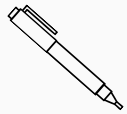


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Philippians 2:2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

I recently had the opportunity to watch the 1978 Superman on the big screen. While it may not be as action-packed as the current movies are, there were still scenes that were funny, relevant to today, and inspiring. You must love a superhero who can save a bus full of kids in one scene and rescue a kitten in a tree in the next. All of the things I like about Superman. Strong but humble. Strong enough to bring fear into the monsters of the universe but still able to make a child feel safe. Superman is a type of Christ in literature. Superman always confuses those who seek power because they can not understand why such a strong being would be willing to give up their strength for others. This sacrifice is what Jesus did on our behalf. In this passage, Paul describes Jesus emptying himself by taking on the form of a servant and taking on the likeness of men. One of the reasons Jesus did this was to show us how it is done so we can do this for others.

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In Philippians, Paul challenges the church in Philippi and us today to complete his joy by being in full accord and of one mind. Not to do anything from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility, count others more significant than ourselves or, in Jesus' words, treat others the way you would want to be treated.

Serving others and humbling ourselves can be a challenging proposition. One of the difficult teachings of Jesus was to serve not just our friends and family but we are to serve everyone, even our enemies. When we serve those in the church we do not particularly like or people who get on our nerves, it helps to build unity. Paul encourages church members to be of the same mind, love, and full accord. Unity is often easier said than done.

I have the same prayer as Paul; I pray that we will have one mind, one love, and the same purpose. To bring others to Jesus and help each other love God and one another with all of our minds, soul, and strength.

As this happens in our lives and we become humble as Christ, serve others as Christ did, and have unity as Paul advocates the world in which we live will be better. At the end of the Superman movie, Superman brings Lex into prison. The warden says, Thanks Superman, we are safer because of you. Superman responds that he is just part of the team. Superman sees himself in all of his power as part of a unified people. May we have the same attitude to establish the kingdom of God here on Earth.

GROWING IN PRAYER



In preparing for this month's article, we agreed to focus on the book of Philippians, as this is the book that Pastor Jeff will be preaching from for the next several Sundays. We have decided to keep our focus on Chapter 2, verses 1-11. Some refer to verses 5-11 of this passage as a hymn and others call it "The Messiah Poem."

At the start of Chapter 2, Paul encourages the church to be more united and selfless.

Philippians 2:1-2 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose.

Reflect and pray on the following questions taken directly from the above verses:

Does Christ encourage you? What are examples of any strength or support from knowing Him?

Does His love comfort you? Are there any difficult circumstances you can remember when Christ's love brought you comfort?

Does God's spirit unite you with other believers? Are there any activities or fellowship you participate in with other believers?

Are you concerned for others? Do you feel mercy, kindness, and compassion?

If we can answer in a positive way to the above questions, and enjoy the blessings that come with these experiences, then Paul is encouraging us to be more united and selfless. He also instructs us how to be more united and selfless in verses 3-4.

Philippians 2:3-4 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, as well.

Reflect and pray on the following questions taken directly from the above verses:

Are you selfish when you do things? Is pride your guide?

Or are you instead, humble and give more value to others than to yourselves?

Are you only interested in your own life? Or are you interested in looking out for others?

Verses 5-11, The Messiah Poem, shows that the reflection of Christ is the ultimate example for believers to follow and emulate.

5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to.

7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being.

8 When he appeared in human form, he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names,

10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

11 and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The poem concludes by declaring what the Messiah means to the world: Jesus is king. The humble obedience of the Messiah to God is an example to us.

Pray that we resist the temptation to think highly of ourselves and our positions.

Pray to resist all privilege and pride, as Christ did, and embrace the cost of following Him for the sake of others.

He is inviting us to bow now. To let go of all fear and pride daily and follow Him so that others may see Him in us.

Pray to accept the cost of following Jesus for the sake of His kingdom. Pray you are "losing your life" so that others may find true life in Him. Take some time now and ask God to quiet your fears of being held captive by circumstances out of your control. What can you let go of? Who can you serve?

Women's Fellowship Meeting

APRIL 6, 2023

The meeting was opened at 10:35 with a prayer by President Cheryl Ederle.

Several of our members were not present and were missed. Hopefully, they will be back with us in May.

March Minutes will be read in May as Recording Secretary, Janice Kemper, is enjoying herself on a cruise. The March minutes can be read in the March edition of "The News" though.

Correspondence Secretary, Diane Gilbert reported that there was nothing received this month, but a card was passed for each of us to sign to brighten one of our member's Easter who is healing after surgery.

The Treasury Report was read by Treasurer, JoAnn Jackson and approved.

We then turned our attention to finalizing plans for the luncheon on April 29, 2023. Since "Molly Brown" will be present, we are using the "Titanic" as our theme. We have a team of 4 volunteers that will do the shopping to prepare. Members were reminded to bring a bouquet of flowers and to "dress" in uniform for Saturday. Members will set up on Friday, April 28th at 10:00 a.m. and arrive between 9-9:30 a.m. on Saturday.

We will be collecting donations for Nurses for Newborns at our May meeting. Anyone wanting information on donations requested may contact any Women's Fellowship member.

A devotion entitled "Thankful, Thankful Heart", was read by Leanne Senniger from the book "Choose Joy" after which she closed in prayer.

To celebrate spring, we had cheesecake with fresh strawberries for dessert.



Thanks to the April Committee of Cheryl Ederle, Leanne Senniger and Sharon Leicht for the Easter decorations, devotion and dessert.

Respectfully submitted by:
Sharon Leicht

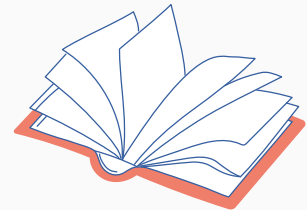


Where were you born: The big city of Cairo, Nebraska!
Haha its a town of 700 no street lights but I loved it!

How long have you been in St. Louis: I moved here after college from Greenville University, I believe it was 2011.

Tell us about your family: It's me and my lovely wife Blair! She is a pharmacist at CenterPoint Hospital.

What do you do in your spare time: I enjoy eating brunch and drinking coffee! Blair and I also enjoy hiking and Crossfit!



Spring is a great time to start something new or make a change. Have you considered how you are using your gifts to glorify God and edify his church? Here are some things for you to contemplate as you think about your involvement in worship. Do you enjoy reading and guiding others in worship? Maybe you should volunteer being a reader during our weekly service. Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? We have a place for you with serving on the worship team. Does technology captivate you and would you like to know how this translates to its use in the church? We would love to show you what being a part of our audio/visual team is like. Whatever gifts you bring, you can serve for the glory of God.

-Jacob

Missions-Kuelker Family

Good morning children of God, we hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter. I hope, it was a time of reflection. In May, we pray that God blesses you abundantly by opening door, bring people in your lives and making your light shine in a fallen world. In Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in Heaven.

Becky: Once a month, she has been having the Ladies Breakfast. She ministers to the ladies there. Some of the ladies want to start planning the conference for this year. Also, she took advantage of opportunity to ministry one on one in our community.

Mike: I have been busy with moving, arranging and going to the villages. The villages are doing wonderfully well. The brothers in the villages are anxious to receive the Word. At the Fisclia they are always asking for new teaching, this month I taught on the blood. They had questions why the blood, the effect of the blood and the importance of the blood. I like, Becky, have had many opportunities to share the Word with people in our community. Right now, I'm preparing to fly to the states to attend a conference. When I reached LAX, I had a layover for my connecting flight. So, God opened doors for me to share his Word with other people. During the time in the states, I will be sharing in churches of what God has been doing in México.



Prayers:

- 1) For continue health for Becky, myself and my daughters
- 2) For obstacles to be removed
- 3) Finances to go to other villages
- 4) To get back in the prison

Keep C.O.O.L (Christ Over Our Lives)
Mike, Becky & Berenice

P.S. This is done by your generosity and prayers without you this wouldn't be possible.

Church Council Minutes

REDEEMER EVANGELICAL CHURCH - APRIL 10, 2023, 7:00 PM

Opening prayer and Devotion/Leadership Development

Minutes and Treasurer Reports were reviewed and approved

Worship: Pastor Jeff is starting a series on Philippians

Worship information-Average in person-Feb-52 people/Mar-55-people

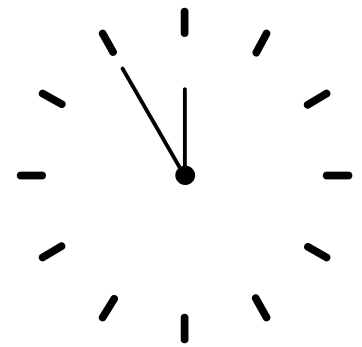
-Average views/worship facebook-Feb 101/Mar 82

-You Tube visits views/month-Feb-31/March 174

Pastor's Report-Benevolence-We will begin a special offering April 30th and on subsequent 5th Sundays to help our Benevolence fund. (Helping people in our church and community in times of need)

Children and Family ministries update-Starting in May we will have Family Sunday on 1st and 3rd Sundays

VBS-Save the date July 10th-14th



Website-30 days (3/1-3/31) Total visits-103 (within those visits there were 287 page views)



Music Ministry-Still looking for a pianist/organist

GSA-Interested in having a book drive/School will handle details

April 17-Assembly in sanctuary 9:30am-10:30am/May 19

Kindergarten graduation 9am-noon/May 23-5th grade promotion 9am-noon

House and Grounds-Plumbing-One of the shutoff valves that should have replaced on 2nd floor women's bathroom will be replaced on April 14th

Water issues-Harry looking at possible solution to water near outside elevator and steps going to Pit



Study Items-May 11-(6pm-8pm)-District meeting for Al-Anon

SAVE THE DATE!



JULY 10TH-14TH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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