

# Our Journey Together

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*I have sought you with all my heart. Don't let me stray from any of your commandments! I keep your word close, in my heart, so that I won't sin against you. You, Lord, are to be blessed! Teach me your statutes. I will declare out loud all the rules you have spoken. I rejoice in the content of your laws as if I were rejoicing over great wealth. I will think about your precepts and examine all your paths. I will delight in your statutes; I will not forget what you have said.* - Psalm 119:10-16

One night a man had a dream. He dreamt that the next day someone in his village would give him a gift of immeasurable value. When he woke, he set out to search for this gift and the giver. He searched all over, with no success, and was just about ready to give up when he came to the far edge of the village and found an old teacher sitting there.

He told the teacher of his dream, and asked if perhaps she was the one that had a gift for him. She reached into her pouch and pulled out a huge ruby; it was the size of a plum! Overjoyed, the man thanked her and went home. He was thrilled as he began to realize that due to the ruby's value, he was set for life.

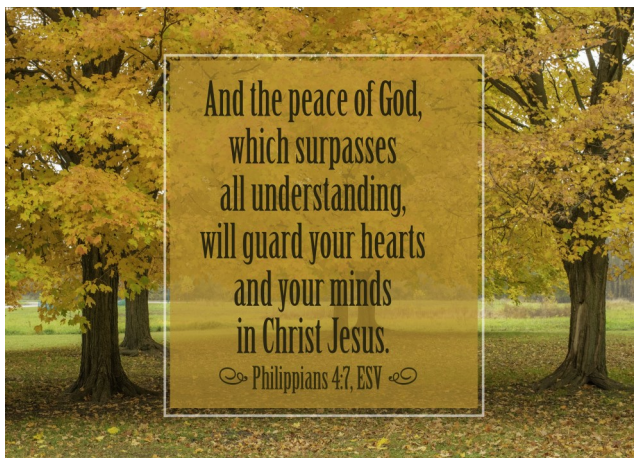
He went to bed that night with the ruby under his pillow, but sleep would not come. He tossed and turned all night. The next morning he returned to the teacher. He handed her back the ruby and asked her, "as much as I appreciate the gift you gave me yesterday, would it be possible instead to get from you whatever it was that allowed you to give up this treasure?"

We have the gift, we have been given the glorious gift of Christ's love and forgiveness. What we need to decide now is will we keep that gift for ourselves, or share it with others.

Part of what we need to do is to fully understand the priceless nature of this gift. That is what Bible study is for. The more we learn, the more value we see in this gift, and the more we want to share it with others.

It is my hope and prayer that you will join us for one of the Bible study opportunities that we are launching soon as we seek to learn what exactly is this great gift that has been given to us.

Pastor Teresa



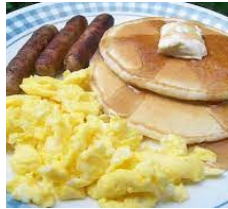
## Content Due

Do you have items you would like included in next month's newsletter? If so, please have them into the church office no later than Oct 21.

## Annual Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference is scheduled for **Saturday October 15 at 10:00 am.**

Our District Superintendent, Dan Bader, will be here to direct us through our annual church meeting. Please come and be a part of your church's business.



### Hunters Breakfast

It's time again to serve up a delicious breakfast for our friends and neighbors. Plan to come and help and also invite others to a time of good food and fellowship.

**Saturday & Sunday, October 15 & 16, 7-10 am.**

### Financial Update from Administrative Council

#### Financial Update as of August 31, 2022:

2022 General Fund Income Year to Date:	\$172,563.72
2022 General Fund Expenses Year to Date:	\$116,544.35
General Fund Difference:	<b>\$56,019.37</b>



### Ernie and Jason Couch Revival Concert

Invite your neighbors and friends to an evening of "Americana Gospel" music .

**Saturday October 1, at 6:30pm**

**Miller United Methodist Church**



#### **Birthdays:**







Oct 02 Royce Blackburn  
 Oct 05 Tyra Gates  
 Oct 07 Cindy Deuter  
 Oct 07 Aiden Whetsel  
 Oct 11 Rosemary Goodall  
 Oct 11 Pat Shaw  
 Oct 12 Chris Keeter  
 Oct 14 Jim Moncur  
 Oct 14 Kris Wharton  
 Oct 15 Carter Canham  
 Oct 16 Mandy Gimbel

Oct 17 Joe Fritzsche  
 Oct 17 Everlee Smith  
 Oct 25 Larry Anglin  
 Oct 27 Ellen Canham  
 Oct 29 LaVerta Palmer  
 Oct 30 Josh Ward

#### **Anniversaries:**

Oct 11 Larry & Leonda Anglin  
 Oct 16 Delton & Shirley Gimbel  
 Oct 24 Lyle & Rosemary Goodall

# October 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b>  6:30 pm
2	3	4	<b>5</b>  Leadership Team 4:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	<b>11</b>  United Women in Faith Ranch Cafe 1:30 pm	<b>12</b>  United Women in Faith Leadership Team 4:30pm	13	14	<b>15</b> Hunters 7-10 am Breakfast Charge Conference 10:00 am
<b>16</b> Hunters 7-10 am Breakfast	17	18	<b>19</b>  United Women in Faith Work Day Lutheran Church 10-2	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	<b>27</b>  FEEDING SOUTH DAKOTA Food Truck Noon-1pm	28	29
30	31					





READ THE BIBLE IN A YEAR - OCTOBER READINGS

Day	Old Testament	New Testament	Psalms & Proverbs
1	Jeremiah 2:31- 4:9	Philippians 2:12-30	Psalms 115:12-18
2	Jeremiah 4:10 - Jeremiah 5	Philippians 3 -4:1	Psalms 116:1-11
3	Jeremiah 6 -7:29	Philippians 4:2-23	Proverbs 24:5-14
4	Jeremiah 7:30- 9:16	Colossians 1:1-23	Psalms 116:12-19
5	Jeremiah 9:17- 11:17	Colossians 1:24-2:5	Psalms 117:1-2
6	Jeremiah 11:18-Jeremiah 13	Colossians 2:6-23	Psalms 118:1-16
7	Jeremiah 14, Jeremiah 15	Colossians 3 -4:1	Proverbs 24:15-22
8	Jeremiah 16, Jeremiah 17	Colossians 4:2-18	Psalms 118:17-29
9	Jeremiah 18, Jeremiah 19, Jeremiah 20	1 Thessalonians 1-2:16	Psalms 119:1-8
10	Jeremiah 21 - 23:8	1 Thessalonians 2:17- ch3	Psalms 119:9-16
11	Jeremiah 23:9- 25:14	1 Thessalonians 4	Proverbs 24:23-34
12	Jeremiah 25:15-38, Jeremiah 26	1 Thessalonians 5	Psalms 119:17-24
13	Jeremiah 27 - 29:23	2 Thessalonians 1	Psalms 119:25-32
14	Jeremiah 29:24- 31:14	2 Thessalonians 2	Psalms 119:33-40
15	Jeremiah 31:15- 32:25	2 Thessalonians 3	Proverbs 25:1-10
16	Jeremiah 32:26-Jeremiah 34	1 Timothy 1	Psalms 119:41-48
17	Jeremiah 35 - Jeremiah 37	1 Timothy 2	Psalms 119:49-56
18	Jeremiah 38 Jeremiah 40:1-6	1 Timothy 3	Psalms 119:57-64
19	Jeremiah 40:7-Jeremiah 42	1 Timothy 4	Proverbs 25:11-20
20	Jeremiah 43, Jeremiah 44, Jeremiah 45	1 Timothy 5 - 6:2	Psalms 119:65-72
21	Jeremiah 46, Jeremiah 47	1 Timothy 6:3-21	Psalms 119:73-80
22	Jeremiah 48, Jeremiah 49:1-6	2 Timothy 1	Psalms 119:81-88
23	Jeremiah 49:7-39, Jeremiah 50:1-10	2 Timothy 2	Proverbs 25:21-26:1-2
24	Jeremiah 50:11-46, Jeremiah 51:1-14	2 Timothy 3	Psalms 119:89-96
25	Jeremiah 51:15-64	2 Timothy 4	Psalms 119:97-104
26	Jeremiah 52	Titus 1	Psalms 119:105-112
27	Habakkuk 1 - Habakkuk 3:19	Titus 2	Proverbs 26:3-12
28	Lamentations 1, Lamentations 2:1-6	Titus 3	Psalms 119:113-120
29	Lamentations 2:7- 3:39	Philemon 1	Psalms 119:121-128
30	Lamentations 3:40-Lamentations 5	Hebrews 1	Psalms 119:129-136
31	Obadiah 1	Hebrews 2	Proverbs 26:13-22

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## Give all glory to God

By taking either compliments or criticism personally, we rob God of glory. Words go deep, either puffing up our pride or threatening our identity. But God intended better. Isaiah 60:21 (NLT) says, "All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory."

Our identity is in God, as his beloved children. Any comments (good or bad) must go through God first, and we can ask him to filter each word and speak his truth to our souls. We can pray: What do you want me to hear, God? Are you inviting me to do something different? How can I point others to you? Do I need to make something right?

This change in mindset provides peace. When we receive people's applause, we want to glorify God, who orchestrates all things. Likewise, constructive criticism can reflect God's work in us, making us teachable. Instead of being tossed to and fro by affirmations and critiques, let's rest secure and shift our focus to bring God glory!

—Janna Firestone