

Community Church of Christ

Sloan, IA



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS... This September beginning Sunday the 13th the adult Sunday school will be studying the books of First and Second Peter. Several major themes of these books are the persecution of believers and the suffering of Jesus that led to our salvation and false teachers in the church and the importance of clinging to the knowledge of God's Word. Cathy Clayton will be "facilitating" the class.



A young couple moved into a new neighborhood.

The next morning while they were eating breakfast, the young woman saw her neighbor hanging the washing outside. "That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, remaining silent. Every time her neighbor hung her washing out to dry, the young woman made the same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life... What we see when watching others depends on the clarity of the window through which we look.

So don't be too quick to judge others, especially if your perspective of life is clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who they are. It defines who you are."

— Jonathan Kestenbaum

Food for Learning... the back-packing date is Sept. 9th.



What word begins and ends with an E but only has one letter?

thank you!

Dear CCC, Thank you for the generous gift of money! It will be put to great use this fall when I attend the University of South Dakota. Sincerely, Ben Brekke

The Youth will be meeting each Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. in the back yard of the Youth House. If you would like to provide a meal for them please let Jill know. They appreciate your interest in them!



Sunday school begins, September 13th, during the morning worship hour. Following the children's sermon they will go to their classrooms. Sharon Killian and Chelsea Lux will be teaching the 2's and 3's, Becky and Peyton Benjamin will teach the 4's, 5's, and kindergarteners, Bev Copple, Claudia Stensland, and Kennedy Kaufman will be with the first and second graders, and Dana Longlee Brianna Lux will be sharing with the third through sixth grades. We are using our Junior High and High schoolers as helpers in the class rooms and giving them the opportunity to serve!



A grandfather was walking through his yard when he heard his granddaughter repeating the alphabet in a tone of voice that sounded like prayer. He asked her what she was doing. The little girl explained: 'I'm praying, but can't think of exactly the right words, so I'm just saying all the letters, and God will put them together for me, because He knows what I'm thinking.'



"Daddy, wanna see what I learned in the doctor's office today? Cross your legs."

We have experienced more coming into the building this month including the start of Wee Worship and Junior Church. It is so good to see our family coming back! We encourage you to continue your worship where ever you are!

Labor day thoughts...let us labor for the Master from the dawn to setting sun!

Watching my son perform a simple task challenged my spirit. Am I using my God-given abilities for the glory of the Lord? We'd been in the pool, soaking in the late rays of summer. "I can sew, Mrs. Hoffman," seven-year-old Isaiah said to my friend Teresa. "You can?" Teresa asked. She swam close to him. "Tell me." "My Nana taught me. I can sew buttons." I listened as the conversation went deeper. Teresa encouraged Isaiah, and he beamed with joy. My friend shared that her own son needed buttons sewn on his shorts, and my little guy acquired a job. Later in the week, I watched as Isaiah fastened buttons to Joshua's shorts with long, careful stitches. His blond bangs fell forward, and his tongue hooked around the side of his smile. Pierce and pull. In and out. Up and down. Isaiah was focused and intentional. He took this commission seriously. He wanted to do his best. Sitting there beside my son, I thought about a story Jesus told. In The Parable of the Talents, a master sent three servants out with talents of money, according to individual ability, and he went away on a journey. While he was gone, two servants put the money to work and made more. The third was afraid, and he dug a hole and hid the talents in the ground. When the master returned, this servant was reprimanded. But the two who used their talents to gain more were praised. "His master replied, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21 NIV) The life application can be simple. Am I using the abilities, gifts, resources that I've been given to reach others for Christ and to bring glory to the Lord? Am I handling my opportunities well? Or am I complacent? Distracted? Focused on temporal and of-this-world things? The question lingered as I watched my son wriggle the button to see if the attachment was secure. When he saw that it was, he used his blunt-end scissors to cut the thread. Then he tied a careful knot. Teresa would be happy with the quality of Isaiah's intentional, careful work. "Well done," I knew she'd say. And with fresh passion breathed into my life-focus, I hoped that on the day I meet the Lord, He will say the same.

New curtains have been added to the windows in our Sunday school classrooms. They have been placed in memory of Harold (Gus) Nelson. Gus always enjoyed the children and we thank Bertha for this gift!



Betty Andrews has found a new place to call home in Brandon, South Dakota. Her daughter, Cheryl, lives in Alexandria, Minn. which is about four hours away. We continue our prayers as she adjusts to her new surroundings and creates new friendships!

Answer to August brainteaser: They were two of a set of triplets!

Another mile stone birthday this month: Ruth Woods will be 98 years young September 8th!





September 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1 | 2 Youth Group | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 Preschool begins | 9 Youth Group | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13  | 14 | 15 | 16 Youth Group Council Meeting | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 Youth Group | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 Youth Group | | | |
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notes

Birthdays: Sept 2—Cassie Jones, Sept 6 –Patty Hanson, Sept 8—Ruth Woods, Ann Dahl, Sept 9—Darrel Iverson, Sept 12—Michelle Bata, Sept 13—Amelia Marnell, Sept 13—Evan Sprinkle, Sept 18—Alexandria Marnell, Sept 20—Gracie Cloud, Sept. 22—Michelle Cople, Sept 25—Henry Lee, Sept 28—Danielle Friis, Sept 29—Brenden Brouillette, Sept. 30—Sue Martin

