



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

A Message from Pastor Mike.....

Have you ever wondered why we construct our Sunday morning worship services the way we do? Have you noticed in your travels that many Christian traditions and denominations actually have pretty similar worship services? In my seminary days, we studied the history of Christian worship. Here are some of the reasons given for studying the ways that worship has evolved over the centuries:

- There is a consensus that it is important to pass along historical and traditional wisdom about the evolution of prayer, music, preaching, ministry, and other corporate worship practices.*
- The history of worship is a rich and deep subject; interesting, practical, and beneficial.*
- Awareness of and appreciation for the practice of communal worship should probably be recognized as one of the few ways we can work to counter an overemphasis on individualism within our culture.*


We know that the early church assembled together and were “constantly devoting themselves to prayer (Acts: 1:14).” The Book of Acts and Paul’s writings combine to give us a general sense of early worship practices. One of the earliest house churches chose to meet to break bread on Sunday, the first day of the week. Their meeting included proclamation of the Word, as we learn from the story of Eutychus’ fall from the window as Paul “talked still longer” (Acts 20:7-12). By the first century, there seem to have been formal Eucharistic prayers in common usage. There may also have been a well-developed use of the Words of Institution from the very beginning. In the early church, daily prayer was thought to have continued to take place along the model of Jewish temple prayer. Paul’s practice of preaching and teaching in local synagogues on his missionary journeys seemed to have helped launch house churches all over the Roman Empire. Communion was held every week, on Sunday, by about the middle of the 2nd century. For at least 1,000 years, worshippers stood up all through the services. No pews until much later.

As early as 1645, common worship service elements included a call to worship, communal prayer, the reading of Scripture, a sermon, prayer after the sermon, the singing of a psalm, and dismissal with a charge and a blessing. And of course we cannot forget to include music as central to Christian worship. The musical tradition within worship is long and rich. There is often good news of joy and hope embedded within our favorite hymns. A preacher of yesteryear, Joseph Sittler, is said to have claimed that there were actually five evangelists, with Johann Sebastian Bach being the fifth member of the group! Now that’s high praise! I once heard a podcast in which the speaker proposed we beam Bach into space along with the message for any alien life that might pick up the signal, “this is the best we can do as a civilization, what have you got?!” And so, we find that many of our worship practices actually go way back. We are the inheritors of a proud tradition of gathering to worship God on Sunday mornings!

Anniversaries	
4	Tim & Jackie FLEMMING
Birthdays	
1	Jeff BARNES
2	Annie BLOOMER
2	Dawn FENSTERBUSCH
2	Richard FRYBARGER
4	Grafton CARLSON
7	Jennie DEIBERT
8	Tyler FLEMMING
11	Lynne SHEESE
13	Mable CARLSON
14	Steve SWANSON
15	Joy MILLER
24	Helen POPP
26	Marcia NELSON



Music Notes *Sheila Doak, Music Director*



I'm very happy to be with you all for five Sundays in September! I was supposed to be gone on September 1st, but with Charlie's injury, I wasn't able to go to the game in Texas. Looking forward to the rest of the month, we will enjoy the music of Claire Reger, Steve Swanson, and Lillian Dawn.

Yours in Christ,
Sheila Doak

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Income	\$5164.00
Expenses	\$7103.97
Net Income	(\$1939.97)

August Attendance

August 4	38
August 11	41
August 18	51
August 25	42



Celebrate Safely, September 2, 2024

CROP WALK 2024!!

Crop Walk 2024 is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 6th. 15th Avenue Christian Church will have our own team this year. (Larson 15th is the team name) Please see Marty Larson if you are interested in walking this year. Donation will be accepted to help fight hunger here at home and across the globe. God Bless!!

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

2024

CROP HUNGER WALKS

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

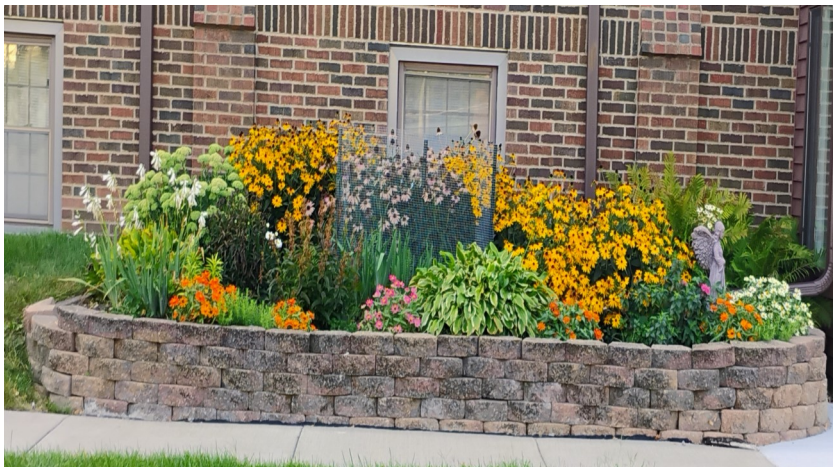
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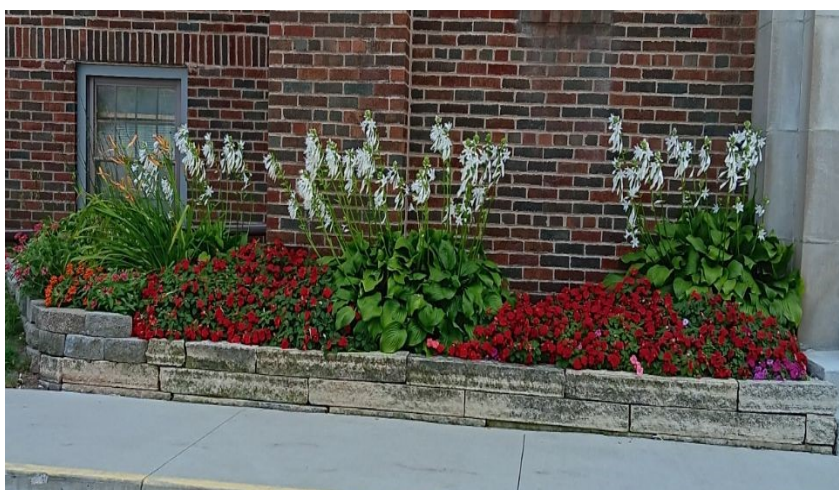
On Sunday, August 18th we had 19 people enjoy a Pancake Breakfast served by the Doric Masonic Lodge in Moline. Our next Brunch-Out will be held Sunday, September 8th at a location just a few blocks from our Church. La Rancherita Mexican Restaurant, 4118 - 14th Avenue, Rock Island will offer both breakfast and lunch selections. They have parking both on the street in front, and a lot across the street from the restaurant. **SPECIAL NOTE: THEY ONLY ACCEPT CASH PAYMENT FOR THE CHECK.** They will **NOT** accept either Debit or Credit cards, so please plan ahead. We will meet there 11:00 that morning, following the conclusion of our Church Service.

I hope you will plan to join us,

Sally Bartosh



THANKYOU!



Huge thank you to Judie and Bill Holmer!! The flowerbeds look beautiful! Love to see the colors and smell the flowers! Thanks so much!!

Back to School!!

We are collecting hygiene products for the Rock Island schools. If you have any questions please contact Rose Deibert at 309-269-6699. Thanks!



RUMMAGE SALE!!!

We are looking forward to our Annual Rummage Sale September 15th-21st. Starting today we will leave the outside elevator door open for donations. On September 15th after church, we will set up table and sort our collection of treasures. ALL HANDS ON DECK IS ABLE PLEASE!! September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th (if needed) at 9am we will be sorting and pricing. Friday, September 20th, 8am-4pm and Saturday, September 21st, 8am-Noon will be SALE DAYS!! We will need people to help our customers. We cannot accept TV's. Flat screens and smart TV's under 40" are okay but they must work. No furniture please unless you make arrangements to have it brought to the church and possibly take it back if it doesn't sale. We no longer have the man power to move heavy items. Electronics will be accepted, please make sure they work and mark on it that it works. If you have any questions please see Marcia.



Thanks,
Marcia Swanson

Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

“The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:8
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.

Caroline Swanson hospice/ending support (Judie & Bill Holmer)

Jackie Adams, is in Hope Creek (Dolores and Dick Frybarger)

Rae Lynn-8yr old- stroke/heart problems (family) Jeanie Kirgan is had foot surgery 8/19

Bill Holmer -biopsy (Judie & family) MaryAnn fell and broke bone in neck (friend of Weston's)

Sally -cancer (friend of Weston's) Judie Holmer fell hurt her ankle (Bill)

Dave Omelia - Covid (Jeanne) Matt, 23, going through very trying times. – Karen Hitchcock

Granddaughter Caitlin Donohoe breast cancer, spot on her spine, she is 29 / Karen Hitchcock

Kenny has a visit August 23rd with a new lung doctor in IA City (Karen Hitchcock)

Emaline Hess died (Karen Hitchcock) Jessica Borland (Swanson's)

Kathee Secor spot on lungs, surgery soon. (Rick, Brenda & family)

Edward Gridley (Jacob) Bob Bloomer (Annie & family) Rockwell family

Marilyn Mix having cancer treatments (family)

Gibson – kidney failure, 20yrs old. (friend of Weston's)

Ken Enstrom #229 Patty R. (Rick & family) Henry Diedrich /Silver Cross #255 (family)

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

Chad Secor (Dave & Helen's nephew) Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's)

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 prayer for guidance (Jeanie Kirgan) Jerry Roelens (Barb Hanson & family)

Gavin ,Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family)

Kathy Overholzer treatments for cancer working. (Dave & Helen's niece)

Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family) Dawn F. (family) Cara (friend of Diane B.)





September Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

Day 1- Psalm 121: 1-4
 Day 2- Psalm 121: 5-8
 Day 3- Psalm 62: 1-4
 Day 4- Psalm 62: 5-8
 Day 5- Psalm 62: 9-12
 Day 6- Amos 4:13
 Day 7- Psalm 93: 1-5

Day 8- Matthew 22: 34-40
 Day 9- Matthew 11: 25-27
 Day 10- Matthew 11: 28-30
 Day 11- Isaiah 53: 1-4
 Day 12- Isaiah 53: 5-8
 Day 13- Isaiah 53: 9-12
 Day 14- Psalm 32: 4-6

Day 15- 2 Timothy 1: 6-8
 Day 16- 2 Timothy 1: 9-11
 Day 17- 2 Timothy 1: 12-14
 Day 18- Colossians 3: 1-4
 Day 19- Colossians 3: 5-10
 Day 20- Colossians 3: 12-14
 Day 21- Colossians 3: 15-17

Day 22- Colossians 3: 18- 21
 Day 23- Colossians 3: 22- 25
 Day 24- Matthew 7: 1-3
 Day 25- Matthew 7: 4-6
 Day 26- Matthew 7: 7-12
 Day 27- Matthew 7: 13- 20
 Day 28- Matthew 7: 21-23

Day 29- Matthew 7: 24-29
 Day 30- 1 Thessalonians 5: 19-24

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30am Elder Mtg 9:30am Worship	2 Labor Day Office Closed	3 6:30pm River Bend Bronze	4	5 10:00am Bible Study	6	7
8 9:30am Worship Food Pantry	9	10 6:30pm River Bend Bronze	11	12 10:00am Bible Study	13	14
15 9:30am Worship 10:30am Board Mtg Rummage Sale— Table Set-up	16 Rummage Sale Set-up 9am	17 6:30pm River Bend Bronze	18	19	20 Rummage Sale 8am—4pm	21 Rummage Sale 8am—Noon
22 9:30am Worship	23	24 6:30pm River Bend Bronze	25	26 10:00am Bible Study	27	28
29 9:30am Worship Reconciliation Special Offering	30 Bell Article Deadline					

Serving Elders
1 Steve Swanson
8 Kathy Weston
15 Helen Popp
22 Diane Block
29 Lisa Hatlett

Serving Deacons
HD Marty Larson, Jackie Fleming, Ron Standley and Gary Troyer
Preparing Deacon
Lynne Swanson

Fellowship Time

**All dates are available!
Sign up today!!**

Flowers
1 Bob Bloomer
8 Mable Carlson
15 Alice Lyons
22 Don & Sandy Wentler
29 Dave Glanz

