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## LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

### The Wakeup Call

*Did you ever ask for a wakeup call, either at a motel or from someone else? It's a good service. Helps you to be up and ready for an appointed meeting or work.*

*God gives us a wakeup call in Romans 13:11-14 - <sup>11</sup>Do this, knowing the time, that it is already the hour for you to awaken from sleep; for now salvation is nearer to us than when we believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is almost gone, and the day is near. Therefore, let us lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us behave properly as in the day, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual promiscuity and sensuality, not in strife and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."*

*We are told to understand the time or "Wakeup" the world events, natural disasters and moral decay, all point to End Times. We are to get dressed – clothed in Jesus Christ. Putting on the armor of Light. Ready for the appointed time? This is your wakeup call.*

Pastor Larry



### FOR MEN AND THEIR SONS

(Starting with middle school age)

**AUGUST 11-12, 2023**

**LOCATION: CHRISTIAN HARBOR YOUTH CAMP**

Guy Challenge is an event built exclusively for men.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The theme this year is STRONGER! To get stronger, we have to make an effort. Strength training demands discipline, an improved diet, and teamwork when working out with others. Being stronger physically can be of benefit for this life, but what if we each became stronger spiritually? Talk about benefits for the next life! Join us for Guy Challenge – and leave stronger than when you arrive!

*"...while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come." 1 Timothy 4:8 (ESV)*

This year's speaker is Dr. Gary Johnson. He has served in the preaching ministry for four decades. He now leads e2 as Executive Director full-time, coaching pastors and elders nationwide. He is a dynamic speaker that we know God will use powerfully throughout the weekend.

Guy Challenge equips men with practical tools to be courageous followers of Jesus in their everyday life. Do not miss what God has in store for you at Guy Challenge 2023!

- **August 20** Church Family Birthday and Anniversary Lunch and meeting to follow.

## BIRTHDAYS

Brianna Erickson 8/8  
Keith Valenziano 8/18

Greg Sleik 8/28  
Jan Zirbel 8/30

## NO ANNIVERSARIES

## SERVICE SCHEDULE AND COMMUNION SET-UP

Contact Jim at 906-282-5119 if you would like to be added to the schedule or need to change dates for the Service Schedule and contact John Deldin at 906-396-5522 if you need to change dates for the Communion Set-up schedule.

### AUGUST

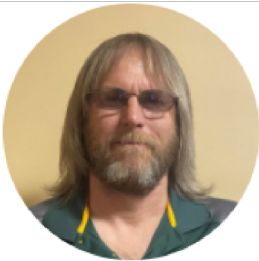
	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
8/6	Dean	John	Tim	Randy
8/13	Tim	Jim S	Keith	Pat M
8/20	Jim E	Keith	Dean	John D
8/27	Randy	Dean	Dave	Brian

### SEPTEMBER

	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Communion</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Communion Set-Up</u>
9/3	Dean	Jim S	Tim	Randy
9/10	Tim	Keith	Dave	Pat M
9/17	Jim E	Dean	Jim S	John D
9/24	Randy	Dave	John	Brian

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## MESSAGES FROM ELDERS



"Therefore, let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep, sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. For God has not appointed us to wrath [Praise the Lord!], but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." (1Th 5:6-9)

God's wrath is going to come upon the earth. Jesus said, quoting from Daniel, "And there shall be a time of great tribulation, such as the world has never seen before or ever see again."

So, another words we have to be ready all the time! Tim

This month I would like to talk about three ways a Christian is to follow the Lord. The **first** one is found in John 10:27 "My sheep hear My voice and I know them, and they follow Me." We are to be like sheep and follow the Lord. The **second** is found John 12:26 " If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also: if anyone serves Me, Father will honor him." We must be a servant of the Lord. The **third** is found in 1 Peter 2:21 "For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps." We are called to suffer as Christ did. So are we as Christians ready to be obedient as sheep, devoted as a servant, and patiently suffer as Christ did. Your servant, Jim



**Mark 10:14-15** "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

At Christian Harbor Youth Camp these little ones reminded me what Jesus is alluding to. The children have a receptive desire and a dependency on God and His word. They are content to be dependent on others care and bounty. They understand it is a gift of God and not an achievement on man's part; it must be simply accepted and can never act as if

it is deserved. I urge you to join with me a new vigor to be child-like for our Lord and Savior. To have new desire to seek Him through His word and to live with total reliance on Him. Dave



## MEET AND GREET



Meet Marcus Oxford. You can see his smiling face behind the computer screens in the media room. He claims to be retired but you will find him cleaning the church and on special occasions playing and singing with his guitar. He enjoys being the "Singing Cowboy" and gardening. His favorite song is "Look Heart, No Hands" by Randy Travis. Mark likes to play this song on Mother's and Father's Day substituting "mom" or "dad" in place of "heart". His favorite verse that is short enough to print is Ephesians 4:26-27 <sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin"<sup>27</sup>: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold." Mark added that if he were to recommend specific reading in the Bible, it would be Ephesians 4:17 – 5:12. In short, "Living as Children of the Light".

## KODAK MOMENTS



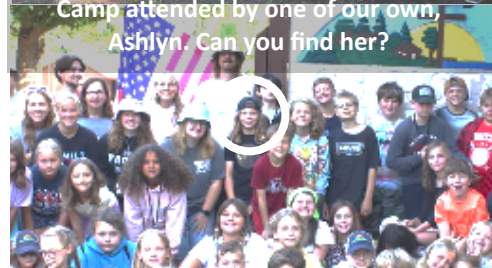
Garbage pick-up day July 22



Church picnic July 16



4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Christian Harbor Youth Camp attended by one of our own, Ashlyn. Can you find her?



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## Word Search



See how many of these newspaper related words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

Created by Sue Lindlauf  
Grand Forks Herald 2012

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|--------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. LABOR     | 5. WORK    | 9. SUMMER    | 13. AMERICAN |
| 2. DAY       | 6. LONG    | 10. NATIONAL | 14. MONDAY   |
| 3. HOLIDAY   | 7. WEEKEND | 11. USA      | 15. DAY      |
| 4. SEPTEMBER | 8. ENDING  | 12. TRAVEL   | 16. OFF      |

# CROSSROADS



## Intro to Care Ministries

CNS5103/2103

This course examines both the theoretical and theological principles behind pastoral care. It also equips students with effective foundational skills for providing pastoral care, including active listening, crisis management, visitation protocols, and pastoral prayer.

Mondays at 6 PM  
Taught by Dr. Jeremy Allard  
Kickoff - August 22  
Class runs - August 28-October 16

## Effective Small Groups

CHM 3703

This course guides students to a deeper understanding of the value of the small group in the life of every church. It also provides tools and models for leading small groups more effectively. It builds a biblical and sociological foundation for small group ministry and equips students with the small group leadership skills of listening and facilitating.

Mondays at 6 PM  
Taught by Dr. Curtis McGinnis  
Kickoff - August 22  
Class runs - August 28-October 16



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS - Flourish 2024

**Flourish-WI** | March 23rd | Cranberry Country Lodge in Tomah, WI | Guest Speaker [Phil Claycomb](#)

#### The Role of Elders in the Small to Medium Sized Church

Gary Johnson will share some clear principles about the important role the elders play in the small to medium sized church. We will also look at how the elders and minister can best work together.

Saturday, October 28 from 9am-3pm

Gary's theme will be "What's Next? Thinking Forward Helps Move the Church Forward" Gary's teaching is designed to help church leaders know how to think analytically, read their culture, and respond appropriately and effectively.

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