

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church



Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am

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Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Sunday, Feb. 4	Morning Worship
	Hospitality Time
Wednesday, Feb. 7	Church Board meets, 7:00 pm
Thursday, Feb. 8	MW meets, 6:30 pm
Sunday, Feb. 11	Morning Worship
Tuesday, Feb. 13	Relief Sale Distress Supper
Sunday, Feb. 18	Morning Worship
Sunday, Feb. 25	Morning Worship

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS and ANNIVERSARIES

2 Nathan Moran
10 Kenzie Schwoerer
15 Duane Amberg
16 Eli Schwoerer
19 Doug Sifford
22 Vicki West
27 Susan Waller

For February 2024

Hospitality Committee

Julie Greenburg

Carol Hoffman

Carrie Schwoerer

Kathy Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Lori Amberg

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr High – Annie Schwoerer

Food Pantry Item

Rice

Sunday School Nursery

February 4 – Carol Hoffman

February 11 – Susie Myers

February 18 – Barb Karr

February 25 – Susan Waller

Board News

One scholarship was approved for 2024.

The revised church constitution was reviewed and approved at the annual meeting.

June 17-21 will be VBS dates.

Issues with the sound system are being addressed.

A doorbell at the elevator door was discussed.

Voted to be a WPEO sponsor for the relief sale.

For a Smile.....

- 1.What do you call a romance that starts at the aquarium?
- 2.What did the paper clip say to the magnet?
- 3.Who *always* has a date on Valentine's Day?
- 4.How did the coin propose to his girlfriend?
- 5.What's the best recipe for a perfect morning on February 14?
- 6.What did the stamp say to the envelope on Valentine's Day?

Library Corner...

Downstairs – for older readers, the Left Behind series can be found on the middle shelf. On the north side, many resource books, helpful any age learner. Come look and borrow some books to enjoy. The south shelf has books for younger readers/listeners. A colorful, sturdy book titled **Look & Find Bible Storybook** – hidden pictures to go with a story – lots of fun. Another durable book is from the “Dear God Kids” writers. Titled **Dear God, I JUST CAN’T SLEEP ... WANT TO TALK?** 7 lessons, with encouragement and Bible verses. There is no age limit on this book!! We are all God’s children.

Upstairs – Remember to help yourself and borrow a book. Open the beautiful glass cabinet doors and look through the materials. Another cabinet (to the right) holds more options.

From Pastor Doane...

“I’ve worked hard to be the humble man I am. And I’m quite proud of that.”
The friend who said that, said it with a sly grin.

There are some ways the Bible does urge us to have some pride.

“In God we make our boast all day long, and we will praise your name forever.”
(Psalm 44:8)

“If you want to boast, boast only about the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:31)

“Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else...” (Galatians 6:4-5)

So, there is a kind of godly satisfaction and exulting. It is godly because the one feeling it recognizes the real source of everything good.

So, why should we care about being humble? Well, the Bible does say plenty about ways “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” (James 4:6)

Just a couple sentences later, James counsels; “Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up” (James 4:10, NIV). That will be our February verse of

biblical wisdom, but said this way; “*Be humble as you live before the Lord, and He will honor you.*”

James does not mean we must be humble just when we’re aware the Lord is present. When are we not in His presence? The Lord is not the only audience to witness our humility. A courteous, modest, unpretentious spirit is to describe our lifestyle.

But we all came into this world with a natural inclination to inflate our own ego and assert our self-importance. That pride was Satan’s original sin; “I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights.” (Isaiah 14:13)

Such pride was the devil’s tactic to entice the first human sin. It has plagued us ever since. That’s in Genesis 3:5; “the tree’s fruit was good to eat, pleasing to look at, and would make a person wise, like God.” Compare that with 1 John 2:16;

“good to eat” / the “lust of the flesh”

“pleasing to look at” / “the lust of the eyes”

“make wise like God” / “the boastful pride of life”

It might be useful to examine; How much of my thinking is about how I can elevate other’s thoughts of me? How often do my words aim to reinforce my superiority? How often are my actions and deeds done to raise other people’s esteem for me?

If that’s your aim, you may well succeed. But consider the cost. So that God can honor you, He will have to humble you. Instead, make it your priority to be humble, and God will lift you up. **His** high esteem is what you want.

Doane

For a Smile answers.....

- 1.Guppy love.
- 2.I find you very attractive.
- 3.A calendar.
- 4.He gave her a jingle.
- 5.A hug and a quiche.
- 6.I'm stuck on you.