I’ve been particularly touched by this year’s Lenten Soup Supper devotionals. If you haven’t been able to attend, the focus has been looking at the details of Christ’s last days before His crucifixion. The thing that has particularly stood out to me is how every single detail was taken care of and everything happened just according to God’s plan. From the man carrying the water jug and the room that was available to the Passover’s symbolism, God was present in every aspect of these events.

When I consider my life, I wonder how many times I’ve missed seeing God at work in little details each day. How often circumstances or seemingly unconnected events come together in a way that I could never have expected. If we’re not alert to these interactions of God in our lives, we start to take them for granted, instead of giving Him praise and glory.

God is completely sovereign – He has everything under control and He works all things together to accomplish His plan. And His plan is one that is far better than the ideas and schemes that we come up with (Romans 8:28). What comfort this is as I consider all the mistakes and bad choices I’ve made in my life. If His plan was dependent on me, what a mess it would be! It also gives me great comfort as I think about the future and all the uncertainty there is around us. Knowing that everything, even the opposition against God, is under His control gives me a peace and hope that cannot be explained by the world.

As you prepare for Easter, will you take time to notice how God is at work in the details of your life, and then give Him praise?

Bryan Van Itallie, Elder

Palm Sunday, March 20th Kids
Join us for singing and a palm branch parade on Palm Sunday! Elementary kids have been learning and practicing "The Gospel Song" during Sunday Learning. The older kids are helping to teach this simple song to the younger kids so that they can share it with you!

Easter Flowers
If you would like to purchase flowers either in honor or memory of friends or family, sign up at the information desk. Easter Lily 4-7 blooms $10 10-14 blooms $20 Spring Tulips or Hyacinths $10

Youth Hope Old Testament Poetry, Sat. March 12th
Youth Hope – a ministry of Christian Friendliness – a ministry that our church supports is having a Night of Old Testament Poetry called Verses by local youth from the ministry sharing Old Testament characters in poetry using modern day language. The event is Sat. March 12 at 7:30 at Harvest Bible Chapel and an offering will be taken. No reservation is needed.

Weekly Events
Sunday - 8:15 Adult class, 9:30 Worship, 10:50 Sunday Learning, 7:00 Jr. & Sr. High Youth Group
Tuesday - 6:30-9:00 p.m. Adult Volleyball
Wednesday - 5:00 Soup Supper, 6:00 Praise Band, 6:45 Choir, Middle & Sr. High Bible study
Friday - 7:00 p.m. Men’s Basketball
Sunday - 3:00 p.m. Pickleball, FLC Gym

Prayers:
Alvin Dobbels - Susan Borders, father fell last Sunday and had a mild stroke
Maxim Pikulskyi - deployed to Kuwait
David Pfautz - John’s brother in hospice care in Florida
Grace Iogha - compressed fracture in her lumbar vertebrae. She is in a lot of pain.
Ed Hanssen - recovery from shoulder replacement surgery
Carol Tucker - recovery from knee surgery
Praises: Reid Madsen - newborn grandson of Richard & Ember, at home doing well

Remember to turn your clocks ahead 1 hour on Saturday, March 12th before you go to bed.
SUNDAY LEARNING CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Our souls need to be fed daily with God's Word just as much as our bodies need food… and Sunday Learning is a great way to begin!

The Road – 10:50 am

THE WAY – Discover how the Bible fits together to tell one grand story. The Stranger on the Road to Emmaus – Pastor Brian Akker, Tom Schuetz – Sanctuary
March 13: Chapter 14.2 – The Emmaus Road Message-Adam to Noah
March 20: Chapter 14.3 – The Emmaus Road Message - Abraham to the Law
March 27 - NO Classes, Happy Easter!
April 3: Chapter 14.4 – The Emmaus Road Message - Tabernacle to Brazen Serpent

THE TRUTH – Dig into the Bible to learn what it means to follow Christ and to be His disciple. Design for Discipleship

March 13: DFD#3-Ch.1: Maturing In Christ
March 20: DFD#3-Ch.2: The Lordship of Christ
March 27 – NO Classes, Happy Easter!
April 3: DFD#3-Ch.2: The Lordship of Christ

The Truth – Part 2: DFD Book 6: Growing in Discipleship – Don Kincaid, Ron & Valarie Hessel – FLC Conference Room
March 13: DFD#6-Ch.4: Establishing
March 20: DFD#6-Ch.4: Establishing
March 27 – NO Classes, Happy Easter!
April 3: DFD#6-Ch.5: World Vision

THE LIFE – Explore more deeply the keys to living your life in Christ. Not offered this year.

Additional ways to study God’s Word:
8:15 am - FLC Room 202 – Bible by the Book – Exodus (No study book needed). Pastor Tim

Fellowship With Pastor Tim – 10:50 am

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP YOUR FAMILY GET READY TO CELEBRATE THE JOY OF EASTER!

Are you looking for meaningful ways to engage your kids in faith formation at home? Seasons like Lent give us the chance to try something new for a few weeks. An Illustrated Lent is a devotional packet that can provide you with some simple and basic tools to create opportunities for conversation and sharing during Lent and Holy Week. Pick up your “An Illustrated Lent” packet today at the Children’s Ministry table in the lobby, or downstairs at the Sunday Learning Welcome Table.

Summer Camp Scholarships!
If your child is planning to attend a Christ-centered summer camp such as Camp Shalom, there are scholarship funds available for ½ of their camp fees up to $200.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: If your child invites an unchurched friend to camp, CFC will also reimburse the total camp cost for the friend!
The Camp Scholarship Forms are available at the Children’s Ministry Table or the Information Desk in the lobby.

Dinner Groups
Dinner Groups are formed each year where participants are placed with two other households from church for the purpose of taking turns to host dinner at each other’s homes. More information and sign-ups are at the information desk in the lobby.

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Inspiring Outreach

CAN YOU HELP PLAN OUR BIGGEST OUTREACH OF THE YEAR? Dive into VBS Planning!
Last summer we had a record 200 kids registered for VBS and hosted an average of 175 kids per day on our VBS adventure! How many kids will God send to us this year?!?! Will we be ready?! There are many moving parts to a successful VBS adventure, and it requires many hands to make it happen! We are currently looking for people to plan the different parts of our submarine voyage:
Co-director with Becky for overall planning
Registration coordinator
Station leaders for preschool music, crafts, games, etc.
Station leaders for elementary missions, games, etc.
Bible Story leaders
Can you please help us plan and prepare for our biggest outreach to kids? DiVE into VBS planning… contact Becky or sign up for the VBS Planning team at the information table in the lobby!

Growing in Fellowship
Lenten Soup Suppers and Devotions
Join us for Lenten Soup Suppers and devotions, Wednesday 3/16 in the FLC gym. We need 6 soup makers and/or cookie bakers (no nuts or peanut butter please), help in the kitchen & w/ tables and clean up. Sign up at the information desk.

Kick-Off Lunch - Wed., April 13th
We Welcome you to a new and changed “Lunch with the Bunch” on Wednesday, April 13th at 12:00 in the Family Life Center.
Our Kick-Off Lunch will be FREE and our menu will be posted in the Narthex. A Sign-Up Sheet will be on the information desk to help us prepare the correct amount of food and seating.
Please join us for a great lunch and fun fellowship!!

Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt – March 19, 9-11
Invite your friends and neighbors of all ages to be part of our Church’s annual outreach event.
9:00 am, breakfast and activities. 10:00 am, Egg Hunt for Toddlers – 5th graders.

Church Picnics – May 18-21
Mark your calendars to get your picture taken as CFC is updating our church directory.
More information will come as to how to sign up.

Growing Worship Attendance
We are excited to experience growth in our Sunday worship. The growing numbers produces challenges. One is allowing parking spots near entrances for our guest and elderly. The second challenge is being a family that welcomes guest in worship by assuring families with small children a place to sit along with seats at the end of the row. The best seats are always right up front so you don’t miss any of the action.

Serving Our Community
Parents’ Night Out - Sat., April 9, 4-8 pm
CFC is looking to serve the community and reaching out by offering 4 hours of free babysitting and fun at the church while parents get a much needed break. Children of all ages are welcome to be signed in, including nursery for little ones. There will be games, a bounce house, food, and other fun opportunities for the kids. We will also provide secure registration with listed phone numbers to reach parents if needed. Please sign your kids up to participate and invite your neighbors and friends to sign up as well. We are also looking for people to help out with this event. Sign up at the information desk today or talk to Pastor Tim for more information.
Our Chili Cook-off chefs were as talented as ever this year. We had lots of chili to try and some of the best desserts. It was a huge success!! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our teens by cooking and eating. And through your generosity we raised $430 to go towards our Summer 2016 trips. Don’t forget to invite yourself to Marc Odegaard’s house the next time he says he’s cooking chili, he is our new reigning Chili Cook Off Chef Champ!

Please be praying for our teens, this month, as they prepare to share their hearts with you, on April 3, when they will be hosting the entire Sunday Morning Service.

If you haven’t heard about camp, our MS will be returning to Rodney, MI, June 20-24, and HS will be in Missouri, July 25-29. We have some great scholarship opportunities for your teens and their friends. Please speak with Cadena about these scholarship opportunities, we don’t want money to stand between any teen and a wonderful life changing week at camp.

Be sure that you and your teen are signed up to receive our Remind texts. Text @25c57b to our unique number 81010. If you have any questions you can reach Cadena Trusty at cadenatrusty@yahoo.com, 907-360-4175.

**Youth Hope Annual Fundraising Banquet** is Thursday March, 17 with buffet at 6:00 and program at 7:00 at Heritage Church, Rock Island. Reservation is required and contact Pastor Brian by March 10 if interested in attending.

**Suicide Talk** – Sat. April 2 from 9 to 10:30 in the gym of the Family Life Center. Learn about the following

- How suicide is a serious community health problem that is often misunderstood
- How personal and community beliefs about suicide affect suicide stigma and safety.
- How to get involved in life protection, preservation, and promotion activities in the community

Please sign up at the information table. Coffee and refreshments will be served and the session is open to 8th graders and older.

**Holy Land Trip**

Mary and I are hosting a meeting on Tuesday, April 12 at 7:00 PM to explore a trip to the Holy Land with Marlin and Sally Vis of Light for the World/Peace Project – former RCA missionaries to Israel and leaders that Jessie and I went on. This will be an informational meeting to explore interests and dates and a chance to meet Marlin and Sally and ask them questions. The consistory supports the work of Light for the World/Peace Project which is also supported by the RCA. This tour is a very biblical and historical tour and an amazing experience. Please consider attending and let me know how many are coming so I can plan for the location of the meeting. Also let me know if you are interested but unable to attend the meeting. There is a possibility of scholarship money that may be available for the trip.

Pastor Brian


**Mission Moment Follow-Up**

In January, the Mission Moment Speaker was Rusty Boruff from One Eighty, a faith-based non-profit organization. Their focus is three-fold: Prevent, Reach and Develop. It exists to bring Love, Hope and Opportunity to people and communities impacted by crisis, poverty and addiction.

One Eighty offers ministries (using opportunities to reach out in schools before crisis or addiction), enterprises (businesses designed to employ and equip those who are in One Eighty’s residential facility), and consulting (partnering with churches, organizations and communities). An example of partnering ministries with One Eighty is Quest for Christ in local schools. Their website: oneeighty@oneeighty.org Phone is 563-424-4589.

~Missions Committee

**Thank You**

The family of Jim Luebke was constantly overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from Christ’s Family Church. Mary wants to personally let you know how much it carried the family through many difficult phases of Jim’s illness and passing.

Thank you for the congregation’s concern and prayers for our newborn grandson Reid Madsen. He is doing well and is at home.

Russel & Mandy Madsen, Richard & Ember Madsen

**Congratulations**

Twin Great Grandson’s, born February 26. Parents are Aaron & Ashley Edmark. They have a 22 month old sister. Great Grandparents are Gerald & Roma Grell.
Items to support Haiti

We are collecting t-shirts to cut into diapers for the Bundled Bottoms program in Haiti and also full size cereal boxes for The Apparent Project. These can be left in the box under the Youth Ministry table in the lobby.

Recycling Help

Here is an opportunity to take the Church's recycling to the recycling center on Tremont Avenue, Davenport twice a month. Whatever works into your schedule. We will have it bagged and ready to go. Call the office if you are interested 359-3765

CFC Travel Mugs

Grab your new travel mug with our church name, an image of our stained glass cross and our vision statement printed on it. They are really nice tumblers and great conversational starters that may give you a chance to share about our church as you enjoy your tea or coffee on the road, in meetings or just out and about in town. They are $5 per mug and proceeds will go to our teen summer trips. Purchase at the information desk for in the office during the week.

Day Care News

―In like a lion and out like a lamb‖. March is here! I’m not positive it came in like a lion but, praying it will out like a lamb. Even though our winter wasn’t awful, we are definitely ready for spring. One of our children’s favorite part of spring is hearing the Easter story, from Jesus rides on a donkey to Jesus praying in the garden to Jesus’ resurrection. Not only are they hearing it in Bible Story with Ms Rebecca, but the teachers do a great job of teaching it in their classrooms. Ms Beverly will incorporate the resurrection eggs into 4/5’s class this month. They love opening the eggs and finding the ―surprises‖ and hearing how it relates to the Easter story. Along with the entire center coloring Easter eggs, the 3’s will talk about eggs and learn about some animals that hatch from them. Miss Megan’s class will also be talking about spring. They are going to have a flower experiment and learn about flowers. This time of year is filled with new life, fresh ideas and warm sunshine. And don’t forget to spring ahead!

―For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.‖ John 3:16

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6 | 8:15 Adult Class, 9:30 Worship, 10:50 Sunday Learning, 12:00 Last Supper pract., 3:00 Pickleball | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12

7:00 Adult | Soup Supper, 6:00 Praise Band, 6:15 Patterns of Exodus, 6:45 Choir | 5:30 ZUMBA | 7:00 Basketball | W.O.V.E.N.

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15 All Day Class is mtg. PB & PT | 16 | 17 5:30 ZUMBA | 18 7:00 Basketball | 19 8:00 Men’s Breakfast & Bible study, 9:00 Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt

9:00-7:14 GAP, 10:00 Prayer Shawl, 5:00 Soup Supper, 6:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Circle of Friends, Jr. & Sr. High Bible study 6:45 Choir

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22 | 23 6:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Jr. & Sr. High Bible study 6:45 Choir, 7:30 Last Supper Dress Rehearsal | 24 5:30 ZUMBA | 1 7:00 Basketball | 2 9:00-10:30 Suicide Talk

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25 Office Closed | 26 7:00 Basketball

27 Easter, 9:30 Worship, Communion, 10:50 Sunday Learning | 28 29 | 30 6:00 Praise Band, 6:30 Jr. & Sr. High Bible study 6:45 Choir

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