

The Lamplighter



Ross Community
Reformed Church

Monthly Newsletter

November 2023

OUR VISION: To be a multi-generational, multi-cultural community church following Jesus

OUR MISSION: To reach the lost for Jesus Christ - Reaching our one, as God works through us

I have discovered a miracle elixir, and it's completely free. It's called water.

This past spring I felt the beginnings of a possible kidney stone in my left kidney. CT scans confirmed two kidney stones, one in each of my kidneys. Having previously undergone two surgeries, for kidney stones that were too large to pass, I decided to drink more water. I have read that, to be fully hydrated, we should drink half our body weight in ounces each day. Most people don't do that. For me that means drinking ten 8 oz. glasses of water a day. So I set my phone alarm to remind me every hour of the day.

Drinking 80 ounces of water every day has made my impending kidney stone symptoms disappear. The kidney stones may still be there, but now that my left kidney is fully hydrated it is not bothering me. I am also, on my doctor's advice, adding a little lemon juice once a day; this might help dissolve the kidney stones over time.

It seems that water is actually a miracle elixir, and I'm glad to share my testimony with you.

I should also share with you the healthful effects of what Jesus called "living water." The grace of the Holy Spirit doesn't necessarily help with kidney stones, but it does address the issues associated with a heart of stone. It is essential that we stay hydrated with this living water. The Apostle Paul exhorts us, in Ephesians 5:18, to be "filled with the Spirit." I have indeed found that being properly hydrated with living water has helped me to be more loving, joyful, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle and self-controlled (see Galatians 5:22-23). So I heartily recommend that every day you drink fully of this living water. The good news is that it doesn't cost \$100 a bottle. It's completely free. If you don't know where to find it simply ask God. Jesus said that if we know how to give good gifts to our children, "how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13).

Let's stay hydrated.

Pastor Tom



PRAYERS & PRAISES FOR NOVEMBER

Grace Tatalovich, a long time Ross member, has passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers. Funeral arrangements are at Hillside Funeral Home in Highland, with visitation Thurs. Nov. 2nd 3:30-7:00PM and Funeral Service - Fri. Nov. 3 at 10:00AM.

Amberlynn Czubara, mother of Awanas children, has a very aggressive, fast growing tumor. She will be undergoing surgery and possible treatments. Please keep her in your prayers.

Pray for Valerie Katic and her daughter Kara with health issues.

Pray for Cindy Lovall's stepson, Brian Lovall, who suffered a mild cardiac infarction and is in the hospital.

Pray for Sheila Henry, Scott Eriks, Gary Eastman, Keith Eriks, Georgette Taylor and Bob Best.

Praise God! Phyllis Eastman wants to thank everyone for all the prayers and love. She is in remission. But she will always have problems and pain in her shoulder.

Colossians 4:2 "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."

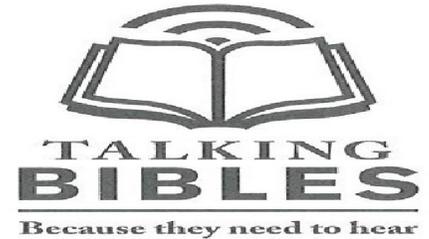
Please remember these Servicemen:

**Lt. Col. Scott Diehl, Air Force
SSG. Charles Eastman, Army
Sgt. Alex Zimnawoda, Air Force**



**NURSING HOME / ASSISTED LIVING
Jim & Dorothy Koedyker, Gretna Szymanski**

**HOMEBOUND
Pauline Brehmer, Wilma Eriks,
Mary Keller, Edna Rattray**



October 2023

Dear Ross Reformed Church,

When Shanti was pregnant with her first child, she **became** deathly ill and was admitted to the hospital. Something was wrong with her pregnancy. The doctors told her that only she or her unborn child would survive.

During that time, **a Christian pastor regularly visited the hospital to pray with patients.** Where Shanti is from, most people have never heard the Good News about Jesus. So for Shanti, the visiting pastor's message was **her first exposure.**

After lying in the same hospital bed for 20 days, awaiting inevitable tragedy, **she finally prayed and cried out to God.** The next day, she gave birth to a healthy daughter without complications. Since that day, she and her whole family have followed Jesus and found great peace through Him.

After becoming a disciple of Jesus, **Shanti wanted to study the Bible.** However, both she and her husband cannot read. She could hear the Bible read during church gatherings once or twice a week, but otherwise, she would have to find someone educated to read to her on other days.

Then, **Shanti's pastor gave her and her eldest daughter each a Talking Bible.** Since then, she has been playing the scriptures three times a day. She felt like someone was with her when she listened to the audio Bible. She could feel **God's presence with her, watching over her.** After experiencing such a miracle and growing in her faith, Shanti naturally began sharing her Talking Bible with anyone who wanted to listen.

While her niece, Lakshmi, was visiting Shanti played the Talking Bible for her. Lakshmi instantly knew the power of the Talking Bible and wanted to share it with her coworkers. So, Shanti lent her the Talking Bible. Now, 13 seamstresses gather in Lakshmi's home daily to listen to the scriptures while they sew. Shanti is overjoyed that **so many people are learning about Jesus through her Talking Bible.**

When you provide Bibles to people like Shanti, **the Good News of the Gospel spreads** to everyone around them! And because there are over a billion non-readers globally, providing audio Bibles is crucial in their growth. Thank you!

Mark S. Hoekstra

President, Talking Bibles International

UPDATE! Last fall, so many of you stepped up for the Reaching the Soul of Indian, Odisha campaign. With all the generous support and prayers, over 5,000 Talking Bibles were placed in Odisha!

REMINDERS

November 5

9:30 AM Worship – Pastor Tom Archer

November 12

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November 19

9:30 AM Worship – Bryce Klassen

Benevolent Fund Offering

November 22

Thanksgiving Eve Hymn Sing 7:00PM

November 26

9:30 AM Worship – Pastor Tom Archer

Pastor vacation Nov, 14th–20th

Georgette will be off Nov. 24th

Upcoming December activities:

Dec. 2nd Shoe Fair

Dec. 9th Craft Show

Dec. 15th Friday night - Bon Fire

BIRTHDAYS

November 1 Maya Cheeseman

November 2 Monica Eriks

November 11 Alice Gerbers

November 13 Homar Araujo

November 13 Linda Bultema

November 13 Linda Edge

November 13 Lillian Hernandez

November 16 Aaron Cabrera

November 17 Moses McCoy

November 20 Kevin Cheeseman

November 22 Odis Leeney



YOUR 2023 DEACONS AND ELDERS

Zone 1: John Rattray (D)	Dean Schramm (E)
Zone 2: Cindy Lovall (D)	Keith Eriks (E)
Zone 3: John Reiser (D)	Keith Best (E)
Zone 4: Nikole Eriks (D)	Dan Diehl (E)
Zone 5: Angel Hernandez (D)	Jonathan Evans (E)
Zone 6: Michelle Cavell (D)	Carolyn Lohman (E)

CONSISTORY MEETING -for Elders and Deacons
Monday Nov. 13th at 6:30PM

Those who would like to request baptism, become a member or make profession of faith in Christ are invited to meet with the Elders. Please call the church office at 219-980-0200 if you plan to attend.

Office Hours

Georgette will be in the Office

Mon, Tues. Wed. & Fri.
 9-12.



MENU

Nov. 1 Chili Mac

Nov. 8 Enchiladas

Nov. 15 Turkey Dinner

Nov. 22 No Awana No meal

Nov 28 Hamburger Sliders



Widows Banquet at Merrillville Tea Room
In September, the Deacons invited Ross' Widows out for brunch, fellowship, worship and some tea! We think everyone had a great time!



Awana Halloween Party





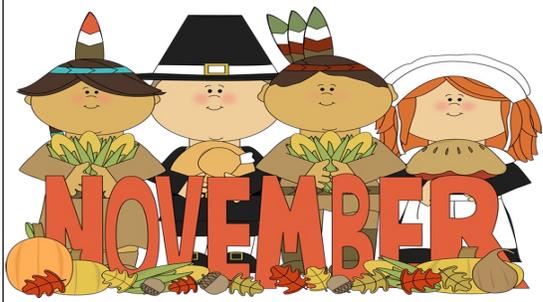
ROSS COMMUNITY'S
CHRISTMAS
CRAFT SHOW
& Bake Sale

SAT, DECEMBER 9, 2023 | 9AM- 2PM

ART & CRAFT VENDORS
COOKIES & OTHER BAKED GOODS

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO MAKE BAKED GOODS.
VENDOR BOOTHS STILL AVAILABLE.

**SEE SHELLI CAVELL, MICHELL ELIZONDO
OR THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO.**



November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Meal 6:00 Awana 6:30	2 Food Pantry 11:30-12:00	3	4
5 9:30 AM Worship Pastor Tom Archer	6	7 Crochet group 1:30-3:30 Women's Bible Study 6:55	8 Meal 6:00 Awana 6:30	9 Food Pantry 11:30-12:00	10	
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26 9:30 AM Pastor Tom Archer	27	28 Crochet Group 1:30-3:30 Bible Study 6:55	29 Meal 6:00 AWANA 6:30	30 Food Pantry 11:30-12:00	Reminder change your Clock back Nov. 5th.	