



## Congregational Announcements

1. **Financial Letter** ~ Packets were sent to our members last week detailing the current financial situation in our congregation. In it was a letter explaining both the problems that we are facing and the steps we are taking to correct them and an FAQ sheet about our Biblical understanding of giving. It was meant to give our members a clear picture of our congregation's finances and to help them make wise, Bible-based decisions about their household's giving. Sadly, the devil may use a challenging situation like this to tempt Christians to gossip, slander, hurt others' reputations, and put the worst construction on things. Therefore we would encourage you at this time (and always) to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11) and, if you have an issue with someone's words or actions, to "be reconciled to your brother" (Matthew 5:24) by speaking to them personally.
2. **Swaddling Clothes** ~ Our next "Shopping Day" for families in our community to receive free clothes, diapers and formula is Saturday, February 8th from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. We could use volunteers to help setup at 8:00 am on Saturday. Diapers, size 3 specifically, and formula are two of the most needed items.
3. **Church Council Update** ~ The Church Council met on January 21 and heard regular reports. They also discussed the financial situation at Our Savior at length and how best to have continuing communication with the congregation about our progress in restoring our cash flow. They appointed our Treasurer (Kathy Huelle) and Financial Secretaries (Carol Perry, Pam Bell) for another one year term as well.
4. **Going into the hospital or know a member who is?** The privacy practices of CRMC have made it nearly impossible for us to find out who is in the hospital now, so we ask you to please contact the pastors if you are going into the hospital or if you know a member who is. Without knowing who is there, we cannot find out or come visit to provide pastoral care. The best way to reach the pastors is their cell phones, which are the numbers listed in the bulletin.
5. **Church Subscriptions** ~ Please check the table next to the photo directory in the Narthex to see if you have copies of a subscription waiting to be picked up! Please check and see if you are still on the list and it needs to be updated. If you find you have not paid for the subscription but are still receiving copies please let the church office know. Thank you for your help!
6. **Youth Night** ~ All youth 6th-12th grades are invited to Youth Night today, January 26th from 6-7:30 p.m. We will have pizza, Bible Study, and games. We are continuing our study of *Evolution: A Defense Against* by Pastor Lincoln Winter.
7. **Ladies Birthday Lunch** ~ On Monday, February 3rd at 11:30am our group will meet for lunch at Nipa Hut (instead of Culvers this month). It is located at 4014 Central Ave (on the corner of Central and 8th Ave). Please RSVP to Pam Hogarth 635-2325 so that the Vinluans can set aside a table for us since our event is during the busy lunch hour. All ladies of the congregation are welcome to attend.
8. **Photo Directory Update!** The Board of Fellowship wants to update our outdated photo directory by taking new photos of our members and families! Please contact Beth Geu, Jeremy Royer, or Patty Weir and have your new picture taken for the wall.
9. **Pastoral Care** - Your pastors are here for you outside of Sunday mornings also. If there is a medical emergency, hospitalization, trouble at home or work, or anything else that calls for pastoral care, we are available to visit you, pray with you, and bring you the everlasting comfort of God's Word and Sacrament. Just call, text, or email us, and we will help. (Please note: Friday is Pastor Scheer's day off, so contact Pastor Baikie in case of pastoral emergency, and Saturday is Pastor Baikie's day off, so contact Pastor Scheer in case of pastoral emergency.)

### Serving in Worship

**Elder:** Doug Ockinga (8:00) Mike Hoffland (10:45)  
Joe Cortney (7:00)

**Elder Apprentice:** Callan Baluska (8:00) Nick Woodward (10:45)

**Organist:** Susan Brown

**Altar Guild:** Ken and Marty Albright (8:00)

Jeanne Payton and Linda Correll (10:45)

**Ushers:** Don Hogarth and Volunteer

Each Sunday we will be challenged as a congregation to memorize a single verse of Scripture. The verse will come from one of the lessons for the following Sunday and we will recite it together the following Sunday.

This week's verse to recite is:

**Romans 1:16**

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.**

Next week's verse to memorize is:

**2 Peter 1:19**

**And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts**

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