

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church



Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am

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Susan Waller -Treasurer
Sharon Brubaker - Musician
Emma Brandt - Musician
Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt
Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

MAY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1	Church Board meets, 7 pm
Sunday, May 5	Morning Worship, Hospitality Time
Thursday, May 9	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Sunday, May 12	Morning Worship
Sunday, May 19	Morning Worship
Sunday, May 26	Morning Worship

For May 2024

Hospitality Committee

Brenda Dozier

Kayla Myers

Karen Otto

Deanelle Schieber

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Lori Amberg

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr High – Annie Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Soap/Shampoo

Sunday School Nursery

May 5 – Susan Waller

May 12 – Susie Myers

May 19 – Barb Karr

May 26 – Carrie Schwoerer

Board News

- *Basement floor will be refinished May 21-23
- *Church bell needs to come down. It then needs to be decided whether to repair the bell tower or leave the bell down.
- *Ron Schieber would like to be replaced as representative for Everence.
- *Relief Sale proceeds were about the same as the previous year.
- *Sunday school classes from PreK-High School will have a different format for the summer months.
- *Pastoral search committee is being formed. The committee consists of Blake Otto (trustee), Brenda Dozier (deaconess), Bob Waller (board chairman) and Annie Schwoerer, and possibly one more member.

Shower Sophie Schwoerer, Bride to Be!

An envelope is provided on the bulletin board if you would like to shower Sophie with a monetary gift and share favorite recipes! Deadline is May 26.

MAY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

6	Janet Logan
7	Ken Schwoerer
8	Nancy Staulcup
13	Isaiah Schwoerer
13	Ed & Lee Holtz (A)
15	Aurora Adrienne Mohr
15	Jillian Maxine Mohr
17	Kayla Myers
20	Doane & Sharon Brubaker (A)
28	Joseph & Emma Brandt (A)
29	Bill West
30	Brenda Dozier
30	Sophie Schwoerer
31	Sandy Litwiller
31	Karen Otto

Library Corner...

Upstairs –

In the upstairs library (left side, middle shelf), we find Bibles and books to help with prayer, music, and worship. This review is of a book combining prayer, music, and worship. Christian Hymns Observed, author Erik Routley. The subtitle drew my interest: “when in our music God is glorified.”

The very early Christians sang Psalms. Worship services in some communities were quiet and did not allow congregational singing. Forward to the 1500’s and Martin Luther. He promoted a worship time for the people to participate. He translated the service from Latin to German for his community to know the teachings and all sing together to honor God.

Downstairs –

From downstairs, a book titled Martin Luther by author May McNeer and illustrator Lynd Ward. This book covers the life of Martin Luther and helps us learn of his dedication to Christ. He attended schools connected to the church, yet he was twenty before he found a Bible to read. No one he knew had any Bible teaching. He began to read and learned the truth of salvation in Christ. He began to preach and teach from the Bible.

Also, Martin Luther wrote and gave lectures to call people to reform the church. He also translated the Bible from Latin to German, for more people to read.

There is more information in the book...top shelf, basement library.

From Pastor Doane...

From the start, the church and her people have wrestled with each other. Like any family, we don’t always get along.

That’s why Paul wrote; ¹ Accept other believers who are weak in the faith without quarreling over disputable matters. ² For instance, one person’s faith allows them to eat anything, but another believer with a sensitive conscience will eat only vegetables. ³ Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don’t. And those who don’t eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted both of them. (Romans 14:1-3)

The prime message here: When we disagree, do accept the person whose idea(s) we don't welcome.

There is much that Christians believe in common and that forms the foundation of unity and oneness in Christ Jesus our Lord. But there are also many things we see differently.

When Paul confronted first-century Christians about conflicts over observing holy days in certain ways and whether to eat certain meats or not, he called them "disputable opinions." Do we think he imagined the things later generations would argue about? Could he have foreseen the heated battles over dancing, playing cards or movies; drinking alcohol or smoking; wearing jewelry, tattoos, or buttons vs zippers?

Certainly, he did warn us not to reclassify nondebatable biblical doctrines and morals to say they are debatable opinions. But on matters in which God has left us free to have our opinions, Paul instructs with some principles for keeping unity amid our diversity.

And the key is **accept** each other (vs 1). Why? Because "God has **accepted** both" (vs 3).

Mutual acceptance stands on a solid base. **We are servants of the same Master.** It is not the job of a servant to judge another servant. "Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval." (Romans 14:4)

More than servants of the same Master, **we are children of the same Father.** "Why do you judge your brother or sister? Why do you treat them with contempt?" (Romans 14:10).

And, ²"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. ³Make every effort to keep yourselves united in the Spirit, binding yourselves together with peace. ⁴For there is one body and one Spirit... ⁵There is one Lord... ⁶one God and Father of all..." (Ephesians 2:2-4, NLT).

That makes us family. The more fully we accept sisters and brothers that God put in His family, the better we'll behave toward those who belong with us, even if we disagree.

We'll look more closely at it all this coming Sunday morning.

Doane