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I want to introduce you to a new mission that will appear on our 2021 Financial Projection.

IDES is a Christian relief organization that was begun in 1973 to enable Christian Churches to partner with mission workers around the world in order to meet the physical and spiritual needs of people in the name of Jesus Christ. The primary goal of IDES is to share the gospel by showing that God loves and cares for those in need, whether it is rebuilding homes after a disaster, providing nutritious food to the hungry, helping develop sustainable solutions for water or food supply problems, or serving the sick and injured. Last year IDES disbursed over 4 million dollars in disaster response aid, hunger relief, community development, medical care, and for Bibles and evangelistic materials.

Over the years IDES stepped in to help Asian Christian Mission meet needs that arose from various disasters, and when funds were available, we sought to help meet such needs directly. Sending funds monthly to IDES, however, will enable us to join with other churches to even more effectively meet needs as they arise.

Upon Jesse's death the board of ACM decided to bring the mission to a close at the end of 2020, and Jesse's wife, Ati, will continue working in Thailand through another mission. Supporting IDES will therefore not only enable us to meet needs around the world, but to continue meeting needs that might arise where we have ministered for over 40 years through our beloved Jesse. God Bless, Rick



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Children's
Christmas
Musical
Sunday
Morning
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13th

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Sunday Worship Service 9:15 AM
Bible School 10:45 AM

STATISTICS

Worship	11/15	59
Offering		\$2,962.65
Worship	11/22	around 60
Offering		\$3,343.65

Let Us Pray For...

—Mary Sexton and family at the passing of Jim last Monday evening.

ELDER INTRODUCTION AND FINANCIAL PROJECTION

All currently serving elders have agreed to continue serving in 2021, and will be formally presented this Sunday along with a slightly reduced financial projection for the new year. The affirmation will then take place on December 6th.

CHRISTMAS EVE

An abbreviated and distanced service is being planned, but we are still in need of special music. Please let Rick know if you have a musical selection to offer.

ASIAN CHRISTIAN MISSION

Dear faithful friends and supporters,

It has been 45 years since Jesse and Esther Yangmi started Asian Christian Mission. On behalf of Jesse, allow me (Ati) to thank you and gratefully share some of the many very meaningful ways your partnership with ACM has impacted lives for the Kingdom. Without your love, encouragement, prayers, and faithful giving the following would not have been possible.

In the early years, Jesse worked to teach basic reading and writing to the illiterate Lisu in the mountain villages of Northern Thailand. He and Morse family missionary colleagues made long treks to the villages to develop relationships and share the Gospel message.

Short term Bible schools followed to improve their Bible knowledge and from the early leadership training seminars came the first native evangelists and leaders for the Lisu church in Thailand.

ACM organized health clinics to teach hygiene, anatomy, and basic healthcare to our evangelists. Our evangelists provided basic treatment for common ailments as they shared the Gospel message in these remote villages.

ACM provided drug rehabilitation programs for tribal opium addicts and encouraged growing cash crops as an alternative to opium farming which was common among the hilltribes in Thailand.

Over many years, Jesse worked to translate and later revise the Lisu Bible which is currently being used by thousands of Lisu Christians and churches throughout China, India, Thailand, and Burma.

Jesse wrote and produced many Bible study commentaries and lessons for the Lisu and Rawang churches which are still being used today by Bible Schools as well as pastors and Sunday School teachers.

ACM establish the Lisu Bible Institute (LBI) which continues to train young leaders for the Lisu church. LBI graduates now teach and preach and serve throughout countries where the Lisu live and in many areas where foreigners cannot go.

ACM started a ministry to the unreached Jerwang people eight years ago. Jesse was deeply passionate about this final ministry, and he put all his effort into taking the Gospel message to his own people.

ACM provided desperately needed necessities like rice, blankets, soap and crop seed when tragedies like floods and famine brought devastation to our brothers and sisters in Burma and China who had no where to turn.

ACM also helped care for many widows and their children. They came to pray for Jesse when he was sick and wept by his casket as they thanked him for his help.

Most recently, ACM provided Covid relief for families in our local church community impacted by widespread job losses.

Someday, you will get to meet these precious lives and will hear the stories of how God spoke love and compassion and hope into their lives through the efforts of Asian Christian Mission. Thank you and all honor and glory to our gracious and holy God who made it all possible. Ati



As I was walking down the hallway Sunday evening, I heard some beautiful singing coming from the fellowship hall. All the kids are doing a great job with their roles in the Christmas Musical this year which is right around the corner. Here are the remaining important dates to have on your calendar:

- November 29th: Double practice 5:15-7:30.
- December 6th: Double/Technical practice 5:15-7:30.
- December 12th: Dress Rehearsal 9:00am-noon. Pizza provided
- December 13th: Showtime! 9:15am!



Junior & Senior High School

We will be doing our annual fall service activity on Saturday, December 5th from 10:00am-3:00pm. Please try to keep that date open in your calendar because as my mom always said, "many hands make light work!"

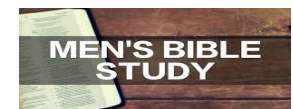
We have openings during that timeframe for a few more yards if needed. Please let me know as soon as possible if you would like the kids to help you out this year. If you handle your yard but know of someone outside of our church that could use assistance, that would be fine too as our group would love to minister to them through service.



We have so much to be thankful about. Although over the past 9 months, that is a hard mindset to have sometimes as we deal with this pandemic. As I mentioned in the communion meditation, I especially feel for our students in High School and College, those who happened to turn 16 on the very day the DMV closes, and those who are experiencing other milestones in ways that are much different than most of us experienced in our lifetime.

Especially this week, however, let us focus on being thankful for what the Lord has done for us. And as some of you heard on Sunday, what jumped out at me in this week's Communion passage was that Jesus was thankful as He broke the bread and poured the wine during the Last Supper. He "gave thanks" before linking the bread to his body and the cup to His blood.

Thankful for his own crucifixion. It is a thought that should bring us to our knees. Jesus went to the cross thankfully, voluntarily for our good. It was necessary for us to be forgiven and be adopted back into the family of God. We were worth it in the eyes of Jesus and He was thankful to be able to save us. Let's in turn mirror our Lord and be people with thankful hearts.



As Rich noted during our service, the Men's Bible Study will be changing the weekly meeting time from Thursday to Tuesday. Therefore, our next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1st, at 7:00pm here at the church. Any adult male in the church is obviously welcome to attend! We will be examining Acts 2 and if interested, I'd be happy to give you a copy of our guide book from Warren Wiersbe that we are using for this study.