

The Lamplighter

Monthly
Newsletter



SEPTEMBER
2019
I S S U E

Pastor's Thoughts

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

-Philippians 4:6

My wife and daughter were at the store recently getting school supplies. As they were checking out they were talking to the cashier. The cashier asked my daughter, Ali, if she was nervous or excited about school and how she thought the year was going to go.

As they talked, the cashier said that she would pray for Ali as she went back to school. Then she said, "Everybody needs prayer."

Everybody needs prayer. When you pray, who do you pray for? What do you pray for? My prayer life is often focused on the here and now. I pray for Ross Church, and the ministry we are doing. I pray for our community. I pray for my family. I pray for people I see on Facebook who need prayer. I pray for national stories that make the headlines.

God is present and he loves to hear from us. We can bring prayers of thanksgiving and prayers of supplication to the Lord at any time. Everybody needs prayer. So keep praying. If you find yourself struggling to pray, commit to praying over the Lamplighter prayer page when you wake up or when you're about to go to bed. Find a time that works for you and commit to praying at that same time everyday.

Everybody needs prayer. It is one way we connect to God. I need prayer. You need prayer. Ross Church needs prayer. Our community, country and world all need prayer. Go to God in prayer.

VISION

To be a multi-generational, multi-cultural community church following Jesus Christ.

MISSION

To reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

We are here to reach our one. God is working *through* you.

COMING SOON!

The Community Meal and AWANA begin again on Wednesday, September 4th. These ministries are so important as we connect with our community. Everyone at Ross Church is invited to attend the Community Meal and see what it is all about. If you do come, find a seat at any table and strike up a conversation with a new friend.

All kids preschool aged through high school are invited to attend AWANA.

Consistory Questions

If you have a question for the consistory (leadership board), you are invited to place it in the mailbox of Pastor Shawn, Keith Eriks (consistory vice president), or Don Mauger (consistory clerk) or give it to one of them directly.

What does an elder do?

This is more of a general question that sometimes get asked of our elders. Ross Church will be electing deacons and elders soon to consistory. So what do elders do?

When we ordain and install elders in January, you hear Shawn say:

Elders are set apart for a ministry of watchful and responsible care for the welfare and order of the the church. They have oversight of all members, including one another, the deacons, and the ministers, equipping everyone to live in harmony with God's Word. They ensure the Word of God is rightly proclaimed and taught, and the sacraments faithfully administered. Elders assist the minister with their good counsel, and serve all Christians with advice, consolation, and encouragement.

The elders are responsible for the spiritual needs of the congregation. If you need prayer or help with a situation you can go to the elders. They are people of wisdom and compassion, and they are ready to help.

The elders of Ross Church are here to serve God and Ross Church. Don't hesitate to reach out to them.



Worship Services

September 1

9:30AM Pastor Shawn Gerbers

September 8

9:30AM Pastor Shawn Gerbers

September 15

9:30AM Pastor Shawn Gerbers
Benevolent Fund

September 22

9:30AM Pastor Shawn Gerbers

September 29

9:30 AM Pastor Shawn Gerbers

Words of Wisdom
 “Be somebody who makes
 everyone feel like a somebody”
 -Anonymous

YOUR 2019 DEACONS AND ELDERS

Zone 1: Martin Munnich (D)	Keith Eriks (E)
Zone 2: Cindy Lovall (D)	Dan Diehl (E)
Zone 3: Darcy Crowder (D)	Maleeta Yonker (E)
Zone 4: John Rattray Jr. (D)	Don Mauger (E)
Zone 5: Ardy Best (D)	Carolyn Lohman (E)
Zone 6: John Reiser (D)	Monica Eriks (E)

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

Shelli Cavell and Mel Scheeringa

ELDER SCHEDULE

	Greeters	Prayer Room
Sept. 1	Dan Diehl, Don Mauger	Keith Eriks
Sept. 8	Maleeta Yonker, Monica Eriks	Carolyn Lohman
Sept. 15	Don Mauger, Keith Eriks	Dan Diehl
Sept. 22	Monica Eriks, Carolyn Lohman,	Maleeta Yonker
Sept. 29	Keith Eriks, Dan Diehl	Don Mauger

NURSERY

If you have children (infant through 2 years old) feel free to utilize our nursery so they can be taken care of as you enjoy the service.

Our qualified Nursery Attendants are:

Sept. 1:	Darcy Crowder, Maya Cheeseman
Sept. 8:	Reagan Bianchi, Madison Cheeseman, Evelyn Crowder
Sept. 15:	Audrielle Nevitt, Imajin Smith
Sept. 22:	Ruthie Scheeringa, Kennedy Bianchi, Junius Gerbers
Sept. 29:	Stephanie Chievru, Maya Cheeseman

Children’s Church

Touch the heart of God, change the hearts of kids! During our greeting time children ages 2 to 1st grade are invited to the 3rd Floor. Children’s Church is where your young children build their worship foundation. This is where they focus on God in A personal way and experience children’s worship through up-lifting songs and fun, memorable Bible learning.

	Teachers
Sept. 8	Shirley Bianchi / Tyler Bianchi
Sept. 15	Ashley Gerbers / Maya Cheeseman
Sept. 22	Nikki Eriks / Shelli Cavell
Sept. 29	Peggy Gardenhire / Isaac McCoy

September 22nd is the **DEADLINE** to hand in October Newsletter materials and calendar dates. Deposit in writing in the "Secretary" box in the office.

The Aaron and Hur Honor

In Exodus 17 the Israelites are fighting against the Amalekites. Whenever Moses held his hands up the Israelites prevailed, but over time his hands grew weary so Aaron and Hur held Moses' hands up for him so that the Israelites could prevail. Without Aaron and Hur to help Moses, the Israelites would have been overcome. The Aaron and Hur Honor is a way for Ross Church to recognize and give thanks to those who serve God by serving Ross Church. If you would like to nominate someone please see Shawn.

This month's recipient is Team Tomorrow.

When Team Tomorrow was formed in September 2018, their big goal was to put on an event that would allow Ross Church to re-engage with our community.

At times it seemed like an easy goal to accomplish, and at other times it seemed daunting.

SummerFest happened on Saturday, July 27th and it was a tremendous success. Team Tomorrow did a fantastic job of planning and putting on this event with the help of so many from Ross Church. We couldn't have done it without you!

SummerFest was the first step. Team Tomorrow has formed the Follow Up Committee who is following up with all who came to SummerFest and will continue to do so.

The next time you see Cindy, John Rattray, Keith B, Keith E, Maleeta, Martin, or Nikki tell them thank you for all the hard work they put in to planning and putting on SummerFest.

Online Giving

Ross Church has added online giving as well as an app for giving. Visit www.rosscommunity.org for more information.

Also remember that you can shop at smile.amazon.com and a portion of your purchase will go to Ross at no extra charge to you.



AWANA is every Wednesday, at 6:30pm.

The Community Meal begins at 5:50pm and you are encouraged to invite your friends, family and neighbors.

There are AWANA classes for kids preschool aged through high school. They play games, learn about God, hear from the Bible and have a great time.

* Prayer * Praise * Prayer *

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1. Andrea Diehl is home and doing well. She continues to recover.
2. Bob Taylor was at Community Hospital with an irregular heart beat. He is now home.
3. Dorothy Douma fell and broke her hip. She is back at Lincolnshire and undergoing rehab.
4. Marti Eriks is back at home now. She is still recovering.
5. Arlene Mauger is home now, but also still recovering.
6. Sheila Henry's mom has cancer once again.
7. Seth Lenker has gone through more tests lately. Continue to keep him in your prayers.
8. Please keep our consistory and the two different teams in prayer as they try to help Ross Church reach the lost for Jesus Christ. May the Holy Spirit lead them as they work together.
9. Please keep the following people in your prayers as they struggle with various problems:
Chuck Edge; Bob Taylor; Pauline Brehmer; Millie Bennett; Maleeta Yonker;
Dorothy Koedyker; Mary Keller; Don Eriks.
10. Ella Wyman is now at Elk Grove Christian Center, 2221 W. Division, Room 97, Demotte, IN 46310.
11. Randy Koedyker's wife Judy passed away in Bowling Green, KY. The funeral service was Friday, August 23rd. Cards can be sent to Randy at 281 Chippewa Dr., Bowling Green, KY 42103.

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS – PLEASE SEND CARDS

Dorothy Douma	Lincolnshire Health Care Center 8380 Virginia Place Merrillville, IN 46410	Leona Leep	Residence of Deer Creek Room 202 401 US 30 Scherverville, IN 46375
Ron Szymanski	St. Anthony Home 203 Franciscan Dr. Crown Point, IN 46307	Martha Eriks	10700 Park Place # 2111 St. John, IN 46373

PRAY FOR THOSE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

1. Major Scott Diehl
2. Sgt. Charlie Eastman
3. John Morris, Air Force (Bertha Banning's Grandson)
4. Don Alex Tatalovich, Navy – Crew Chief of Search and Rescue
5. M/SGT Alex Zimnawoda

Would you like prayer?

After the service, a member from the Prayer Team will be in the prayer room located off the hallway one level below the sanctuary. If you have a prayer concern or praise, please feel free to join them – they will be happy to pray for you or with you!

Prayer Team Members in Prayer Room

Sept. 1	Phyllis Eastman
Sept. 8	Eloise Kalmar
Sept. 15	Monica Eriks
Sept. 22	Maleeta Yonker
Sept. 29	Eloise Kalmar

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Sunday School resumes September 8th.

CONSISTORY MEETING
for Elders and Deacons is on Monday, September 16th at 6:30 P.M. Those who would like to request baptism, transfer of membership or to make profession of faith in Christ are invited to meet with the Elders. Please call the church office at 980-0200 if you plan to attend.

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Eloise Kalmar Sept. 1
Denise Modra Sept. 5
Darcy Crowder, Sept. 22
Mary Keller Sept. 29



SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

ESTHER/RUTH CIRCLE
Meets at 1:00PM at church
Hostess: Linda Tolle
Study Leader: Linda Tolle
“The Great House Of God”

HANNAH CIRCLE
Meets at 7:00PM at
Ardy Best' home
Joyce Meyer Video
“A Time To Laugh”



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Every Child Ministries

Dear Friends In Christ,

ECM invites YOU to join us as we partner together to bring hope, help & dignity to African children!

ECM Partnership Fundraising Banquet

Great fellowship and interactive fun, delectable food provided by Inglenook Catering, ministry presentation, and you'll be out by 8:00!

Little Africa Market, great silent auction items donated by local merchants, pie auctions, door prizes.

Freewill offering will be taken to support the work of ECM.

RSVP needed by October 3.

ECM Partnership Fundraising Banquet

Saturday, October 12, 2019

From 4:30pm to 8:00pm

Lake County Fairgrounds

889 S. Court Street

Crown Point, IN 46307