

LET THEM PRAISE  
YOUR GREAT AND  
AWESOME NAME

HOLY IS HE!

PSALM 99:3, NRSV

*The Herald*

# From the Pastor's Desk

## *Faith, Grace, Peace, ... What else would you like?*

We have come through, or are still in, a season of great opportunity to grow in Faith, Grace and Peace. Have you noticed? Have you grown?

As I think about these three virtues I also think of three qualities in opposition to these. Fear, Anger and Anxiety.

In the five plus months we have been dealing with Covid-19 I have noticed I can respond to the virus by being controlled by faith or fear. I have related to people with grace or anger and I go to bed at night with peace or anxiety. I notice these in me and I suspect you have also seen them in yourselves.

I make a link between Faith and fear in how we react to the overall Covid situation. Living in faith doesn't ever mean we are not aware of the danger and need to take precautions, but we pursue Christ with confident faith that he is well aware of our situation and we will walk with him through each breath. I have tried to stay up on the changing information but I deliberately do not read or listen to every potential article on Covid. I seek to turn the situation into prayer for my walk and our faith in these days.

We have all noticed the variety of ways people respond to the virus. Tightly sheltering ourselves in our home to no precautions whatever. That in itself is not the challenge but the anger that is expressed toward anyone who doesn't respond like I do is the problem. Fortunately I have observed most of our congregation responding with Grace to opinions different from our own. Lets keep pursuing Grace.

Jesus promised he came to provide us with Peace and I am quite convinced our evening news is designed to create a turmoil of anxiety. When you lay your head on the pillow each night are you able to rest in His Peace or does the anxiety of the uncertainty destroy your rest. I may catch this virus and even die from it, as some friends of mine have, but I choose to rest in the Peace of a Lord and Savior who watches over me day and night. Some days that requires reciting verses of His peace to still my heart.

Challenging days are always opportunities to grow. In this season allow Jesus to grow your Faith, Grace and Peace.

Pastor Dennis

# Greetings from M.A.R.S.

## We Are Back!!!

That's right, we are back. The church was full of kids once again! On Wednesday AWANA kids and families gathered for an Awards ceremony for all those kids who worked so hard last year only to have everything end suddenly. They had a cook-out on the front yard with picnic blankets. Yes, it's true, we do have a front yard here at the church. It was a fun time watching kids walk up and sing songs and receive their reward. It was a good turnout for being 5 months late.

Carol Walker gave out awards to the volunteers who have served for so many years. Carol herself being one of those deserving of praise. Carol has stepped down this year as head of AWANA as we have started a new program called B.O.L.T.. Sarah Walker and Becki Groven are leading the charge in this new endeavor, but Carol is still very actively involved saying "you never retire from serving the Lord." We love you Carol. Thanks for all the years and countless hours you have dedicated to the kids of this church and community. There are many other names not mentioned here, but we are blessed with how many people in our church so actively serve and live out their faith.

Youth Group had a kickoff party on Sunday at the KOA. The KOA has always been such a gracious host over the years for our youth events. We had a great showing of youth and had a wonderful time. A little tricky trying to keep track of so many youth in such a large place. On Wednesday we had our first official meeting of M.A.R.S. (Name of the Youth Ministry). We had 47 youth show up and you could feel the energy. They were so excited to be back. We have a lot of catching up to do with these youth, but I have an awesome team of Leaders who are dedicated and up to the task. We've done a bunch of updating to the youth room and even painted with the help of Lynn, Jacque and Steph. There were a few minor holes needing patched as well. We also had some donations, a TV and foosball table. It has really come together this year and the youth took notice and commented how it felt like a youth room now and that they had a space of their own.

Thanks for all of your support. This church has always been overwhelmingly supportive of our youth. If you want to know more about serving in the Youth Ministry or BOLT please reach out to me. I would be happy to talk to you about it.

*In Christ,*

*Ben Larsen, Family Life Pastor*

*Youth Group—Wednesday Nights*

*5:30-8 pm—Supper Provided!*

“The Gospel According to Paul” by John Macarthur is a new addition to the LWC library. What a joy it is to read Paul’s “focused passages in his letters to the early church that summarize the gospel message in just a few well-chosen words. Each of these key texts has a unique emphasis highlighting some essential aspect of the good news”. The author quotes scripture, brings scripture from other parts of the Bible and puts together what Paul taught in his letters to the early churches about the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The chapters begin with ‘Things of First Importance’ and Luke 24:46-47: It was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise the third day, and that repentance and remission of sin should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. Paul insisted there was no other gospel than the one he had taught, and that the atonement was at the center—Christ died for our sins, and that He was buried and resurrected on the third day, and many people witnessed Him alive.

The author, like Paul in Romans, knows we need ‘The Bad News’. Gal. 3:22: The Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. “It’s good to remember that Christians are nothing but redeemed sinners—saved from condemnation not because we are somehow better, smarter, more worthy, or more acceptable to God...Without Christ, we would be completely under the command, control, dominion, and damning power of sin.” Macarthur finds 13 charges in Romans 3:10-17, every one of them a direct quotation from the Old Testament, as an indictment against us. The summary of verse 18: There is no fear of God before their eyes. The verdict?

The chapters continue with—How can a person be right with God?, Sola Fide—Not by works of Righteousness, The Great Exchange, Alive Together with Christ and The Lessons of Grace. In this last chapter, Macarthur warns against legalism as the folly of pharisaism and antinomianism as the error of the present age. Speaking of the later, he writes—“some of today’s antinomians seem determined to discover pietistic moralism practically everywhere. They are worried because they fear other Christians are too worried about being right and doing right. They seem to think the whole point of the gospel is to eliminate the sinner’s concern about righteousness altogether...It is spiritually irresponsible and dangerous to suggest that it is inherently moralistic to cultivate a hunger and thirst for righteousness (cf. Matt. 5:6)”

Appendix 3 is ‘The Reason for Everything’. “God does what He does in order to put His glory on display. As a matter of fact, everything is made to serve that same end. It is God’s ultimate purpose”. Appendix 4 is ‘Paul’s Glorious Gospel’— adapted from sermons by C.H. Spurgeon.

This book has so much scripture and so much of what God has done for us in Christ— that it will bless your socks off!

Enjoying the Book—Bonnie McCaskell



## Focus on Missions– Younglife



Trust, hope, and love have been the staples of our Young Life ministry this year.

Trusting God holds our students when in person meetings have not been possible.

Hope, in seeing God move in new ways that we didn't know possible.

Loving our students even when ministry looks different.

It is with great awe in God the Father that we look back on another year of loving our high school friends here at Young Love. The last year has been one of growth and depth for our Club. Fall camp was a big highlight with 36 students joining us in Minnesota to hear the salvation message.

The Super 8 was gracious to host our Monday Club nights. These nights were filled with laughter, love and lots of students, as we shared in life and showed students who Jesus is. Many meaningful campaigner bible studies were spent at Perky Pine throughout the winter months. These bible studies have remained strong despite the rapid changes of the times. As the year transitioned online we were stretched to use social media platforms to engage in new ways.

Now we look to our next year with anxious excitement as we lean on God for guidance and anointing in our next season.

Thank you for partnering with us and loving the students of our community generously.

Stay tuned as we cautiously blast into the fall and audaciously pursue Christ's salvation for our high school friends.

Abby Haapanen  
Hill City Younglife Director

## From My Files: Echoes of God's Glory

Roseanne Hilton

### The Glory of Jesus: In His holy character

The miracle of the impossible fishing was what caused Peter to recognize the glory of Jesus in His holy character. From The Message, Luke chapter 5, Jesus was using Simon Peter's boat for a pulpit as He taught the crowd. "When He finished teaching, He said to Simon, 'Push out into deep water and let out your nets for a catch.' Simon said, 'Master, we've been fishing hard all night [the best time to fish] and haven't caught even a minnow. But if You say so, I'll let out the nets.'"

You may have read the account; a huge haul of fish, overwhelming everyone at the scene with awe.

"Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell on his knees before Jesus. 'Master, leave. I'm a sinner and can't handle this holiness. Leave me to myself.'"



### The Glory of Jesus: In His transfiguration

Peter had the privilege of seeing the glory of Jesus in His transfiguration. From The Message, Matthew chapter 17, "Jesus took Peter and the brothers, James and John, and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. Sunlight poured from His face. His clothes were filled with light."

Peter wrote about this later in his second letter. "We saw it with our own eyes: Jesus re-

splendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke: 'This is my Son, marked by My love, focus of all My delight.' We were there on the holy mountain with Him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears."

Peter recognized and saw both the glory of Jesus in His holy character and the glory of Jesus in His transfiguration.

Jesus shines brighter than the brightest star; His love, purer than the purest heart.\*\*

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Line from You Shine, by Brian Doerksen

## Church Body Updates



### Birthdays

1st Caleb F.  
2nd Tanya S.  
5th Nancy L.  
9th Renae T.  
11th Larry Harvey  
11th Lindi Larsen  
13th Sammy F.  
14th Lynda P.  
17th Mattea M.  
19th Eileen H.  
21st Harvey L.  
23rd Bob H.  
24th Calvin L.



**Joella Fowler**

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### Anniversaries

1st Gary & Deb A.  
(18 years)  
  
1st Bob & Leila C.  
(20 years)  
  
4th Larry & Connie H.  
(11 years)  
  
4th Mike & Jeri V.  
(56 years)  
  
10th George & Lynn E.  
(16 years)  
  
22nd Alan & Anne C.  
(7 years)  
  
22nd Marcus & Jackie I.  
(14 years)  
  
28th Steve & Carmen T.  
(44 years)

## A Rush of Hope



## A RUSH OF HOPE

A digital event that will answer life's biggest questions  
and will keep you on the edge of your seat!

**BRINGING THE GOSPEL IN AN ARTISTIC WAY**

Sponsored by Celebrate Recovery—Everyone Welcome!!

**Join us to watch at the church on...**

Friday, September 4th at 7 pm

OR Sunday, September 6th at 3 pm

*Featuring Pastor Greg Laurie, For King and Country,  
Mercy Me, Jeremy Camp*

*Go to: [www.harvest.org](http://www.harvest.org) for more info!*



## Announcements

### **Black Hills Retreat – Everyone Welcome!**

September 4-7 at Baumann Ranch in Custer. Bring your tent or RV – toilets provided or just come hang out for the day! Nightly Potluck & Campfire, Christian Fellowship and activities during the day. RSVP to Pat at 307-359-9398 or Ginger at 307-359-0201.

**Wednesday Night Prayer/Bible Study** will begin on Wednesday, September 9th. Prayer at 6:30 pm and Study at 7:30 pm. If you would like to join on Zoom, please let Pastor Dennis know!

**New Wednesday Night Bible Study in Custer** will be starting at Dwight and Susan Briggs home. Study starts at 6:30 pm. Contact Dwight or Susan (423-444-9777 or 9778) with questions!

**Sunday Evening Bible Study** will begin on September 13th at 6 pm, led by Dick Kessler. Study will be “Chasing David” in the Old Testament, based on a new book written by Rene’ Schlaepfer.

**PreK-12th grade Sunday School kickoff party** will be held on Sunday, September 20th at Grapes and Grinds/Holy Terror mini golf in Keystone. Families can come anytime after lunch, 12:30-2 pm. There will be Ice Cream Floats, Playground, Giant Chess Board, Corn Hole & Mini Golf. Classes start Sunday, September 27th.

**BOLT—New after school program for kids,** will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:20 pm (kids can be walked over from school). BOLT is an acronym for Bible, Outreach, Life Skills, and Transformation. We chose this program for it's emphasis on scripture learning and also on learning new Life Skills throughout the year. This program will continue to promote our strong desire to disciple young hearts and also be an outreach to our community.



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# The Return



## THE RETURN

National and Global Day of Prayer & Repentance

***Simulcast at The Little White Church***

**Saturday, September 26th**

**7:00 am—7:00 pm (lunch provided)**

The movement begins now and will continue through the entire year of 2020 leading up to 10 Days of Vigilant Prayer – Starting with the Biblical Feast of Trumpets and ending with the Day of Atonement (September 18-September 28). The central day of The Return will be Saturday, September 26, 2020 on the National Mall and throughout the nation and world.

To see a tentative schedule , please visit our Events tab on our Facebook page: [facebook.com/TheLittleWhiteChurchSD](https://facebook.com/TheLittleWhiteChurchSD)

***For if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land ~***

***2 Chronicles 7:14***

## Women's Ministry



**SHE-Brews (Women's Coffee & Fellowship)** is held on the second Saturday of each month from 10-11 am. All ladies are welcome to join us on Saturday, September 12th!!

**Courageous Women** will begin a 6-week study of **The War Room** on Tuesday, September 15. We'll be meeting at 10:30 a.m., at the church. Please sign up on the sheet at the Women's Ministry table. Anyone with questions can contact Bonnie Reese.

### **"Beginnings– A Study of Genesis"**

BSF (Bible Study Fellowship) will be starting on Thursday, September 17th. If you would like to sign up for the Hill City class, go to:

<https://www.bsfinternational.org/class/925#satellites>

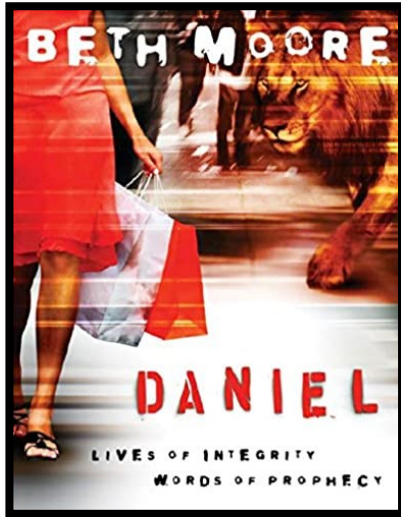
Click on the "join" tab under The Little White Church.

Here is how it will look for the first few weeks...



**Comfort Quilters** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Deb Auch's home. This year the Comfort Quilters group will be making quilts for the Black Hills Pregnancy Center in Rapid City. If you would like to be a part of the group or have questions, please see Deb Auch.

## Women's Ministry— Continued



### NEW Women's Bible Study DANIEL by BETH MOORE

*The prophet Daniel faced unbelievable pressures—to compromise his faith, to live in a hostile culture, and to confront temptations and threats. Today, believers face many of the same trials. This study examines how believers can develop integrity in our modern-day Babylon, and then explores prophecies from the time of Daniel through the second coming of Christ.*

Two options are available for this study:  
Mondays, starting October 5th at 6:30 pm at Tanya Siebert's home  
OR

Wednesdays, starting October 7th at 10 am at the church

Cost is \$20

*\*\*Please sign up at the Women's Ministry table and mark your preferred day/time.\*\**



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS — FALL WOMEN'S EVENT

**IF:Hill City: October 24th from 8:30 am—2 pm**

Join us for an IF:Women's Event!!! Speakers include: Jada Edwards, Jennie Allen & Jo Saxton. There will also be times of worship, fellowship, craft and Breakfast/Lunch will be provided! Cost is \$20. Want more information about IF? Visit: [ifgathering.com](http://ifgathering.com).

***Sign up at the Sheet on the WM Table in the Fellowship Hall!***



## Cycles of Life—by BJ Reese

*Cleaning house one day, I was listening to a Randy Travis CD while I worked. Whenever the last song on this CD starts, I stop what I'm doing, so I can really focus on the words. The song is called, "Look Heart, No Hands". The chorus is my favorite part of this gentle song:*

*" . . . no doubts; no fears;  
Just like when you are here.  
No chains, no strings;  
No fences, no walls;  
No net, just you  
To catch me when I fall.  
Look heart, no hands."*

*The lyrics always make me think of all the elder members of my family – the ones who have gone Home to be with the Lord. In life, they were always there for me. Sometimes, the memories inspired by this song make me cry, as I feel the ache of missing them all over again. Other times, my heart soars with the joy and gratitude I feel for all that I learned from them.*

*This most recent day was one of tears. Looking at their photos on my memory wall, I remembered once more. Every family member who once offered sage advice and wise council – those who were older than me – is gone. I can no longer ask them questions or listen to their stories.*

*As I listened and cried, I began to realize something else. These wonderful people have passed the baton to me. It is now my turn to be "the net" . . . to catch someone when they fall. It is up to me to guide, and teach, and to share the old stories. The younger members of our family now look to ME to help them break down their walls and fences. I know this happens just as God intended it to happen.*

*Still, there are days when the sadness at the absence of my guides gets the best of me. Somewhere in the middle of that, God reminds me that He is counting on me to carry on. At that moment, I stop and allow myself a few more tears. A few more "I miss you"s. Then, I rise from my chair and get back to work. I mustn't let God down. I must honor my responsibilities.*

## Cycles of Life—by BJ Reese

### Continued

*Where are you in this endless cycle of life? If you are the younger family member, try not to bristle too much at the guidance being offered by your elders. It carries more value than you can possibly imagine at the time in your life. And, I promise you this: you WILL miss it when it's gone!*

*If you are the elder family member, try not to be too bashful (or too judgmental). Share your stories. Be who you really are. Offer your loved ones the benefit of all your years of wisdom and experience. These things will become the treasures they cling to long after you go Home to the Lord.*

*Those of you in the middle of this timeline are in a wondrous, unique position. While you still have time to continue learning from the elders, you can begin to guide and mentor those who are younger than yourself. Both of these actions bring cherished benefits that cannot be measured by any Earthly tool.*

*Wherever you are along this timeline, enjoy your time in that space. It will NEVER come again. In the grand scheme of things, you will spend a few fleeting moments in this season of your life. Make the very most of it that you possibly can.*

*This is the cycle of life that God created for us. Each space along the timeline has its own special, distinctive purpose. Be patient. Stay in the moment. Be exactly where you are. Someday, you'll be very glad you did.*

*To His Glory . . . BJ*

....LIVE FOR THE  
**PRAISE OF HIS GLORY.**



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# Newsletter Newsletter

## God of (all) the ages

It's tempting to breeze through biblical genealogies, but those name lists serve important purposes. They reveal the fulfillment of prophecy, tie together time periods and Bible books, and reveal how God works in every age — and through people of all ages.

Consider the Old Testament's many references to "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." That lineage-linked name reminds us that God is the Lord of every succeeding generation and the friend of all. Although people's needs differ as they journey from youth to middle age to their later years, God remains constant and ageless, fulfilling his promises to all who seek Him.

## Always within reach

As I grow older, I appreciate help getting up from the couch. Often, my husband extends his arm to boost me up. This act of kindness reminds me how the Lord reaches out to me each morning. He is the strength to lift me up so I needn't depend on myself.

Looking back through the years, I can see how the Lord endlessly extended his arm to me. Isaiah 33:2 says, "O LORD, be gracious to us; we wait for you. Be our arm every morning, our salvation in the time of trouble." Too often I haven't waited for the Lord, and my impatience resulted in no-good results. Waiting for — and accepting — God's guidance isn't always easy, but he always comes through, and we're never out of his reach.

I'm so thankful my heavenly Father graciously extends his arm to help me up, get me "unstuck" and keep me from trouble.

—MaryAnn Sundby

## Alpha & Omega

God created this world,  
everything that it holds.  
And God still is creating  
as each day unfolds.  
What we once called the future,  
we now call the past.  
While the present is fleeting,  
God stays — first and last!  
—Peggy Ferrell



## READ THROUGH THE BIBLE

**Week 9** ☐ Leviticus 24-25; Psalm 81; Hebrews 9 ☐ Lev 26-27; Psalm 112; Heb 10 ☐ Numbers 1-2; Psalm 64; Heb 11 ☐ Num 3-5; Heb 12 ☐ Num 6-7; Heb 13

**Week 10** ☐ Numbers 8-11; Colossians 1 ☐ Num 12-14; Psalm 28; Col 2 ☐ Num 15-18; Psalm 113; Col 3 ☐ Num 19-21; Col 4 ☐ Num 22-25; Luke 1

**Week 11** ☐ Numbers 26-29; Luke 2 ☐ Num 30-33; Psalm 35; Luke 3 ☐ Num 34-36; Luke 4 ☐ Deuteronomy 1-3; Psalm 36; Luke 5 ☐ Deut 4-5; Luke 6

**Week 12** ☐ Deuteronomy 6-9; Luke 7 ☐ Deut 10-14; Psalm 5; Luke 8 ☐ Deut 15-18; Psalm 115; Luke 9 ☐ Deut 19-22; Psalm 6; Luke 10 ☐ Deut 23-26; Luke 11



There will be a meeting of the Church Board immediately after the service,” announced the pastor.

After the close of the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the sanctuary for the announced meeting. But there was a stranger in their midst — a visitor who had never attended their church before.

“My friend,” said the pastor, “Didn’t you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?”

“Yes,” said the visitor, “and after today’s sermon, I suppose I’m just about as bored as anyone else who came to this meeting.”



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