



THE Heartland CONNECTION

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2020

SERVICE TIMES: 8:30 & 10:00AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES: 10:00AM

ASLAN IS ON THE MOVE!

By Pastor Denny

What a joy to watch our church family return to live worship as well as plugging into Sunday School, Awana, Bible studies, etc.! Sue and I are having the great joy of leading one of our larger Discover Heartland classes and having a lot of fun meeting all the newcomers that God is bringing to the Heartland family.

Pastor Cooper Smith and Marie have bought a new home in the Triplett Farms development in Annandale, and will be officially beginning their ministry with us on December 1. Please join me in giving them a warm and cordial welcome to our church family! One of the exciting developments that we have observed since extending a call to Cooper as our new Family Ministries Pastor is a growing interest in the Lord among our younger adults. What a joy to have the opportunity to pass the torch of faith down to a new generation who are raising their families with biblical values and a Christ-centered lifestyle.

Meanwhile we all sense the clash of ideologies in our beloved country and

we encourage you to be much in prayer for the Lord to reign over our land. I have sensed the Lord speaking to me since early in the Covid struggle that this menacing virus will actually be a blessing in disguise as growing numbers across our nation are turning to the Lord for hope and peace in the midst of conflict.

Each Sunday it is my pleasure to bring you a message from my new series *The Kingdom of Heaven: My Passion and Prize*. As always, I am asking God to search my own heart as I meditate on the Scriptures in the book of Matthew about the kingdom of heaven. Please pray that God will be speaking to each us from His Word every week. We truly want to be *"doers of the Word and not hearers only."* James 1:22.

Aslan, the fictional lion that represents Christ in the *Chronicles of Narnia* series is truly on the move! Praise God!

Pastor Denny

Church Events

- Oct 3 - 8am All church workday
- Oct 10 - 7:30am Men's Breakfast
- Oct 21 - 7:30pm Leadership Night
- Oct 25 - Communion
- Oct 28 - 5:00pm Fall Celebration



Church Email Prayer Group

If you'd like to be added to the church email prayer group, please contact the church office:
office@heartlandfree.com

Student Ministries



Inviting students to **COME** to Jesus, **FOLLOW** Him with Joy, and to **SERVE** Him with passion.

We are so excited to be back to the fall schedule! We had over 40 students our first night back! We saw many new faces! We have started a great fall series plan, entitled, "Faith that works" based on the Book of James.



The Youth group is following the safety precautions very well, based on the state mandate. We have a couple of students and leaders who need the students to mask up in our youth room and most of the students are respecting that need.



We are gearing up to still go to Fall Fling at Camp Shamineau in a few weeks. They are taking extra safety precautions as the state of Minnesota requires. Shamineau has an additional form to be filled out by students the week that we go to Fall Fling that asks all the new standard questions (Have

you traveled internationally in the last two weeks? Have you been sick? etc.)

COVID-19 will not stop HSM from sharing the gospel to our Heartland area youth, whether we can meet in person or whether we must shut down and go back to making videos. Jesus' name will be proclaimed!

We appreciate your love, prayers and support!

Thanks, and God Bless!

Pastor Josh



AWANA & Sunday School

Heartland kids took off this September thanks to fabulous volunteers and delightful children. We remain grateful for the opportunity to serve this generation and pray you will consider joining us if you haven't already. It's never too late to get your child started in AWANA, Nursery, or Sunday School or plug yourself into a volunteer position. While we may not know what the year will hold, we serve a God who does.

Thank you for trusting us with your precious kiddos!

Danielle Long

Interim Children's Ministry Director

Sunday School (During Second Service)

10/4 God Uses Gideon (71)

10/11 Samson Receives Strength (72)

10/18 God Blesses Ruth (73)

10/25 God Calls Samuel (74)

Nursery

Capacity Limited

AWANA (Wednesdays at 6:15)

10/7 AWANA

10/14 AWANA

10/21 AWANA

10/28 Fall Celebration - No AWANA

From the Desk & Heart of Pastor Jeff

Most of you know me for my passion, especially for the lost. But you need to know that God has given me an equal passion to spur my brothers and sisters on to know, experience and believe in our Lord Jesus to levels that would blow their socks off. I truly believe that God can do more than we can ask or imagine! I have seen it many times!

One of the ways is talking with others about Jesus and all He has done for us! Let me share one example that God blessed me with that I would love for you to experience. Last Friday I got to go to the St. Cloud prison and meet for an hour with a young man there. I was not allowed to bring my Bible in, which usually is my rock in sharing. Oh boy! Now I had to share from my brain with a man who does not yet know Jesus. On top of it all, I was exhausted from the week. I needed the Holy Spirit in a great way! The conversation was incredible, as we were able to talk very openly about our lives and how Jesus has and can make all the difference. We all need experiences like this in our lives! Look for them and dive into them, you will have your socks blown off!

On another note, Thursday nights continue to be such an encouraging, empowering, and beautiful time of praying to our Great God! Again, my heart is such that I would love to have all our people experience this, especially those who do not experience powerful prayer in other times and places. PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR ONE NIGHT. YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

Your fellow servant,
Pastor Jeff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAYS

Worship Services & Sunday School

- 8:30 & 10am Worship
- 10am Sunday school for all ages

Center for Biblical Studies: Hermeneutics

- 6:30-8:30pm
- Live on Zoom

MONDAYS

Grandma's Prayer Group

- 9-10am
- Fireside Room

Men's Bible Study

- 7-8:30pm
- Studying the book of Revelation
- Maple (downstairs)

TUESDAYS

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30-11am
- Studying Galatians
- Fireside Room

Celebrate Recovery

- 7pm here at church

WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday Night Connection

- 6:15-8pm
- AWANA (Pre-K thru 6th grade)
- Student Ministries (7th thru 12th grade)

Women's Bible Study

- 6:30-8pm
- Studying the book of Luke
- Birch (downstairs)

Men's Bible Study

- 6:30-8pm
- Studying the book of Luke
- Maple (downstairs)

THURSDAYS

Women's Bible Study

- 9:30-11am
- Studying Galatians
- Maple (downstairs)

Bible Quizzing

- 6:30pm

Prayer Group

- 6:30pm in church parking lot.

SATURDAYS

Center for Biblical Studies: Survey of Church History

- 7-9am
- Birch (downstairs)

Offerings

Date	Offering	Weekly Average	Weekly Budget	Mortgage Reduction
8/30/20	\$11,100	\$16,266	\$17,269	\$ 365.00
9/6/20	\$10,675	\$16,111	\$17,269	\$ 365.00
9/13/20	\$24,701	\$16,343	\$17,269	\$2735.00
9/20/20	\$28,251	\$16,656	\$17,269	\$ 596.00

Remaining mortgage amount: \$31,517

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Oneness Embraced 10am

Black/white (and others) relations in the culture at large and in the church in particular continue to be a stain on America's respectable reputation. We will be seeking the Lord to promote a biblical understanding of oneness by detailing why we don't have it, what we need to do to get it, and what it will look like when we live it.

- Basswood (downstairs)
- Led by: Greg Medvec and others

Apostles Creed

At about 108 words, the Apostle's Creed is small in size but huge in power and rich in meaning. In this class we will look briefly at the background of the creed, study what the creed says about God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, our salvation, the church, and the believer's future, and go between the lines to learn the doctrinal depths of what it affirms.

- Fellowship Hall
- Led by: Chris Strand

FALL CELEBRATION

October 28 | 5-8pm

- Trunk or Treat
- Free hotdogs and chips
- Bonfire
- Face painting
- Candy of course!



We love our Heartland community, so with everyone's safety in mind, this event will be held entirely outside.

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God Stories

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