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Six weeks ago I told you to be watching for signs that the day is drawing near, and be ready to respond when the call goes out that it's time. In case you've forgotten, I wasn't talking about the Second Coming. I was talking about the need for volunteers to help us take up the old baseboards and move everything so new carpet could be laid in the hallways, classrooms and fellowship hall. Well, you can relax a bit. Lord willing, the day is still coming, but a couple of things have come up that have pushed the install a couple of months or so into the future.

As I mentioned when last talking about this, your excellent stewardship is making possible some improvements around the church. I just didn't realize that there were a couple of improvements that had to take precedence.

The first came to our attention when we got a \$3,000 water bill! We hadn't noticed an increase in our water bill during the months of September-November. Nor did we notice they were then normal until the end of April. Apparently a leak had developed in the fall, and the water meter had failed in December. The bills were averaged until the meter was replaced, and it was discovered that we had "used" nearly 400,000 gallons of water! The city determined that the leak was between the meter and our building, and we hired a leak finder, a backhoe operator, and a plumber for a total of \$1575 to get it fixed. We are now awaiting the final adjusted water bill that will be around half of the original bill, or another \$1500.

The second opportunity to upgrade came when the AC unit for the fellowship hall started squalling. We replaced three units last year, but thought we could get a little more life out of the other two. We did. The north classroom unit only needed a minor repair in January, and a fan motor will hopefully keep the fellowship unit working through VBS. Once the fan noise was gone, however, we did discover that the compressor is also crying out for replacement. A new \$5700 AC-furnace will be on its way shortly.

Our balance sheet is getting a tad shorter, but hopefully it will still cover carpeting before fall. God Bless, Rick



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**SEARCHING THE VISIBLE
DISCOVERING THE INVISIBLE
MUSIC, LESSONS, CRAFTS AND GAMES
JUNE 5-8 6:15-8:30**

SERVING THIS SUNDAY – 6/4/17

Greeters	Will & Sara Bartels
Visitors' Stand	Lee & Schar Zimmerman
Communion Meditation	Jack Stucki
	Chris Luzio
Ushers	Duane Carrell
	Gary Gredzieleski
	Otto Huber
	Chuck McLaughlin
	Jack Ruebush
	Connor Bales
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers.....	Julie & Abbie Divjak
Infants.....	Renee & Madison Bales
	Sunday School
Toddlers.....	Julie Divjak
Infants.....	Janet Polley



JUNE SERVERS

6/11: Chris Luzio, Jack Stucki
6/18 & 6/25: Mark Huber, Jack Stucki

JUNE PROJECTIONIST

Chris Luzio

JUNE GREETERS

6/11 Rick & Janet Polley
6/18 Debbie Sanner
6/25 Judy Marlow

JUNE VISITORS' STAND

6/11 Gary & Lori Gredzieleski
6/18 Judy Marlow
6/25 Bob & Dixie Williamson

JUNE NURSERY

Worship - 6/11

Toddlers: Marilyn Wenneborg
Grace Hunley
Infants: Kileen Huber
Courtney Bales

Sunday School

Infants: Kristin Polley

Worship - 6/18

Toddlers: Nikki & Anna Hunley
Infants: Dixie Williamson
Reagan Formea

Sunday School

Infants: Bonnie Ruebush

Worship - 6/25

Toddlers: Sara & Regan Bartels
Infants: Rhonda Luzio
Jake Divjak

Sunday School

Infants: Dixie Williamson

Volunteers Needed

A very important ministry within our church deals with the volunteers who serve as ushers, greeters and visitors' stand attendees each Sunday. These folks serve unselfishly each week with little recognition and are an integral part of the service. The list of people willing and able provide these services has shrunk over the past several years, with very few new people stepping up to the ministry. Rick has spoken many times about how people within the congregation have differing and assorted skills and this seems like the perfect opportunity to be involved.

Ushers: The ushers assist in ensuring the congregation sets seated, pass the collection bags and serve communion. With the current list, you would serve one month each quarter, maybe two. If we can expand the list, we could reduce the frequency.

Greeters: These are the folks that stand at the door entering the sanctuary, greeting everyone and passing our the weekly programs to all. This is an excellent opportunity to talk to everyone in the congregation, get to know them and share stories. Right now, I feel like the current volunteers are way overworked. It has been several years since I can remember anyone stepping up to do this. Singles or couples welcome.

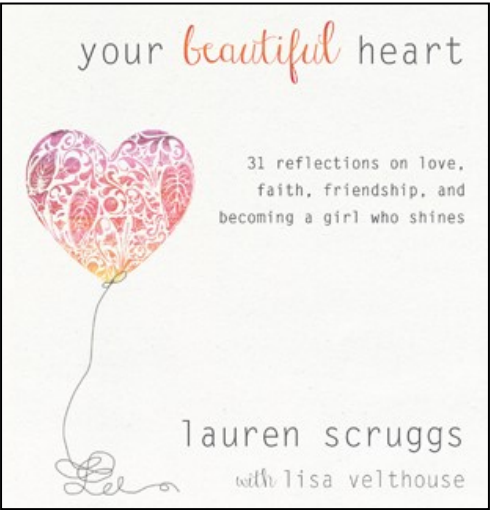
Visitors' Stand: The visitors' stand is located in the main hallway and is designed to greet any new people or visitors. Again, an excellent opportunity to meet new peoples in addition to communicating with others in the congregation. As with the greeters, no volunteers in the past several years and we're overusing the folks we have. Also, singles or couples welcome.

Please consider being a part of this important ministry for our church and more importantly, our Lord. I have placed sign-up sheets on the bulletin board for your convenience.

In Christian Love, Dave

Let Us Pray For...

--Shannon Higgins' uncle having heart surgery this week, and a cousin who lost her husband to cancer.



There will be a summer book study for all interested High School Girls led by Samantha Thomas throughout late June and July. The author, Lauren Scruggs, was involved in the fashion industry and dealt firsthand with the issues many of us face: body image, self worth, peer pressure and more. In the midst of this environment that emphasizes external beauty, she discovered that what makes us truly beautiful is our heart. Getting to know God better daily through his Word is what beautifies our heart.

The discussions will take place at Edgars on 6/28, 7/5, 7/12, 7/26 and 8/2 from 12:00-2:00pm. Please try and purchase your book as soon as possible and come to the first meeting ready to discuss the first section of the book. I'll try my best to schedule the swim and studies at 2pm so you won't miss out on some pool time!



Our first game will be this Sunday in Rochester at 3:15. Try to wear a grey t-shirt, bring your glove and a bat if you have one, then we will all stretch together so us old guys don't pull a muscle! Might happen anyway!



Why is Mark advertising something about the Fourth of July you might ask. Isn't that 5 weeks away? Indeed it is but time flies and since we are planning something different this year, I wanted to review the announcement I made concerning our plans.

Since our location to the fireworks is ideal, this year we thought we would organize an event for the community ending with us all watching the fireworks together from our church yard. I am envisioning games for kids, snow cones, cotton candy, hot dogs and root beer floats for a fun festive event prior to the fireworks. Since the dunk tank was postponed, this would be a good time to use it and in fact is reserved for us to use on the 4th.

I would absolutely love a few volunteers to help me plan this outreach event since early June is packed with VBS and a Hawaii trip for the Hubers. If you have been wanting to serve for a function such as this, please see me as soon as possible and we can plan it together. I'm not the most creative person in the world, but together, I think we provide a great service for others and make some new friends!



As we enter into the final days of VBS preparation, please keep this year's program in your prayers. Also, if you would like to join us at 5:30 each night prior to VBS to pray at the church, you are more than welcome.