



Journey Church

September

NEWS

Life in Christ, Life in Community

“Jesus said to him, ‘I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.’” John 14:6

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Have you ever heard the phrase “that was a life-giving experience”? A quick search online defines this as something that heals, rejuvenates, and supports personal growth. As I think about my own life, I can point to experiences or moments that have been life-giving. Last July, I was in St. Ignatius, Montana at Pinehaven Christian Ranch. To be in this beautiful part of God’s creation and serving with others was a life-giving experience I won’t forget.

I’m also reminded of the everyday moments I encounter here at home. A good conversation with a friend, an early morning run along the Mississippi, a dinner-date night with my wife after a busy week. These are all truly “life-giving” moments, but they all pale in comparison to the life that Jesus offers. To know Jesus and live for Him is truly life-giving!

Jesus makes the claim that in Him there is life. In John 14:6 when we read the phrase “and the life,” we might not truly understand the meaning. It helps us to read in John 11:25-26 that Jesus claimed to be the “resurrection and the life.” In saying this about Himself, Jesus fulfills all the Old Testament promises of “life” given by God. Jesus, being the One having life in Himself (John 1:4), is the One who can give us life here today and also eternal life to all who believe in and trust in Him.

I recently spoke with someone who shared about the joy they experienced of being with others in worship. They had been out of town recently and had watched the livestream, but it wasn’t the same as being in the sanctuary with others. I reminded this individual that this was always God’s intent. To grow and persevere in our life with Jesus means we must choose to gather with others. The word community is used often today, but as Hebrews 10:24-25 teaches us, to meet together means we encourage each other in our life with Jesus. This is the forgiven and redeemed community gathered together in Jesus Christ.

As we head into the fall season, I want to encourage you to make it a priority to gather with the body of Christ at Journey. Make worship a weekly priority as we gather to pursue our vision to Make Much of Jesus. On September 13th our Life Groups will resume. Pray for and about the Life Groups you see listed in this newsletter. Consider these Life Groups as more than just something to attend, but as an opportunity to find life in Jesus and life in community together with others as we read, study, and apply God’s Word to our lives.

In receiving this life in Jesus, we can then share it with others. In Jesus Christ there is life, here and in an eternity still to come. As He gives life, may you and I keep coming together to share that life with others.

Make Much of Jesus,
Pastor Michael

LIFE GROUPS

connecting/caring/community

**Life Groups Resume
September 13th!
Which group will you
join?**

**Starts
September
1st!**

Audience	Group	Leader(s)
Topic of Study		Meeting Place
SUNDAY - 9:00 am		
Men & Women In-Depth Bible Study	Logos	Jon & Lisa Balk Parlor - Room F
Men & Women Bible Study DVD Series	Yadah Yada	Mike Ketelsen Fellowship Hall
Men Biblical Manhood	Men of Honor	Pastor Michael Bell CE Wing - Room S
Men & Women in-Depth Bible Study	Living Stones	Ted Ellis Overflow - B & C
Women Support/Prayer/Bible	Women of Grace	Joanne Tietjens/Gayle Sparks Room G
HS Boys & Girls Relevant Topic	HS Students	Dueys & Wolfs CE Wing - Room U
MS Boys Relevant Topic	MS Students	Roland VonThun/Hans Hinrichsen CE Wing - Upstairs - Room W
MS Girls Relevant Topic	MS Students	Monica Clarke CE Wing - Upstairs - Room W
Boys & Girls 4 Years through 5 th Grade	Sunday School	Joy Lower CE Wing - Gym
Boys & Girls Infant through 3 Years	Nursery	Scheduled Attendants Nursery
TUESDAY		
Women Women of the Bible	Ladies' Bible Study	Annette Eslick/Lisa Balk Parlor - Room F
Men Bible Study DVD Series	Men of Honor	David Livingstone Parlor - Room F
Men & Women Topical or Book of the Bible	Home Group	Jerry & Joyce Duey Rotate Homes

Ladies Bible Study - Starts Tuesday, September 1!

Join us as we jump into the exciting and challenging life of Queen Esther by studying the book of Esther. We meet at the church on Tuesday mornings, 9:30-11:30 am, in the Parlor. If you've been considering joining us for a while or just heard of us, perhaps this is the perfect time to join!

We prayerfully put the packets together ourselves and each week's lesson is designed to be about a single passage, so it's easy to come when you can and you won't feel out of the loop if you have to miss lessons along the way. The primary focus is the study passage, but we share lots of laughs, prayer time, and encouragement along the way, too. If you are completely new to the Bible or have been studying it for years you will get a lot out of this study time. Free study packets will be available in the foyer in mid-August.

Come check us out! -Annette Eslick



About Awana Clubs

Awana Clubs is built on their 3B ministry philosophy of child discipleship: Belong, Believe, Become. Children build spiritual resilience when they feel they belong to Jesus, when they believe in the truth of the Bible and then become disciplemakers in their own right.

Awana Clubs at Journey Church begin September 9 from 6:15-7:45.
 Registration opens at 5:45.
 Ages preschool – 6th grade.
 There is a small registration fee and scholarships are available.
 Questions? Contact Annette Eslick

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Service Opportunities:

- Children's Church
- Nursery

Contact Joy Lower





What brings a smile to a child's face?

A gift, or even the anticipation of a gift, excites a child. Every shoebox gift is an opportunity to tell a child about Jesus. With each shoebox a booklet sharing the gospel of Jesus written in the native language of the receiving child is included. The children are then invited to attend a 12-lesson class, The Greatest Journey, to learn more about the love of Jesus.

You can help demonstrate God's love to children in need around the world – one shoebox at a time - by participating in the Journey Church collection of filled shoeboxes.

There are a few ways to partake:

1. Donate acceptable items and leave them on the table in the foyer of the church. Lists of suggested essential items, personal items, fun toys and a WOW item are available on the table. AWANA children will fill the boxes in early November.
2. Take an empty box and fill it at home. Return the full box to the table in the foyer by the first week of November. Use the list of acceptable items available on the OCC table. Be aware there are a few items not allowed as well due to customs issues.
3. Go online to <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/> and have Samaritan's Purse assist filling a box for a donation. In some regions, Samaritan's Purse is not permitted to distribute literature, but they are still grateful for the opportunity to bless the children with on-line gift boxes carefully prepared by people who want them to know they are loved.



The Pregnancy Center (TPC)

TPC is a non-profit Pro-Life ministry in Clinton, Iowa that exists to preserve the life of the unborn by offering direction to women during pregnancy and beyond. Journey Church has supported this Christ centered ministry over the years and TPC is now celebrating its 40th year!

TPC offers information and personal services to women including:

- Free and confidential pregnancy testing and limited ultrasounds;
- Abortion alternatives through parenting and adoption education;
- Incentive programs through "Wise Women Mentoring Program" and a Boutique.
- Annual Youth gatherings to educate and equip the next generation about LIFE!

CURRENT WISH LIST!

Diapers and pull-ups (larger sizes 4's, 5's & 6's preferred)
Baby Wipes, Diaper rash cream, Pacifiers (all stages), Baby Bottles, Teething rings, rattles, etc.

Toiletries for mothers and babies including: toothpaste (adult and children's), baby wash and shampoo, baby lotion, adult shampoo and conditioner, shower gel, deodorant.

Donations may be taken to: The Pregnancy Center, 240 N. Bluff Blvd. Suite 105, Clinton, IA. Hours are Monday – Thursday 12:00 – 5:00 pm. (563-242-6628)

The Boutique is stocked entirely by donations of baby and children's items. Please consider supporting this ministry that has helped so many women and babies in our community, and continues to joyfully share the love of Jesus.



Save the Date!

Thank you!

Dear Church Family,

We express our sincere gratitude for all of your well wishes and encouragement through prayers, cards, visits, texts, etc. during Mike's recent hospital stay. The value of church family/community cannot be overstated in a situation such as this and, Journey Church, you exemplify this aspect of Christian living. Thank you all!

Continue to Make Much of Jesus in all you do.

Mike and Janet Ketelsen

September

Events and News



Food and Drinks
Provided!



4 X 4 Reunion at Journey Church
11:30 am, September 17th
Let us know you're coming at the
'Sign Up' Counter!
Bring a dish to pass.
See you there!

Gates open at 4:30 p.m. Music starts
at 5 p.m. One ticket for both nights.
Purchase tickets at
<http://www.boundforthe kingdom.org>
General \$35, student \$22.50, groups
of 10+ \$25 each. Price increase at
the gate. Contact Lisa Balk for more
information.

A large, colorful poster for a Labor Day Weekend event. The central text reads 'LABOR DAY WEEKEND' in large, bold, purple letters. Above it, the 'BK BOUND FOR THE KINGDOM' logo is displayed. The poster is divided into two main sections: 'FRIDAY SEPT 4' on the left and 'SATURDAY SEPT 5' on the right. On Friday, the featured artist is 'JON MICAH SUMRALL FROM KUTLESS', with other artists 'OLIVIA LANE', 'AMANDA NOLAN', and 'GRACE HEYVAERT' listed below. On Saturday, the featured artist is 'RYAN STEVENSON', with other artists 'MADISON WATKINS', 'JOSH/SARAH FURROW', and 'CONSUMED BY FIRE' listed below. The website 'WWW.EVENTBRITE.COM' is at the bottom. The background features various images of the artists performing.

BIRTHDAYS

1 Lisa Balk	13 Elizabeth Hoffman
1 Henry Bell	17 Robbie Bentley
1 Marilyn Curtis	19 Ed Green
3 Patricia Miller	23 Rebecca Campbell
4 Jerry Duey	24 Brooke Logan
6 Roger Campbell	26 Bruce Selser
9 Judy Tiesman	28 Tiffani Wicklund
10 Christina Bell	29 Karen Sagar



ANNIVERSARIES

2 Roland and Sandi Von Thun
5 Joe and Donna Haan
15 Gary and Marianne Fier
18 Ron and Diane Holmes

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - CLOSED

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY - 9 AM TO 3 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 9:30a Ladies' Bible Study	2 5:30p Elder Bd Mtg	3 7:00p Music Team	4	5
6 Communion 10:00a Meet & Greet 10:30a Worship 12:00p Church Picnic	7 Labor Day 4:45p Women's Chair Exercise Class	8 9:30a Ladies' Bible Study 6:30p Men of Honor 6:45p Home Life Group	9 9:00a Deaconess Bd Mtg 6:00p Awana	10 7:00p Music Team	11	12
13 9:00a Life Groups/ Sunday School 10:00a Meet & Greet 10:30a Worship	14 3:30p MLT Meeting 4:45p Women's Chair Exercise Class 5:30p Nutrition Class	15 9:30a Ladies' Bible Study 6:30p CWT Meeting 6:30p Men of Honor 6:45p Home Life Group	16 5:30p Elder Bd Mtg 6:00p Awana 6:30p Trustee Bd Mtg	17 11:30a 4X4 Reunion 7:00p Music Team	18	19
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