



Stromsburg Cov News

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I was thinking of our newest leadership team members – Linda Johnson, Dianne Nielsen, Cheryl Erickson, and Mark Hanson – this past week. In November, our nominating team including Mary Wadell and Charles and Neeli Noyd had talked about a list of people that we'd considered in finding four slots. We had two people going off the team (Robert Orsborn and Dave Schramm), but we had room for two additional members, so we worked with that in mind.

When you consider a mix of people to help provide lay leadership at a church, it's not just about finding competent folks; it's also about combining experience with availability and praying that the Spirit's movement will meld personalities and provide the wisdom needed to collaborate with pastors and generate ministry in love. If that sounds like it's complicated stuff, I think it is. But it's also a wonderful thing when things work out, and it can even border on the spectacular.

About a decade ago, in Paxton, IL, a half dozen churches combined resources with board members and volunteerism in starting a food pantry in a town of 4,500. A handful of pastors provided board leadership, we found a space to house the pantry at a local radio station and we served people five days per month. Our different theological perspectives on issues were non-issues as we shared a passion for helping needy people and my five years on the board were among the highlights of ministry there. In a normal context, I might not have gotten to know those people, but we found common ground in service and my regard for those folks grew exponentially.

However, since starting in ministry some three decades ago, I see the same thing almost every week or hear about something someone did that is really amazing. It occurred in California, in Iowa, in Illinois and Ohio, and is no different in Nebraska, people that seem ordinary doing incredible things, sometimes alone, sometimes in conjunction with others.

- * I think of the daughter and son-in-law that cared for aging parents for many years with nary a break.
- * The guy who went into enemy territory as an ambulance driver during the Korean War and saved people with triage skills when he was barely college-aged.
- * The handful of folks with EMT or fire-fighting skills who help save lives as volunteers in our county.
- * How about the parents that have given tremendous care to their children, some of whom have profound special needs?
- * Spouses that give daily attention to each other in trying circumstances.
- * People that have dealt with physical or emotional crises (even near-death experiences) and have managed to persevere and even grow from them. And because some have been willing to tell their stories, we are blessed and God is honored through their words.
- * Folks that have chosen to care for people in our society that are often neglected and mistreated, competent people that can sell houses, run businesses, teach and mentor our children, care for our elderly, provide quality medical care, or work with others in special ways that better society.

Sure, occasionally, you have that great performance that gets you on TV or earns you a write-up in the newspaper, or maybe you get something named after you or earn some sort of Man- or Woman of the Year honor (or become a King or Queen in these parts). But more often, it's the warm handshake, a grateful smile, the pat on the back, or even

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Upcoming Sermon Texts:

Feb. 7 – Col 3:12 – 4:1	Mar. 7 – I Cor. 1:18-25
Feb. 14 – Col 4:2-18	Mar. 14 – Num 21:4-9
<i>Sundays in Lent—Tentative schedule:</i>	Mar. 21 – Jer. 31:31-34
Feb. 21 – Mark 1:9-15	Mar. 28 – Mark 11:1-11
Feb. 28 – Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9	Apr. 4 (Easter Sunday) – John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8

Strengthen Faith, Cultivate Community, Care for Neighbors



the look from across the room that says “I know what you’re going through, hang in there” that are remembered.

So let’s aspire to be ready for that day or moment when God uses the best in us to make an impact in public – and don’t be surprised when the moment comes because God has created greatness in all of us. But until we have that proverbial ‘moment in the sun,’ please know that what you do in relative anonymity is noticed...by me, by others, and most importantly, by the Lord.

In Him,

Pastor Craig



Brian Hier	Feb 3
Zach Bowerman	Feb 9
James Hennessy	Feb 13
Mark Hanson	Feb 17
Amy Bowerman	Feb 22



Dale & Julie Hennessy	Feb 3
John & Amy Bowerman	Feb 10
Dan & Lorrain Nielsen	Feb 14
Dennis & Connie Nuttelman	Feb 15
Doug & Linda Johnson	Feb 18
Marv & Mary Wadell	Feb 28

February Dates to Remember

Tuesday, Feb 2—Groundhog Day—Will Phil see his shadow?

Sunday, Feb 7

Worship with Communion, 10:30 am



Sunday, Feb 14—Valentine’s Day

Worship at 10:30 am

Monday, Feb 15—Presidents’ Day

Wednesday, Feb 17—Ash Wednesday

6:30 pm—Ash Wednesday Service

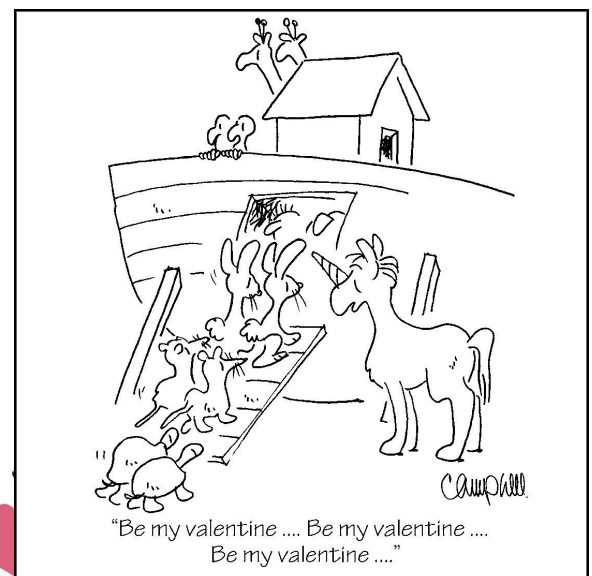
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Thursday, Feb 18: Rescue Mission

Meal, 5:30 pm

Sunday, Feb 21

6:30 pm—Lead Team Meeting





Financial Update:

2020 Budget Summary (1/1/20 through 12/31/20)

Needed Income: \$128,770.00
Actual Income: \$127,674.58
Deficit: **\$ 1,095.42**

Budgeted Exp: \$128,770.00
Actual Exp: \$131,363.63
Over Budget: **\$ 3,689.05**

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



Annual Meeting Books:

We had our annual business meeting on January 24, 2021. We still have plenty of Annual Meeting Booklets if you would like to have one and weren't able to be present. You can pick them up in the office (on the Resource Center counter) or if you would like to have one delivered to you please email the church office at office@stromsburgcov.org.



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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.



Ministry Partners

Sunday, Feb 7, 2021

Coffee: Judy Hanson

Scripture: Julie Hennessy

Worship Team: Dennis & Connie Nuttelman, Craig & Mary Pinley, Sue Rosenbaum

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

Sunday, Feb 14, 2021

Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Sue Rosenbaum

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

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy

Thursday, Feb 18, 2021

Rescue Mission Meal: TBD

Sunday, Feb 21, 2021

Coffee: The Hier Family

Scripture: Judy Hanson

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

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, Kohen Hier

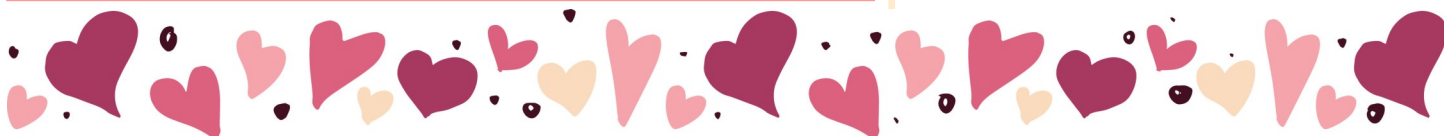
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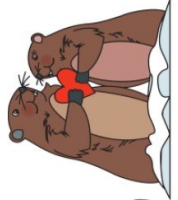
Coffee: TBD

Scripture: Pat Everingham

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

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy, James Hennessy









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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1		2 7:00 pm BSF (every Tues) 	3 6:30 pm Prayer (every Wed)	4 9:30 am BSF (every Thurs)	5	6
7 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship w/ Communion 11:45 Fellowship	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 8:30 Worship Team 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	15 	16	17 	18 5:30 pm Rescue Mission Meal 	19	20
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