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“Let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Keep On Keeping On

Maybe you've heard the question, “How do you eat an elephant?” Obviously an elephant is a huge animal and eating one would be impossible for one person at one sitting. I heard recently of a pro football stadium that has a menu item that is several pounds big. It includes many types of meats and also French fries and onion rings and more (if my memory is correct). The point is that if anyone finishes all of that food in the allotted time, the food is free, they get an official team jersey and their name is displayed in some very visible way. How many of those meals would it take to equal one elephant? Way too many. The answer to the question, “How do you eat an elephant?” is “One bite at a time.”

Remembering this little word picture of eating an elephant can be helpful when we contemplate big tasks like having a thriving marriage, raising children or accomplishing the Great Commission; making disciples of all nations (ethnicities). It can't be done all at once. It can't be done all by yourself. But it can be done.

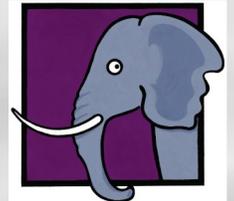
Somewhere I read “A long obedience of little things accomplishes great things.” That in one sentence describes our church. Our

success has not happened because of one outstanding person or event. For a long time now people have been praying and reading their Bibles and living by faith and sharing the good news and working together. Our success in doing what God has called us to do happens one act of obedience at a time; over a long haul; by many people.

In the past year or so we have had to say goodbye to many of our senior saints. We miss them greatly. Their work is done. Our work continues. Let's keep on keeping on.

In His Joy,

Pastor Rodney



SEPTEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

- 2** Luke 12:1-21
“Truths to Help Us Stay on Track”
- 9** Luke 12:22-34
“Don't Worry. Be ... Faithful!”
- 16** Luke 12:35-48 “Characteristics Jesus Wants in His Servants”
- 23** Luke 12:49-13:9
“The Time to Repent Is Now”
- 30** Luke 13:10-21
“God's Benevolent Dictatorship”



YOUTH MINISTRY



So I was thinking...

about the end of summer and all that comes with it. The changing of the leaves, the crisp mornings, Friday night football, back-to-school shopping and shipping kids off to college. With the start of every school year, I'm pretty sure I wonder how time could go any faster. This summer is no exception. Are you ready to get back to Wednesdays nights that rock at OBC?

So what are we doing this year for Ground Zero and Spot 68 this year? I'm so glad you asked. Our theme this year is, "Work in Progress." We will cover topics such as Searching for Acceptance, Relationships, Self-Image, Hypocrisy, Tolerance, and Living with Temptation. The focus will be on how throughout our lives we will deal with these issues, sometimes over and over, and how God uses them to shape us into a final product that will only be known in Heaven.

We will once again be hosting a Fall Rally in October. The Prentice and Rib Lake schools have again allowed me to bring in a speaker. The principals chose Brad Hurtig as the speaker and Beacon Light as the entertainment. Once again, the entertainment is a hip hop artist. I have had the opportunity to meet both of these Godly men and Beacon was recommended by both George Moss and DJ Integrity (last year's speaker and entertainers).

Spot 68 will have an opportunity to return to Feed My Starving Children in Eagan, MN, in October. We had such a great experience last year, we decided to do it again. They will also be invited to our "Worship Together" night in January out at Forest Springs. In the past, we've only taken the high school group, but it's time to get the middle school there too. The 8th grade students will also get the chance to attend a youth conference in January. The plan is to attend Districts, an annual EFCA youth conference in Green Bay. This conference usually has 4,000 students in attendance and I am really excited about this opportunity for our 8th - 12th grade students. Last year Ground Zero attended the Planet Wisdom conference in the cities. They loved it and we had planned to go again, but the people in charge of Planet Wisdom decided to cancel all conferences this year while they restructure, so Districts here we come!

Youth Crew, a group of college students from Northwestern University St. Paul will be here in November. Last year they came in April and the only complaint I received from our students is that they wanted them to come earlier. So I moved the date to November. Youth Crew speaks to both Ground Zero and Spot 68 on the same night.

Ground Zero will have their annual fall retreat in November. This retreat will help students identify their strengths and give them an opportunity to explore what their individual strengths mean for them and their future, both on the job and for serving God. We hope to plan another retreat in the Spring and maybe another event or two for Spot 68, but there's time to develop all of that throughout the year. The only big thing left to really plan is next year's summer trip. The 2019 trip will be a retreat style/ service mystery trip. More details will be coming out as they develop. I haven't had a chance to talk to my Ground Zero seniors, yet, and I would really like them to be involved in the planning and running of this retreat. Pray that they are motivated, challenged and ready to take on leadership roles.

...until next time.

Rebecca Anderson



LADIES' FALL BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

There are three Bible study options beginning in September.

Monday mornings starting **Sept. 17, 9:00 - 11:30**, join a study by Jen Wilken on 1 Peter: *A Living Hope in Christ*, led by Karen Blomberg and Julie Jast.

Monday evenings (except the 4th week of each month will meet on Tuesday evening instead of Monday) starting **Sept. 10, 6:30 - 8:30**, join a study by Del Tackett on developing a Biblical world view called *The Truth Project*, and also look at Stormie Omartian's life story, led by Kay Marschke and Genevieve Stolhammer.

Wednesday evenings starting **Sept. 19, 6:30 - 8:00**, join Melinda Price as she leads the study *12 More Women of the Bible*.



Church Choir

If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the church choir for this fall session.

Rehearsals are Sunday evenings, 6:00 - 7:00, beginning Sept. 19.

The choir will sing for most Sunday morning services from Sept. 23 to Dec. 30, and for a special Christmas concert on Dec. 16 at 7:00 p.m.



Prentice Progress Days Singspiration

Sunday, Sept. 2, 7:00 p.m., in the school gym. There will be special songs of worship from several of the area churches, sing-along worship songs, fellowship of God's people, and snacks.

Ladies' Day at Forest Springs

Thursday, September 13, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Jill Briscoe is the speaker this year. Register by going online to www.forestsprings.us, calling the camp at 715-427-5241, or mailing in a registration form, found on the church foyer table. Cost for Ladies' Day this year is \$26. You may carpool to Ladies' Day by meeting at OBC at 8:30 a.m.



Fall Church Work Day

Please plan to help clean up the church and grounds on Saturday, **September 8, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** There are jobs for all ages and skill sets!



Titus 2

Women of all ages, mark your calendar and invite a friend to a special evening out on **Thursday, September 20, 6:00 p.m.**

We will begin with a soup and salad supper and then special guest Shirley Root will share with us some wisdom and insights on prayer!



September Birthdays

- 2 Connor Anderson
- 4 Jesse Rhody, Greg Scott, Matti Heikkinen
- 5 Jordan Gilge, Pat Hamlet
- 6 Erica Adams, Kaye Erickson, Nikki Sarkkinen
- 7 Jess Wear, Jason Ulrich
- 9 Nick Blomberg, Nathaniel Swan
- 10 Danny Darosci, Joyce Haskins, Betty Swan
- 11 Matt Blomberg, Steve Saari
- 12 Luke Swan, Nikole Foster
- 13 Kim Trouten, Amanda Page
- 15 Kaelyn Blomberg
- 17 Terry Foster, Russell Sarkkinen, Pride Stanford
- 19 Treyvon Byrd, Brian Karlik, Jackie Parlin
- 20 Kajsa Lind, Christine Blomberg
- 21 Keven Blomberg, Pam Barton, Sawyer Page
- 22 Don Stelzer, Hallie Hueckman
- 23 Bette Saari, Josh Daniels, Joshua Jast
- 25 Tristan Shoup
- 26 Pete Ulrich, Daniel Berg
- 27 Tom Monroe, Janette Thinakara, Nancy Gladwin
- 28 Marianne Parask, Alivia Nelson
- 29 Linnea Blomberg



Fall Youth Special Kick-Off Events

Ground Zero (high school)

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Food, Fun, and Games! Bring a friend!



SPOT 68 (6-8th grades) &

Kingdom Quest (4K-5th grades)



Wednesday, September 12, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Students and their families are invited to a fun night of bouncy houses, games, hot dogs and burgers!

Food will be available from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Bring the whole family!

Ogema Christmas Tree Festival Annual Bake Sale

Saturday, September 29, in the Ogema school

All proceeds of the bake sale will go towards OBC Youth Missions, specifically their next trip to Haiti in 2020.

Please consider making baked goods to donate and/or purchasing items at the sale. Thank you!



Happy Birthday!



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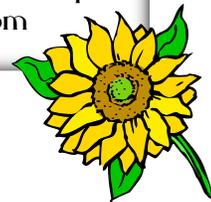
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Sunday School for all ages - 9:00 am
Sunday Worship - 10:15 am
Wednesday Student & Ladies' Ministries - 6:30 pm
Wednesday Adult Prayer Meeting - 7:00 pm



Whatever your age or stage in life,
YOU are WELCOME here!

*"The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy."*

Psalm 126:3

Missionary Spotlight

Peter & Jessica Wohler

Source Ministries, Minneapolis, MN

Peter and Jessica Wohler work with SOURCE, a mission to the at-risk and unreached in Minneapolis, MN. Through urban outreach and anti-trafficking efforts, SOURCE empowers the urban poor, homeless youth, victims of prostitution and drug abuse, and anti-mainstream



individuals to make a break from the past and build foundations for the future. SOURCE has been serving the at-risk and unreached since 1987 in one of the most diverse neighborhoods in the country.

"To make a lasting impact, we serve physical, emotional and spiritual needs. That is why we follow a holistic approach of Hope and Opportunity. Our goal is to be a friend who serves people's needs, along with a voice that communicates God's love and forgiveness. Our food shelf, community meals and creative events allow us to make contact and build trust to speak Hope and then offer Opportunity for lasting life change through mentorship, transitional homes and life-skill programs."

Please continue to pray for the Wohlers, especially as Peter continues his treatments for cancer, and also for the ongoing ministry of SOURCE. To learn more go to sourcemn.org or call 612-822-5200.