



# Weekly Booster

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## Who is God: 15 Devotional Insights from the Prophets

### 1. HE IS: My Everything

**Isaiah 9:6–7** Isaiah predicted that a child would be born who would be our everything. The variety of names reveals his character qualities: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Until Christ comes to govern the world, he wants to govern your heart and be your everything. When you're perplexed, let him be your Wonderful Counselor. When you're weak and fragile, trust him to be your Mighty God. When you feel that everything around you is changing, remember he is your Everlasting Father. When anxiety knocks, lean on the Prince of Peace. When you're searching for what completes you, look to your everything.

### 2. HE IS: Not Angry

**Isaiah 12:1–3** The prophet predicted the time when the Messiah would come to save his people. When the people turned to the Messiah, God would in turn strengthen and comfort his children, and Israel would praise the Lord because his anger had turned away.

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*“To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”*

*C.S. Lewis*

*“I wish not merely to be called Christian, but also to be Christian.” Ignatius*

### Reminders

#### March 2<sup>nd</sup>

PK-6 S.S.– After Children’s Message  
Jr/Sr High S.S. – 10:30 a.m.  
Confirmation Class – 10:30 a.m.  
Communion Sunday

#### March 4<sup>th</sup>

Mat Making (Loom Room) 1:00 p.m.

#### March 5<sup>th</sup>

Bible Study – 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Team - 5:00 p.m.  
Choir Practice – 5:30 p.m.  
Bell Choir Practice – 6:30 p.m.  
Ash Wednesday Service – 6:30 p.m.

#### March 6<sup>th</sup>

T.O.P.S.

Meals-On-Wheels Deliveries

**\*\*Worship Assistants are needed  
March 30 & April 27<sup>th</sup>**

**\*\* Fellowship Volunteers needed  
sign-up in Fellowship Hall**

### Who is God - Continued from page 1.

Isaiah recognized that conflict was imminent and Assyria took Samaria in 721 BC which resulted in the fall of the northern kingdom of Israel and its people being taken into captivity.

He is not angry. While God is angry at your sin, he does not hold on to his anger with you. When you turn to the Messiah for salvation, he turns from his anger over your sin. He loves you, and as his child, you are the recipient of his comfort, not his anger (see also Hosea 14:4–8).

### 3. He Is: First and Last

**Isaiah 44:6** The covenant people were going to be taken captive by a nation enmeshed in idolatry. Therefore, God warned them against worshiping idols by reminding them that he alone is God. He proclaimed that he is the first and the last, the only God.

We too live in a land where people bow to false gods. Beware! Anything you value above God is an idol. Is he the first thing you consider in the morning and the last on your mind at night? If he’s not first and last in your life, then maybe he’s not your Lord at all.

### 4. He Is: The Sustainer

**Isaiah 46:3–4** Even though the people had wandered from God and were destined for punishment, God offered them hope. He promised to sustain them. He didn’t promise a life of ease, but he did promise to be their sustainer. The same God who had carried them thus far would carry them through their trials.

Though you may be experiencing hardship and heartache, don’t doubt that God has loved you from the moment you were conceived. Throughout your life, he is the sustainer who will carry you from the cradle to the grave.

### 5. He Is: A Man of Suffering

**Isaiah 53:1–6** The prophet foresaw that the Messiah would be a man of suffering. During his life, Jesus experienced loss, unfair treatment, rejection, physical pain, and spiritual sorrow. On the cross, he took the sin and misery of the world onto his shoulders.

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## Volunteers Needed



**LAST PERSON LEAVING**  
PLEASE TURN OUT LIGHTS  
AND LOCK DOORS

First United Methodist Church

**Please wear your  
name tag on  
Sunday mornings**



## Church Ad Board Members

*Michelle Morelock - Chair*  
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*David Clark - Pastor*

## Church Office Hours

**\*\* Children & Jr.-Sr. High  
Sunday School –  
PK-6 during service,  
Jr/Sr High 10:30 a.m.**

**Wednesday**

**\*\*Choir –5:30 pm**  
**\*\*Bell Choir –6:30 pm**

The front door to the church  
will be unlocked during  
office hours and closed only  
for errands and lunch.

**Monday**

9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

**Tuesday**

9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

**Wednesday**

**CLOSED**

**Thursday**

9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

**Friday**

9:00-11:00  
12:00-3:00

Please continue to call in  
advance if you need in the  
church to make sure  
someone is in the office. If  
you reach the answering  
machine please leave  
your name, number, and  
a brief message and your  
call will be returned. Calls  
after 2:00 p.m. may be  
returned the next  
business day.



Who told his wife the  
source of his great  
strength?

- a) Saul
- b) Solomon
- c) Samson
- d) Shimei

Who reported to Paul about  
the quarrel among the  
Corinthians?

- a) Sosthenes
- b) Chloe's people
- c) The elders
- d) The Holy Spirit

In song of Solomon, among  
how many in her beloved  
distinguished?

- a) 3,000
- b) 7,000
- c) 10,000
- d) 12,000

**Check page 4 for answers from  
the previous week.**



*3<sup>rd</sup> – Sandy Crowdes*  
*5<sup>th</sup> – Katy DeLong*  
*6<sup>th</sup> – Pastor David Clark*  
*8<sup>th</sup> – Val Grossman, David Skinner*

**\*\*See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the  
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Services are now on our YouTube  
channel only.

<https://www.youtube.com/@shen.church8192/streams>

**\*Prelude/Postlude/Accompanist: Terry Stafford**

**Call to Worship**

**Leader: Our God rules and the nations shake!**

**People: Our God sits enthroned in the heavens!**

**L: Magnify the Lord our God!**

**P: God answers and speaks to us.**

**L: Magnify the Lord our God!**

**P: God answers and forgives us.**

**"The Extraordinary of Jesus"**

**Scripture Reading: Luke 9:28-36**

**Songs**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139**

**10,000 Reasons (screens)**

**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus #349**

**Last Week's Attendance**

**In-Person Worship – 74**

**On-Line Worship – 14**

**Our Mission:**

***"Know & Serve God by Sharing Christ's Love."***

**Our Vision:**

***"We will grow in holiness, our community will thrive, & we will make a difference in our world."***

**Answers for February 23<sup>rd</sup> are c) His Spirit c) Breath of his mouth a) be silent.  
Quiz hints – Q1) Judges Q2) 1 Corinthians Q3) Song of Solomon**





**Food  
Pantry  
Monthly  
Needs**

March 2025

Pasta (any variety, especially spaghetti), Chili Beans (canned), Dry Pinto Beans, Pineapple, Cinnamon Applesauce, Mandarin Oranges, Macaroni & Cheese, Tuna & Chicken Helpers, Cake & Brownie Mix, Potato Flakes & Boxed Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Chunky Style Soup, Shampoo & Conditioner, Bar Soap.

There are times when people who use the Food Pantry come to the pantry on foot. They are then forced to walk home carrying, pushing, or pulling several pounds of food. Southwest Iowa Transit, for a very reasonable fee of \$5.00, will take individuals home with their food items. If you are interested in helping pay for these fees, simply seal your cash (whatever you would like to give) in a plain envelope and add it to your donated food items.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the Community Food Pantry. We exist totally on donations - we couldn't assist those in need without your help!

If you or know of anyone who would be interested in volunteering at the Food Pantry, please have them contact Jeannine K. Liljedahl, at 712-215-2488.



**Food  
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Needs**

Noisy Offering – February

The month of February and the first Sunday of March the Noisy Offering will go to the local Food Pantry. To have a little fun for the kids we will also collect cereal. There is no particular kind or brand but just boxes of cereal. The boxes will be collected at the front of the sanctuary. On the first Sunday of March, the kids will set them up like dominoes and then knock them over, and then they will be taken to the food pantry. Who doesn't like to watch dominoes fall over?



## Who is God - Continued from page 2.

Aren't you glad that Jesus understands pain? Isn't it comforting to know that the God-man did not choose an easy, sheltered life? He knows what it feels like to hurt. What sorrows are you carrying? Let him bear them for you (see Matthew 11:28–30). Place your pain on his strong shoulders. He's familiar with suffering and will carry your pain for you.

### 6. He Is: The Potter

**Isaiah 64:8** The prophet Isaiah understood that human beings, like clay, can be shaped and molded for service by surrendering to God the potter. At our best, we are the work of God's hand.

The potter created you for a purpose—to serve him. If you allow it, he will make you into a vessel that pours out his love to others. You must be supple clay in God's hands, not resistant to his sometimes painful process of molding your character. Repentance of sin softens your spirit so you can be formed into his divine design.

### 7. He Is: The Holy Hope

**Jeremiah 14:7–9** Judah's drought was a sign of God's displeasure with his people's sinfulness. So Jeremiah talked with God, acknowledging the people's backsliding and sin. God was Judah's only hope, but the people failed to repent.

Are you experiencing a spiritual drought? Has drinking at the wells of pleasure left you thirsting for true fulfillment? If your backsliding is great, know that he is the only hope. Return to God and talk with him. Confess your tendency to wander. He will quench your thirst, save you in times of distress, and be your true and lasting hope (see Romans 15:13).

### 8. He Is: Foreseeing

**Jeremiah 32:1–25** God instructed Jeremiah to buy his uncle's field, knowing full well the Babylonians would soon conquer the land. This signified to the people of Israel that God was planning to bring them back to their homes. Because God foresees the future, Jeremiah could trust God's seemingly ill-timed instructions. (Who invests in land right before captivity?!)

Nothing is too hard for God—not your housing situation, your health, or your happiness. He foresees what will happen before it happens and has a plan to redeem whatever you're facing. You can trust God to bring his promises to pass in his perfect way and time.

## 9: He Is: Good

**Lamentations 3:22–26** The weeping prophet, Jeremiah, grieved over the fall of Jerusalem. Yet he found consolation in the fact that God’s compassions are new every morning. Although the people had sinned and the city was destroyed, Jeremiah knew that God is good to those who hope in him.

If you’re grieving over the destruction in your life and you’re longing for a fresh start, seek the Lord. He is good and is able and willing to give you a new beginning. Because he offers a fresh batch of compassion every morning, he’ll help you put the past behind you when you hope in him.

## 10: He Is: Pleased

**Ezekiel 18:23–32** Some people portray God as a cruel deity who wants to zap unsuspecting sinners. In Ezekiel’s day, the Israelites accused God of unfairly punishing the people for the sins of their parents. But through Ezekiel, God revealed that people are responsible for their sins and that he is pleased when people turn to him.

God is not begrudging. He doesn’t overcomplicate salvation in the hopes of disqualifying some. He doesn’t enjoy anyone’s death. Rather, he is pleased—thrilled, delighted, and satisfied—when you come to him and live (see Luke 15:7). Imagine—the God of the universe, pleased with you!

## 11: He Is: The Ancient of Days

**Daniel 7:9–10** Daniel saw a vision of world history where each successive empire was depicted as a fierce beast, culminating in the rule of the antichrist. In the midst of the vision, Daniel saw the Ancient of Days, God himself, regally seated on his throne to judge the nations.

He is the Ancient of Days—timeless, enduring, unchanging. How unlike us. While our lives are quick blips on the screen of time, he was, is, and is to come. And the Ancient of Days freely offers us eternal life with him—a permanence, security, and future we could never earn for ourselves.

## 12. He Is: Healing

**Hosea 6:1–3** Hosea recognized that the God who, in justice, chastises his children for turning away from him will also, in mercy, heal them. The Lord rains his refreshing, healing forgiveness on those who acknowledge him.

God may allow pain in your life. He may allow you to be torn to pieces and injured by life. Why? So that you will return to him. These afflictions are a severe mercy—though painful, they are the catalyst for you to press on to acknowledge God. He will heal you, bind up your wounds, restore you, and invite you to live in his presence.

### 13. He Is: My Strength

**Habakkuk 3:16–19** Knowing that the land faced devastation, Habakkuk set his mind on God rather than circumstances. He told himself, I choose to be patient; I choose to rejoice even when (not if) disaster comes. With this perspective on life, he could confidently say that God was his strength.

Sometimes faith requires that we make a hard choice that contradicts what we can see. When the circumstances of your life look bad, remind yourself that God is in control. Like Habakkuk, you can choose to trust God. By choosing to trust, you too can discover that God is your strength.

### 14. He Is: Stirring

**Haggai 1:13–14** As the Lord's messenger, Haggai reminded the people that they had put much energy into building their own homes, yet God's house remained a ruin. God himself stirred up the people to work on his house, the building project he was passionate about.

God is also stirring in the hearts of his people today. What is he stirring you to do? Build his house? Reach out to a hurting friend? Witness to your unsaved neighbor? Give? When you are attuned to his stirring in your heart and open to doing whatever project he is passionate about, he will use you.

### 15. He Is: A Refiner

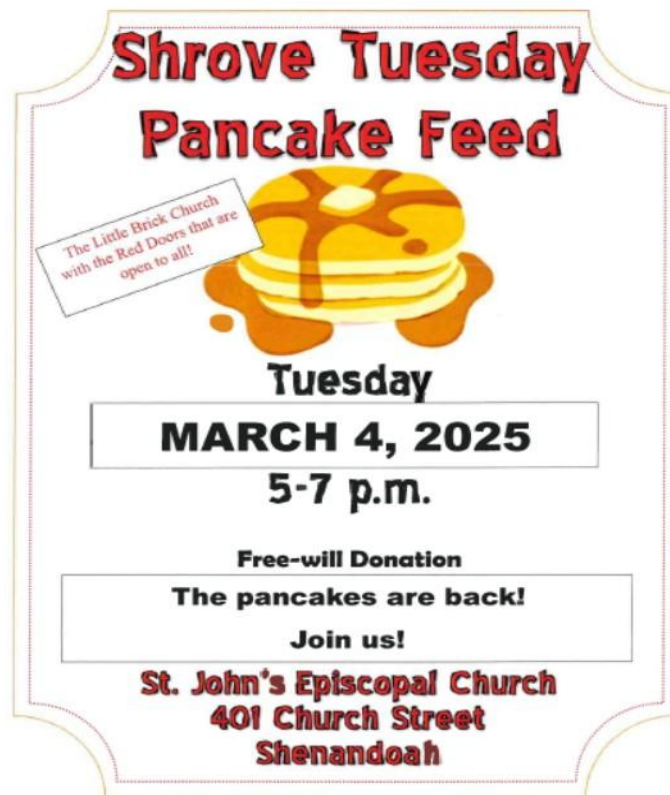
**Malachi 3:3** The people had grown indifferent to the Lord, but Malachi saw that because of their backsliding, God would turn up the heat to bring them back to righteousness. He predicted that God would sit as a refiner.

If the heat has been turned up in your life, perhaps God is refining you. He monitors the temperature of your trials so the dross of sin will rise to the surface. He wants to sweep away your iniquities as the silversmith sweeps away the impurities tainting precious metals. Though the heat might feel painful, it's purifying, making you shine and reflect his glory.

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## 7 Things We Learn About God in Genesis

The opening book of the Bible reveals many of God's attributes. Gain a better understanding of His character and implications for your walk with Him as we consider these seven attributes found in Genesis:

### 1. He Is Enough

In Genesis 15:1, Abram rescued Lot from four marauding kings but refused to accept a reward from the king of Sodom. Rather than settling for temporal treasures, he looked to God for his reward. And God offered the gift of himself. "I am your shield, your very great reward." To Abram, God was enough.

God is a shield from the enemies of your soul: the pressures of the world, your selfish desires, and the schemes of the devil. He is your great reward. Don't get so busy fighting your battles and seeking the world's goods that you forget that all you need is God. He is enough.

### 2. He Is Always on Time

In Genesis 18:14 we learn about Abraham and Sarah. They're old—really old. Yet God still planned to keep his promise to give them a child, right on time. The Lord would come "at the appointed time" and

supernaturally enable Sarah to conceive. Too hard? Not for the God who created the universe! Too late? Not God.

Sometimes to us, a few months seem like a lifetime; years feel like an eternity. But God has a divine planner that's tailor-made for you. At just the right time, he'll bring his perfect plan to pass. Nothing is too hard for him. You can trust him. He is always on time.

### **3. He Is the Bringer of Laughter**

In [Genesis 21:6](#) we see that God is not a serious, stone-faced, unsmiling deity. God invented laughter, and he gives us reason to laugh. Sarah laughed in disbelief when God said she'd have a child—then she laughed with joy after giving birth to her newborn son. And she gave all the credit to God: “[He] has brought me laughter.”

Perhaps you are in a season of tears. For so long you've been waiting for a husband, dealing with a disease, or mourning a broken relationship. Take heart—he is the bringer of laughter. He can provide a way so that you can laugh—and invite others to laugh along with you.

### **4. He Is Watching**

In [Genesis 28:15](#) Jacob left his home and family and found himself in unfamiliar territory. In those days, people believed that leaving their homeland meant leaving behind their gods. But God inhabited Jacob's dream to remind him that he couldn't venture anywhere without God watching over him.

Are you moving into uncharted waters: a new job, city, or relationship? Know that God is with you and will keep you. He is watching no matter what may happen. You may have left your comfort zone, but the Comforter goes with you night and day.

### **5. He Is God Almighty**

In [Genesis 35:11](#) God Almighty redirected Jacob to a new home, the promised land. Jacob reacted by encouraging all in his household to purify themselves and destroy their pagan gods (see verse 2). Jacob had to change some things, but consider what he received in return—a royal heritage for his children and a place in the line of Christ.

God Almighty wants you to enter the “promised land,” but that may feel like a risk to you. Step out in faith when he asks you to bury your other gods—those things that rival his rightful place in your heart. He has the power to give you better things in exchange.

### **6. He Is the Interpreter**

[Genesis 41:15–16](#) relates the story of the ancient Egyptians who believed astrology, magic, and interpretation of dreams provided the answers for their lives. But Pharaoh's forecasters had no idea what

his dream meant. Only Joseph knew the truth: God would give Pharaoh the answer. Only with God's help could Joseph interpret the dream.

Have you been looking for truth in all the wrong places? Whether it's astrology, psychics, talk show hosts, or even your friends—they can't tell you what's ahead. God is the interpreter, the one with all the answers. If you want life's mysteries solved, there's only one place to go.

## 7. He Is the Blessor

"Blessing" is such an old-fashioned word, but it's such a right-now need. To bless means to wish God's care for another person. In Genesis 48:3–4, God blessed Jacob by giving him life, love, and land. God is still the blessor today. God gives everyone unconditional love and offers everyone eternal life and a spiritual inheritance.

May God bless you with everything you need to live a rich and full life! May the blessor give you every good thing, starting with eternal life in Jesus Christ. And because you know the blessor, may you in turn declare God's favor on someone else.

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## Anxiety & Self Care

Presented by Pastor Carla Johnson

Join us as we explore God's Word for wisdom, insight and answers to the many questions that surround the topics of anxiety as well as soul & self care.



**Saturday March 29, 2025**

**From 9:00-11:30 a.m.**

**Fellowship time at 8:45 a.m.**

**The cost for this event is \$10--for Materials and snacks**

**Hosted by the Methodist Women in Mission  
Clarinda Methodist Church  
923 West State Street  
Clarinda, Iowa 51632**

**Registration: Text your name and your  
church name  
to (712) 621-1804**

**Psalm 94:19**

**"When anxiety was great within me, your  
consolation brought me joy!"**

# SOUP & CHILI COOK OFF



St. John's Episcopal Church, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Community of Christ Church, the First Congregational Church, and the First Presbyterian Church of Shenandoah will host a Soup Cook-Off fundraiser for Heifer International at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Shenandoah on March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. Anyone may bring a crock pot of soup or chili between 4:30 and 4:50 p.m. or you may come and enjoy all of the soups.

People will be able to vote for their favorite soups with cash. A prize will be awarded for the soup that raises the most money. Donations may also be placed in a Free Will donation can. All the proceeds will go to Heifer International.



## Week of March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>

**Monday** – 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
12:00-3:00 p.m.

**Tuesday** – **Closed**

**Wednesday** – 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
12:00-3:00 p.m.

**Thursday** – 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
12:00-3:00 p.m.

**Friday** – 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
12:00-3:00 p.m.





Lent begins next week with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time to dig deep and grow. At Shenandoah, First UMC we grow, connect, and serve together. What can you do this emerging season to grow in your spiritual walk with Christ? Can you commit to a time of sitting in the silence and stillness of the morning hours? Can you read through the Gospel of Luke? Can you listen to and learn about folks who are different than you? Can you go for walks with the intention of looking for how God is being revealed all around you? Can you give up some of your time spent with technology (phones, computers, television, etc.)?

Let's all dig deep, this Lent, and grow together.

Grace and peace,

Pastor David Clark  
308-258-7749 (cell)

Next Weekend  
March 9th

