

St John Church of Christ

Bulletin

September 10, 2023



From The Elders at the St John Church of Christ

As we enter this second week of the Leveling the Playing Field series, I want to encourage you to be listening not only for the story of the Exodus, but also for how God interweaves his introduction and confirmation of his character (Person) - not only to the Hebrews (People), but also to the Egyptians. As you consider the plagues, remember these are evidence of the Provision of God, his making a way for devoted followers to have the chance to follow. Looking through the lens of Moses' life, you can see from his birth, his being reared in Pharaoh's household, his rise to prominence, his alienation and banishment (while doing the right thing), his wilderness period and call from the burning bush, his return to speak on behalf of God before Pharaoh, and leading the Hebrews into the wilderness, that all these successes and failures look like the same pattern of ups and downs Joseph had experienced. He is following, learning, acting before God, and witnessing what God does. These are the steps of faith, a journey not unlike the ups and downs of your own life as you follow God.

In the larger story, see the big picture, then superimpose your own life on that. It helps you see God, not only then... but now. Right in front of you. As you see the stories in the wilderness, the faith of the people of God ebbs and flows. They learn who God is at the Passover, which marks them as a people even to this day. They walk through eating manna and quail along the way, slowly building faith as the leaders of God point them forward. Even the leaders struggle, Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. They keep learning to trust and follow. That is the point, trust... follow.

In Our Prayers

Don Hornbaker
Emersyn Milton
Thomas Pruitt
Shannon Bauer
Elmer Schuette (Marla's
Brother-in-law)
Becky Carter
Maggie Harris

Drexyel Like
Carol Gingrich
Kay Kinnamon
Brenda Staub
Ryker Berens
Sally Truitt
Madison Cole
Rick Rodness

Joseph Morien (Jessica's Dad)
Vernon Bartlett
Piper Harner
Mark Naes
Tammy Byer
Blakely Sanders
Schneweis family

Upcoming Events

Cook Out [September 30]

Chet and Marla Lyons will be hosting a cookout on Saturday, September 30 starting at Noon at their place at 1365 East Highway 50 in Zenith. They will provide the meat and buns. Bring a chair, sides, and desserts and join for a good time of fellowship. Drinks will be provided.

Save the Date:

SMC - Ladies Retreat - October 6 & 7
SMC - Crafter's Retreat - October 12-14
Women's Conference at Garden City CoC - Oct. 14
SMC - Men's Retreat - October 15-17
SMC - Teen Retreat - November 17-19

Birthdays this week:

Stan Aldrich - September 17
Marla Lyons - September 18



Worship Order

Welcome Table & Greeters: Tom and Pam Turner

Song Leader: Richard Brensing

Sound System: Orrin Feril

Gathering: #435 - Come into His Presence

Welcome: Orrin Feril

Scripture Reading: Zachary Marks (Exodus 34:4-7)

Prayer: Carl Feril

Song: #396 - No Not One

Song: #364 - Come, Share the Lord

Communion: Chris Mansel

Song: #100 - Holy Ground

Lesson: Zeborah Carter

Song: #909 - There's a Fountain Free (vs. 1)

Closing Prayer: Chris Stott

Sundays: Bible classes for all ages @ 10:00 am
Worship service for everyone @ 11:00 am
Elders: Tom Turner, Richard Brensing, Terry Sallee, Carl Feril
Deacons: Jerry Kinnamon, Chris Mansel, Orrin Feril
Minister: Zeborah Carter