



Let God's Word...

GOOD NEWS FROM THE PEWS

September/October, 2023

...Rule Our Hearts and Guide Our Footsteps

Pastor's News, views, and attitudes

Funny thing is, we try so hard not to lie, not to steal. We do our best to honor God. Jesus told us to love one another, yet if they don't meet our expectations, we have a hard time doing that. Not once in scriptures does it say love one another unless _____ (you fill in the blank).

We are told to love period, and I have yet to read a "but" anywhere in the bible

We are told to pray always. Here are some things we are told when we pray always...at all times, to pray for more laborers (that doesn't mean for someone else to do the work), in secret, and for those who use us. These are just a few of the ways we can pray. If you are curious, these and more are found in the gospels. When the disciples came to Jesus, they didn't ask him to teach them how to minister, or to heal or to preach. The thing is if we pray as we are told then the teaching, preaching and ministering will follow.

All of these are hard, but we are told to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute you. I know when there is something terrible that happens, we tend to pray for the victims and their families. But, what about the person who committed the crime? Do you pray for the murderer? Do you pray for the families of the one who committed the crime? This is something I try to do every time I hear of some of the terrible crimes we see and hear on the news.

If I had to choose a favorite it is when Jesus ascended and he told the disciples to go and make disciples. I am not sure how many times I have heard people within the church tell me any number of excuses on why they do not share their faith with others and why they do not invite others to church. We don't even invite our family to church when they come to visit, and many times miss church to be with family. I struggle with the fact that if we cannot share our faith with our family, then why would we do it with people we do not know.

I love sharing my faith. I love that many feel I do not fit the mold of what a Christian should look like. I love the opportunity, no matter where it is, I can share. I do share and I will continue to share. I share at all the rides and rallies I attend. I share in the grocery store. I share at the Dr. office. I share in the parking lot of stores. If I can make the difference in one person's life to where they become a follower of Jesus, then I have fulfilled that command by making a disciple. My prayer is that I will do many, just one person at a time

If I can do these things, then my prayer is to hear the words at the end of my life "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Until next time,
Pastor Lisa

Nurture news

The 8 a.m. Sunday School class will be starting a new lesson book – “Bad Girls of the Bible” by Higgs in September. Everyone is welcome to attend. Bible Study will begin again in the fall on Wednesday evenings. Stay tuned for additional information. Biker church is going very well and can be attended in person at Camp Milan or through Zoom on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Grief Share will begin their new lesson series on September 7 at 6 p.m. Our combined worship service with Green River in July was so much fun that we are planning another one in the fall with a bonfire cookout. Pastor Lisa is researching applying for a grant to get a camera for our worship service Facebook broadcast. We have as many or more people attending the service through Facebook as we have in person in the Sanctuary on Sunday mornings. We are looking for a bike rack to put outside the church building for people who want to ride their bikes to church. If you have information about an available bike rack, please let the church office know. We got a foam play mat for the sanctuary to encourage little ones to attend church. We are looking for volunteers to do visitation of shut ins and hospital patients. If you feel called to this ministry, please let Katie Gillispie or the church office know. We are planning to redo our brochures in September. If you have suggestions or ideas, please contact anyone on the Nurture Committee. On September 10 we are going to have backdrops available so everyone can have their picture taken for our Facebook page. Please come prepared for this photographic opportunity. We are thinking about having a movie night, a messy craft day, game days and other possible outreach opportunities. If you have any ideas for church outreach or would be willing to help with any of these ministries, please let someone on the Nurture Committee or in the church office know. Please remember to each one reach one whenever possible. We praise God for our wonderful church family and thank you for being available to serve.

Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time
Nurture Committee	Sept 11	5:00 pm
Open Road	2 nd and 4 th Tues	6 pm
Creative Crafters	Wednesdays	9-10 am
Budget Meeting	Sept 16	9:30am
Trustees	Sept 23	9:30am
Finance Committee	Sept 23	10:00am
Church Council	Sept 23	10:30 am
Staff Parish	Sept 20	5:30 pm

Newsletters

We have been sending newsletters in the mail and electronically. In the future, those who attend and do not have an email address, will receive their copy at church. Some newsletters will still be mailed. We anticipate the post office will start charging us full price and we are trying to reduce expenses.

We are updating our address list. Please notify Rebekah if you have had a change of address or phone number in the last year.

Milan Christian Food Pantry

The number of families using the food pantry continues to increase. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. Plans are being finalized for an appreciation dinner in October. God bless you and thank you for your support. Our next work days are September 11th, 14th and October 16th, 19th.



Thanks to everyone who donated for the Taco Supper and came for food and fellowship on August 26th. We are also grateful to everyone who volunteered to help. We couldn't do it without you! We made \$815.00 Great job everyone!!!

Help Needed for Miscellaneous Accounts

You may direct extra-donations if you are looking for somewhere specific to donate:

- ❖ Office Supplies
- ❖ Computer Supplies (Web support or software)
- ❖ Mowing / Snow Removal
- ❖ Food Pantry
- ❖ Grief Share

Financial News (Submitted by Linda Armstrong/Lindy)

Treasures Report – For Period Ending July, 2023

Message:

The church is running behind approximately \$2200 / month for the last 6 months. We are working to figure out how to plan the year 2024. We will need your support. We will be sharing more information with you after we approve a budget.

Recap:

Below is a recap of our finances for December 2022-July 2023:

	January	February*	March	April	May*	June*	July*
Income	8,752.17	13,777.29	6,237.46	6,398.39	18,022.43	2,2110.6	12,606.9
expenses	11,714.21	12,460.10	9,740.26	8,821.82	10,220.13	14,493.90	10,005.85
difference	-2,962.04	1,317.19	3,502.80	2,423.43	7,802.30	7,616.70	2,601.05
Savings used		5,000.00			8,000.00	16,000.00	5,902.00

Months with an * behind them include income from savings. The extra 5,902.00, is the refund for property tax that we were charged erroneously in 2022.

Next Meeting:

Our next finance meeting will be on **September 16, 2023 (9:30 AM)**. All are welcome to attend.

CELEBRATE!!!

Sept Birthdays

Rosemary
06
Woodbury
Duane Dark
12
Jill Mueller
14
Daneen French
26
Bob Gauley
27
Roy Snell
28

Anniversaries

Jeff & Angela
Golightly **Sept 12**

Daniel & Julie
Eastman **Sept 14**

Roy & Linda Snell
Sept 22

Gene & Katie
Gillispie **Oct 16**

Jeremy & Samantha
Lake **Oct 20**

Ways to Give

In person during service, mail your offerings in or online at:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZA5N>

Ushers and Liturgists Opportunities Available

As part of our worship service each week, we have opportunities for ushers, liturgists, acolytes and assistants for communion. Coffee helpers for after worship fellowship are also needed. Sign-up sheets are posted in the narthex for these positions. We currently have many spots open for service. Please prayerfully consider signing up as a volunteer in service to God and to your church.

*“Whom the Son sets free,
he is free indeed”*

Pastors Hours

Mon-Thurs 9am-1pm. Fridays CLOSED.
Pastor's hours are available by appointment.
If the church office is closed, please leave a message and Pastor Lisa or Rebekah will return your call. If you have an urgent issue, you may call or text Pastor Lisa on her cell phone at 217-898-8403 or email her at pastorllisa@gmail.com.

Attendance

(In person + online)

July 2	27+17	August 6	30+28
July 9	27+26	August 13	29+20
July 16	16+ 0	August 20	28+0
July 23	30+20	August 27	33+25
July 30	27+28		

*Please join us for Communion
the first Sunday of every month.*

***BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION-
WITH CAKE!!!***

First Sunday of every month...

Thank You...

Acolytes

Sept - volunteers still needed

Oct - volunteers still needed

Liturgists

Sept - Jeff Gerard

Oct - Julie Derrer

Coffee Helpers

Sept - volunteers still needed

Oct- volunteers still needed

Ushers

Sept- volunteers still needed

Oct - volunteers still needed

*Pennies For Missions will be collected the
second Sunday of the Month*

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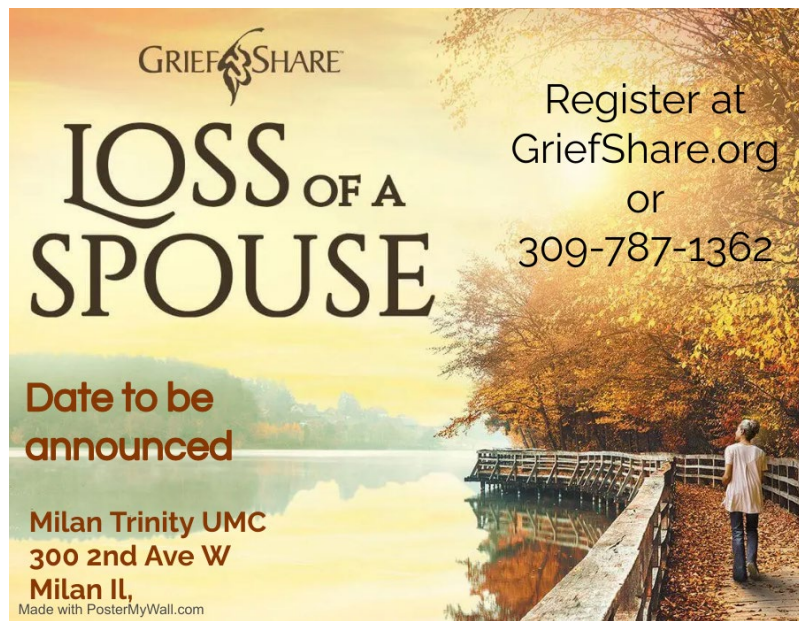
Sunday Worship Schedule
9:00 am Worship
10:30 am Sunday School

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GRIEF SHARE

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

Register at
GriefShare.org
or
309-787-1362

Date to be announced

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each **ONE** REACH one

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the good news to every creature." Mark 16:15



Sept 7 to Nov 30, 6pm-7:30pm
Milan Trinity UMC, 300 2nd Ave W
Milan

GRIEF SHARE

WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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