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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE	9:30 a.m.
TUESDAY: Adult Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
THURSDAY: Nehemiah Prayer Group	11:00 a.m.
Men's Bible Study	1:30 p.m.





SEPTEMBER 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship W/Communion	4  OFFICE CLOSED	5 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	6 12:00 noon Emmanuel pack lunches for Lunch Is Served	7 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	8	9
10 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship Fellowship following the service	11 6:00 pm Advisory Board Meeting	12 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	13	14 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	15 2:00 pm LAMPLIGHTERS ABC/D Biennial (Camp Bentley, ND)	16 ABC/D Biennial (Camp Bentley, ND)
17 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship WORLD MISSION OFFERING	18 1:00 pm Women of Emmanuel	19 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	20	21 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	22 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	23
24 9:15 Prayer 9:30 am Worship 10:45 Quarterly Business Meeting WORLD MISSION OFFERING	25	26 10:00 am Adult Bible Study	27	28 11:00 am Nehemiah Prayer Group 1:30 pm Men's Bible Study	29	30

AUGUST REPORT

	ATTENDANCE	VIEWS	OFFERING*
8/6	25	NA	\$3,663.00
8/13	38	9	\$2,313.76
8/20	37	6	\$1,360.00
8/27	32	8	\$1,915.00

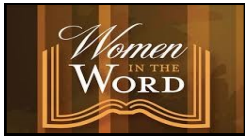
2023 Year to Date received: *\$87,918.90

2023 Budgeted Amount: *\$94,991.40

Amount Needed Per Sunday: *\$2,714.04

*These figures are for General Fund and Missions only.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER
JAKE HAWKINS & SKIP SHERMAN



Ladies, the book of the month for
SEPTEMBER is OBADIAH



SEPTEMBER LAMPLIGHTERS MEETING

September 15 · 2:00 P.M.
Grand Valley Lutheran Church
28529 Hwy 11, Canton, SD

C.O.G.S. C.O.G.S. met August 19 for a cookout at the home of Val and Steve Thompson with 19 present. Thank you to Val and Steve for hosting the group and to Shelly Stutson for grilling in the heat index of 106 degrees. Items discussed were Thanksgiving food baskets and the Salvation Army Red Kettle donation in December. A reminder will be put in the December newsletter and Sunday bulletins of the date of the Red Kettle event. Pastor Brett led an informational trivia game about South Dakota. Details of the next meeting are pending.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

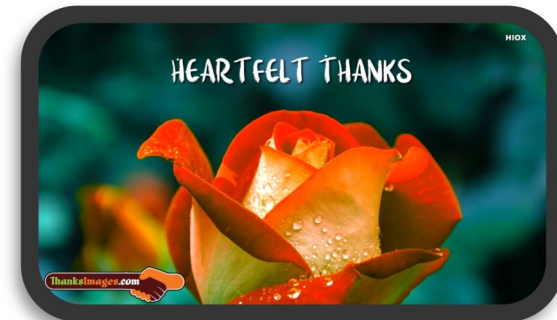
- 2 DeEtt Wise
- 7 Karen Van Der Vliet
- 10 Terry Lindstrom
- 11 Dawn Thie
- 12 Duane Carlson
- 15 Eva Sadat
- 24 Sharon Hoover
- 26 Ann Lindstrom
- 29 Luke Carlson
- 29 Jacob Hawkins

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Mark & Kristy Van Meeteren

FRIENDS AND FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Gloria Rose 9-19-20



Dear Friends,

We are grateful to you for the love and support you have given us since the accident that took the life of our beloved Fern. Those three weeks saw the depths of sorrow and heights of joy. Thank you for walking with us through all of it. There isn't enough space in this notecard to name all the individuals and their contributions, but please know we appreciate all of you and all you've done. We can face uncertain days ahead because we know Jesus lives and He works in His people.

-The Best Family-

SEPTEMBER 15 - 16

ABC Dakotas 16th Biennial Meeting

Camp Bentley · 698 Hwy 52 E · Drake, ND 58736
September 15-16, 2023
"The God Before Us"

Please join us as our region family of faith celebrates God's goodness and faithfulness by gathering for the ABC Dakotas 2023 Biennial, at Camp Bentley, ND. For registration and schedule info email or call the ABC Dakotas Region Office, or check the region website: abc-dakotas.org.

Information and/or registration forms can be found on the bulletin board between bathrooms downstairs.



Women of Emmanuel

The Women of Emmanuel will meet Monday, September 18 @ 1:00 p.m. All women are welcome to join us for an informational get-together.



SD AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT
Lake Poinsett Camp
20 S. Lake Drive · Arlington, SD 57212
September 22-24, 2023

Information and/or registration forms can be found on the bulletin board between bathrooms downstairs.



The ABW Ministries are selling raffle tickets for a quilt.

The quilt has been made by Immanuel Baptist Church

Women of Minot, ND. The proceeds go to the Church of Hope that is inside the Women's Prison in

Pierre, SD. The quilt raffle helps to cover the pastor's salary, Bible studies, Bibles, prisoner exit bags and other expenses. The tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets. If you wish to purchase tickets, please contact available from Val Thompson (605) 351-3040 or Joan Cleveland (605) 360-2330. Thank you.



We will be packing lunches for Lunch Is Served **this Wednesday, September 6 @ noon**. Please consider coming to help and support this worthy organization.

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This is Your Final Warning

This means that God's holy people must endure persecution patiently, obeying his commands and maintaining their faith in Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from their hard work; for their good deeds follow them!" - Revelation 14:12-13

In John's Revelation, these verses follow a passage (14:1-5) that depicts God's faithful people on Earth; the 144,000. This section precedes a description of Jesus' Second Coming as a harvest of humanity (14:14-30). What we find in the middle (14:6-13) is a last call to wicked, unbelieving folk to repent, and a final encouragement to the godly believing folks to stay the course. We need to acknowledge both potentialities.

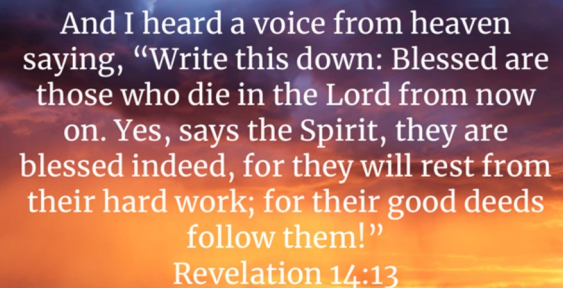
Vs. 12+13 are addressed to GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE. By contrast, the unbelieving people are those who BELONG TO THIS WORLD (v. 6). They must FEAR GOD and repent before God's WRATH falls on them and their worldly institutions (BABYLON) are utterly destroyed.

GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE are instructed to ENDURE PERSECUTION PATIENTLY and obey God's COMMANDS. These are two ways their works demonstrate their FAITH IN JESUS, which is to be maintained until He appears in the clouds (Acts 1:11). God sets a high standard for His followers: PERSECUTION is not merely to be endured but endured PATIENTLY! There is no allowance for bitter complaints

muttered through gritted teeth. We are to follow the example of the Apostles who *rejoiced* to suffer for the name of Jesus (Acts 5:41-42). Also, as you "keep on keepin' on," be sure to obey God's COMMANDS.

There are seven blessings given in Revelation. The blessing in 14:13 is two-fold: those who endure and obey can expect to REST from the HARD WORK of doing these two virtues, and their GOOD DEEDS will be memorialized for eternity. Notice the emphasis is on Jesus' followers' *actions*. Having correct theology is essential, but it is not rewarded here; HARD WORK and GOOD DEEDS are. We do good works because we are saved, not to be saved. We do good works because we've been encouraged to expect an eternal reward for having done so. We do good works to distinguish ourselves as GOD'S HOLY PEOPLE, separate from those who BELONG TO THIS WORLD.

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Revelation 14:13

He has made
everything beautiful
in its time. ECCLESIASTES 3:11



TRAINING PASTORS IN MALAYSIA

AARON & VALERIE OSTERBROCK

Aaron and Valerie have a ministry in theological education in partnership with Sabah Theological Seminary (STS), a historic International Ministries partner in East Malaysia. “We have a heart to encourage and equip the local church,” Valerie says. “The students here are pastors and future church leaders with a call that has been affirmed by their churches. They’ve been sent by their churches, and they will return to serve their communities.”

Both Aaron and Valerie are trained as theological educators, and they work in pastoral training of primarily indigenous students in both English and Bahasa Malay across multiple levels of education. Their active participation in all aspects of seminary life also includes leadership in pastoral care family groups, and discipling and mentoring pastors as they assist in local church ministry.

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray that God will continue to use STS to train and equip pastors and church leaders to strengthen the church in Malaysia and South East Asia.
2. Pray for God to continue to provide for all of our needs as a family—physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and logistical.
3. Pray for God's Spirit to use us to help students grow in their relationship with Jesus and in their knowledge of his Word.

JOIN IN GIVING to the World Mission Offering through your church or online at www.worldmissionoffering.org. Thank you!

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**We will be taking our World Mission Offering
on Sunday, SEPTEMBER 17 and SEPTEMBER 24.**