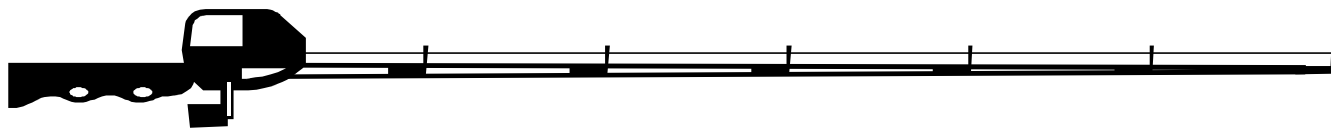


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From the Youth Minister



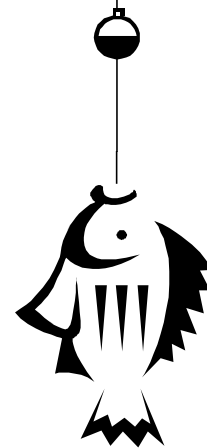
It amazes me how often people close off from others in times of trial, especially considering that God created us with a need and a desire for relationship. Furthermore, he created his church so that we will not live, grow, suffer, worship, or rejoice alone. Yet, our nature tends to pull back and allow our pride or hurt to control our reactions, when life gets too difficult. Often times, instead of dealing with hurt, problems, or even sin, we push them to

the back of the closet and shut the door and put up a disguising front and ignore God's call for us to live life together.

Recently, I was talking with a friend about this same subject. Her response was, "Well, if they don't feel accepted or if they feel judged, for sure they would pull away. I think also sometimes it feels easier to be alone than having to deal with being vulnerable." I concluded that we are in a cycle that needs to be broken. We are alone because we refuse to seek support, and we refuse to seek support because we're afraid to be anything but alone.

We, as God's church, are to "strive together as one for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27) and are charged to come together so that we won't be tempted (1 Corinthians 7:5). My question to the church is, are we making this possible? Have we refused to be vulnerable, causing an atmosphere where vulnerability is unaccepted? People are not looking for perfect people to support them and help them. People are looking for the church, a group of people once knocked down, who now stand on the grace of God and challenge others to do the same, so that together we will "rise to become a holy temple in the Lord" (Ephesians 2:21).

Adam





Mark Your Calendar!!!

WEEKLY STATISTICS

March 4: 7:00 p.m. World Day of Prayer Service at the St. Charles Catholic Church in Troy, sponsored by the Interfaith Council.

March 4-5: Sarah Kretzinger is hosting a sleepover at her home for 7th & 8th grade girls on Friday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

March 7: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage

March 21: Elder's meeting 6:30 p.m.; Board meeting 7:00 p.m.

March 26: Spring Ladies' Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. at the church

Our Giving Attendance

Feb. 6: \$4045.55 150

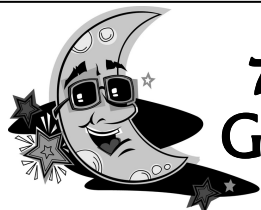
Feb. 13: \$1,844.45 145

Feb. 20: \$3,785.00 141

Church Budget: \$201,690.00

Needed per Sunday: \$3,878.65

Building Fund: \$31,431.75



7th & 8th Grade Girls

YOU ARE INVITED

TO: a sleepover

HOSTED BY: Sarah Kretzinger

WHEN: Friday, March 4th at 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, March 5th at 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sarah's home



World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, March 4
7:00 p.m.

St. Charles Catholic
Church in Troy

Sponsored by the Troy
Inter-Faith Council

Bulletin Bloopers

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 p.m. - prayer and medication to follow.
- This evening at 7:00 p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Please use the back door.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.



Saturday, March 26

11:00 a.m.

At the church

TIME

Imagine that you had won the following prize: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400.00 in your account for your use. However, this prize has rules, just as any game has certain rules.

The set of rules would be: Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you. You may not simply transfer money into some other account. You may only spend it. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400.00 for that day.

The second set of rules: The bank can end the game without warning at any given time and tell you it's over, the game is over! It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love, right? Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right? You would try to spend every cent, and use it all, right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REALITY!! Each of us is in possession of such a magical bank. We just can't seem to see it. THE MAGICAL BANK IS TIME!

Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life, and when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is NOT credited to us.

What we haven't lived up that day is forever lost. Yesterday is forever gone. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time...WITHOUT WARNING.

SO, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds? Aren't they worth so much more than the same amount in dollars?

Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think. Take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, enjoy life, and most importantly, glorify God in everything you do.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

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| 2 Chad & Maggie Winder | 17 Joyce Ptomey, Jonathan Burtis |
| 3 Derek Trant | 20 Dale Miner |
| 5 Kaleb Jenkins, Dave Burtis | 22 Colt Jenkins |
| 8 Lathan Armstrong | 25 Emily Armstrong |
| 11 Aiden Christopher | 26 Charli Rush |
| 13 Chasity Wetmore | 28 Steve & Chris Adams |
| 16 Jonny Gould | 30 Veda Rush, Adam Kretzinger |



March 6: Brandon Smith,
Campus Minister at
NWMSU

March 13: Jason Hawk,
Senior Pastor, Encounter
Church, AZ

March 20: Adam Kretzinger

March 27: Cody Goerke,
Student at Ozark Christian
College

Who Is My Neighbor?

Peter Lovenheim was dismayed by the isolation he felt in suburban Rochester, New York. After a murder occurred down the street, he realized none of the neighbors seemed to know - or care - about one another. The mailman told Lovenheim most people would rather give misdelivered mail back to him than walk it over to the person next door. An elderly woman said she'd once fallen on the street and had to crawl home because no one came to help.

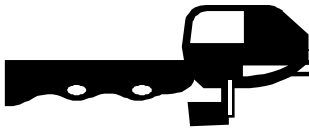
That prompted Lovenheim to engage in a bold experiment: He asked to spend a night at each of his neighbor's homes. Lovenheim documented the results in the book *In the Neighborhood: The Search for Community on an American Street, One Sleepover at a Time*.

As Lovenheim and his neighbors got to know one another, they learned that a single mom was being treated for breast cancer. They took her to appointments, brought her groceries, met her daughter at the bus stop after school and even installed a light over a dark staircase. By searching for community, Lovenheim and his new friends helped create it.

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Sundays: 1st Service 8:00 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., 2nd Service 10:30 a.m., 7th-12th Grade Youth Group: 6:00 p.m.; Ladies' Bible study: Sundays at 3:00 p.m., Mondays at 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: 3:40-5:15 p.m. KICKs for K-6th graders

