

The Messenger



October 2022

From Our Pastor

CARING FOR ALL CREATION

Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.” -- Psalm 95:1-4 (TNIV)

As I write this, I am working hard to get things wrapped up and ready for my once-in-a-lifetime trip to Germany and to the Oberammergau Passion Play. Simply put, I can hardly wait for this trip I’ve planned for four years!

Lynne and I have been preparing by looking at pictures of the areas. They look breathtaking, and I know they’ll be even more spectacular when we see them in person. The Bavarian villages, the alpine fields, and the world famous Passion Play will all be etched in our memories.

And the mountains!

The pictures and videos of those beautiful mountain peaks excite me because I know how much better they will be in person. That happened to me when I went to Alaska; as spectacular as photos of Alaska are, they can’t compare to being there.

I’ve loved the outdoors all my life. I love camping, hiking, fishing, and just about any other outdoor activity. God’s Creation awes me. I try to be like a human sponge and take in as much of it as I can, every time.

When I was in Boy Scouts, we always said “Leave it better than you found it” each time we camped. It taught me respect for God’s Creation at

a young age, something that’s stuck with me ever since.

Respect can also be applied to many other areas of life, too. Our church, our community, our family, and more - will benefit when we commit to leaving things better than we found them. If we all would respect, strengthen, lift up, and improve those things in our lives, imagine how much better our planet and world would be!

On this trip, my fellow travelers will likely notice me picking up litter when I see it, which is part of caring for God’s Creation that I do. They may also hear me give them words of encouragement or comfort. As a follower of Jesus Christ, I’m called to care for all of God’s Creation, which includes people.

How about you? How do you respect and care for all of Creation - not just nature, but people, too? I encourage you to prayerfully consider how you can better care for ALL of God’s Creation - the flora, the fauna, and especially other people.

I look forward to seeing you in person soon. I care about you!

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Pastor Kerry





AA JOB SEARCH

We need YOUR help finding the right person as our new Administrative Assistant. We're looking for someone to work from the office three 5-hour days a week, days and times to be determined. If you know a conscientious person familiar with Word and PowerPoint, connect them with Michelle Bricker or Pastor Kerry right away.

COMPETITION WILL HELP PANTRIES

What do you say to a little friendly competition? We will have a friendly competition between the Hancock County Food Pantry and the Fortville Area Resource Mission (FARM) food relief. October 9 through November 13, there will be a container for each food pantry in our Fellowship Hall. "Vote" by putting in folding money (no coins) for the organization you want to "win" with the highest dollar amount. It's fun and for a good cause. We'll send each food pantry their money, and announce who won to the congregation. Your "vote" counts, and we're counting on you to vote!

FALL PARTY INFO

Our annual Fall Party starts at 5:00pm on October 15 this year. Rick and Susan Edwards are hosting it at their home, 6577 N 350 W, McCordsville. If you're able, bring a side dish or dessert, a lawn chair, and (hot dog) roasting stick. Drinks and hot dogs are provided. Invite friends and neighbors to come for the food and fellowship - and maybe even a hayride. There will be a Gator (cart) for those who may need it.



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| 1 | Carson Bearhope | 12 | Dwight & Terry Ramsey |
| 3 | Ashley Thompson | 13 | CJ & Channing Blagburn |
| 4 | Rick Edwards | 14 | Mike & Gail Stanley |
| | Brandon Steeno | | |
| 5 | Amy Lovins | | |
| 6 | Ann Fair | | |
| 8 | Johnathan Lovins | | |
| 9 | Shiloh McFarland | | |
| 13 | Marge Credille | | |
| 15 | Channing Bearhope | | |
| | Aaron Jackson | | |
| 26 | Jim Lovins | | |



ALL SAINTS DAY AND BREAKFAST

All Saints Sunday is October 30 this year. We will honor and remember the three “saints of the church” who passed away since last year’s All Saints Day - Jeff Phares, Ron Boes, and Bob Bennett. If you wish to name others who passed in that service, email Pastor Ker-

ry their information by October 20, to be used for the slides that day.

Our 3-D Sunday school class will also provide a delicious breakfast that morning, from 10am-noon. This is a day to very intentionally invite people to come to church.

SAVE THESE DATES

With a lot planned for the months ahead, here are some future dates to save:

November 6 - Begin collecting hats and mittens for Head Start programs

November 12 - All-church Fall (Trustee) Work Day, and Pizza making

November 20 - Hanging of the Greens AND Thanksgiving Carry-In

November 27 - Advent begins

December 24 - Christmas Eve services at 6pm and 11pm

December 25 - Special Christmas Day “Sunday Funday” service

AUCTION: OUR NEXT BIG THING

Our Finance Committee is planning a BIG auction on Sunday, February 12, 2023. We will have a pot luck after Sunday school, about 11:15am, then the auction will start at noon. Everyone who’s part of Mohawk Church - plus all your friends and neighbors - is invited! It will be a BIG auction with BIG results while we have BIG fun. We’d like every household to contribute at least one item to auction. Examples: a gift basket, food items (canned, baked, cooked, etc.), hand made items (quilts, scarves, etc.), old/unused but working farm equipment, certificates for future services (tree trimming, weeding, etc.), unwanted Christmas gifts, used vehicles... the list is only limited by our imagination. Let’s be creative and make this auction a BIG success!

IT’S PIZZA TIME

We’re having a pizza fundraiser! The 3D class will be selling delicious hand-made pizzas in our Fellowship Hall, October 2 to November 6. If you want to help make pizzas, coordinate with someone in the 3D class first. We will make pizzas on November 12, 11am to 2pm. Pizza orders should be picked up after 2pm on November 12. You can pay when you order, or by November 6. Profits will go towards the new sanctuary projector. Donations will also be accepted. Thanks!



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