulations to Skip and Kathy Scroger who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 30th! Further congratulations to Chap and Jan Fabry who celebrated their 69th anniversary on July 26th.

Ed and Joan Purvee became great-grandparents on July 23rd to MacKenzie Rose.

Katie Kundrata will be travelling home to visit for a week from Malaysia. We wish you safe travels!

Dale and Lisa Rowley became grandparents and Lank and Audrey Dobbins became great-grandparents on July 22nd to Adeline MacKenzie. She is the daughter of Kevin and Bonnie Rowley. Congrats!

We continue to remember in prayer: the Ashberry family, Jim Bliss, Fred & Wilma Conradt, Chap & Jan Fabry, Helen Mattern, RoseMary Mintz, Ralph Olney, Ed & Joan Purvee, Eleanor Reynolds, Larry & Sandy Richardson, Pastor Jim, and the youth group. Cards, notes, and visits are always welcome.

August Birthdays:

1st Eleanor Reynolds
12th Helen Mattern
17th Nancy Walker
20th Pastor Jim Richardson
21st Molly Richardson
25th Mary Callari
31st Grace Cater

August Anniversaries:

7th Pastor Jim & Alice
Richardson
13th Ryan & Karen Bond
16th Bob & LuAnn Henry
18th Tom & Julia Ingraham

August Greeters:

7th Carol Duerr
14th Community Worship Service
21st Carol Duerr
28th Carol Duerr



Kitchen Item:

The kitchen item for
August is:
Plastic or Styrofoam
Cups

UPCOMING EVENTS



Care Net Golf for Life

Care Net will be hosting their annual Golf for Life at Hickory Ridge on August 5th. If you're interested in participating or creating a team, sign-up sheets are located in MacQueen Hall.

Vacation Bible School

VBS will be at Morton Baptist Church this summer. It will be the week of August 8th-12th. Help would be greatly appreciated! Please contact John Cook or Brad Miller if you're interested.



CURE Picnic

The CURE Picnic will be held on Saturday, September 17th this year. Mark your calendar!

ATTENTION!



Church Supplies

The church is in constant need of **paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, any size Ziplock bags, and trash bags (13-gal and 30-gal)**. If we all could contribute a little it would take the burden off those who are constantly purchasing these things for the church. These items go fast, and we all use them so if you're able, please contribute. If you'd like to contribute money for these items please see Bev Olney or Dan Cater. Thank you!

ADAM'S RIB

In Sunday School, they were teaching how God created everything, including human beings. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny what is the matter?" Little Johnny responded, "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school; they are way too smart...

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

"NO!" all the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again the answer was, "NO!"

"Well," I continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted, "You gotta be dead!"

TWO LITTLE BOYS

A couple had two little boys, ages 8 and 10, who were excessively mischievous. The two were always getting into trouble and their parents could be assured that if any mischief occurred in their town their two young sons were in some way involved.

The parents were at their wits end as to what to do about their sons' behavior. The mother had heard that a clergyman in town had been successful in disciplining children in the past, so she asked her husband if he thought they should send the boys to speak with the clergyman.

The husband said, "We might as well. We need to do something before I really lose my temper!" The clergyman agreed to speak with the boys, but asked to see them individually. The 8 year old went to meet with him first. The clergyman sat the boy down and asked him sternly, "Where is God?"

The boy made no response, so the clergyman repeated the question in an even sterner tone, "Where is God?" Again the boy made no attempt to answer. So the clergyman raised his voice even more and shook his finger in the boy's face, "WHERE IS GOD?"

At that the boy bolted from the room and ran directly home, slamming himself in the closet. His older brother followed him into the closet and asked what had happened. The younger brother replied, "We are in BIG trouble this time. God is missing and they think we did it."



Saturday, August 13th

5:00 PM	<p>Pulled Pork Dinner \$10 includes pulled pork dinner along with 3 delicious side dishes Sponsored by Partyka Farms</p> <p>Drinks Sponsored by Kendall United Methodist Church</p> <p>Ice Cream Sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Church</p>	<p>Games for Kids Sponsored by Garden Club, Kludt Farms, Partyka Farms, Flow's Willow Farm, St. Mark's Church, Morton Baptist Church</p> <p>Hay Maze Sponsored by Patt Brother's Farm</p>
6:00 - 8:00 PM	<p>Music Provided by Larry Weed's Band</p>	<p>Historian Display in the Town Hall</p>
6:30 PM	<p>K-9 Demonstration Provided by the Albion Police Department</p>	<p>Free Outdoor Movie ZOOTOPIA Behind Town Hall Popcorn and Lemonade Provided by the Lions Club</p>

Sunday, August 14th

10:00 AM	<p>Community Worship At the Gazebo (Bring Your Own Chair) Refreshments to follow Led by Pastor Sara from the Kendall United Methodist Church</p>	<p>RAIN OR SHINE</p> <p>Any Questions feel free to contact: bflow@townofkendall.com</p>
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ORLEANS COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

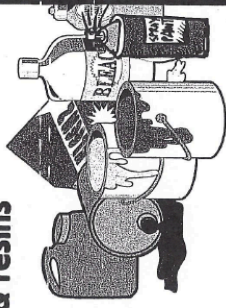
SAT., AUG. 6, 2016

You must register to take part in this event!

Orleans County residents only. No commercial waste.

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICALS YOU MAY BRING TO THE COLLECTION DAY ARE:

- oil-based paints
- solvents
- polishes/waxes
- pesticides
- aerosols
- household & auto batteries
- fluorescent bulbs
- motor oil & filters
- adhesives & resins
- acids
- corrosives
- antifreeze



This is a partial list. We will also accept propane tanks.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

Explosives, pressurized tanks, ammunition, PCBs, pathologic waste, infectious waste, radioactive waste, syringes, computers & electronics, pharmaceuticals

To register, call the Orleans County Planning Office, M-F 8:30a-4:00p

585-589-3198

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Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. - Hebrews 11:1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Bible Study @ 12:00	4	5 Care Net Golf for Life	6 Hazardous Waste Collection Day
7 Communion Sunday	8 VBS	9 VBS	10 VBS Bible Study @ 12:00	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 Kendall Home Grown Days
14 Kendall Home Grown Days Community Worship Service @ 10:00	15	16	17 Bible Study @ 12:00	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Bible Study @ 12:00	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Bible Study @ 12:00			

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