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Join us for some

"Blue Sky Thinking"

Sunday, February 19th

After the

UMW Mission Dinner

(casseroles and deserts)

(around 12:30)

ALL IDEAS WELCOME

THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Ash Wednesday

This year's Ash Wednesday Service will be held at 7:00 p.m., on Wednesday, Feb. 22. Imposition of Ashes will be part of the service.



Ben Sides and Friends

Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:45 a.m.

Freewill offering will be received to help with Ben's trip expenses.

Easter Baskets

Now that we have had some nice weather days I am thinking about Easter already. We will once again be having our "Easter Basket Auction". Now is the time to start to think about what type of theme basket you might like to donate. We would like to have about a dozen baskets to auction. If you have questions, please see Debbie McCloney. Easter is April 8 so we will want the baskets at church on March 11 for the bidding to begin & will distribute the baskets to the highest bidder after church on Sunday, April 1.

Nut/Cookbook Sales

Nut sales have continued to be slow & we still have about 50 lb left. Please help the nut committee sell the rest so we can help the church with the profits. They are still in the office, available after church in Fellowship Hall or by calling Roger or Debbie McCloney at 287-2818. Remember Valentine's Day is coming up soon & nuts are great for company or make great gifts. The cookbooks are still available for \$15. We have paid the bill so the money from sold cookbooks goes to the general fund of the church. Again they make great wedding, shower, graduation, birthday gifts.

If you know of any organization having a craft or vendor show please let Debbie McCloney know at 287-2818 so she can see about setting up a booth & selling cookbooks.

Fun and Fellowship

Join us for game night at 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18th. We will be playing bingo! Please bring a white elephant gift for the prizes. Hope to see you there.

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Information for *The Poster* should be in the Church office by the 29th of the month prior to being published.

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. -

12:00 noon

Monday to Friday

Sunday Worship

9:45 a.m.

Holy Communion is the first Sunday of the month

Pastor's Ponderings

If you were in worship on January 15th and 22nd you heard a little about what Pam Schisel and I learned during our time at the Creativity Conference we attended in Florida last month. The conference centered on thinking about how the church could reach people and do ministry in new, creative ways. We had a variety of presenters, some who were pastors or others working in various church ministry positions, and some who are active as lay persons within their local churches and also work at Walt Disney World.

We looked at how Disney does things; their commitment to excellence, how they create a culture built around welcoming and serving guests to assure everyone coming to the parks has a "magical" experience, and how they foster a climate that encourages people to dream big dreams. And we began to ask ourselves if there are some things a successful secular company like Disney could teach those of us in the church about reaching people and doing ministry.

The answer is, yes, there are. I've talked about a few of those in my sermons since returning, and I'd like for us to start putting some of those things into practice. I'd like to start by having a session that uses what Disney calls "Blue Sky Thinking." It's called that because of the idea that you put forth ideas or dreams where the sky's the limit. There are no bad ideas. You don't worry up front about how feasible the idea is, about whether it's realistic or affordable. First you just dream big and get the ideas out there. Later you start to narrow the ideas down and decide which ones might be the best or most do-able.

Since the UMW ladies have another of their mission dinners coming up on Sunday, February 19th, I thought I'd combine our "Blue Sky" session with their dinner, and have our meeting after lunch is over,

probably around 12:30. Please be thinking and praying about ideas. Any and all ideas are welcome.

Another session Pam and I attended was talking about reaching people and growing your church through "Needs Based Evangelism." Basically the idea is that you reach people in your community by providing something that meets their needs. It might be a cancer support group, a parenting class, an after-school program, etc. Whatever it is becomes an avenue for them to become involved in the church.

As part of our "Blue Sky" session, I'd like for us to think about how we could put this kind of idea into practice. What are the needs in the community around us? How can we best find that out, and which needs might we be able to meet through ministries we could offer?

Well, those are some things I would like all of us to think about, pray about, and dream about. Please come ready to share ideas and dream together on February 19th.

Keep in mind four quotes from Walt Disney and one from the Bible. I'll trust you can figure out which come from Walt and which comes from Luke.

"If you can dream it, you can do it"

"It's kind of fun to do the impossible"

"For nothing will be impossible with God."

"The way to get started is to quit talking and begin doing."

"Dream, believe, dare, do."

Pastor Kathy

Free Books!

Sharon Peterson, church librarian, has begun spring cleaning of the library. Books, free for the taking, have been placed on a table in the narthex (across from the name tag stand). Help yourself and check back frequently because more will be added as the cleaning continues.

Sharon also added several books to our collection. Stop by the library and check them out!

Scholarships Available

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation will be accepting scholarship applications through March 15, 2012. Each scholarship has an individual application indicating all required application criteria. Students must complete one set of documentation for each scholarship for which they apply. These forms are available at www.iumf.org.

Tax Time Help

Help in preparing taxes is available at the Southside Senior Center (100 SW Payton Ave) on Wednesday, Feb. 15, Wednesday, March 21, Tuesday, March 27, Wednesday April 4 and Tuesday April 10.

Park Avenue Christian Church (3301 SW 9th St) will have helpers on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lenten Study

A Lenten study will be offered at 4:00 Sunday afternoons for six weeks, beginning on February 26th. We will be using Adam Hamilton's new study: "Final Words From the Cross". The book looks at the words Jesus spoke as he hung dying on the cross and what they might have to teach us about Jesus, his Father, and ourselves. Hamilton looks at the biblical account, tells the story as it might have been told from one of the bystanders at the cross, and then explores what the words might mean for our lives today.

Cost of the book is \$10.00. A sign-up sheet will be available at church, or you can call and let Pastor Kathy know you plan to attend. Please join us for this inspiring look at Jesus' words from the cross!

NEWSBOYS in Indianola

NEWSBOYS "God's Not Dead" tour will stop in Indianola, at Indianola Community Church, 14424 Kennedy St, on Thursday March 29. Doors open at 6 and the concert begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$21 online (<http://faithworkz.org>) and will be available at the venue. Wellspring Bookstore at 10465 Hickman Rd in Urbandale also has a few for sale. Tickets will be available at the door only if space allows. The show will be standing room only.

Save These Dates

Jews for Jesus will present *The Last Supper* on Monday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m., in our sanctuary.

Vacation Bible School/Day Camp will be held July 9-12, at Christ Lutheran Church.

Can You Help?

Bidwell Riverside has issued a list of its most urgently needed items. If you can donate any of these items, place them in the clothing collection barrels in the narthex or deliver them to Bidwell at 1203 Harford Ave. Thanks, in advance, for your donations.

Personal products: shampoo, conditioner, soap, feminine hygiene products; Paper products: toilet paper, paper towels; Diapers: especially sizes 2 and up; Cash: When the economy is challenged Bidwell experiences a double effect - cash donations go down while need goes up.

A New Page

Beginning this month you will find a new page in your monthly newsletter. On one side, you will find a puzzle or game of some kind. The other side is a short quiz over a section of the Bible. Please answer the questions and bring the answers with you to worship before the end of the month in which you receive the newsletter. No fair collecting them and turning them all in at the end of the year! You have to turn them in each month. At the end of the year, we will have a special recognition for whoever has answered the most questions correctly. Mail-in responses will only be accepted from those who live more than 25 miles from the church or those who are among the homebound. The answers will be posted in fellowship hall the following month. So have fun finding all the people and place names from the first 11 chapters of Genesis, then answer the questions on the first 4 chapters. This is an open book quiz so feel free to use your Bible.

It's Not Trash!

There are several items collected here at the church that help others.

- Labels for Education (Campbell's, Swanson's, Prego, V-8, etc) can be placed in the bin on the coat rack near the west door. These are delivered to Bidwell.
- The pull-tabs from soda pop cans can be placed in the milk jug on the coat rack near the west door or delivered to Ronald McDonald House at 1441 Pleasant St.
- Canceled Stamps also have a milk jug on the coat rack near the west door. These go to Mayflower Homes, 616 Broad St, Grinnell IA 50112.
- Old eye glasses are collected in a bin on the coat rack near the west door for a local Lion's Club.
- Brown paper grocery bags for the Food Pantry can be placed in the blue plastic laundry basket near the west door.
- Plastic shopping bags for Bidwell's Clothes Closet can be placed in the clothing barrels found near the west doors.
- Used clothing in good condition, diapers, wipes, bedding in good condition, and household linens in good condition can be placed in the clothing barrels near the west door to be given to Bidwell.
- Empty printer and toner cartridges can be left under the coat rack near the west door. These are taken to Office Max for credit when office supplies are purchased for the church.

There are systems in place to handle these items so bringing them to church helps you get them out of your house and helps another organization.



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and action,
open to all in the Spirit and Love
of God.*

**Education Classes held Sept. 11,
2011 thru May 20, 2012
11:00-11:45 a.m.**

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Lesson Texts

You are invited to come to worship prepared by reading the text ahead of time. You may wish to bring your own Bible.

12th 2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
1 Corinthians 9:24-27
Mark 1:40-45
19th 2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9
26th Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15
4th Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38
11th Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Events:

Feb. 12th - Disabilities Awareness offering will be received.
Feb. 19th - Food Pantry Offering received
-UMW Mission Dinner
- "Blue Sky Thinking" meeting
Feb. 22nd - Ash Wednesday Service
Feb. 26th - Lenten Study at 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 4th - Lenten Study at 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 11th - Daylight Saving Time begins
- Lenten Study at 4:00 p.m.



February 2012

Monthly Planner

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January 2012

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Adah	Dedan	Gomorrah	Kittim	Ninevah	Sheba
Adam	Diklah	Hadoram	Lamech	Noah	Sheleph
Admah	Eber	Ham	Lasha	Obal	Shem
Almodad	Eden	Haran	Lehabim	Ophir	Shinar
Anamim	Egypt	Havilah	Lot	Pathrusim	Sidon
Aram	Elam	Hazarmaveth	Madai	Peleg	Sodom
Ararat	Elishah	Heth	Magog	Pishon	Tarshish
Arpachshad	Enoch	Irak	Mahalalel	Raamah	Terah
Ashkenaz	Enosh	Jabal	Mehujael	Rehobothir	Tigris
Asshur	Erech	Japheth	Mesha	Resen	Togarmah
Assyria	Euphrates	Jared	Methuselah	Reu	Zeboiim
Babel	Eve	Javan	Methushael	Riphath	Zillah
Cain	Gaza	Jerah	Milcah	Rodanim	
Canaan	Gerar	Jobab	Naamah	Sarai	

1. What were the first words God spoke in the Bible?
2. What did God do on the fourth day?
3. How many different versions are there of the creation of man and woman?
4. What was the fruit that Adam and Eve ate that caused the fall?
5. What did God do on the third day?
6. How many rivers flowed from Eden and what were their names?
7. Name the special tree or trees in the Garden of Eden.
8. What is the specific reason Adam and Eve were driven out of Eden?
9. How many children did Adam and Eve have, and what were their names?
10. Why did God mark Cain?
11. Why did Cain kill his brother?
12. From which of Adam and Eve's sons was Noah descended?

Bring the answers to any worship service before the end of the month. Mail-ins accepted from those living more than 25 miles away and from the homebound.