



**A MESSAGE from PASTOR JOSH REESE**

*Grace and peace to you from God our Father.*

—Colossians 1:2 (NIV)

I believe there is a good reason the Apostle Paul began all of his letters with these two words: GRACE and PEACE. We need the reminder! Authentic faith is an expression of a changed heart as a result of God's grace in Jesus. Lasting peace is the product of a prayerful and thankful heart that has received the gift of eternal life.

When we begin to understand God's grace, we cease to work for salvation and strive to live it out (Eph 2:8-10). This is the fundamental difference between a sluggish church routine and a dynamic faith walk with the living God. As we get to know the God of the Bible, the God of The Story, we see His heart for us. We see that He loves us so much (Jn 3:16). He longs for us to know His grace in Jesus.

Jesus Himself is called the Prince of Peace (Is 9:6). His first words to the disciples as the Risen Lord were, "Peace be with you!" (Jn 20:19). The cultivation of peace in the heart and mind of a believer comes through prayers of honesty and genuine thankfulness (Phil 4:6-7). As we open up to God through prayer, we experience a guarding peace beyond our understanding. Maybe we even sleep better.

Maybe the approaching season allows you extra time to dwell on these truths more. Maybe the coming season is only more hectic than the last. In any season, my prayer as a pastor is that our people know God's GRACE and PEACE. May we never lose sight of our first love. In Christ there is grace and peace for us from God our Father.

Because He Lives,

Pastor Josh Reese

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# Church Council Notes



Twelve new members were approved by the Council: Len Larsen, Pam Larsen, Blake Borchardt, Lisa Borchardt, Jim Hoover, Jane (Knobby) Hoover, Mary Kahl, Lynda Bolte, Joe Laux, Tim Zier, Dan Kellner and Kelley Kellner.

There are more candidates for membership that have completed the membership class but have not yet been interviewed by the Elders.

The Council approved the purchase and installation of a new church sign.

The Quarterly meeting is scheduled for May 6. There will be a pot luck lunch after the morning service followed by the meeting.



## Quarterly Meeting

### *FIRST QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING*

The Quarterly Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 6. There will be a **potluck lunch after the morning service** and the meeting will be held immediately following lunch. The quarterly reports are available in the narthex for you to read before the meeting. We don't read reports at the meeting but bring all your questions/comments to the meeting for discussion. Your elected leaders will be available to answer them. As members of the church, attending these meetings gives you the opportunity to voice your opinions, ideas, and concerns. And your vote is needed to accept or reject any motions. For those who are not members but are supporters (through prayer, attendance and/or donations) you are welcome to bring your voice also. The Leaders need your voice to do the best job to lead the church into **'Building a community that loves Christ to reach a community for Christ.'**



### THANK YOU

The Care Team thanks everyone that helped us with the Easter Breakfast, Dan & Laura Shields wedding reception, and the North Woods Share Community Dinner. We had to ask for so much in such a short time span but you came through with everything needed: food, and help.

### LADIES LUNCHEON SATURDAY, MAY 5, 2012 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

This year the Care Team ‘handed off’ the annual ladies get-together to the ‘younger generation and Wendy Reese and her committee graciously accepted the challenge. They have planned a Ladies Luncheon at church not just to celebrate Mother’s Day but also to bring all the ladies of the church together for fellowship with all generations of our church body. Cost is \$7.00 each or \$25.00 for a family.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



### SPRING CLEAN UP TIME! SATURDAY, MAY 12<sup>TH</sup>!

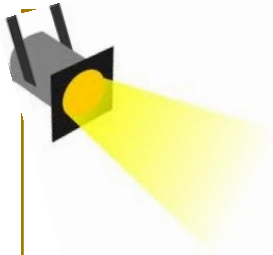
It’s time to spruce up the church building and yard for the busy summer season. We get many visitors for other areas and what they see at their first visit is what will bring them back. So bring your favorite cleaning tools/equipment and be ready to do some deep cleaning! Your reward? A pleasing to the eye churchyard and building and a free lunch at noon! And you will have the wonderful feeling that you have pleased God by taking good care of His property.



Thursday morning ladies Bible Study at Church begins the next in the Fruit of the Spirit Series; Gentleness. Call Judy Kuiper with questions (715-479-7727) She says, “It is never too late to join in.” The group meets from 9:30 to 11:00.

Milestone Senior Living facility Bible Study every Tuesday at 1:30. We have a need for someone to play a few hymns to open our weekly study time.

The residents enjoy listening to and singing the old hymns. Call Judy Kuiper at 715-479-7727.



## Spotlight on



### Children's Ministry St Germain Evangelical Free Church

Kelley Kellner, Children's Ministry Director at St. Germain Church is excited about her position. This may be a part-time job, but one that requires a full time heart for Jesus and His children. Kelley and her husband, Dan, have been attending St Germain for seven years with sons, Austin (8) and Easton (3). Kelley shared that their move from Chicago to the Northwoods of Wisconsin has been a wonderful experience. God has provided a peace, and the people here are genuine followers of Christ in a loving community.

Reach Kelley at [kelleyk@stgermainfreechurch.com](mailto:kelleyk@stgermainfreechurch.com)

Kelley's duties includes scheduling and staffing

- Nursery for the Saturday evening and Sunday morning worship services. The Nursery accommodates 0-4 yrs
- Wednesday Pioneer Club (nursery and programing)
- Children's Church Saturday and Sunday for children 5K through 5th grade.

VBS—JULY 9-13—SONRISE NATIONAL PARK

Kelley came to this position with experience as a teacher, as well as from past volunteer time. For 3 years she took on leadership of VBS and learned from that stint, just what to expect from this big job.

Speaking of Vacation Bible School, plans for 2012 session is underway already. The week of July 9 through 13 has been set aside for this year's theme: Sonrise National Park, which promises to be very exciting for our children (nursery through 5th grade) and the children in our community.

VBS is one of our best outreach tools. If you are looking to volunteer during this week, Kelley says there is still a need for classroom helpers, craft teachers, assistants for games and activities and prayer warriors.

Kelley has a number of people working with her to make Children's Ministry a vital area of our church life. She is

practicing a hands on leadership style while learning what needs to be done so when it is time to bring more volunteers alongside, she will have a good concept of the types of gifts to look for in her volunteer circles.

#### What is Children's Church?

Following the music and welcome in the Saturday and Sunday Worship, the children are dismissed to Children's Church where they spend time learning a Bible story and experiencing God's Word. Wendy Reese and Beth Waas have taken on the leadership of this ministry to 5 year olds through 5th grade.

#### Dreams for the Future

Kelley is looking for people to help pray about the formation of a Christian Education Team. "As we grow it will be obvious this is a need," she said. "I think we have a strong ministry and I want to keep asking the question, what can we do next, how can we improve? The leaders we have love the Lord, and love to do ministry."

Puppet ministry is a dream of Kelley's. If we could get a puppet troupe together it would be a great beginning. There are lots of resources available.

As you can tell from this report, the Children are in good hands. We can be confident when inviting a friend or neighbor to church, that their children will be nurtured and cared for, just as Jesus would want. Pray about how you can be a part of this growing segment of life at St. Germain Church.

Dates to remember: May 2<sup>nd</sup> end of year pioneer club cookout. 6: p.m. Come for food and fun. Just show up, don't have to bring anything.



**NORTHWOODS SHARE  
COMMUNITY DINNERS  
MAY 1ST AND 15TH  
AT 5:30 P.M.**

## **DINNERS FOR EIGHT**

Chuck Zaugg has passed the 'organizational baton' to Jean Sass. THANK YOU Chuck for all the work you have done to establish these dinners as a mainstay for our church community.

**May/June Dinner for Eight** sign up will be at the red wall, April 28/29 and May 5/6.

Something new to help us organize, please indicate if you would prefer a Friday evening or Sunday afternoon and if you are able to 'host' a dinner.

Jean will call the hosts to give them their guests information.



## **Card Making**

Ladies! The card making event was a huge success.

There were a couple dozen ladies registered for the evening and the church was buzzing with laughter and conversation. Joella Wrasse orchestrated this time of fun, fellowship and fantastic craftsmanship.



Reminder: When things are dropped off in the office please leave a note of explanation/instruction? Also, if you leave something for someone in the office, please let that person know it is there so they come and pick it up.

Also, if equipment is borrowed from the church office please remember to return it to the office. Thank you so much.

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# Scheduled to Serve

## *May Saturday Night Hosts*

- May** 5— **Greg Rippel** & Tom Wrasse (Red Wall)  
12 — Genie Ramage & Andy Panske (Red Wall)  
19 — Deanna Wickerham & Judy Kuiper (Red Wall)  
26 — Larry Snedden & Greg Rippel (Red Wall)

Bold text indicates Host responsible for purchasing bread and juice for Communion

## Saturday Evening Nursery

- May** 5— Lisann & Larry Snedden  
12 —Liz & Charlie DePuydt  
19 —Greg & Kari Maines  
26 —Cheryl Gilbert & Sydney Zier
- June** 2—Lisann & Larry Snedden

## Saturday Children's Church Schedule

- May** 5— Wendy Reese & Kelley Kellner  
12 —Wendy Reese & Claire Reese  
19 — Nancy Robins & Anna Robins  
26 — Wendy Reese & Joella Wrasse
- June** 2—Wendy Reese & Megan Frasier

## Sunday Children's Church Schedule

- May** 6—Pearl Hujet & Claire Reese  
13— Beth Fojtik & Carson Cox  
20—Beth Fojtik & Megan Frasier  
27—Pam Zaugg & Becky Weber
- June** 3—Nancy Robins & Anna/Emilie Robins

## Sunday Ushers Schedule

- May** 6— Terry Grommer, Chuck Zaugg, Noel Foiate  
13— Jeff Kraft, Dwight Kimber, Jim Kellner
- 20— Jeff Maines, Bob DeSutter, John Kazda  
27— Harvey Overturf, Ray Weber, Ed Clay  
June 3—Gary Kellner, Jim Grace, Dan Kellner

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