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A Word From the Pastor

A year ago, during a four-month stay in Texas, the pastor at the church we attended engaged his congregation in a Route 66 sermon series which comprised one sermon on every book in the Bible. I thought to myself, "Wow, what a great idea," knowing that a number of books hardly get any play when a pastor puts together a preaching schedule. And, of course, the whole intrigue about driving Route 66 HAD to be part of the genius of this title.

But for the Pinley family, Route 81 seems to be the intriguing highway, since nearly half of our mileage on trips to see family in Texas occurs on that pleasant thoroughfare. And, as it turned out, we listened to the back end of the Old Testament during the Route 66 series and the sermons on the minor prophets were interesting. And so an idea was planted...

Following a sermon January 5th to remember Epiphany as our official end to Advent, we'll begin our Route 81 series, using 8 sermons from Old Testament prophets and 1 from a prophet in the New Testament. Each sermon will examine something that we can KNOW from each prophet/prophetic word. It'll go as follows:

-January 12th: **Ezekiel** (particularly 1:28 – 3:11) - "Know What Feeds You."

-January 19: **Jonah** - "Know your Ninevah"...**church planter Cath Kaminski will also give testimony about a new congregation, Beacon Covenant, in the Lincoln area**

-January 26: **Micah** - "Know what God requires"...**this is also the day of our Annual Business meeting**

-February 2: Guest speaker Brent Thompson of the Midwest Conference – Leadership...with session for our leaders after church

-February 9: **Nahum** - "Know the Truth"

-February 16: **Habakkuk** - "Know your Bias"

-February 23: **Zephaniah** - "Know Who Is Behind You"

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JANUARY SERMON TEXTS

Jan 5: Matthew 2:1-18 "Making Sense of Epiphany"
Jan 12: Ezekiel "Know What Feeds You"
Jan 19: Jonah "Know Your Ninevah"
Jan 26: Micah "Know What God Requires"



A WORD...(CONTINUED)

-March 1: **Haggai** - *“Know your Priorities”*

-March 8: **Malachi** - *“Know the Consequences”*

-March 15: **John the Baptist** - *“Know Who Lights the Way”*

Following our Route 81 series, we'll use traditional Lenten texts for sermons on March 22, March 29, April 5th (Palm Sunday) and April 12th (Easter).

Please join us as we journey together through the latter part of our Bible's Old Testament and the many prophets that will help us KNOW how to follow the Lord more closely.

IN CHRIST,

Pastor Craig

CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Adult Sunday School Class



Winter Adult Sunday School series on the book of Daniel

Beginning January 5th, we'll have an adult Sunday school class that will cover a similar swatch of time as we study the faith, leadership and prophetic words of Daniel. Session one will cover background related to the book of Daniel and the context for the times during which the book was written. Sessions two through 13 will cover each of 12 chapters within the book. For more information, contact Pastor Craig.

Children's Sunday School re-starts January 12th

The teaching team will be focusing on some of the people in the genealogy of Jesus until Lent and then will be teaching about Jesus through Easter.

Youth Sunday School re-starts January 12th

Pastor Mary will continue youth Sunday School for Junior and Senior high with Craig Groeschel's video series called “WEIRD.” Then we will continue with some of the other SWITCH curriculum from Life Church.



CHILDREN'S
Ministry
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Kids Club re-starts January 15th

Our winter session of Kids Club begins January 15th and will run through mid-March, with a sign-up poster in our Fellowship Hall for volunteer help in making meals, organizing crafts, running a 20-minute game time, or giving a talk on various Old Testament stories. Themes for each week are on the poster. For those who might be interested in making a meal, we usually account for 15-20 kids or volunteers and

menu items last fall included pizza, hot dogs and macaroni and cheese, soup, chili and cinnamon rolls, and the like. Talk to Pastor Craig if you need more information or email him at: craigpin@yahoo.com.

CHURCH FAMILY



Donna Gerdes	Jan 1	Phil Pelc	Jan 11
Dianne Nielsen	Jan 1	Linda Pelc	Jan 11
Craig Pinley	Jan 2	Judy Hanson	Jan 12
Brittany Platt	Jan 5	Anastasia Bowerman	Jan 13
Bob Johnson	Jan 6	Terry Randell	Jan 17
Dennis Nuttelman	Jan 6	Tucker Platt	Jan 18
Bertha Younglund	Jan 7	Vicki Platt	Jan 19
Dale Hennessy	Jan 8	Ayla Orsborn	Jan 20
Jason Nuttelman	Jan 9	Charles Noyd	Jan 23
Sue Rosenbaum	Jan 9		

DATES TO REMEMBER:

ELEVATE Youth Group Bowling Outing:

Sunday, Jan 5, 2020

For Junior and Senior High. Meet at church at 3:00 pm. We will be car-pooling to York. Bring \$6 each.



Epiphany Party:

Wednesday, Jan 8, 2020, 6:30 pm

Pastors Pinley invite anyone who has served in our Christian Formation ministries in any way this past year to an informal dinner party to say "THANK YOU!" We will have a white elephant gift exchange—preferably something

you already have at home—but if you have to purchase something there is a \$10 limit.

De-Decorating Party: Please stay after church on Jan. 12, 2020 to help take down Christmas decorations. The more hands the faster we get the work done.



Kids' Club: Starts again Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020 at 6 pm

We will need helpers for food, games, and crafts again. Please consider signing up on the poster board in the back of the fellowship hall. And invite your neighbor kids!

Annual Business Meeting: Sunday, Jan 26, 2020

Right after worship. We will share a meal together and discuss the business and ministries of the church.



JANUARY MINISTRY PARTNERS

Sunday, Jan 5

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Ken & Pat Everingham

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Jan Randell

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Kohen Hier

Sunday, Jan 12

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Bob & Eleanor Greenwall

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Mary Wadell

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
James Hennessy

Thursday, Jan 16

Rescue Mission Meal:

Sunday, Jan 19

Nursery: Shayla & Korah Hier

Greeters: Gaylen & Jeannie Ahlquist

Coffee Time: Pat Everingham

Scripture: Dennis Nuttelman

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Dennis Nuttelman

Sunday, Jan 26

Nursery: TBD

Greeters: Kent & Cheryl Erickson

Coffee Time: TBD

Scripture: Dianne Nielsen

Audio/Visual: Dale Hennessy
Kohen Hier



Summer 2020 Mission Trip:

Where: Louisville, KY

When: August 1-8, 2020

What: VBS and Block party, maintenance in the church, community cleanup

Mission Trip

If you are interested in going on the mission trip there are applications to fill out on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the coat racks. We would like to have these in by January 31, 2020 so we know who is committed to coming. After we receive the applications we will provide you with a packet of information regarding meeting times, planning sessions, and fundraising efforts. If you have any questions please talk to Pastor Mary.

Mission Trip volunteer help needed on February 22—Daddy Daughter Dance:

From 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 22nd, a Daddy-Daughter dance is being held at the Benedict Community Center as a fundraiser for our August mission trip to Louisville, KY. The event will be for girls from kindergarten through 8th grade and their dads or significant male adult figures or mentors. We will need adults to help coordinate the event, providing and serving drinks and snacks, overseeing a candy bag gift to kids, helping a photographer organize dad-daughter pictures, and providing security, among other things. We'll also need help with publicity. For more information, contact Pastor Craig.



Thanks from the Pinley family

We are grateful beyond words for your gifts of appreciation, finance, and goodies over the past few months, especially for the love offering collected for Pastor's Appreciation Month. We are so blessed to be here and to be your pastors. We pray many blessings for each one of you and look forward to our continued shared ministry in the New Year.

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

2019 Budget Summary

(1/1/2019 through 11/30/2019)

Income:	\$101,554.29
Budget:	\$116,915.32
Difference:	(\$15,361.03)
Budgeted Exp:	\$116,915.32
Actual Exp:	\$106,212.26
Difference:	(\$4,657.97)

FINANCIAL REPORT



ONLINE GIVING: To make a one time or scheduled reoccurring gift to our church, please visit:

www.stromsburgcov.org and click on ONLINE GIVING.

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January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 8:45 am Worship Practice 9:30 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship with Communion 11:45 am Fellowship 3 pm ELEVATE Bowling	6 	7 6:30 pm BSF 7:00 pm Prayer	8 9 am Mom's in Prayer 10 am Ladies' Coffee 6:30 pm Epiphany Party 8:00 Worship 	9 9:30 am BSF (Free Church) 	10	11
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