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A Message From Our SAM

The following will be on January 25 in your Daily Bread that our church offers free. It is one that I have shared with others to read also. It speaks of a TV favorite of the past of Opie on *The Andy Griffith Show* and also of something we should think of remembering to do around us – not just to children but be an example to all ...

Proverbs 22:1-6

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it [Proverbs 22:6]

FIGHTING “FLASHY” THINGS

In the 1960s-era TV series *The Andy Griffith Show*, a man tells Andy he should let his son Opie decide how he wants to live. Andy disagrees: “You can’t let a young’un decide for himself. He’ll grab at the first flashy thing with shiny ribbons on it. Then, when he finds out there’s a hook in it, it’s too late. Wrong ideas come packaged with so much glitter that it’s hard to convince them that other things might be better in the long run.” He concludes that it’s important for parents to model right behavior and help “keep temptation away.”

Andy’s words are related to the wisdom found in Proverbs: “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it” (22:6). Although many may read these words as a promise, they’re really a guide. All of us are called to make our own decision to believe in Jesus. But we can help lay a biblical foundation through our love for God and Scripture. And we can pray that as the little ones under our care mature, they choose to receive Christ as Savior and walk in His ways and not “in the paths of the wicked” (v.5).

Our own victory over “flashy things” through the Holy Spirit’s enabling is also powerful testimony.

Jesus’ Spirit helps us to withstand temptation and molds our lives into examples worth imitating.

(written by Alyson Kieda)



Why is it helpful to remember that Proverbs 22:6 isn’t a promise but a wise principle? Who can you help to “train up”?

Prayer – Dear Father, help me to instill Your values into the hearts of the children You’ve place in my life.



-Clara

January Worship Schedule

January 1 st Sunday Worship	Becky Gaede	Worship 10 am
January 8 th Sunday Worship	Steve McCaughan	Worship 10 am
January 15 th Sunday Worship	Eleanor Eskuri	Worship 10 am
January 23 rd Worship with Holy Communion	Clara Edin, SAM	Worship 10 am
January 29 th Sunday Worship	Jay Vargas	Worship 10 am

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Please include the following people in your daily prayers:

Jan Ecklund, Lois Sahlen, Don & Mike Petersen, Meghan, Tracy Jensen, Deb, Jo, Jeff, Bob Katon, Daniel, Iver, Rita, Chardae, Lynda, Chase, McCoy, Janice, and their families.

If you would like to add someone to the weekly list, please email the church office at blcaskov@gmail.com or let Clara know



Circle of Faith (COF) met November 26, 2022 at church. The members in attendance were: Tracy Zinter, Cookie Nielsen, Shawn Jansen, Carolyn Steele, Jan Parker, and Mary Johnson.

Tracy called the meeting to order.

Jo led us in devotions, "Faith without deeds is dead" James 2:26.

Reports: Secretary minutes from October 29th meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Shawn, 2nd by Cookie, motion carried.

Treasurer's report:
Checking \$129.47
Savings 2,030.08

Christmas tree put up in fellowship area and another tree put up in the dinning area.

Old business: Drop off of baked goods will be Friday December 2nd from 1:00 to 4 pm. On Saturday December 3rd sale from 9:00 am to 2 pm. Tracy, Carolyn, and Jo will provide the soups and chili. Cookie will provide the chicken salad for the sandwiches, and demonstrate making Krumkaka. Shawn will demonstrate making Danish stars for Christmas trees. Tracy will pick up a can opener.

Community meal: Will be December 25th from noon to 2 pm.

Card mailing: January, Mary; February, Jo.

New Business: Shawn made the motion to re-elect the COF officers, 2nd by Carolyn, motion carried. President, Tracy Zinter, Vice President, Jo Foss, and Secretary/Treasurer, Mary Johnson.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Jan, 2nd by Carolyn, motion carried. Adjourned meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: January 14, 2023.

Respectfully submitted
-Mary Johnson
Secretary

JANUARY Birthdays

- Jamie Fogt—3rd
- Olivia Moon—3rd
- Mike Petersen—4th
- Jake Klocke—14th
- Kevin Klocke—14th
- Shawn Jansen—22nd
- JoEllyn Foss—23rd
- Denny Jensen—29th
- Betty Peterson—29th
- Denise Zeitz—29th
- Tracy Zinter—29th
- Connie Ecklund—30th
- Kirsten Tacheny—30th
- Hayden Loew—31st

JANUARY Anniversaries

Roger & Cindy Jensen—January 23rd