

Ceresco Messenger ~ October 2018

Pastors Pen October 2018

In our lives today there seems to be so much suffering. Suffering affects the Christian and the non-believer. The Christ of the cross is our best answer to suffering and heartache. The answer to the problem of evil and suffering is not a philosophy, but a person (Jesus) not words, but the word of God found in His Holy Bible.

Hebrews 12:2-3. Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set out before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and set down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him (Jesus) Who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

As horrible as the pain of Jesus on the cross was, it must have been much more painful spiritually, when God closed His eyes when Jesus died. When we are troubled physically or mentally, let us remember that it is Jesus' hand that holds us. Imagine the hand you hold is rough and calloused from carpentry work. Imagine the hand you hold is scarred where the nails were driven.

Jesus experienced a life without God when the earth grew dark. Jesus died this way for us, so that when we take our last breath - we will forever be in the presence of our God.

In Jesus' name, Pastor Gary Schooler



Please join us for our **Annual Fall Church Party!**

Saturday, Oct. 27th, 4:30-6:30 pm

There will be a hot dog roast, some good chili, and s'mores to make!
There will be games, piñata, pumpkins, and this year, Grandpa Scarecrow
will be there if you want your picture taken with him!

Be sure to put this on your calendar!

Martha Circle Minutes, 10/10/2018

Joy opened with prayer. Present: Gretchen, Joanne, Lisa, Linda, Ruth, Vi, Joy.

Secretary/Treasurer - available balance \$439.85. RADA income, \$41.75 turned in from sale on Sept. 30th. Minutes were in the September Messenger.

American Baptist Women - Joy read about some hands-on mission projects we could do locally.

White Cross - still need to do roller bandages, so we need sheets!

Missions: Joy read an update from Wayne Niles.

Sunshine - Joanne reported who she had sent cards to, and we decided who needed cards.

Old Business - Any new thoughts or ideas regarding banners for the sanctuary? Dec 5th meeting: potluck and white elephant gift exchange. Bake Sales resumed Sept. 30th, proceeds to roof fund.

New Business: Women's Sunday, Oct. 14 - sent sign-up sheet around during meeting. Community Service - we will start bringing items for the **Haven of Rest Ministries** to our meetings each month. Items needed are: coffee, Kleenex, canned fruits/vegetables, breakfast meats, foot powder, deodorant, shampoo, towels, hygiene products, laundry detergent.

Hostess/Meeting schedule so far: Nov 7 - Ruth, Dec 5 - Potluck/White Elephant gift exchange (no business meeting), Jan 9- Joanne, Feb 13 - Linda, March 13 - Joyce, April 10 - Vi, May 8- Gretchen, June 12 - ?, Aug Treasure Sale planning meeting - ?, Sept 11 - ?.

Scripture Discussion: Luke 10:25-37. **Scripture Reading** for next month: Mark 6:30-44
Love Gift Offering: \$7.25 **Devotional Offering:** \$6.00

Joy closed in prayer, then we enjoyed refreshments and tied a couple of fleece blankets.

Women's Sunday set for October 14, 2018

Look out guys! The ladies are in charge on Oct. 14th!

Greeters: Joyce Cary & Glennie Swann

Invocation/Welcome/Announcements: Joy Sommers

Responsive Reading: Linda Chisholm

Community Sharing & Prayer Time: Gretchen King

Children's Time: Joy Sommers

Special Music: Joanne Henley

Ushers: Sally Beltz, Kay Davis, Vi Halder

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication: Linda Chisholm

Scripture Reading: Darlene Anthony

Sermon: Sharon Hadley

Audio & Projection: Veronica Anthony

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Sept 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| | Boy Scouts, 7 pm | | | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Communion Sunday, Pastor Gary Cunningham preaching, Flowers by Joanne in Memory of Sam | Columbus Day Boy Scouts 7 pm | | Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm | | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| Women's Sunday Flowers - OPEN | Boy Scouts, 7 pm | | Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Potluck Flowers- OPEN | Boy Scouts, 7 pm | | | | | Annual Fall Gathering 8 am -3 pm Battle Creek, Fall Church Party 4:30-6:30 pm |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | Nov. 1 | Nov. 2 | Nov. 3 |
| Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale Flowers by Sommers, Refreshments by Sommers | Boy Scouts, 7 pm | Worship Ministry Team Meeting 5:30 pm | Trick or Treat Church Basement 5:00-6:30 pm | | | |

Prayer for Pastor & Family

O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer, may the words of our pastor's mouth and the meditation of his heart be pleasing in Your sight (Psa. 19:14).

May You, O Lord, give our pastor the desire of his heart and make all of his plans succeed (Psa. 20:4).

Lord, our God, may Your favor rest upon our pastor and establish the work of his hands (Psa. 90:17).

God of hope, may You fill our pastor with all joy and peace as he trusts in You, so that he may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 15:13).

Lord of peace, may You give our pastor and his family peace at all times and in every way (2 Thess. 3:16).

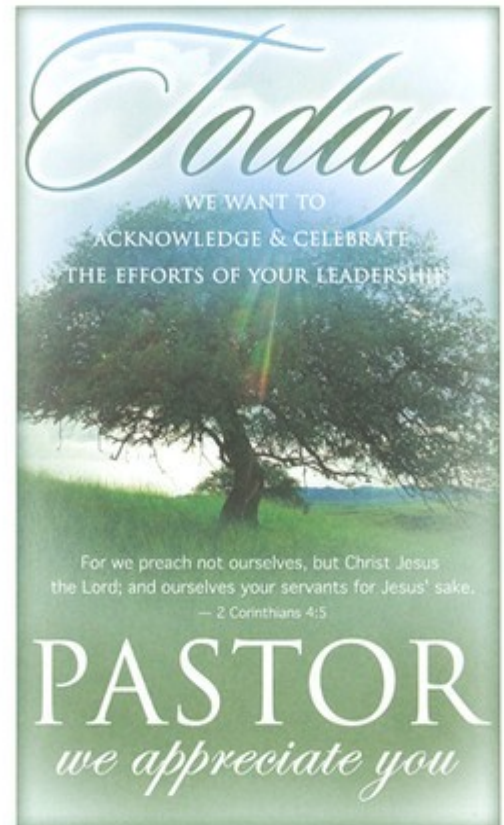
May You, the God of peace, equip our pastor with everything good for doing Your will, and may You work in him what is pleasing to You, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen (Heb. 13:20-21).

Our Shepherd

This pastor appreciation poem is adapted from Psalm 23.

The Lord gave us a shepherd,
We're no longer in want.
He helps us find God's green pastures,
He leads us along still waters,
And he is used by God to restore our souls.
He guides us by straight pathways,
Bringing honor to God's name.
When we walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
We are not afraid because he walks with us.
His teaching and correction comfort and strengthen us.
He helps us stand strong in the face of evil.
He is the oil of healing and health in our souls.
Through him God has overflowed our lives with blessing.
Goodness and mercy are sure to follow us all our days,
And we are secure in eternal life
Because the Lord gave us a shepherd.

A Pastor Appreciation Poem Adapted from Psalm 23 by Daniel Sherman



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Oct 1 Kamren Collins
 Oct 2 Richard Straub
 Oct 2 Cortney Green
 Oct 2 Jordan Smith
 Oct 6 Jensen Dean Casey
 Oct 8 Kevin Collins
 Oct 9 Dave Glen
 Oct 9 Terry Ivey
 Oct 10 Heather Hess
 Oct 10 Jaymie Staib
 Oct 15 Dawn Frey
 Oct 15 Tina Green
 Oct 19 Craig Thomas
 Oct 21 Kalie Tuttle
 Oct 25 Molly Sommers
 Oct 26 Vera Chichester
 Oct 26 Diana Kidder
 Oct 26 Michelle McJunkin
 Oct 26 Jane Worthington
 Oct 27 Jade Haefele
 Oct 31 Mike Lutz
 Oct 31 Ryllie Staib

Nov 1 Scott Chisholm
 Nov 2 Barry Vavrina
 Nov 3 Margie Cole
 Nov 3 Alex Goodman
 Nov 5 Lora Finch
 Nov 6 Devin Phelps
 Nov 7 Dick Halstead
 Nov 10 Ken Davis
 Nov 10 Jean King
 Nov 11 Travis Weeks
 Nov 12 Betty Halverson
 Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
 Nov 13 Brad Gary
 Nov 16 Mike McJunkin
 Nov 17 Jody Babcock
 Nov 18 Shirley Lawcock
 Nov 20 Gladys Smith
 Nov 21 Brianne Holtz
 Nov 24 Bridget Holder
 Nov 25 Olive Derrick
 Nov 25 Jessie Wood
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Kelly Wood
 Nov 28 Becky Wood
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada (Kidder)
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey
 Nov 29 Mya Lynn Haefele



Oct 3 Gary & Pat Heidrich
 25 Russ & Shawn Skinner
 30 Greg & Michelle Wood

Nov. 3 Mike & Pam Lutz
 12 Rick & Marcy Bonney
 15 Art & Donna Ruthruff
 16 Brian & Barb Gary



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PASTOR
APPRECIATION SUNDAY
A time to say "Thank You!" **OCTOBER 21st**

