
Dream Big!

“I believe God never calls His people to do something they can do on their own. Otherwise, they would not need God!”

Every Council meeting, we begin with a 15-minute lesson on leadership taken from the book *Jesus on Leadership: Timeless Wisdom on Servant Leadership*, by C. Gene Wilkes. The quote above was the topic of our last leadership lesson. When I first read this quote, it hit me like a 2x4. It made me question whether my goals were big enough, whether my dreams were lofty enough...whether I trusted God enough to pursue things that seem impossible.

Do I live by faith? Or am I just living comfortably, calculated and cautious? Faith requires some big undertakings. Faith requires us to take risks. Faith requires us to step out of comfort. Faith requires us to trust God. Does your life reflect these characteristics? Do you live by faith?

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” – Isaiah 55:8-9

God dreams bigger dreams than you. You may have some gigantic goals, some enormous undertakings, and some audacious ideas....but God’s are bigger. We can never out-dream God. God calls us to dream big dreams for His Kingdom and His church.

This topic was so exciting to our Council that much of our last meeting was spent talking about dreaming big for the future of the church. But this isn’t just a Council task. This is a church task!

Is God giving you a big dream for this church? Do you feel like God has put something on your heart for the future of the church?

The Church Council wants to hear the God-Sized Dreams that you have for this church. There is a box in the back of the sanctuary where you can share your God-Sized Dreams with the Council.

We firmly believe that God has something big in store for this church. He has not blessed us, brought us through hard times, and prospered us for no reason. God has a big plan for this church. Maybe YOU are the one He has shared that plan with. Your church leadership wants to hear from you.

Dream Big!

In Christ,

Pastor Kevin

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Birthdays This Month

Carolyn Connelly2/4
 Bev Webber.....2/6
 Ken Cutt2/8
 Janet Syburg2/9
 Dorothy Schrader2/11
 Sebastian Ballard2/11
 Al Haeger2/12
 Glenn Kreinus.....2/19
 Connie Mitchell.....2/20
 Jess Ballard.....2/20
 Jean Brocker2/23
 Kelly Blevins2/24
 Tom Rowntree.....2/27

Wedding Anniversaries This Month

Jean Brocker & Bernie Fraser2/12
 Greg & Linda Garasimowicz.....2/14
 Tom & Sue Roberts2/14
 Robert & Carol Bartholomew.....2/23
 Tom & Kay Rowntree2/27

Please drop a note to the church office to have your birthday or anniversary included here.

Servant Schedule

Date	Front Porch	Ushers	Nursery	Liturgist	Sunday School
2/3		Group 3	Paige	T.J.	Claire
2/10	Beth & Rae- Ellen	Group 1	Cherise	Janine	Reyna & Tim
2/17		Group 2	Cherise		Sara
2/24	Women's Fellowship	Group 3	Lydia		Joanne & Sue
3/3		Group 1			Jess & Cory

Notice: Photographs taken at church events are included in the newsletter, on our website and our Facebook page. If you would prefer not to have your photo posted to any of these forums, please contact the church office.

Articles for the March Newsletter are due in the office by 8:00 am on Friday, Feb. 22

Stewardship @ 1/25/19

	Income	Expense	Over (Short)
Offering	6,807.52	6,473.97	333.55
Other Income			
Total	6,807.52	6,473.97	333.55

	1/6	1/13	1/20
Attendance	74	?	79

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From the Moderator.....

WOW!

Your Council has had a great start to the new year, and we are going to keep the momentum going! As we look ahead, it is also a time to look back and thank those who went before us and laid a solid foundation for us to build upon. There are so many individuals, groups, and committees who contributed to our success – and we thank you very much for your contribution to this success. We would not be where we are today if it wasn't for the hard work done by many.

As we explore different ways to serve others, it is important that we recognize our ability to make a difference in the lives of others whether it be here in Mukwonago or Cameroon, Africa. With God touching our hands, it is possible to accomplish anything – **Think BIG!** The boy who brought the loaves of bread and a few fish to feed the 5,000 had no idea that with God's help he could feed all of those people with what he had!

Thinking big is only part of the equation. Do you remember the disciples in the boat were terrified at the sight of a figure walking on the water? Peter suspected it was Jesus, and when the figure asked Peter to "Come", Peter had the faith to get out of the boat and go to meet him.

In life when you are unsure about taking a risk, follow Peter's example, even if it means getting out of the safety of the boat.

Jim Schuett



HUGE Thank You from Life's Connection

On behalf of Life's Connection, your local non-profit pregnancy support medical center, we would like to extend a big hug and huge thank you to your congregation.

Your thoughtful "Giving Tree" provided very much needed office supplies and donations that will help

us to run the center! Your gifts allow us to focus on the women and the families that we serve.

Please know that YOU are the backbone behind this mission of love to those in need! Thank you and may God bless you!

Krys Crawley

Executive Director of Life's Connection

Some Stats from Life's Connection

In 2018 Life's Connection served 1,462 clients. These clients were provided 6,802 services which include pregnancy testing, STD testing, ultrasound, one on one mentoring, parenting, prenatal visits at the center, and baby boutique visits.

We welcomed 687 participants at various group classes and 15,935 items were provided to clients through Baby Boutique visits.

In 2018 Life's Connection proudly supported 1,491 women who chose life for their babies. 252 chose life in our centers and 1,239 through our worldwide Life Help Line.

We also facilitated 10 abortion reversals in which 10 were successful. Two of these women are due in February!

We are proud to announce that in our short history of the organization 4,439 babies were saved from abortion at Life's Connection!

For every \$1000 gifted to the centers, six babies are saved!

Good News Club starts up again on Thursday, February 14 and will run through Thursday, April 11th. We look forward to seeing "our Clarendon kids" again as we all learn more of the Word of God. We will soon be putting out a signup sheet for specific treats needed to serve the students attending.

Lunch and Blankets for Salvation Army in September. We are planning a sew-a-thon in September to put together warm blankets for the Salvation Army. They are always looking for warm blankets starting in the fall for those in need. We will be doing a lunch and then sewing blankets after. More details to follow later, **BUT** if you are thinking you'd like to donate any bedding supplies also, this is the time to buy (bedding items are on sale now) and just hold on to them for the fall.

Linda Garasimowicz



The Church has a need for people trained in AED and CPR.

The Mukwonago Fire Department is coming on Feb.16 from 8:00 to 1:00 to do the training for us. We need a minimum of five people to sign up. It is \$30 a person for the class and we will provide a light breakfast and lunch. The signup sheet is on the table in the narthex. Any questions? Call or talk to Pat Parr. 262-806-2243

Women's
FELLOWSHIP

Hello FCC family! The ladies from Women's Fellowship thank you for your continued support. We are looking to do some great things this year. We always welcome your thoughts and ideas, just let us know. We will be holding a Chili fundraiser on Feb 24th after church. We will be using these funds to do something exciting this Easter for the children of FCC. There will be a suggestion of \$5.00 per person for chili, all the fixings and of course, dessert! Children under 12 will be free:) We hope you can join us as we will also be pairing up with Joanne and the fellowship team for a game or?? TBD so you'll have to come and see what exciting things we come up with, just know that it's going to be loads of fun! See you there.

In peace,
Women's Fellowship



Annual Church Business Meeting

Sunday, March 10th after Worship
Annual Reports are due in the church
office by Feb. 15



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February, 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	4 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 Scouts	5 8:00 Men's Breakfast 10:00 Made With Love 5:30 Alpha 6:30 Choir	6 6:30 Council	7	8	9 9:00 - 3:00 Lay Ministry
10 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch	11 Pastor's Day Off 6:30 Scouts	12 5:30 Alpha 6:30 Choir	13 5:00 Quilters 7:00 Long Range Planning Cmte.	14	15 Annual Reports Due	16 8:00 - 1:00 AED/CPR Training
17 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Front Porch 1:00 Linden Ridge	18 Pastor's Day Off	19 10:00 Made With Love 12:30 Women's Fellow. 5:30 Alpha 6:30 Choir 6:30 Scouts Cmte.	20	21	22 Articles Due	23
24 9:00 Bible Study 10:00 Worship 11:00 Chili Fundraiser	25 Pastor's Day Off 1:00 - 6:00 Blood Drive 6:30 Scouts	26 10:00 Made With Love 5:30 Alpha 6:30 Choir	27 6:30 Missions	28 10:00 Linden Grove		