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You Are Welcome At
Our Services!

Sunday

Morning Worship.....9 a.m.

Sunday School.....10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Family Night.....6:00 p.m.

June Events:

Sun, Jun 2 nd	2:00 p.m. VBS Decorating
Mon Jun 3 rd – Jun 7 th	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. VBS
Sat, Jun 8 th	7: 00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Blood Drive
Sun, Jun 9 th	12:00 p.m. All Church Picnic – Hamblins
Sun, Jun 9 th	6: 00 p.m. Board Meeting
Wed, Jun 12 th	11:30 a.m. Picnic in the Park
Mon, Jun 17 th	6:00 p.m. Camp Fellowship - Versailles
Wed, Jun 19 th	11:30 a.m. Picnic in the Park
Sun, Jun 23 rd	4:30 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting
Wed, Jun 26 th	11:30 a.m. Picnic in the Park
Sun, Jun 30 th	9:00 a.m. Youth Offering during service
Sun, Jun 30 th	6:30 p.m. Community Prayer



*He will turn the
hearts of the fathers
to their children, and
the hearts of the children
to their fathers.♥*

MALACHI 4:6

So, anyone begun their construction of an ark yet?

I mean, we've gone past the point where the rain we've experienced this spring is more than a headache. It's truly impacting families and businesses, especially those who depend on the land for their income. And though personally it doesn't impact me yet (except some water in the basement), I know that there will be ramifications down the road. And I know there is fear and doubt amongst those who live off the land about what will happen come harvest (if there is much of a harvest).

And that got me thinking about what we depend on. It seems like no matter what, we can rely on the weather being somewhat predictable, right? I mean we know there to be seasons and we trust that year after year things will be about the same. But then we have a spring where we're over 6 inches above average in rainfall for the year and we start to question those cycles. When we thought we could depend on a spring where it'll be dry enough and warm enough to plant crops and gardens, we find that it's difficult if not impossible this year.

And maybe that starts us to question other things we've depended upon. And maybe you're not connected to the land but there have been times in your life where a significant event or a catastrophic letdown changed your perspective. Maybe the death of a loved one, especially a child. Maybe the loss of a job that you thought was secure. Maybe a sudden revelation by a spouse or parent that flipped your world upside down. Maybe it was just that the plans you had in life reveal themselves to be unattainable. Maybe you realized that some of your dreams in life cannot be fulfilled.

And so what do we do then? That rock-solid foundation that we've held on to throughout life: a

parent, job, spouse, etc, suddenly fails and the bottom drops out of your world. What do you do then?

And I wish I had great advice for you, like a three step process to deal with that turmoil.

Unfortunately, I don't. But what I do have is a truth that I was reminded of by someone this week: God is a God of impossibilities.

And we could go through a list of historical events from the Bible to reveal this. And we could go through the stories of those we know who have experienced the impossible. But to me, it's all about Jesus. When all things in life seem to fall apart and our dreams are starting to fall apart with it, we know that God is a God of life. God is the God who took the most horrible of circumstances, his own son dying on a cross, and made it the most epic event in history. God is a God who raises the dead.

And though what we've always depended upon might be failing us right now, God is always dependable. King David repeated calls God a strong tower, a fortress in times of trouble, and I pray we hold on to that. And I pray we remind each other of that truth as well.

Serving Him and you,
Matthew

Peoria Chiefs Game

We are planning to attend a Peoria Chiefs Ball Game with concert by Austin French on **Saturday, July 27th**. This is for ALL AGES and costs \$9 per seat and only if we have 15 participants (otherwise we'll cancel). We will leave approximately 4:30pm and return home late. Children under 10 need a parent to attend with them (and anyone under 18 needs a permission slip). **Forms and money are due by July 14th.**

LCSC Junior I Camp

Matthew is again co-leading a group of 5th and 6th graders at LaMoine Camp on July 7th-12th. He is asking if anyone would be interested in providing snacks/treats to support the faculty that will be serving along with him (frosted sugar cookies and Red Vine licorice, for example). **Please have items here by Sunday, July 7th by 1:00pm.** Thank you!

All Church Picnic

EVERYONE is invited to Steve and Donna Hamblin's home on **Sunday, June 9th at noon** for a church picnic. Meat and drinks will be provided, so just bring a side or dessert to share. We also encourage you to bring your yard games for this family event!

Picnic in the Park

Wednesdays, June 12th, 19th, 26th and July 3rd: This is for ALL AGES to come and enjoy a FREE meal at the Town Square (across from Astoria Christian Church) from **11:30am to 12:30pm.**

Baby Bottle Boomerang

Please have your baby bottles returned by **Father's Day (June 16th)**. There are still several available to take home.

May Financials

	Weekly Actual	Yearly Actual	Yearly Budget
May 5	\$1,280.00	\$22,107.02	\$23,963.22
May 12	\$995.00	\$23,102.02	\$25,294.51
May 19	\$1,649.00	\$24,751.02	\$26,625.80
May 26	\$1,310.67	\$26,061.69	\$27,957.09
Totals	\$5,234.67		

Prayer List

Tina Althiser (Judy B's friend) – cancer treatments
Shelly Claxton (Pam K's friend) – cancer spreading
Betty Davis (Joe S' mother) – growth in pancreas, discerning treatments

Nathan Griffin – successful dental surgery & recovery

Todd Hamm - cancer treatments

Sandra Howell – plantar fasciitis

Frankie Jones - pain

Leonard Kaufman - cancer

Laurie Martin – pain, needs hip replacement

Garry Myers (Dusti H's coworker's dad) – late stage cancer

Lori Rodriguez – pain, needs hip replacement

Brandi Rudd – cancer treatments

John & Tara Schriver – job & health

The Thiner family – relational issues

Marissa – cancer (Letha Stambaugh's friend)

Hailey (14 y/o friend of Carlocks) – cancer

Mary Belville's friend – cancer

Mary (Pam K's aunt) – cancer

Paul (Amy Rice's brother) – critical surgery

Condolences

Morris Cox family

Xena Hoerr family

Ralph Ascher (Pam K's 'in-law') family

Summer Youth Attending Camp*:

June 2-7: Larissa Carlock, Ruthie Trone

June 9-14: Adam Prather

June 28-29: Silas Thiner, Brayton McCoy

June 30-July 3: Brinlee Zeisler

July 7-12: Xander Thiner, Madalyn Carlock (Matthew Thiner)

July 14-19: Jude Thiner, Jonah Shaw

*We apologize if we missed any campers as detailed information from camp was not available at time of printing.