

Our Savior's Chronicle



“Without Vision, the People Perish”

Pastor Bob Stover

That warning from Proverbs 29:18 is sobering. **We’ve got to have hope** to encourage us to hang on through trials. **We need strength** to keep us going through tough times. And **we must have vision** to keep us looking up and moving forward to what God wants for us, our families, and our church.

Having a vision means you give yourself **the grace to dream dreams** and imagine what could be. Having vision is to give yourself **permission to dare to believe** there is something more and better ahead, that God is not done with us, and that God has better things in store for us.

Throughout these autumn and early winter weeks, the Transition Team will be asking all of us to **ponder some ideas, concerns, and needs for Our Savior’s future**. Through opportunities in surveys and gatherings, they will challenge us to have vision, to ask if there is more ahead that God has planned for this congregation.

One of those challenges is to ask how we might serve our neighbors more through such programs as future mission or servant trips. How can we better become the hands and feet of Christ to the world? We already do some of those trips, but the task is to continue strengthening and expanding those ministry efforts to **reach even more people in need**.

Another need is to **look at this beautiful church** we have, asking if there are ways we can make it more welcoming to the stranger or inspiring for worship. Our Savior’s has an awesome sanctuary and many fine areas for gathering and meeting. But might it be time to give a facelift to some areas, or to update things that are no longer meeting our needs?

I hope you can get excited about these thoughts and others. **I hope they get you dreaming** about what the future could look like. And I hope you start to ask yourself how you can help to make them happen. We all need vision, because without it, we will most certainly perish.

Jesus said; *“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”* Mt. 7:12

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was told, many years ago, that every major religion shares the above quote in some fashion. In case you don’t recognize it, it is the “Golden Rule”. I understand every religion teaches that we should treat others as we would like to be treated. If that is so – I am wondering why this old world doesn’t agree, at least, on that one principle? What do you



I am not sure when I first learned about this rule but I admit I was pretty excited about it. As a little girl I thought – “Great! If I am kind to others then they will be kind to me!” Imagine the disappointment when that wasn’t always the case. The school yard bully still teased. The crabby teacher could not have cared less on the days he or she was crabby whether I was kind or not. Worse yet, as I grew up, and still tried to be kind, people actually thought I was naïve, manipulative or just trying to be “better” than everyone else. I couldn’t win for losing. But, the words of my grandmother, Augusta, my mom’s mother, have stuck with me anyway. She said, “Always be kind, Cindi, it never hurts to be kind.” The Golden Rule in action! Her own rule of kindness.

I’m bringing this up because we really need more kindness. And I’m not just talking about our family and friends. I’m talking about our national discourse. I have stopped watching television news nearly completely. Rather than tell about the particular ideas and plans a politician has he or she denigrates the opposing candidate. And a lot of what they say is (to be kind) half truths!

This has been brought to my attention, lately, about the church, also. I have had two people in their thirties (not from Jackson) tell me, in the last month or so, that they have almost given up on organized religion. The church, for them, has become a place of half truths and unhealthy doctrine. One of them is Lutheran and one is part of a non-denominational church (lest we think it is only in some denominations). One church was terribly cruel to a pastor. One church was terribly cruel to parishioners. Both churches have that divisive “liberal vs. conservative” element in them which never seems to help with anything.

In Luther’s Small Catechism the eighth commandment says: “*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*”. Luther’s explanation of this commandment really confronts our unkindness. It reads: “*We are to fear and love God, so that we do not tell lies about our neighbors, betray or slander them, or destroy their reputations. Instead we are to come to their defense, speak well of them, and interpret everything they do in the best possible light.*”

DO we “interpret everything our neighbor does in the best possible light”? Do we treat one another with kindness? I know being kind doesn’t always work but how about “giving the other person the benefit of the doubt”? How about interpreting what other people do in “the best possible light” when it is not violent or blatantly hurtful. “Always be kind”, my grandma Augusta told me. It still holds true.

Peace and blessings,
Pr. Cindi





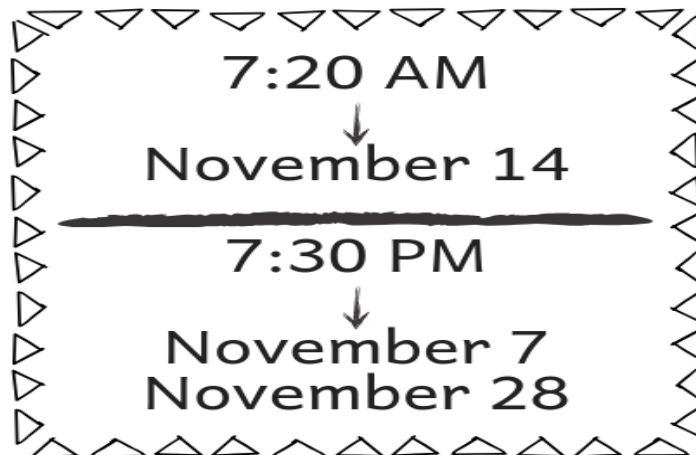
God's Blessings to the 2018 Confirmands

Victoria Beaver
 Claire Bargfrede-Kolander
 Cailyn Bargfrede-Kolander
 Shaun Anderson
 Kie Anderson
 Brayden Adams

Andrew Boyum
 Riley Endreson
 Macy Kolander
 Trace Michelson
 Carson Schneekloth

Confirmation				
6	7		8	
Meets Nov. 14 2:45 PM-5 PM Snack: Reese A.	Meets Nov. 7, 14, 28 2:45-3:45 PM		Meets Nov. 7, 14, 28 2:45-3:45 PM	
Acolyte Schedule ➔ You are responsible for finding your own replacement.	Sat., Nov. 3 @ 5 PM Cael J. Holy Communion	Sat., Nov. 10 @ 5 PM Erin K.	Sat., Nov. 17 @ 5 PM Thomas S. Holy Communion	Sat., Nov. 24 @ 5 PM Addisen V.
	Sun., Nov. 4 @ 9 AM Montana G. & Zoe K.	Sun., Nov. 11 @ 9 AM Reese A. & Brett R.	Sun., Nov. 18 @ 9 AM Hailey P. & Rhilee D.	Sun., Nov. 25 @ 9 AM Seth S. & Dylan W.

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Middle & High School Sunday Study

After Worship until 11 AM
Youth Room

- Nov. 4, 11, 18

No Class November 25



K.I.C.K.

Kids In Christ's Kingdom

Preschool-5th Grade
Wednesdays
6:15 PM

November 7, 14, 28

No class on November 21.

Christmas Program: Sunday, December 16 @ 4 PM
(Practice begins Nov. 7 during K.I.C.K.)



Shoebox Packing

Wednesday, November 7 @ 7:30 PM
ALL AGES WELCOME!



Help Needed

We are in need of a New Thanksgiving Community Meal coordinator.
Please contact the office if you are interested.

Panama Team

The Panama team would like to express “thank you” to everyone who worked and contributed to our Mission Sunday fundraiser! We are so appreciative of all your support. We currently have around \$15,000 in our account. We will be ordering the playground equipment the first part of November. Money raised after the playground purchase will be used for transportation costs associated with equipment delivery and materials for VBS.

The next fundraiser in November is PIES! Yum! The team will be taking orders for pumpkin, apple, and apple caramel pies. We will be assembling the apple pies and baking the pumpkin pies at Bethlehem on November 21st. Pies will be ready for pick up that afternoon at Our Savior’s.

Cost is as follows: Pumpkin	\$10
Apple	\$10
Caramel Apple	\$12

Thank you for thinking of us to fill your Thanksgiving pie need!

Missionary Support

A NOTE FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP TEAM: “MISSIONARY SUPPORT INFO”

The “Great Commission” in Matthew 28 finds Jesus telling his disciples, “*Go and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.*” Answering Jesus’ call by sponsoring missionaries at home and abroad has been a long standing ministry at Our Savior’s. Presently we are sponsoring missionaries in Israel, Texas, Colorado and Africa. There are special offerings received at Thanksgiving and Christmas which include a special offering envelope at these worship services for the **Missionary Sponsorship Fund**. This fund is always open to support. As we move into the holidays you are invited to make use of these envelopes at our special services and help, as you are able, with serving the world in Jesus’ name. Thank you for your continued faithfulness.



Current Fund Update (as of 9-30-18)

Bank Balance 1-1-18	(\$4,354.38)
YTD Income	+\$234,365.35
YTD Expense	-\$288,048.69
Bank Balance 9-30-18	(\$58,037.72)

Missionary Sponsorship Update (as of 9-30-18)

Budget	\$12,000.00
YTD Income	\$ 8,643.73
Difference	\$ 3,356.27

Anniversaries

November 2

Arnold & Marion Benson

November 20

Lucas & Staci Beseke

November 5

Scott & Donna Olson

November 22

Michael & Sabrina Erickson

November 10

Gary & Lori Beseke

November 23

Bernie & Janice Stubbe

November 12

Donald & Viola Swanson

November 25

Jeffrey & Tracy Johnson
Shane & Andrea Sether
Loren & Colleen Steenstra
Loren & Marilyn Tusa

November 14

Jeff & Debra Gay
Richard & Kathleen Johnson

November 27

Richard & Nancy Garvin
Paul & Rachelle Neal
Timothy & LeAnn Olson

November 15

Randy & Lisa Drahotka
Steven & Jodi Johnson

November 29

Daniel & Janeen Ruby

November 18

Jerrod & Cynthia Simmons



Birthdays

November 1

Andrew Neal
Roger Ringkob
Amy Schlager

November 2

Nancy Bass
Jacob Christopher
Cora Condon
Steve Kapplinger
Braden Schuett
Joshua Wachal

November 3

Mavis Handevidt
Carter Olson
Lisa Ringkob

November 4

Gary Berkner
Ashley Kennedy
Alison Mathias
Melynda Tracey

November 5

Jill Benson
Landon Carter
Brianna Simmons

November 6

Mackenna Drahota
Michael Gruhlke
Jaceson Holm
Kathleen Johnson
Betty Kiehl

November 7

Lance Isaacson
Holly Nasby
Tyler Schoer

November 8

Ben Crees

November 9

Roger Johnson
Dallas Lucht
Clarine Michelson
Duane Wedebrand

November 10

Sara Anderson
Cheryl Atwell
Sharon Cordes
Donna Olson
Hailey Pettiecord
Natalie Schlager

November 11

Molly Boyum
Samuel Johnson
Becky Kruse
Hannah Wedebrand

November 12

Taylor Dunker
Tim Fransen
Simon Pell
Nathan Schlager
Sadie Steenstra

November 13

Lori Grote

November 14

Megan Benson
Missy Christopher
Gavin Jacobsen

November 16

Merrill Eggstein
Angela Kummrow

November 17

Troy Shover

November 18

Dustin Pronk
Matthew Ringkob

November 19

Bailee Fischer

November 20

Kathy Fransen
Amanda Gay
Brandon Halverson
Jim Konda

November 21

Karen Voss

November 22

Kenneth Kruse
Cassandra Scott
Jacob Stade

November 23

Carol Neal
Kasey Pronk

November 24

Kirbee Mulder
Natalie Nelson
Judy Olsen

November 25

Mary Beckel
Faith Hansen
Bennett Voss

November 26

Colt Heinrichs

November 27

Tonia LaCour
Tom More
Michael Stade
Revin Tweedt
Addie Vee

November 28

Jan Christopher
Jean Pike
Elinor Wells

November 29

Dale Gaustad

November 30

Jake Bohl
Curtis Endreson
Tim Jensen
Jacqueline Knips
Danette Wheeler



Office Hours

Monday – Friday:
8:00 am – 12 noon
12:30 – 3:30 pm

If calling after office hours, please leave a message on the answering machine. Or use our e-mail address: info@oursaviorsjackson.com

FAX: 507-847-5699

(Please do not leave messages if you are unable to acolyte on Sat./Sun. Contact one of the pastors ASAP!)

Church Calendar

Please call or check with the church office (847-2856) regarding any events or meetings that need to be put on the church calendar.

Back Page Headline

LOOKING for a place to host your card club, book club, Bible study? The Pines has space available to host that special get-together. Call 847-5762 for more information.

NOAH'S ROOM - located at the 1229 North Highway to assist families to provide adequate clothing needs for their children. Need is for newborn to size 12 in children's clothing. Must be clean new or gently used clothing. Wearable shoes & boots also accepted.

RUBY'S PANTRY - Next pick-up is Wednesday, December 19th from 4:30-6 pm at the National Guard Armory. Donation is \$20 cash to receive an abundance of grocery items. Bring your own boxes for food. If you are volunteering or receiving groceries, please complete a form found on the concourse table – it will save time when you attend the pick-up.

