

THE LIGHTHOUSE

SHORES COMMUNITY CHURCH NEWSLETTER

UPCOMING

9- NURSERY (PEARLS ROOM) VOLUNTEER MEETING, 12 PM

9- PRAYER TEAM MEETING, 4 PM

9- SHORES EDGE YOUTH NIGHT- COMMIRE HOME, 5 PM

23- SHORES EDGE YOUTH SERVICE SUNDAY

30- SHORES EDGE, 5 PM

BETTER TOGETHER

Kevin Butler, Youth Director

We have heard it said several times, what a stressful year 2020 has become. There is no shortage of examples for how the enemy is on the attack. I am reminded of something Pastor Nate said in mid March, as the initial news of statewide shutdowns were coming, "God did not give us a spirit of fear." My NIV Bible in 2 Timothy 1:7 reads, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline." I would encourage you to go to YouTube and look up, "If I Were the Devil." This Paul Harvey broadcast was originally aired in 1964. 1964! Yet holds so much truth today. Here is one snippet:

"If I were the devil, I'd soon have families at war with themselves, churches at war with themselves and nations at war with themselves until each, in its turn, was consumed. And with promises of higher ratings, I'd have mesmerizing media fanning the flames."

Consider how divisive we have become. It is imperative to see the devil at work. We are fighting with our own brothers and sisters in Christ. These are all works of Satan and must be recognized as such.

Remember the enemy only wants to seal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). God calls us to love and he wants us in community with each other. We cannot be divided or alone. Read and remember Ephesians 6:10-18. Put on the Armor of God. In love, we must come together, even in disagreement, and be aware that our fight is not against flesh and blood...but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph. 6:12), and for that- we have an even bigger God!



SCC MINISTRIES— SHOWING BROTHERLY LOVE

Veronica Commire, Discipleship Director

"Now concerning brotherly love you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love one another, for that indeed is what you are doing..." 1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

What a blessing to be part of a church family that shows this type of brotherly love to one another! The Lord calls us to love one another as He has taught us to love and that is what the Small Group Ministry at SCC is doing each day. I would like to highlight Linda Riker's Small Group of 11 women that meet every Monday in the church library at 9:30 in the morning. Incredibly, they have been meeting for over 15 years! This group of friends started their small group when they saw a need for women to meet and support each other through difficult times. Linda is the leader of this little band of prayer warriors and she mentioned they have become closer to the Lord through Bible study and friendship. They have helped each other through illness, cancer, strokes, heart attacks, wayward children, ailing spouses, and the death of loved ones. Linda exclaims so joyfully, "Praise the Lord for His faithfulness!"

Some of their service projects have included: working on Christmas Shoe Boxes, sewing pillowcase dresses, making roll bandages for Togo, Africa and making a scripture quilt for a young cancer patient. They are a busy, loving, praying, group of believers that have hearts that love one another through difficult times and have a deep love for Jesus Christ. Their Small Group has been on a hold since March due to the restrictions of Covid-19, but are studying "It's Not Supposed To Be This Way" by Lysa Terkeurst.



If you're interested in joining a Small Group at SCC or would like some information about the ministry, please contact me (Veronica) at The Connecting Point in the church lobby or you can call or text me at 231-327-6545. You can also email me at veronicac@shorescommunitychurch.org. We were praying we would be able to host the Small Group Kick-Off Celebration this Fall, but have decided to postpone this special event with the current Covid-19 restrictions in order to keep our congregation safe and healthy. We would like everyone to feel comfortable and be able to join in the fun and are praying this will be possible sometime in the Fall. We will keep you posted!

What a blessing it is to show brotherly love to our spouses, families, friends, neighbors, community, Small Group members, and our wonderful SCC church family! Thank you for showing us how to love one another with your example, Lord Jesus!



Left: Linda Riker's Small Group celebrating birthdays



Right: The ladies enjoying some socially distanced outdoor fellowship



PRAYING FOR OUR MISSIONARIES (PART 2)

Bob Lenz, Missions Committee

As we pray for our missionaries, one of the areas of their lives is the matter of discouragement. When they first leave for their assignment overseas, they are filled with excitement to accomplish all that God has for them to do. Their dream has been realized, but reality checks in, and before too long, they are struggling with the language, especially the language that doesn't have a western script (Japanese, Chinese, Arabic, Thai, to name a few). They begin to long for the familiar ways of home and begin dealing with culture shock while learning to adjust to unfamiliar ways. The "romance" of going to serve God can become a trial.

Fortunately, most mission agencies prepare the missionary to learn how to deal with these and other difficulties that the individual/family will encounter. In due time after initial adjustment to the new circumstances, the missionary will overcome discouragement, home sickness, (especially during the holiday seasons in the home country and missing family and friends) and a sense of loneliness. I have discovered that the missionary who has a strong sending church and Spirit filled prayer backing will have godly resources at home that will bring the servants of God through these trials.

Allow me to share a personal story about this topic. It was Christmas time and we were four months into our careers at missionaries. I love Christmas trees, lots of lights and decorations. (My family can attest to the weird trees I came up with in the following years.) Being in a primitive area, we didn't have a tree at first. One evening during this season, we were walking home on the road from an evening service at our church. What should we see? A tree with lights blinking continuously. My Christmas tree! The tree was filled with lighting bugs, or also named fireflies, shining beautifully in the dark. They are beetles that have light organs located beneath their abdomens which they mix with chemicals in their bodies. It made me realize that God was concerned about the little things that are meaningful to His children.



**In your prayers,
ask God to give
our missionaries
victory over
discouragement.**





SHORES KIDS

Lesa Jaeger, Children's Director

Even though there are unknowns with what is going to happen with Children's Church and what reopening is going to look like at this moment, we are predicting a reopening date of the first weekend of September. This all depends on what the schools decide their reopening is going to look like and what the elders and staff believe is best for our families here at Shores. With the reopening of Children's Church comes a lot of responsibility. We must figure out the guidelines for cleaning and social distancing while also sharing the love of Jesus with kids and their families. Pastor Nate mentioned in a recent sermon, we should not live in fear, that is not how God calls us to live; But we are to live for Jesus, casting all our fears and anxieties onto him. 2 Timothy 1:7 says, "God has not given us the spirit of fear, but power, and of love, and of a sound mind." So let's live that way!

To reopen our Children's Church programs, we must have training days. Those days will be in August. For those that are interested in serving with the babies (Pearls Room) and loving on some cute, squishy faces, our training day will be August 9 following the church service. In this training, we will focus on cleaning, what is required for each volunteer, and safety/sick policies. If you are interested in this area of ministry, please come to the meeting!

If you are interested in being a teacher for the 3-5 year old (Pebbles) Room, or are already serving in the Pebbles Room, this meeting will be on August 16 following the church service. This meeting will go through similar information as the Nursery, but will also dive into curriculum, how to use it and expectations as a teacher and a helper. One nice thing about being a teacher is that there are videos online that you can use in the lesson, and for each part of the lesson, there is a lesson plan that you follow which gives you what you should say at certain times.

The last training meeting is for K-4th grade (Rocks & Gems) Small Group leaders and teachers. This meeting will go through similar information as the Pebbles leaders, but will also include a training on how to use the curriculum as well as the expectations as a small group leader and a teacher. A bonus in this room is since there is a combined lesson time and a teacher who runs the lesson, small group leaders don't have to teach. Small group leaders are in charge of games, crafts, snack, getting to know the kids, and having fun!

If anyone is interested in any of these positions, I encourage you to pray and also come to the meetings to see if you would like to be a Children's Church volunteer. In Children's Church, our vision is to create a safe, spirit-filled, fun space where kids can learn about Jesus and develop a personal relationship with God as their personal savior. If you would like to be a part of that vision, I would love to see you there!





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

1-Gary Manning

6-Brian Brown

7-Kathleen Ayers

7-Mike Ayers

8-Aralynn Russell

10-Todd Riker

11- Nevaeh Cortez

13-James Riker

16-Sarah Hunt

16-Ed Pollock

17-Landon Gorenflo

18-Jessica Gowan

19-Michael Jaeger

21-Mikayla Moorhead

24-Missionary Norene Zinke

25-Missionary Doug Dawe

28-Bonnie Gorenflo

28-Hezekiah Palmer

29-Mateo Cortez

31-Lindsey Lassanske

31-Linnea Soderstrom

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

4-John & Peggie Grabner

7-Dan & Linda Engstrom

9-Mark & Linnea Soderstrom

15-Norm & Mary Jo Ebare

16-Jim & Kathy Walcott

20-Missionaries Doug & Lori Dawe

21-Missionaries Benjamin &

Esther Berry

23-Mike & Gayle Hurney

25-Jim & Michelle Fletcher

28-Bob & Shirley Lenz

28-Rich & Lori Lieb

29-Ken & Linda Doctor

