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SOUTH WATERLOO CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
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AUGUST 2019



BAPTISM will be held on Sunday, August 11, at Hershey's Creek, following worship. Zach Mills, Elle Mills, and Caleb Kerkove will be baptized. Worship will be held in the sanctuary at 10:15 a.m, where the three will make their baptismal vows. Following worship we will then travel to Hershey Creek for the baptisms. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT to witness and encourage these three young people as they make an outward expression through immersion baptism of their inward and growing faith.

A potluck lunch will follow. Please bring a hot and cold dish to share. Drinks and place settings will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy this special celebration.

Hershey's Creek is located at 11445 Barnes Ferry Rd, east of LaPorte City.

NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT: Tuesday, August 6 from 6:00-8:00pm at Lichty Park. Join our neighbors for a fun filled evening. Many neighborhoods in the city and across the nation are celebrating this same day. There will be a free meal and lots of activities--face painting, balloon artist, games for the kids, Tiger Bookmobile, photo booth, door prizes and more. The bookmobile will only be at the park from 6-6:45 that evening. Everything is free. This is a lot of fun and a great way for us as a church to get to know our neighbors. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. In case of bad weather, we will move the activities to SWCOB.

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I was small during my childhood and teenage years. I didn't like it. I was too short to play basketball and too skinny to play football. "Small" felt like a bad thing to me during the first two decades of my life, but my thoughts and feelings about "small" have changed.

"Truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you" (Matthew 17:20).

There is great value in small. Jesus noticed when a poor widow dropped two small copper coins in the temple treasury (Mark 12:41-44), and Jesus assured his earliest followers that not one sparrow falls to the ground without our Father noticing (Matthew 10:29-31).

There is great value in small. Which is why our Nurture Commission and I invite you to fill out the Small Group Opportunities survey in this month's SWCoB Newsletter. Copies of this survey will also be available on the Communication Desk. Please place your completed survey in the Small Group Collection Box on the Communication Desk by Sunday, August 25. Questions? Please contact a member of the Nurture Commission: Charlene Ackerman, Brenda Folkers, Lisa Kruse, Julie Lichty, Barbara Miller, Barbara Sutherland, or me. The Nurture Commission will review the surveys at their August 27 meeting and hope two-three new small groups will begin meeting in September.

Your brother in Christ,
Dave Kerkove

UPCOMING SERMON TOPICS:

August 4: **"Did the Middle of My Sentence Interrupt the Beginning of Yours?"**

Luke 12:13-21

August 11 **"Grow"**

Romans 6:1-11; 2 Peter 1:5-8

Baptisms and Workcamp sharing

August 18

Guest Speaker: Mary Wilber (*Pastor Dave on vacation*)

August 25 **"Strength Comes in Many Forms"**

Luke 13:10-17; Romans 5:1-5

September 1 **"Elgin Staples' Hard-Working Mother"**

Proverbs 14:23; 21:25; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

CAMPFIRE: September 8, 5-7 PM at Dallas & Deb Ehmen's.

South Waterloo Church of the Brethren Small Group Opportunities

South Waterloo's Nurture Commission would like to invite you to grow closer to God and your brothers and sisters in Christ through small groups. Dates, times, and locations will be determined by the responses. Current small groups include: Women's Bible study (*Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.*), Adult Bible study (*Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.*), Children and Youth activities (*Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.*), Sunday school for all ages (*Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*), Choir practice (*Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.*), Quilting (*Wednesdays at 8 AM*), and Volleyball (*Sundays at 6:00 p.m.*).

Future possibilities include:

- Exercise/Walking/Biking (*Meet regularly for exercise and encouragement.*)
- Service (*Meet regularly to serve others in Jesus' name.*)
- Prayer (*Meet regularly to pray for one another and others.*)
- Food and Fellowship (*Meet regularly to eat and fellowship together.*)
- Crafty Christians (*Meet regularly to craft together.*)
- Book Club (*Meet regularly to discuss a selected book.*)
- Young Adult Fellowship (*Young adults and the young at heart meet regularly for fellowship and more.*)
- Seasoned Citizens (*Senior citizens meet regularly for fellowship and more.*)
- Bowling (*Meet regularly to bowl together.*)

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Name:

Groups:

Best day(s) or time(s):

Will help lead: yes no

Suggestions for other small groups:

TUESDAY'S WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: ALL WOMEN are welcome to meet at Panera Bread (1818 LaPorte Road) at 10:15 a.m. every Tuesday for fellowship this summer. Bible study will resume in September.



2019 WORKCAMPS: Caleb and Tammy Kerkove attended a workcamp in South Bend, Indiana, June 26-30.

Meredith Eighmey, Camden Schneider, and Jason Schneider are attending a workcamp in Portland, Oregon, July 29-August 4.

Reports from those attending workcamps this summer will be given during worship on August 11.



CAMP PINE LAKE NEWS:

Sr. Youth Camp was attended by Camden Schneider, Jaxson Hoppes, Joslynn Miller and Tione Banks.

Jr. Youth Camp was attended by Caleb Kerkove, Dallas Justice and Colton Winkelbleck.

Middler Camp was attended by Cael Schneider, Josh Kerkove, and Bodhi Miller (Cael's friend). Pastor Dave was a counselor. Ron Flory was the camp Grandpa for the week.

All Ages Camp, Friday, August 30, 5:00 pm – Monday, September 2, 8:00 am. Come, bring people of all ages to experience camp together for a weekend of fun. This event is open to individuals and to families. All youth and children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Programming will start on Saturday. On Sunday a variety of options and activities (including canoeing) will be offered. Monday morning is an un-programmed time. Enjoy Creation, camp, and great fellowship! Please register in advance.

CEDAR VALLEY HOSPITALITY HOUSE is an inter-faith volunteer organization which provides day-time shelter, support, coffee, showers, clean clothes, computer and telephone access, and meals for the homeless. The house is located at 1003 Mulberry. Current needs include body wash, deodorant, toothpaste and toothbrushes, razors, shampoo, men's boxer underwear (size L and above), coffee, paper products, cleaning supplies, laundry soap, men's blue jeans, men's t-shirts, men's hoodies, men's tennis shoes. Please donate new or gently used men's clothing. Please place your donations in the Hospitality House Collection Box by the Communication Desk. For more information on the Cedar Valley Hospitality House, please go to <https://www.facebook.com/CedarValleyHospitalityHouse/>.

DAY LILIES: If you are interested in some orange day lilies, please contact Carolyn Smith at 319-215-3977. They are free to whoever wants to dig them out.

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE DISASTER CLEANUP BUCKETS:

Thank you to everyone that helped with cash and supplies for the Disaster Buckets for Church World Service. They will be delivered along with the rest of the buckets collected at District Conference to a collection site in Des Moines. Your generosity is so appreciated!



NORTHERN PLAINS DISTRICT CONFERENCE will be held August 2-4, 2019, at The Church on Northland, 5200 Northland Ave NE, Cedar Rapids. The Moderator will be Daniel Butler from the Ivester Church of the Brethren. The theme "Love: Comanded, Appointed, Chosen" based on John 15: 9-17.

Our delegates are: Carolyn Bellfy, Merlin Grady, Marlene Wagenaar, Soo Greiman and Pastor Dave Kerkove. Business sessions will begin Saturday at 8 AM.

Anyone having items for the auction, should have them to Pastor Dave by Thursday, August 1. The auction will be held Saturday, August 3, 4 PM. Plan to attend!

Worship services will be Friday, 6:30 PM – Michaela Aphonse speaking; Saturday 6:45 PM – Daniel Butler speaking, Sunday, 10:15 AM – Josh Brockway speaking. All are encouraged to attend.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS:

- **From the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy:** On July 25, 2019, Attorney General William Barr announced that the federal government would resume the use of the death penalty, after a 16-year halt, and directed the Federal Bureau of Prisons (FBP) to schedule the executions of five inmates currently on death row. In the wake of this troubling announcement, the Church of the Brethren reaffirms its decades-long theological and moral opposition to the death penalty.
- **The Church of the Brethren's Global Food Initiative (GFI)** has announced several grants for community gardens related to church congregations in various US states. Also listed among recent grant recipients are a pig raising project in Rwanda and a refrigeration project for Navajo families.
- **Kendra Harbeck** has resigned as manager of the office of Global Mission and Service for the Church of the Brethren, effective Aug. 31. She has worked in the position for six years, since Sept. 1, 2013. Kendra is originally from Cedar Falls and SWCOB supported her when she was in BVS in Germany. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in teaching students with visual impairments. She and her family attend Highland Avenue Church of the Brethren in Elgin.



ANNUAL CONFERENCE was held July 3-7 in Greensboro, North Carolina. Conference numbers included:

2,155: Total registration number for the 2019 Annual Conference including 677 delegates and 1,478 non delegates.

\$50,928.49: Worship offerings. Each evening worship service and the Sunday morning service received an offering dedicated to a particular purpose. This total included: **\$13,212.01** for Brethren Disaster Ministries work in Puerto Rico; **\$11,383.41** for the Church of the Brethren core ministries; **\$11,152.16** for church rebuilding in Nigeria in a collaboration between the Church of the Brethren's Global Mission and Service and Ekklesiyar Yan'uwa a Nigeria (EYN, the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria); **\$8,171.35** for child care and age activities expenses at Annual Conference; **\$7,009.56** for Calling the Called workshops in the Church of the Brethren districts, sponsored by the Office of Ministry.

\$2,360: The online donations and offerings received via www.brethren.org related to the 2019 Annual Conference. The 30 online gifts included \$900 in general donations for Annual Conference, \$940 to support webcasts of the Conference, \$150 for the Nigeria Crisis Response, \$150 for Brethren Disaster Ministries work in Puerto Rico, \$200 for Church of the Brethren core ministries, \$100 for the work of Global Mission and Service, and \$70 for the work of the Office of Peacebuilding and Policy in Washington, D.C.

\$7, 595: Amount raised for hunger relief by the Association for the Arts Quilt Auction.

\$1,312: Amount received in an offering for ministers' assistance during the pre-Conference Minister's Association event. At least 132 people participated in the event led by Dr. David Olson on the theme, "Saying No to Say Yes: Everyday Boundaries and Pastoral Excellence."

\$2,500: Donation from the conference center in Grand Rapids to purchase free ice cream bars for this year's Conference goers, as a gesture of thanks to the Annual Conference for returning to their city again in 2020.

165: Pints collected by the Annual Conference Blood Drive in onsite donations.

\$5687.06: received in cash for Witness to Host City supporting Backpack Beginnings. Many boxes of supplies were also donated.

Conference director Chris Douglas announced the location for the 2022 Annual Conference during the report of the Program and Arrangements Committee. Omaha, Nebraska, will host the Conference, July 10-13, 2022. Douglas noted those dates represent a return to a Sunday through Wednesday schedule in order to take advantage of a discount for hotel room prices for a meeting over a Sunday night.

-- **"God's Adventurous Future "** will be the theme for the 2020 Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich., The 2020 moderator, Paul Munday chose the theme. Inspired by Revelation 21:1, Munday said, "Based on the word of God, I declare that new creation is possible!"

BIBLE QUIZ OF THE MONTH:

1. Who committed the first murder in the Bible?
2. Who was the first murder victim in the Bible?
3. Where did the Queen who came to visit Solomon come from?
4. Where was Sheba?
5. Who betrayed Samson?
6. Why did the father of the prodigal son kill the fatted calf?
7. Who said he was not worthy to undo Jesus's shoes?
8. Which disciple's name begins with the letter T?
9. What did the Good Samaritan put on the wounds of the injured man?
10. How many of Paul's letters are there in the New Testament?

(answers on last page)



CHURCH FAMILY AUGUST CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|-----------------|----|------------------|
| 4 | Sandra Isaacs | 16 | Gena Klingaman |
| | Lisa Kruse | 17 | Erika Klabunde |
| 5 | Merlin Harbaugh | 18 | Jennifer Swanson |
| 6 | Tammy Kerkove | | Jeshua Harbaugh |
| 8 | Carole Barrows | 21 | Blaine Miller |
| 10 | Aaron Rousselow | | Terry Esser |
| 11 | Madison Oelmann | 22 | Chelsea Kullen |
| | Emerson Gibbon | | Amy Rousselow |
| | | 24 | Elizabeth Mills |
| | | 29 | Kate Greiman |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|---------------------------|
| 2 | Dick & Mary Kay Klingaman |
| 10 | Jason & Heather Schneider |
| 17 | Paul & Karyn Richardson |
| 18 | Jason & Abbie Rittmiller |
| 23 | P. Lee & Barbara Miller |
| 26 | Jim & Carole Barrows |

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Dixie Duffy, who died July 11. Services were held at South Waterloo on Monday, July 15.

OUR SYMPATHY to the family of Marge Wolfe, who died July 24. Services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, at the South Waterloo Church of the Brethren. The graveside service will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Friday, August 2 at the Orange Township Cemetery. Visitation with family will be held from 4:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 1 at Locke Funeral Home in Waterloo.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dale Rousselow and Anita Merfeld, who were united in marriage on July 13.

THANK YOU: On behalf of the family of Dixie Duffy, we would like to thank our church family for all their thoughts, prayers, and kindness shown during this difficult time. There are no words to express our appreciation for the love shown to us. A special thanks to Pastor Dave and Marlene for the wonderful way you remembered Mom. Also, thanks to the ladies for preparing the delicious lunch. It gave us time to celebrate memories with family and friends.

STEWARDSHIP - OUR FAITH IN ACTION

Based on the gift each one has received, use it to serve others, as good managers of the varied grace of God. – 1 Peter 4:10

DATE	June 30	July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
OFFERING	\$3980.00	\$1694.00	\$3555.00	\$2070.00	\$2868.00

OFFICE HOURS:

PASTOR DAVE KERKOVE: Tuesday – Friday 8:15 am - noon

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If you have a request for the **prayer chain**, please contact Pastor Dave Kerkove.

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2019

BULLETIN DEADLINE EVERY FRIDAY, 9:00 AM

August 1	
August 2	
August 3	
August 4	9:00 AM – Sunday School; 10:15 AM – Worship; 6:00 PM Volleyball
August 5	MEALS ON WHEELS; 10 AM Yoga;
August 6	10:15 AM Women’s Bible Study at Panera’s on LaPorte Rd; 6:00 PM Christian Education Commission 6-8 PM NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT, LICHTY PARK
August 7	8:00 AM Quilting; 10:00 AM Yoga
August 8	7:00 PM Church Board
August 9	
August 10	
August 11	9:00 AM – Sunday School; 10:15 AM – Worship followed by Baptism & Potluck; 6:00 PM Volleyball
August 12	10 AM Yoga;
August 13	10:15 AM Women’s Bible Study at Panera’s on LaPorte Rd
August 14	8:00 AM Quilting; 10:00 AM Yoga
August 15	
August 16	MEALS ON WHEELS
August 17	
August 18	9:00 AM – Sunday School; 10:15 AM – Worship; 6:00 PM Volleyball
August 19	10 AM Yoga;
August 20	10:15 AM Women’s Bible Study at Panera’s on LaPorte Rd
August 21	8:00 AM Quilting; 10:00 AM Yoga
August 22	
August 23	
August 24	
August 25	9:00 AM – Sunday School; 10:15 AM – Worship; 6:00 PM Volleyball
August 26	10 AM Yoga; NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
August 27	10:15 AM Women’s Bible Study at Panera’s on LaPorte Rd; 11:15 AM Salvation Army Meal; 6:30 PM Nurture Commission
August 28	8:00 AM Quilting; 10:00 AM Yoga
August 29	
August 30	
August 31	

AUGUST QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. Cain; 2. Abel; 3. Sheba; 4. In Arabia; 5. Delilah;
6. To celebrate the son’s return; 7. John the Baptist; 8. Thomas; 9. Oil and wine; 10. Thirteen.



CONTINUING THE WORK OF JESUS...peacefully, simply, together.