



A Message from Pastor Mike

THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

Seminary teachers and veteran preachers usually recommend that beginning pastors choose their sermon texts from the Revised Common Lectionary for their first few years of ministry. Each week, the lectionary provides us with four options for the Sunday sermon. There is a selection from the Old Testament, a Psalm, a gospel reading, and an entry from one of the epistles. After a cycle through the 3-year program, some pastors choose to venture out and preach through a whole book of the Bible. Others settle into a pattern of preaching primarily from the gospels year after year. There are pros and cons in choosing our Scripture readings from the lectionary.

One of the main advantages is that it helps us move around and learn from various types of biblical literature. We can choose from law, history, poetry, gospel, epistle, and apocalyptic literature such as Daniel and Revelation. Another advantage is that it helps the pastor and worship leaders avoid getting stuck on one or more hobby horse themes. For example, you probably don't want to hear, in infinite detail, about battles of the Old Testament or about Luke's focus on meals in every single sermon for a whole calendar year! One main disadvantage of the lectionary is that it doesn't cover a very high percentage of the entire Bible. Another disadvantage is that it makes it more difficult to preach on contemporary issues or on specific concerns in the life of the local church.

During June, we will have the chance to combine the methods of lectionary use and sermon series. We will be focusing our attention on the lectionary selections from the book of Second Corinthians. For the five Sundays of June, that will give us a chance to concentrate on a single book of the Bible. We will do the same thing from July 21st through August 11th, with a concentration on Paul's letter to the Ephesians. This allows us to stick with the lectionary and still have the benefits of spending time in an individual book of the New Testament. In the future, we may branch out and use this "multi-part series" approach to explore some of the books of the Bible which are not very well represented in the Revised Common Lectionary.

Paul's letters to the Corinthians give us a lot of insight into his career and personality, as well as his special relationship with an early church community. He spent eighteen months among the people of Corinth, and so he felt a real kinship with that body of believers. He saw some things going on in the church that disturbed him, so he wrote them several letters. He also, famously and vigorously, felt the need to defend himself from leaders who came after him and criticized his credentials, abilities, and motivations. All of those dynamics give us glimpses into the life of the early church and show us that there have always been challenges and controversies associated with the spread of the good news of the gospel. I'm looking forward to learning more about Paul and about his life and work in those early days. Hope you can join us for the series!

Music Notes

Sheila Doak, Music Director

Special music slots are available! Please welcome Claire Reger on June 9, Lydia Olson on Harp on June 16, and Lillian Dawn on June 30. Other than that, my dates are open, so please step forward or recommend someone you'd like to hear! It might be our last chance to hear Lydia Olson's beautiful harp playing, as she is moving to Peoria this summer.

Sheila Doak, Music Director



Chip in for your chance to win! Birdies for Charity pledges now until June 19th.

15th Avenue Christian Church #2322.

When you chip in to help area charities, you could win! But your favorite charity will be the real winner. That's because participating charities receive 100% of the donations pledged to them in this program, plus a bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund which is guaranteed 5% match. See next page for donation form.



BRUNCH-OUT!!

On Sunday, May 19th we had 14 people who came and enjoyed breakfast at Mullkey's. For our next outing, we have a reservation at Riverfront Grill, 4619 34th St (Blackhawk Road), Rock Island. We plan to meet for lunch at 11:30am on Sunday June 30th. Their lunch menu offers a Soup and Salad Bar, sandwiches with sides, and full plate meals. We hope you will make plans to join us! Gene and I will be vacationing prior to that but look forward to seeing everyone there.

Sally Bartosh

Liturgical Colors

May 19th Pentecost - color was red

It reminds us that God has given us the Holy Spirit –go into the world and tell.

May 20th—Nov 30th - color is green

The sixth and longest of the liturgical calendar. It lasts from the day after Pentecost to the last Saturday before Advent. The color is green. This is when we reflect upon Christ's reign.

Fifteenth Avenue Christian Church

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

#2322

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDS FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

☐ Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birds for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of \$ _____, to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDS TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.
Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 26.

BIRDS SCORED BY YEAR

1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

Please include payment & make checks payable to:
BIRDS FOR CHARITY

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HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birds for Charity office at
15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday. A grand prize will be given to one person who guesses the correct number. In case of ties, winners will be randomly selected.



GRAND PRIZE:
2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2024 LEXUS NX!

One lucky supporter of the
LEXUS
SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES
John Deere Classic's Birdies
for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2024
Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing.
- All guesses must be on an official pledge card and received at the tournament office by June 26.
- Rules are available at www.birdiesforcharity.com
- No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win.
- Pledges submitted after the JDC may be applied the following year.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

☐ YES \$ _____ ☐ NO

☐ CASH ☐ CHECK NO. _____

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDS FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.
EIN #93-1332621, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.



Anniversaries

- 3 Dan and Jennie Deibert
- 3 Darren & Michelle
Butcher
- 21 Doug and Marcia Nelson

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

YTD

Total Income	\$6570.00
Total Expenses	\$12,746.30
Net Income	(\$6176.30)

May Attendance

May 5	32
May 12	42
May 19	50
May 26	28

Summer Of Our Lives

*Stop and smell the Roses,
 Summers sweet perfume.
 A place to view the Daffodils,
 Gods nature all in bloom.*

*Sit beneath a willow tree,
 Sheltered from the Sun.
 A wish on every bough,
 Where all our dreams begun.*

*Listen for all the sounds,
 As summer plays its tune.
 An orchestra of Angels,
 Flowers all in bloom.*

*Birds singing in the tree tops,
 In perfect harmony.
 All creatures great and small,
 Gods greatest symphony.*

*Be amazed by all Gods beauty,
 Make each precious moment last.
 A moment to capture and treasure,
 A golden memory for your past.*

*Stop and smell the Roses,
 Life's summers sweet perfume.
 Take time to view the Daffodils,
 For its over all too soon.*

By John Read 16 Mar 2013.

Birthdays

- 3 Dan Deibert
- 6 Kathy Weston
- 10 Darren Butcher
- 12 Gary Troyer
- 16 Jerry Harris
- 18 Sandy Wentler
- 19 Karen Hitchcock
- 21 Bob Bloomer



Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.

We do not know what we ought to pray for,

but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." Romans 8:26

Please keep these family, friends and neighbors in your daily thoughts and prayers.

Send a card, a call on the phone or a visit. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Diane Butcher in hospital, pneumonia (family)

Wayne Carter died 5/11 (Susan & Eric Carter, Sabrina, Zac, Nathaniel Popp)

Don Weston had hip replacement. (Kathy & family)

Troy Green (Karen & Ken Hitchcock)

Kenny and my mother Faye (Karen Hitchcock)

Annie Bloomer (Bob, Lisa & Laila)

Bob Bloomer (Annie & family) Ken Enstrom

Susan Runyon (friend of Bartosh)

Henry Diedrich /Silver Cross #255 (family)

Patty R. (Rick & family)

Theresa / Blake (Jeanie) / Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Chad Secor (Dave & Helen's nephew)

Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's)

Edward Gridley (Jacob)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice)

Carla, Rosalie, Molly, Mary, Nickie (family)

Nancy G, cancer (family) Pat, cancer (family)

Kaylee Walker (Karen & family) Kim Poleing (Karen)

Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Juliana & Hector (Jeanie)

Chaplaincy at John Deere (Jeanie Kirgan)

Jerry Roelens (Barb Hanson & family)

Gavin ,Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family)

Kathy Overholzer (Dave & Helen's niece)

Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family)

Dawn F. (family) Cara (friend of Diane B.)

Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba)

Beverly Ducey (Jim & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don and family)



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30-Day Scripture Writing Challenge

June

God speaks to us through His Word, so take some time each day this month to write down the following Scripture. If you have time, you might want to also write a prayer that the Scripture leads you to pray, or your reflections as you write.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> June 1 | 2 Sam. 16:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 16 | Song of Songs 6:11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 2 | Amos 8:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 17 | Jeremiah 8:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 3 | Isaiah 61:11 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 18 | Micah 7:1 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 4 | Proverbs 26:1 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 19 | Proverbs 10:5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 5 | Jeremiah 40:10 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 20 | Amos 8:2 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 6 | Matthew 24:32 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 21 | Philemon 1:20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 7 | Psalms 32:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 22 | Jeremiah 40:12 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 8 | Genesis 8:22 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 23 | Luke 21:30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 9 | Jeremiah 31:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 24 | Isaiah 18:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 10 | Isaiah 28:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 25 | Proverbs 27:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 11 | James 1:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 26 | Psalms 147:8 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 12 | Proverbs 30:25 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 27 | Isaiah 35:7 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 13 | 2 Peter 1:13 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 28 | Matthew 6:28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 14 | Psalms 74:17 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 29 | 2 Peter 3:18 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> June 15 | Jeremiah 12:2 | <input type="checkbox"/> June 30 | Ephesians 4:15 |

Come back next month for a new Scripture writing challenge!

June 2024

15th Avenue
Christian
Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30am Elder's Meeting 9:30am Worship Service	3	4	5	6 10am Bible Study	7	8
9 9:30am Worship Service Food Pantry	10	11	12	13 10am Bible Study	14	15
16 9:30am Worship Service Father's Day	17	18	19 Juneteenth	20 10am Bible Study World Refugee Day	21	22
23 9:30am Worship Service	24	25	26	27 10am Bible Study Bell Newsletter Articles Due	28	29
30 9:30am Worship Service						

Serving Elders 2 Mark Carlson 9 Annie Bloomer 16 Diane Block 23 Judie Holmer 30 Sally Bartosh	Visiting Elders Judie Holmer & Lisa Hatlett
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Deacons HD Grace Carlson, Marty Larson, Gary Troyer and Marcia Swanson Preparing: Diane Butcher
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Flowers 2 Karen & Kenny Hitchcock 9 Lisa Hatlett 16 Fyrbarger's 23 Annie Bloomer 30 Lisa Hatlett
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