

Stromsburg Cow News

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A few years back, the cable network we know as TBS had – for its television lineup theme – **“Characters Welcome.”** It was a nod to the unique set of personalities that starred in its weeknight programming and it was catchy – and true. It’s always good to have a few characters in your life. Some of those characters are just so quirky that you can’t forget them. One of my youth ministry helpers in California, Keith, was big into antique cars and had a full-time job as a photographer (weddings, family events, etc.), but while he was a little nerdy, he was great with kids that were on the periphery of our junior high group. And he was highly dependable.



Characters Welcome

Darrell was a farmer I met in Illinois. He had an ‘edge’ to him, so he was wasn’t a guy to be trifled with, but he was really smart, he was a doting grandfather to

three kids at our church, and he was great at hiring high school kids as summer help on his land, keeping teens out of trouble and offering them a healthy paycheck while dispensing practical advice and Cokes during breaks.

Betty was one with a bit of an edge too, but she had been a single mother nearly all her adult life and she needed it to raise her family. She attended our church, cooked for a local senior center, and was a faithful ladies’ Bible Study member on Wednesdays.

I met Bill in Ohio. He was a longtime basketball

coach, quick with a funny story but always willing to lend some helpful wisdom in a pinch. Mary was in that same church too, a lady I got to know when I officiated her husband’s funeral. She was a kind-hearted sort, very resourceful, and jerry-rigged a special chair with a string on it that she kept in her truck so she could get in and out more easily, since she was short.

In Iowa, there was Don, a guy who worked for the city’s parks department and dabbled as an auctioneer, a rough-around-the-edges guy with a soft heart and a ready smile. He allowed me into his life as he faced down cancer and I’d visit him while he took chemo infusions.

Alberta was a sweet woman, had a special-needs adult son that she doted upon, and our common interest was bowling.

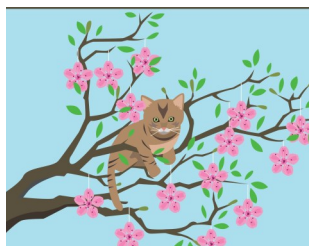
Of course, there are plenty of characters here in Stromsburg, NE; people you can visit at the coffee shop, sit in the stands by at Cross County High sporting events, or see out and about in town. And there are plenty of Bible characters too, which led me to considering a series I’ll call **“Characters Welcome”** over the next 12 weeks following Easter. *(You can find the preaching schedule on page 2.)*

Some are tales of great people you’ve probably heard of already from scripture. A few are more obscure or maybe you’ve perceived them in one way and I’ll tell about them a bit differently. Two represent people who have lessons to share. Two are characters in one Old Testament book, one a story to aspire to, the other a character trait to avoid. We trust that God will have something to teach us through these interesting characters.

IN CHRIST,

Pastor Craig





“Characters Welcome” Series

- April 11 John 21: 1-23 “The man who was reinstated”
 April 18 Matthew 27:11-26 “The man who got away”
 April 25 Ryan Cooper will be our guest preacher
 May 2 2 Samuel 9:1-13 “A man who kept a promise”
 May 9 Mark 7:23-30 “A mom to remember”
 May 16 Proverbs 8:1-5; 9:1-6 “Wisdom and the Call She Makes”
 May 23 Ecclesiastes 12:1-7 “Learning from Life’s Teacher”
 May 30 Luke 7:26-40 “A Crazy man and a Legion of Lessons”
 June 6 Pastor Mary will preach with topic TBA
 June 13 Esther 2:21 – 3:13 “The cautionary tale of a Superego”
 June 20 Matthew 17:14-27 “A dad of faith, a God of mercy”
 June 27 Mark 12:41-44 “Giving All We Have for God”

Vacation Bible School

When: May 24-28, 2021
 Where: Salem Lutheran Church
 What: An Awesome Week for kids & staff!
 Ages: Kindergarten—6th Grade
 Cost: Free (donations welcome)
 Registration due May 2, 2021!

Please register your children online at vbspro.events/p/stromsburgvbs. We also need your help! If you would like to volunteer to help you can also register online at vbspro.events/p/stromsburgvbs.



April Dates to Remember

Sunday, April 4, 2021

- 7:00 am **Sunrise Service** at Stromsburg Covenant—Combined with Salem Lutheran and Stromsburg Methodist churches - Reminder that our offering will go toward our combined VBS this May.
 8:15 am Worship Team Practice
 9:00 am **Easter Breakfast**—with a special Easter surprise for children!
 10:30 am **Easter Worship Service**



Sunday, April 11, 2021

Outreach Team Meeting—after worship

Thursday, April 15, 2021

5:30 pm **Rescue Mission Meal**

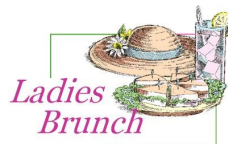


Sunday, April 18, 2021

- 11:45 am **Talk Back Sunday/Congregational Special Meeting**—with a meal
 6:30 pm **Lead Team Meeting**

Saturday, April 24, 2021

9:30 am **Rescue Mission Ladies Brunch**



Wednesday, April 28, 2021

6:00 pm **Last Kids’ Club** (for the season—we’ll see you back in the fall!)





Financial Update:

2021 Budget Summary (1/1/21 through 2/28/21)

Needed Income: \$23,996.33
 Actual Income: \$22,198.60
 Difference: (\$ 1,797.73)

Budgeted Exp: \$23,996.33
 Actual Exp: \$17,174.24
 Under Budget: \$ 6,822.09



ONLINE GIVING: To make a one-time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:
www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.



Ministry Partners

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021

Coffee: Easter Breakfast

Scripture: Dianne Nielsen

Worship Team: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman, Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum, Ryan Cooper, Kohen Hier

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

Sunday, April 11, 2021

Scripture: Mary Wadell

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

Thursday, April 15, 2021

Rescue Mission Meal: Lori Rystrom

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Scripture: Neeli Noyd

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Dianne Nielsen, Sue Rosenbaum, Ryan Cooper

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy; Kohen Hier

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Scripture: Julie Hennessy

Worship Team: Craig & Mary Pinley, Neeli Noyd, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

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Heidi Wiebe	April 1
Alex Noyd	April 3
Jay Platt	April 3
Nathan Hennessy	April 6
Jolien Anderson	April 16
Ruth Hanson	April 16
Julie Hennessy	April 18
Ray Nelson	April 25
Lorrain Nielsen	April 25
Julia Schram	April 26

Anniversary:

Brian & Shayla Hier April 3

Ministry Team Leaders:

Lead Team:

Dennis Nuttelman
402-366-9803

Christian Formation:

Judy Hanson
402-764-6681

Worship Ministry Team:

Neeli Noyd
402-363-3082

Outreach:

Dave Schram—402-710-8858
Shayla Hier—402-764-0261

Fellowship & Hospitality:

Pat Everingham
402-764-0345

Properties:

Kent Erickson
402-765-6721

Prayer Concerns? Please contact Connie Nuttelman to have a request go out on the prayer chain or to be included in the bulletin. Connie's number is 402-366-9045 or you can send an email to prayerchain@stromsburgcov.org.



APRIL 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>4 Easter Sunday! 7:00 Sunrise Service 8:15 Worship Team 9:00 Breakfast 10:30 Worship Service with Communion</p>	<p>Mondays: 6:30 pm Grief Share at Osceola UMC</p>	<p>Tuesdays: 7:00 pm BSF Zoom</p>		<p>1 Thursdays: 9:30 am BSF (Free)</p>	3	
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