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THE PASTOR'S PAGE

A few years back I had a conversation with another pastor who was lamenting the amount that churches get stuck in "ruts." He used the comparison of winter driving and how in his opinion when everyone is just driving in the same ruts all it does is make the ruts deeper and more dangerous to drive in. The analogy made some sense to me as certainly crossing the slushy mixture is when many problems occur while winter driving. The question remained, "does the analogy apply to the church?" Do we as churches get stuck doing the same things over and over and miss out on what God is actually wanting to do in our churches and in our lives?

As I have reflected on this conversation over the years I have come to the conclusion that the answer is yes... but also a very important no. It is good to be stuck in some things, because some things ought not to change. Think about the following words, theology, communion, salvation, baptism, Jesus Christ, evangelism, worship, prayer, the Bible etc. Certainly we do not want to stop doing these things! In fact it is often when these types of things begin to be changed that the church gets into some seriously deep trouble. There are some activities and beliefs that are essential to a church being a church. These beliefs and actions actually serve to protect our lives and beliefs to ensure we maintain living lives that bring glory to God, or to put it another way, by "staying in these ruts" we are actually prevented from going off into the ditch. Sometimes, when we don't stay in the ruts we actually show that we think we know better than what God has prescribed.

That is the big "no" answer to that question, but there's also a "yes." An important recognition that methods, programs, and styles can and often should change. Even look at something as simple as language, we no longer do our services in Koine Greek or Hebrew (the languages the Bible is written in), that is something that has changed. Does that make our services any less glorifying to God? Absolutely not, in fact it probably is the opposite as the people of this community are able to worship the Lord in the language which they know best. There are a few Catholic churches that still do a latin mass but that began hundreds of years after the time of Christ. Some things are ok to change, styles of music and prayer, methods of evangelism, practices of reading the Bible, or programs of the church to reach the community. There are contextual questions of how do we present the gospel to our community in a way that is effective but still within the "ruts" of the message of the gospel.

Back to the original story of this other pastor, it is ironic that we only ever had one formal ministry event scheduled to do together and he missed it because he ended up in a ditch driving through the snow. Some ruts are there for our benefit and keep us going in the right direction.

Have a happy winter

Pastor David's Office Hours: Monday 9 - 12 & 1 - 4 pm | Tues. & Wed. 1-5pm | Thurs. 9 am - 12 pm
Pastor David's Phone: 906-290-3510



LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD
WITH ALL YOUR

**heart, soul,
mind and
strength**

MATTHEW 22:37



CUT THIS OUT AND PUT IT ON YOUR FRIDGE OR MIRROR!

It Takes A Village

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

As an Elder many years ago, I was responsible to find a guest pastor to fill in for our vacationing minister. I did not find an available speaker and ended up sharing my own message, It Takes A Village To Raise A Christian. I described some of the ways people in our rural Wisconsin church family had encouraged me to become a Christian. It started with neighbors who gave us rides to Sunday School and the devoted teachers there. As a child and later as an adult I treasured the kind ladies and men who greeted me and shared their friendship each week. Many of the women served delicious meals and treats for various church gatherings. Some women and teen helpers provided childcare so young parents could have a break to take part in worship services. Those with musical talent stepped up to play instruments with a choir or song, leaders all helping to inspire us as we sing praises to the Lord. Other examples included volunteers who took turns to be church leaders, ushers, greeters and served communion.

I was motivated by my mentors to serve multiple terms in church leadership, different service opportunities and even as the Church Mouse author. None of this would have happened without the

dedicated members in that small church showing me by example that a Christian shares the love of Jesus with others. Prayer warriors taught me how to talk with Jesus and to listen for those God whispers that can guide us to follow His plan for our lives. When I went through tough times I was blessed with the comfort of the Holy Spirit and steadfast friends. They continually encouraged me in so many ways.

I now live in Indiana and have found a new church family that also shares God's love with others. Volunteers contribute in many ways, as they did at my former church. Many of the pastors in both churches have inspired and challenged me to be a more faithful Christian. As I have gotten older and have some limitations, I can still donate my tithe to support the church's work and share in other ways like the Prayer Chain ministry. I admire and appreciate all those people who step up to reach out to others with kindness and helping hands. Often the best church experiences feel like a warm hug from a friend. It truly takes a village or loving church family to raise and encourage a Christian. May God continue to bless you all.

Paula Guth, The Church Mouse

Daily Prayer

Monday: Pray for those struggling with addiction and Jail Outreach

Tuesday: Pray for our youth to know Christ

Wednesday: Pray for Camp Daniel

Thursday: Pray for orphans and widows

Friday: Pray for our church to be on fire for Christ

Saturday: Pray that our church would use our passions like sports or crafts to share the gospel

Sunday: Pray for the lonely in our area to find community



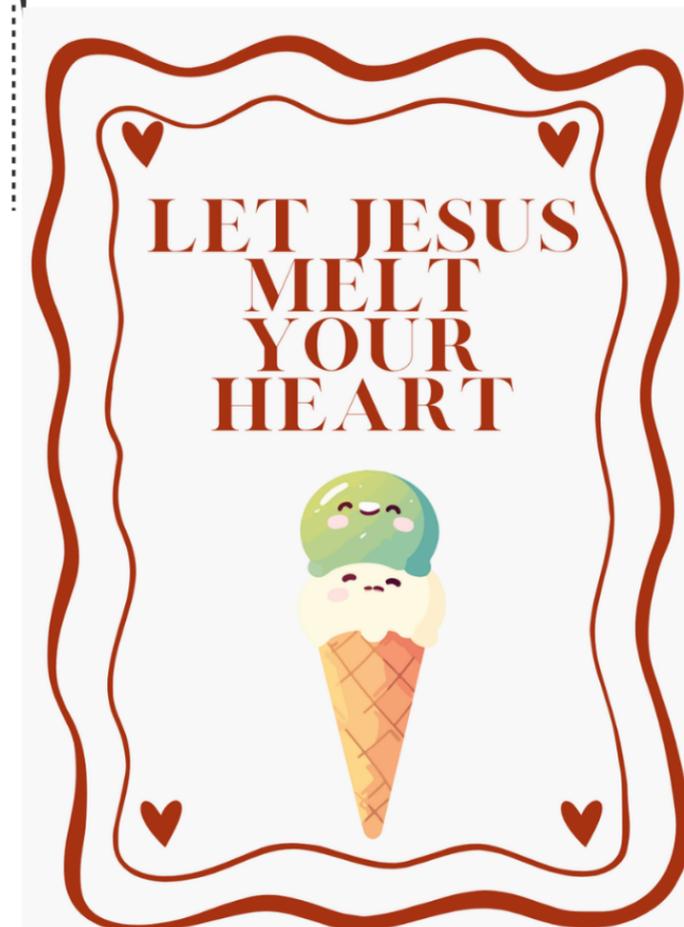
Whos is St Valentine Anyway?

St Valentine was a 3rd century Roman priest who would do secret wedding ceremonies for Christian couples against the emperor's laws. Emperor Claudius II was convinced that single men made better soldiers and so outlawed weddings.

St Valentine's rebellion eventually led to his arrest and later martyrdom, on February 14th, when he refused to deny Christ before the emperor. However, his legacy of promoting the union of man and woman before God lives on and is why we celebrate Valentine's Day.

Session Notes

- Please welcome our new members
 - August & Sue Heabel
 - Andy Kaufman
 - Tim & Dianne McDowell
 - Scott & Denise Regula
 - Dylan & Linnea Stonelake
 - Steven & Samantha Messman
 - Brain & Becky Arpke
- 2026 Session Committee Members are as follows
 - Admin-Lyle Cherry & Brenda White
 - Discipleship- Derrick McGee & Lynn Bauer
 - Outreach- Jim Pleuss & Randy Chapek
 - Maint/Building Grounds- Howie Edwards & Mike Yoder
 - Nominating- Randy Chapek & Derrick McGee
 - Worship- Brenda White & Mark Allard
- Ash Wednesday Potluck Feb 18th at 6pm, Service at 7pm
- There will be no lenten Potlucks/servies this year



FEBRUARY 2026



COUNTING

Feb 1st	Brenda W & Mike Y
Feb 8th	Howie E & Randy C
Feb 15th	Derrick M & Brenda W
Feb 22nd	Lynn B & Lyle C

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KITCHEN PERSON

Kathy Chapek

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Bonnie Eastman	8 th
Richard Stillman	9 th
Susan Heabel	11 th
Tim McDowell	13 th
Iola Kelly	15 th
Caroline Tromble	17 th
Robert Kaas	21 st
David White	21 st
Jim Pleuss	25 th

If we missed your birthday or anniversary, or got it wrong, please call the church office so that we (hopefully) don't make the same mistake in the future!



FEBRUARY 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Sunday School Worship 10am Potluck after service	2 Jail Outreach Homeschool Choir 6:15pm	3 Sarah's Circle 12:30	4 Men's Group 6:30am Kid's Church 2pm Able Church 5:30pm	5 Men's/Women's Group Potluck 5:30pm Study 6:15pm	6	7
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