

“Glad Tidings”

Wysox Presbyterian Church
September 2014

Pastor’s Message ~ While Away On Paternity Leave

Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward.

– Psalm 127:3

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, “Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?” And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, “Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

- Matthew 18:1-3

You shall teach [God’s ways] diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

- Deuteronomy 6:7

“Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me.”

- Mark 9:37

The Lord gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!

- Psalm 113:9

One of the gifts that I have been given by the church is the opportunity to be with my new daughter for six weeks after her birth without having to worry about anything else. This is a blessing for which I am immensely grateful, since children are such a God given blessing (and responsibility). I am thankful to have the time to get things started off right!

This means that I will be gone for at least six weeks and will not see you on a regular basis. I may pop in with a little one in my arms to show her off (I am already a proud dad), but for the most part I will be at home with our baby girl, Ember Lee Albers.

During this time, you will have several pastors who will take care of Sunday morning worship, bible study, and emergency situations. If you need a pastor in an emergency, contact the church office, a member of session, or if in desperation, give me, Pastor Jira, a call and I will give the information to the correct person.

Of course, a birth means that a baptism will be coming soon. **On October 12th at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church starting at 9:30am** Ember will be baptized. The baptism will be in the beginning of the worship service so that members of Wysox may come for the baptism, and then leave for Sunday morning activities at Wysox if they desire. The following Sunday, a service of blessing will occur for those who could not come to the baptism.

The Question Box

(Questions About Our Christian Life)

“Why do we baptize infants?”

The New Testament attests to Lydia’s “whole household” being baptized, and further Peter says in Acts that “the promise is for you and your children.” With these practical biblical accounts as a starting point, we move deeper and see that, *“For by grace you have been saved.”* We have been saved by God’s grace in Christ. In Baptism, we participate in Jesus’ death and resurrection to new life. We become one with Christ and with one another through the waters of baptism. This is all a gift from God, not something we somehow attain ourselves. The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims us before we can ever claim God. - Pastor Jira Albers

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!



Congratulations to Pastor Jira and Randele Albers on the birth of their daughter, Ember Lee Albers. Ember was born on August 22nd weighing 7lbs 6oz and 20 1/2 inches long.

Come celebrate Ember's birth with us on Sunday, October 5th following our worship service for a baby shower, dish to pass luncheon and to meet the newest edition to the Albers family!

PEACMAKING OFFERING

The Peacemaking Offering supports the peacemaking efforts of the church at every governing body level and provides an opportunity to witness to God's gift of peace in the world. Gifts given to the Peacemaking Offering through a congregation are divided in the following manner - twenty-five percent retained by congregations for support of their own peacemaking ministry; 25 percent used to support presbytery and synod peacemaking efforts; and 50 percent forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Mission Agency so that it can continue to provide assistance and resources for congregations and other bodies of the PC(USA). If you would like to donate to this offering, please use the enclosed envelope (or envelopes can be found in the pews of the church in October) and drop it in the offering plate. Thanks for your continued support.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children/youth and adults will begin on Sunday, September 14th (No class for the older children on Sunday September 21st and 28th). The Adult Sunday School class is beginning with a study on *Genesis* by Max Lucado. All are welcome to come and join us at 9:45 a.m.

CHOIR

Choir will resume in September and new voices are always welcome. **THANK YOU** to all of those who provided special music for the summer. It was a nice variety and the congregation enjoyed the many local talents.

- ◆ Elders for the month of September are Shelly VanDerMark and Julie Palmer.
- ◆ Office closed Monday, September 1st in observance of Labor Day.



First Day of Fall—September 22nd

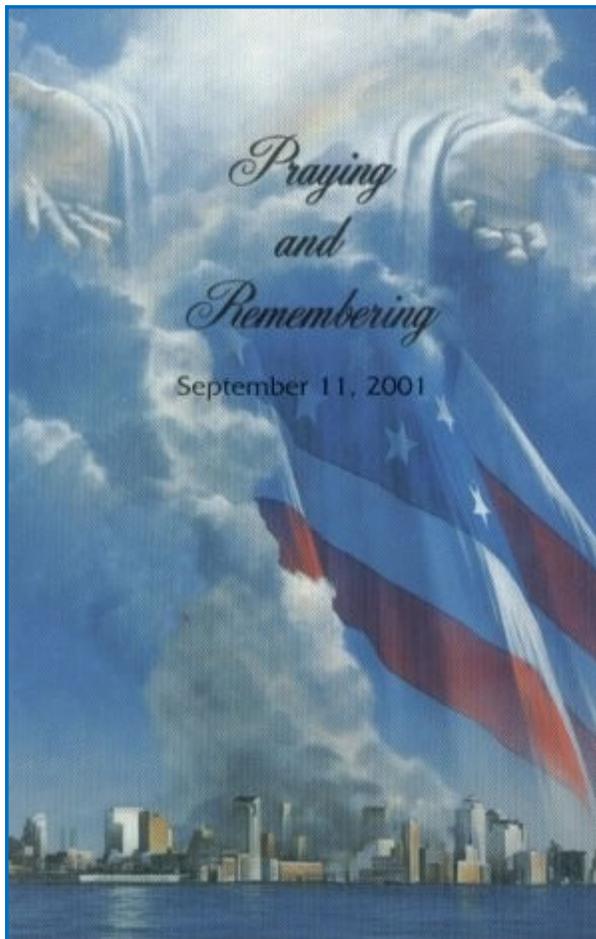
MISSION

Thank you all for your generous support for backpacks. We purchased 12 backpacks, 10 went to the elementary schools and 2 went to the high school. They contained pencils, crayons, tissues, and a book for the elementary kids. I'm sure the kids that receive these backpacks will be very grateful.

We have received several Operation Christmas child boxes. Thank you for your support. The boxes will remain available until delivered, so feel free to take another one and fill it. The more boxes that are filled, the more children that will receive one.

With fall coming, our September mission will be a bakeless bake sale collection that will be given to Alzheimer's association in honor of Nancy Irvine. Look for the envelopes in the pews. Think about it this way, what ever you would spend to bake something for a bake sale you will put in the envelope, hence the bakeless bake sale.

Thank you all for your support of our many outreach projects.



Jesus,
beloved Savior,
in remembering
these terrible events,
we recognize our great need
for Your guidance and protection.
We have painfully learned
that our country is vulnerable
and that violence can disrupt
both individuals and nations.
We pray then for healing
for all the people whose lives
were shattered in the attacks.
We pray for those
who defend our freedom.
We pray for wisdom
for our national leaders.
We pray for peace,
for our country and our world.
Jesus, beloved Savior,
as we remember,
hold us in Your loving hands.

Amen ~St. Charles Borromeo

PRAYER CIRCLE

We are still studying Exodus. In chapter 21, we are given the laws. This was to make everyone think before acting as there are consequences in everything we do. Chapter 22 tells about how to protect your property and how to abide with the laws in every day life. We find chapter 23 tells us how to obey the laws of justice and mercy.

Our group was saddened to say goodbye to our member, Nancy Irvine. Nancy was such a likeable, sweet lady who loved the Lord and thoroughly enjoyed our bible study. She was often found sprucing up our old historic church. She and her late husband, Ron, devoted many hours to keep our beautiful church humming. They both loved their church and always found many things to do to enhance our building. We have many happy memoires of both of you, and know that you are together again in a much better place. Our sincere sympathy to her family.

We invite you to join us. We meet every Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the conference room. We have prayer, sign many cards that we send to persons needing an uplifting message. If you know someone needing a card, please let us know their name and address. We will be happy to send a greeting.

Please join us. You are always welcome!

The following were remembered on our Prayer List

July 16th thru August 20th

Prayer Circle Listing

Angel List

Makayla Evans
Mason Barto
Ashley Weed
Abbriella Brown
Marisa Ivey
Shawn Mastrantonio
Betty Miller
Andrew Pardoe
Deb Mathers
Caiden Irvine
Carolyn Russell
Whitney Rockwell

Current List

Marion Lent
Gladys Derr
Jim Allen
Tom Jennings
Cynthia Sims
Wilbur Beers
Diane Place
Richard Hollenback
Our Nation
Michelle Lamphere
Barb Bailey
Emily Woodcock
Drew Faulkerson
Prudence Wilson

Tornado Victims
Ruth Johnson
Bonnie Chilson
Marty Coates
Otto Brown
Dorothy Benjamin
Linda Griffith
Angelina Miele
Delores Barto
Agnes Frawley
Jan Stoddard
Patricia Parsons
Whitney Rockwell
Family

Vern Cooley Family
Residents of Israel & Palestine
Bob Tomko
Trudy Vull Family
Phyllis Nemeth Family
Glenn Roberts Family
Nancy Irvine Family