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FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

Guided by the Tithe

God has demonstrated His love for us by creating and redeeming us. A meaningful way we express our gratitude to God is through our faithful giving. By God's grace, we can make giving important, and, when we do, we give Him the glory and honor that He deserves. Faith enables us to give freely and generously. Our giving can have no greater foundation than the Gospel of forgiveness and God's promises.

In His Word, God gives us giving principles. We are called to give (1) cheerfully, (2) regularly, (3) sacrificially, and (4) proportionately of our firstfruits. Even with all these giving principles, one question that all of us have likely asked is, "How much should I give?" In the Old Testament, God answered that question. God's people were commanded to tithe, which meant they were to give one-tenth of their crops, livestock, and gold and silver. The tithe does not answer the question, "Why give?" However, it does help to answer the question, "How much should I give?"

The Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:2, "**On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper...**" According to the income that we receive, we are to give proportionately. The tithe acts as a Biblical guide to calculate the dollar amount to give. Because Abraham, Jacob, and Moses tithed even before the law was given, could the tithe be a benchmark for us to consider as well?

In the New Testament, Jesus affirms the tithe when He told the Pharisees to continue tithing but not to neglect "**the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness**" (Matthew 23:23). It is interesting that, other than the tithe, the only giving referenced in the New Testament exceeded the tithe.

- + Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him and leave everything they owned behind.
- + He directed the Rich Young Ruler to give all His money away.
- + Jesus commended the widow when she gave her last two mites.
- + When He changed Zacchaeus' heart, Zacchaeus gave half of his wealth to the poor.



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NEWS & NOTES

For those dealing with long-term illness and health concerns:

- Brad Alyea (cancer)
- Mandy Bender (cancer)
- Dale Brandt (cancer)
- Jordan Ebach (cancer)
- Karen Feldes (cancer)
- Wanda Fisher (cancer)
- Brad Gellerstedt (cancer)
- Garth Gonseth (cancer)
- Maya Goudy (cancer)
- Levi Hutcheson (birth trauma)
- John Huss (brain tumor)
- Brian Jenkins (cancer)
- Lauren Kandt (cancer)
- Linda Knight (cancer)
- Karen Kuhn (cancer)
- Judy Landall (cancer)
- John Mahnken (cancer)
- Bonnie Malloch (cancer)
- Lorrette Marsh (cancer)
- Milroy Moses (cancer)
- Susan Mountain (cancer)
- Melissa Nesemeier (cancer)
- Andrew O'Brien (cancer)
- Lori Russel (cancer)
- Eric Shaffer (heart surgery)
- Lisa Schaefer (cancer)
- Randy Schlueter (cancer)
- Tyler Smith (cancer)
- Eydie Taylor (cancer)
- Brianna Werkert (heart surgery)
- Kathy Woods (cancer)
- **Kara Zech (cancer)**



For Military Service Men and Women:

Serving stateside: Promoted to Lt. Cmdr. Michele Brown [Kerns] (D.C.), SGT, Casin Down-Wilson (Deployed to Washington, D.C. - KS Army National Guard), CAPT Stephen Kerns (Ft. Campbell, Ky.), SGT Jacob Mattern (26th Special Tactics Squadron), Caleb Schempp (KS Air Natl. Guard-Qatar), STAFF SGT Brandon Seutter (Ft. Lewis-McChord, Wash.), and Promoted to SPC, Nathan Wibe (Deployed to Kuwait - KS Army National Guard)

For Our Expectant Mothers: Taylor Lewallen, Amy Morin, Morgan Riechers, Peyton Ziegler, and all other expectant mothers, and for those who long for God's gift of children.

For the Sake of the Gospel:

For Vicar Josiah Sandcork and his wife Amanda, as they spend their vicarage year with us.

*New additions to the continued prayer list are in red.
Please contact the Church office when a prayer can be removed.



FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR SCHULTZ

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Jesus said, ***“Freely you have received, freely give”*** (Matthew 10:8 NIV), and, in Acts 20:35, He said, ***“It is more blessed to give than to receive.”***

When we examine what we give, remember that God wants our hearts more than our gifts. May God grant us hearts of faith that give freely and generously.

In Christ’s Love and Service,

Pastor Joel Schultz

NEWS & NOTES



FAITH ALIVE (55+) group met Saturday, August 17. Approximately 28 people attended for an evening of fellowship and food. Brad Keefe opened the evening with a devotion and shared discussion. We all enjoyed subs, sides, and desserts. After dinner, we played several games of BINGO with prizes (ask Joe Hodnik what his secret is for winning four games – maybe he practices!). Thank you to Charlotte Hundley and Sharon Pierson for hosting. Also, thank you to those who provided sides and desserts.



This group is planning to get together Saturday, September 21, at 4:30 pm in Room 114. We will start with a devotion and shared discussion. We will also do a Mission project of assembling school supplies in tote bags for Orphan Grain Train. Come join us for an evening of fun, fellowship, and food! A reminder with more details will be sent out to those on our email list. If you haven’t been before and would like to join us, please contact [Randy and Jeanne Kanoy](#), [Brad and Eden Keefe](#) or [Charlotte Hundley](#). We’d love to see you!



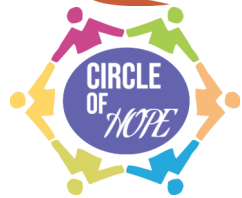
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Service of Health and Healing is Monday, September 9 at 6:30 pm. It is a service of prayers, hymns, and scripture to pray for healing and celebration of health, and for those at rest in the Lord. This service is for all members and guests. Please add names for prayers in the attendance survey for the service so all can be included. You will experience comfort and peace.

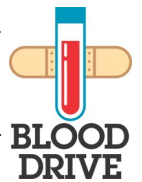


Service of Health & Healing



Did you know there is a cancer support group at Beautiful Savior? We are called Circle of Hope. We share weekly emails with prayer requests and meet monthly on the first Monday of the month. We would love to support and walk alongside anyone with newly diagnosed cancer especially. Please contact Char Ludwig, Denise Jordan, or Pastors for questions or more info.

The next Blood Drive by the American Red Cross is Sunday, September 8, 10:30 am - 2:30pm! Please sign up for an appointment to donate to the critical need currently being experienced. If we get 35 units of blood collected Beautiful Savior receives \$10 back for each unit. This goes towards food for Family of Faith nights. Walk ins are welcome as well walk-ins Contact Denise Jordan or Carol Vandenberg to volunteer, donate, or with questions.



MISSIONS



Our ministry to our Neighbors at Fieldstone Apartments is continuing to increase and flourish. Praise be to Christ!



This past month, the Fieldstone team hosted our Second Saturday Kona Ice Truck event on the East Side of the Apartment complex. Kids and Adults of all ages stopped by to enjoy some shaved ice and play water games, corn horn, basketball, and frisbee. We had 13

adults stop by and visit as well as more than 36 kids who played water games at the playground and sports on the basketball court. We had a great 4 vs 4 basketball game and frisbee passing circle where Beau and Greg eagerly assented to showcase their abiding athletic ability. During the event, we were able to chat, take prayer requests, as well as hand out



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fliers and booklets of the Gospel of John in both English and Spanish. During the event, we added four families to our weekly food distribution, enabled by our partnership with Mission Southside. We now serve 20 families weekly. In our weekly food distribution each Friday, we continue to box food and groceries and now deliver them to 75 people! Praise be to God who not only fills our bellies and daily needs but gives us His Word and gospel to share with all people!



Additionally, we want to give a HUGE shoutout to all the members who generously donated to our Backpack Supply packing for the Fieldstone students. In July we had received word from 11 different families

requesting support for back-to-school supplies and in August we packed 27 backpacks for 27 students. It was a big success and was a sincere help to our neighbors. Thank you to everyone who donated!



Looking Ahead: we will be doing a Trunk or Treat Event in October at Fieldstone, organizing Thanksgiving Cards in November, and helping with a Christmas Store with Mission Southside in December. Donations of toys are welcome and encouraged!

Please let Vicar Sandcork or Paul Peterson know if you would like to join us in this ministry or just learn more about what we are doing.

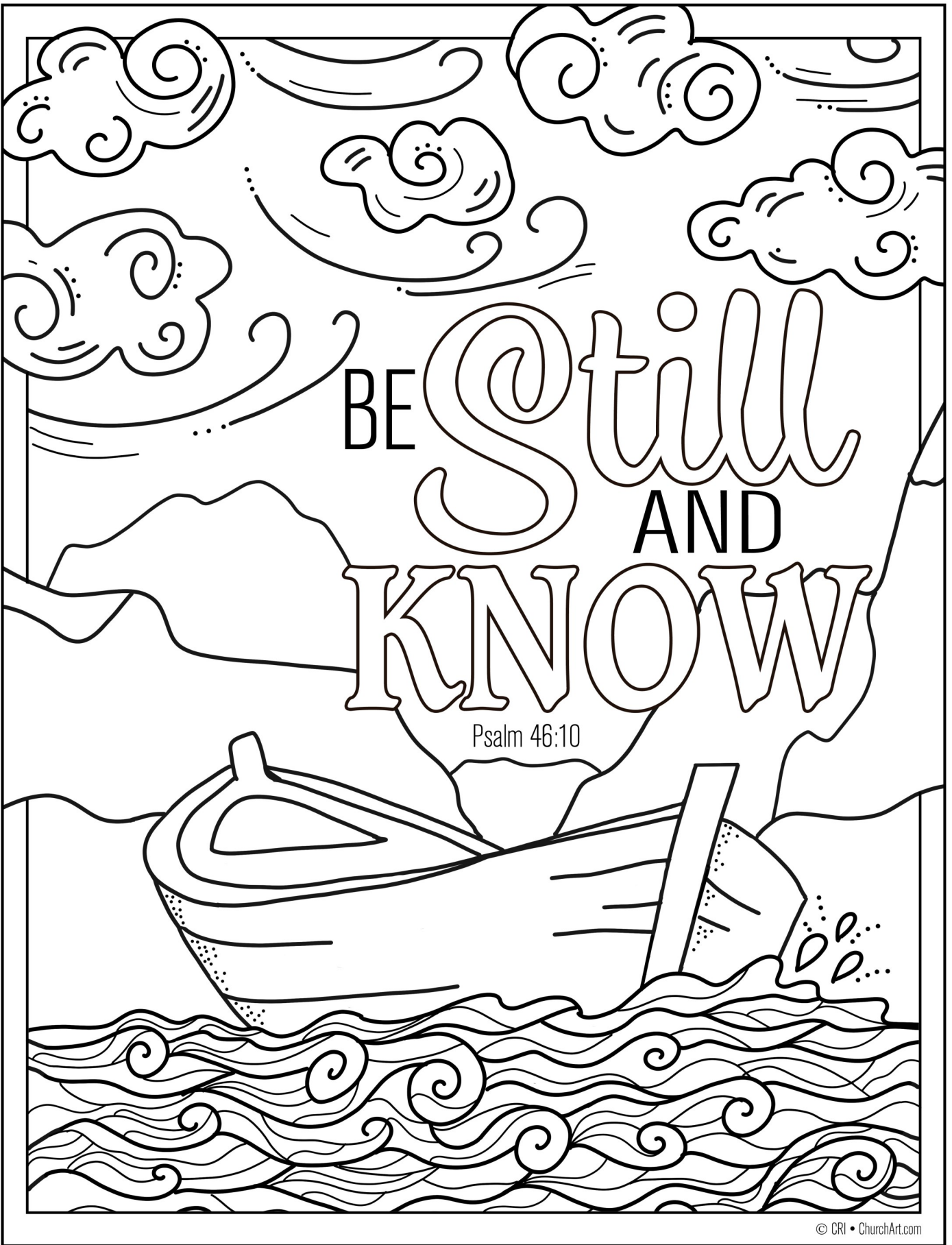


The **Pioneer Trail Middle School Backsnack** program is starting for the school year. Students sign up for the program to be able to take home extra food on the weekends. We have been providing food for approximately 30 students each week in the past. Our food items for this year are **cereal** (regular-size, not family-size boxes), **fruit cups**, and **granola/breakfast bars**. Preferably, fruit cups instead of applesauce cups. **We will NOT**




be providing pudding cups this year. Donations may be put in the large wooden box in the narthex. This is an on-going project for the 2024-25 school year. Please help support these students. Any questions, contact Charlotte Hundley or Karen Kuhn.





WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

 September		September 1	September 8	September 15	September 18	September 25
Acolytes:	8:00 am	Jack McDonald Henry McDonald	Nate Delancy Isla Delancy	Ethan Wolff Sam Schlef	Blake Hughey Maya Hughey	Jack Gruhn Emmett Gruhn
	10:45 am	Corrine Jensen Hadley Holste	Hudson Vogt Brynlee Vogt	Kendall Herrs Emma Ronsick	Rowen Clark TBD	TBD TBD
Greeters:	8:00 am	Chris & Michelle Wibe	Zach & Lisa Bahr	George & Karen Ledgerwood	Tom & Brenda Bremer	Bob & Karen Rinne
	10:45 am	Scott & Angela Hodge	John & Connie Koetting	Paul Peterson	Scott & Denise Behrman	Jere & Sharon Brandt
Altar Guild	Carol Brandt Nancy & Jim DeLaney		Doris Baker Carolyn & Keith Clarke Deb & Dana Froelich Rebecca McDonald	Denise & Scott Behrman Deb Hodnik Mary Jane Rees	Karen & David Benz Gina & Tim Stoehr	Angela Hodge Debbie Johnson Rebecca McDonald Jeanie Zeller
Education Hour Nursery:	Matt & Morgan Riechers <i>Helping Hands:</i> Andrew & Marissa Lippe		Matt & Nicole Christensen <i>Helping Hands:</i> Zach & Alaina Booth	Ashley Stoll & Sheila Huseman <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Morgan Riechers	Zach & Alaina Booth <i>Helping Hands:</i> Matt & Nicole Christensen	Matt & Nicole Christensen <i>Helping Hands:</i> Ashley Stoll & Sheila Huseman
Counters:	Brian Olson Paul Peterson		Jym Fees Chuck Tuttle	Ron & Karen Aerni Jared Turrel Trevor Huseman	Randy & Jeanne Kanoy	John Blakley Keith Gloe
Altar Flowers:	Jim & Connie Teig <i>51st Wedding Anniversary</i>		Scott & Denise Behrman <i>25th Wedding Anniversary</i>	<i>Faith Ledgerwood's Birthday</i>	Kristin Kinney <i>In Honor of Kelsey's Baptismal Birthday & Sophia's 11th Birthday</i>	Jeff & Cheryl Kern <i>39th Wedding Anniversary</i>
	Lori & Lance Hughey <i>Wedding Anniversary</i>		Andrew & Cassie Nichol Wedding Anniversary	TBD	<i>Ashley Stoll's Birthday</i>	Lisa Bahr <i>In Honor of her mom, Teresa Bennett</i>
Ushers	8:00 am			10:45 am		
	Zach Booth, Scott Bohnert, Debbie Johnson, Mike Johnson, and Mark Zarnstorff			Scott Behrman, Mark Chapin, Brett Clark, and Brad Johnson		





BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR



OKTOBERFEST



OCTOBER 20, 2024 3 TO 6 PM



Look for more information in the Info As You Go.

ATTENDANCE

Date	Attendance
8/4	404
8/11	453
8/18	402
8/25	378



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Also LHM podcasts are available through these services:



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Sunday Education Hour
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Growing in Jesus...
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Mission

Connecting children and families to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.