



Weekly Booster

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6 Scriptures on Evangelism

Exponential Growth

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

“To the ends of the earth.” That’s a pretty ambitious goal. You’ll notice, though, that Jesus didn’t lead with that destination. He started with Jerusalem, the immediate vicinity of the disciples. That was their first assignment.

Your immediate vicinity—your home, neighborhood, town, job—is your first witnessing assignment, too. Don’t underestimate its importance. You may be called to take the gospel to a distant land, but remember that you don’t have to travel to the ends of the earth to impact the people there. Spiritual growth is exponential. Ideally, the people you influence on a local level will influence others. Those people, in turn, will impact still others. And so on and so on . . . all the way to the ends of the earth.

Quote

“Be like a postage stamp; stick to one thing until you get there.” Josh Billings

RemindersNovember 18th

Men's Bible Study – 8:00 a.m.

November 19th

Methodist Men's Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Hanging of the Greens

November 21st

Church Office Closed A.M.
Ad Board Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

November 22nd

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

November 23rd

No T.O.P.S.
Church Office Closed

November 24th

Church Office Closed
No Booster

November 26th

No PK-6 or Jr/Sr Sunday School

December 10th

Caroling – 5:00 p.m.
Soup Supper to Follow

****Worship Assistant is needed for
November 26th & December**

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

6 Scriptures- Continued from page 1.**A Light to the World**

*“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”*
Isaiah 49:6

What do non-Christians see when they look at your life? Do they see someone whose life and heart have been transformed? Do they see someone whose actions reflect the priorities they claim? Do they see a person who demonstrates the extraordinary love of Jesus to friends and enemies alike? Do they see a person who can be trusted to give godly advice when they need it? Do they see the light of God's salvation in a dark world?

That's a lot to ask of anyone, but God asks it. What can you do to be a light of his love to the world?

Sowing Seeds

While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. Other seeds fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. Still, other seeds fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

Luke 8:4-8

When it comes to spreading the gospel, would you describe your method as sowing seed? Are you overly careful about who you tell about Jesus and the salvation he offers? Or do you faithfully spread the message, season after season?

We can't readily see hearts the way God does, and sometimes the most surprising person is the one where the seed takes root and grows vigorously. After sharing, think about the cultivation process. Seeds need soil, water, and sun.

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Quote

*“Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, some don’t turn up at all.”
Same Ewing*

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 Office Hours

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

****Choir –** Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.
****Bell Choir –** Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

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.



How many times did Moses draw water from a rock?

- a) once
- b) twice
- c) three times
- d) four times

Which commandment forbids false witnessing

- a) 6th
- b) 7th
- c) 8th
- d) 9th

What are the names of the first three sons of Judah?

- a) Er, Onan, Shelah
- b) Dan, Simeon, Ephraim
- c) Er, Zerah, Manasse
- d) Gad, Onan, Aaron

Check page 4 for answers from the previous week.



19th – Griffin Howard
20th – Dennis Christiansen, Eldon Manchester, Joseph Richardson
22nd – Sharon Fox
23rd – Aaron Burdorf
25th – Carl & Ann Priebe

****See a wrong birthday or anniversary, or need one added, please call the office, or send an email to office@shen.church**

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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: The day of the Lord comes like a thief in the night.

People: We will not be caught unaware.

L: Forsake the ways of darkness.

P: We will live as children of light.

L: Encourage one another and build each other up.

P: We will work for the kingdom and live as children of light.

“Living Awake”

Gospel Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Songs

How Great Thou Art #77

Open the Eyes of My Heart #3008

Close to Thee #407

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #694

Last Week’s Attendance

In-Person Worship – 81

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 Nov 12th are d) Abigail d) 5400 c) flaming fire
Quiz hints – Q1) Romans Q2) Exodus Q3) Romans**

6 Scriptures- Continued from page 2.

So spend some time with people; get to know them. Find out what's going on in their lives. Look for ways to share what Jesus offers so that it addresses specific needs in people's lives. And then pray for a harvest.

A Reasonable Act

As was his custom, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days, he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, explaining and proving that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Messiah," he said. Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and quite a few prominent women.

Acts 17:2-4

"He reasoned with them." That's a key phrase for us to remember as we approach non-believers with the truth about Jesus. Many well-meaning Christians make the mistake of treating witnessing as a combative exercise. They approach it with a win-lose mentality. Their goal is to change minds and win converts. Anything less is viewed as a defeat.

Paul's approach makes much more sense. He engaged people at a level where they were comfortable. He used reasoning, not arguing, to get his points across. He trusted the Holy Spirit to bless and use his efforts to make a difference in people's lives.

Be Prepared

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to answer everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15

It's one thing to revere Christ as Lord and follow him. It's another way to be able to explain why you do. Why do you live your life based on a book written thousands of years ago? Why is Christianity any better than another religion? How can anyone have hope with the troubled world situation today?

If you're serious about representing Christ, prepare yourself to answer some questions. The best way to prepare is to anticipate the questions. Think about the things that confused you before you became a Christian. Talk to mature believers about how to answer difficult questions. Read, listen, learn. Christ is the hope of the world. Be prepared to share why.

Something About You

This is what the LORD Almighty says: "In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you.'"

Zechariah 8:23

When was the last time someone asked if you were a Christian? Whether the question was phrased as an accusation, an exclamation of surprise, or out of simple curiosity, how did you respond? Being thought of as "different" or being recognized as a Christian because someone has "heard that God is with you" is an honor. Pointing others to our great God is both our privilege and our responsibility.

So, how often are you recognized as a Christian? If true godliness is a magnet that attracts other people, how strong is your magnetic appeal? What steps can you take to strengthen it?

Questions for Growth:

1. How might you use your gifts and relationships to witness to others?
2. If God does not need us to witness to others, why does he command us to do so?
3. What can you do to gain a greater love and passion to "lead many to righteousness"?

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Orders are now being taken for poinsettias to help decorate the sanctuary for the Christmas season. If you are interested in purchasing one "In Honor" or "In Memory of" please fill out a [POINSETTIA ORDER FORM](#) that is located on the Welcome Center information desk. Each poinsettia is \$16.00. Please put your prepaid check or cash and order form in the envelope provided with the form and place it in the wooden offering boxes. We encourage you to order early (only 30 poinsettias were ordered) and appreciate your kindness in helping make our sanctuary colorful for the Christmas season.



“Each of you should GIVE what you have decided in YOUR HEART to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for GOD LOVES a cheerful GIVER.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

The Noisy Offering is one more way to do ministry for those in need and also teach your children the importance of giving and serving. Each Sunday a new opportunity for mission giving will take place after the Children’s Message. Sunday School students will walk around the congregation, collecting your loose coins and currency in their colorful metal pails. This would be a good time to clean out the loose change from your pockets or purse. The money donated in November will go to Adopt-A-Family.



NOISY OFFERING



November

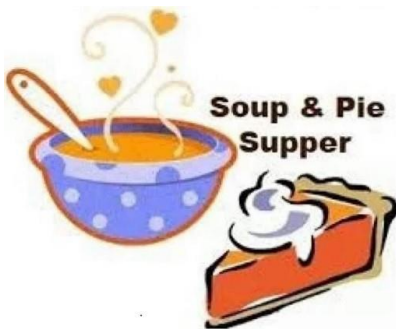
Peanut Butter and jelly, Green Beans, Corn, Stuffing, Potato Flakes, Boxed Potatoes, Sloppy Joe Mix (canned), Pineapple, Mandarin Oranges, Pasta (any variety), Soda, Graham and Animal Crackers, Cake, Brownie, Cookie, and Muffin Mixes, Shampoo, Conditioner, and Bar Soap

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 with their food items home. 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.

Over thirty-one years ago, concerned citizens in the Shenandoah community had a dream of all community families having a happy and healthy holiday and formed the **Adopt-A-Family** project. Our church will provide a local family-in-need with a brighter holiday with gifts appropriate for their age or need. No adult information will be given, this way we can help the children in more families. This year we will be able to ask for contributions of money in the Mission Cans as we have done before. The mission Cans are placed on top of the wooden offering boxes and just inside the middle set of the sanctuary doors. As soon as I receive the information from the **Adopt-A-Family** committee regarding the size of the family and items on their wish list, I will put the information in the Booster. Thanks for your ongoing support for this important community project. *Edi Norris*

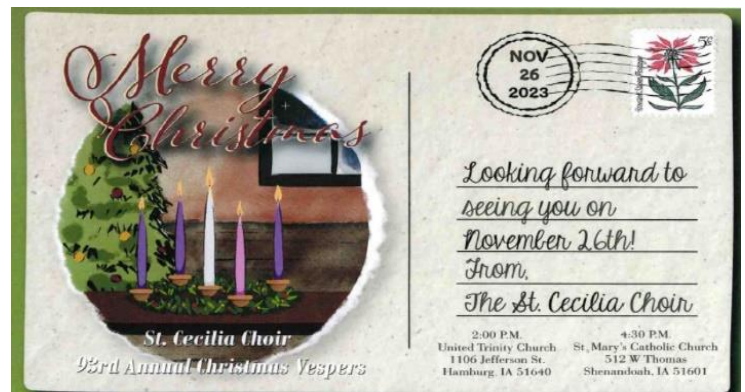


Hat & Mittens Collection – we are collecting hats, mittens, scarves, and gloves for children in need. Until the hat and mitten tree have been put up, please place these items in the back pew in the Welcome Center near the elevator.



F.Y.I. the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 406 East Pioneer Avenue, will be holding a “Soup and Pie Supper” with entertainment this Saturday, November 18, 2022, with supper from 5:00-7:00 p.m. followed by the Red Oak Mennonite Youth Group Concert at 7:00 p.m. This is a free-will offering and no cost to attend the concert. If you can’t get to the supper, you are welcome to come for the musical program.

On Sunday, November 26th the St. Cecilia Choir will be performing their 93rd Annual Christmas Vespers. This year they will perform in Hamburg at 2:00 p.m. at the United Trinity Church and 4:30 p.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in Shenandoah.



You, your family, your friends, and your neighbors... are invited to the Wednesday, November 22, 2023, 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service at the Presbyterian Church, 200 W Clarinda Ave. Join others to experience a meaningful way to begin the holiday season.

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in:

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Children and adults will be delighted as all the parts of the Christmas story are tied together for the first time:

From the light of Creation to the manger in Bethlehem, from the origin of Saint Nicholas to the secret of **the Christmas Angel himself!**

This Saturday → **Saturday, Nov. 18, 2023**
6:30 pm
St. Mary's Church
512 W. Thomas Avenue, Shenandoah, Iowa
712-246-1718
Free Will Offering

FRANK RUNYEON has starred in over 1,000 television shows over the last 20 years... opposite Meg Ryan on AS THE WORLD TURNS, on SANTA BARBARA, FALCON CREST, GENERAL HOSPITAL, LA LAW and MELROSE PLACE. He is also an honors graduate of General Theological Seminary and Princeton University.

The Hispanic Center is now collecting items for their Christmas Shoe Boxes. There are 15 children, which includes 8 girls ages 6-14 years of age and 7 boys ages 2-14 years old. Children's lists of ages are on a sheet on the Welcome Center counter. There are also slips of paper for you to write your Shoe Box child's information and then take with you. You may also contact Sue Jones with questions.





This Sunday, starting at 10:30 a.m., **everyone** is invited to help decorate the church for the Christmas Season. Thank you to the Sunday School students who helped bring down all the decorations that were upstairs.



There will be **NO** Booster Thanksgiving Week

Church Office Closed
Tuesday, November 21st – Morning
Thursday, November 23rd & Friday, November 24th



It has been a few years since we took a bus and went caroling. Thanks to Heather Weiss, Jamie Burdorf, and Michelle Morelock they have planned a caroling and soup supper on Sunday, December 10th. The bus will depart from the church at 5:00 p.m. and the soup supper will follow caroling. They have planned to carol to homes and care centers.

The ladies have set out a sign-up sheet, on the Welcome Center counter if anyone would be interested in helping by providing soup, food, and to help that night.

Finally, they would ask that you dress warmly and wear your ugly Christmas sweater if you have one in your closet.

The PK-6 Sunday School students have been busy decorating bags so they can be placed around the church. They are collecting food for the food pantry to help the holidays a little better for others. Each month we receive a list of food items that the food pantry could use. The congregation has touched so many lives that need assistance and it is a great project for the Sunday School students to be involved in and learn what it means to help others.

***Side note, some church members have asked if we are still collecting for the First Fruits of each month. The answer is yes, and a class from the high school comes once a month and takes the items to the food pantry for the church.

