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GARAGE SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!

An event almost 3 years in the making finally happened! For years, we have stockpiled treasures in not only our own garages and basements, but also the garage at Journey of Hope. And now, the long-awaited Journey of Hope garage sale has been planned, organized, staged, sold, and cleaned up. So many hands helped the organization team of Kimberly Lynch, Laura Mellinger, and Amy Mellinger. While we are grateful for their leadership, we are also pleased with so many who donated their time, and treasures, to make this even a success.



You may not have heard, but all the proceeds were going toward mission at Journey of Hope. Half to local missions and half to Spirit Lake. It was announced during our worship service on July 17th that we had brought in \$4,591.50 from the sale. This is great news! However, there is still more coming in. (cont. on page 2)

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” (Hebrews 12:1, ESV)

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

I don't know about you, but when the calendar switches over to August, I get a little worried. It might be because August 15th usually marks the beginning of Ragweed season, and my allergies can get the best of me at times. But I think there's more to it than that. You see, while I used to think that September was (and probably still is) the official end of summer, August is a real close second. I am reminded that we are almost into the next school year and teachers are preparing for students, parents are already buying school supplies, and college students are preparing to move away from home.

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Yes, August is a time of transition, and it's not much different for Journey of Hope. We are preparing for the transition with a focus on our three goals, small groups and Sunday School beginning, Confirmation starting back up again, and even looking forward to Super Service Saturday in September. With all of

this preparation, we begin to get the feeling that summer is slipping away. We wonder if we've been able to enjoy this time enough, get away and relax enough, or just complete all of those outdoor projects before bonfire and hoodie weather creeps in.

How did you do? Did you get everything accomplished? Well, if you didn't, you're not alone. Many people feel like summers are just too fast, that there's not enough time. But guess what, August is just beginning, which means there is still time left in this wonderful season of summer. There's still time to escape to a quiet place and (cont. on page 5)

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DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Mary Becker will be leading *Disciple I: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study*, an intensive 34 week bible study. Participants should be prepared to spend at least 30 minutes daily reading your bible and commit to weekly 2 hour meetings. Classes are set to begin on August 18th from 7-9pm. Study Guides are \$13.79; contact Mary Becker or the office for a copy. You can sign up for class [here](#).

ONE WEEKEND, TWO EVENTS!

**SUPER
SERVICE
SATURDAY**
Sept 10

**RALLY
DAY**
Sept 11

more information coming soon...

GARAGE SALE (cont from page 1)

Donations from church members as well as specific items which are being sold online due to the collectability of them will certainly net more for mission.

This event was a long time in the making. Set up began July 10th and continued throughout the week with donations continuing to come in during the set up. Long days and long nights were made easier with all your help. As the day came, we were worried about the rain on Friday and how that would affect the sales. The results tell us that it didn't. Saturday was certainly better, weather-wise, so we were able to move furniture outside.

All in all, this was a huge undertaking, but with the results, it was worth it. Our local mission in Elgin and Spirit Lake will benefit from all your generosity. On behalf of Kimberly, Laura, and Amy, let me say thank you! Journey of Hope is full of amazing people doing amazing things!

Pastor Jarrod

SERVING IN MINISTRY

What do you enjoy following worship when attending in person? Many will answer; sharing time with my church family. What better way to do that than over a beverage and a snack! There are several Sunday mornings giving you the opportunity to share in this ministry by signing up to bring snacks and/or cleaning up following this wonderful time. Please share by helping with this time so many of us enjoy! Sign up online or Sunday mornings at the snack table. The set up and beverages are always prepared so sign up to lend a hand with the rest.

August

Sunday
Worship
 S & FB Live @ 9:15am
Fellowship Time
 CR @ 10:15am
Group Studies
 M3 @ 10:15am

Monday
Walking Bible Study
 Parsonage @ 6:30am
***if rain, meet in SR*

Wednesday
Panera Bible Study
 SE Panera @ 6am
Pathways Worship
 S & FB Live @ 7pm

Thursday
Prayer Service
 SR & FB Live @ 7am
Coffee w/ the Pastor
 SR @ 7:30pm
Stitches of Hope
 M5 @ 1pm
Disciple Bible Study
 TBD @ 7-9pm
 (begins 8/18)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Trustee Mtg @ 7pm	3	4	5	6
7 MANNA Orders PADS, 5pm	8	9 Care Team, 1pm Church Council, 7pm	10	11 Soup Kettle, 5pm 5 Cups of Coffee, 7pm	12 UMW, 1pm Game Night, 7pm	13
14 Wrapping Party, 10:30am	15 Food for Greater Elgin, 5pm	16 Soup Kettle, 4:30pm	17	18	19	20
21 MANNA Orders Mission Team, 8am	22	23 Gingerbread Bazaar Mtg, 7pm	24	25	26	27
28 Crisis Center Meal, 5pm	29	30	31			

SMALL GROUPS / BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY

"We'll Accept You," M3 @ 10:30am

MONDAY

Walking Bible Study, Parsonage @ 6:30am

WEDNESDAY

Morning Bible Study, S. Elgin Panera Bread @ 6am

THURSDAY

Stitches of Hope, M5 @ 1pm

Disciple Bible Study, TBD @ 7pm (begins August 18)

Northern Illinois Justice For Our Neighbors (NIJFON)

provides free high-quality legal services to low-income immigrants, engages in education and advocacy efforts and builds cross-cultural relationships. In addition to legal services provided by skilled attorneys at clinics across Northern Illinois, staff and volunteers provide hospitality and needed childcare, assist with requisite paperwork and offer a free legal consultation for every immigrant who comes to the clinic.



To donate to this month's Mission Links, drop your check in the offering plate on Sunday morning, give online (select "Mission Link - Current Month" or mail your check to the office. Please designate "Mission Links" in the memo line if you are writing a check.

GINGERBREAD BAZAAR

Booth spaces are still available for this year's Gingerbread Bazaar craft fair. The event is on Saturday, October 15 from 9am-3pm. You can submit your application online or download one here.

A meeting for the upcoming Gingerbread Bazaar will be on Tuesday, August 23 at 7pm in U1 (upper level conference room). Please plan to attend this meeting.

AUGUST UWF MEETING

UWF will have a change in week/day for our August meeting. We will be meeting on Friday, August 12th at 1pm in M5. The presenter for the meeting will be Andy Lindstrom who will be talking about Spirit Lake. he will discuss the origin of our partnership with Spirit Lake and how it has evolved through the years to the point we are today. All church members are invited to hear the story of this ministry.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR (cont from page 1)

reflect on your life and where God is leading you. There's still time to complete some outdoor projects. There's still time to invite some friends over for an outdoor gathering, maybe with some food, beverages, and wonderful conversation.

The writer of Hebrews talks about this life in terms of a race. But I don't think this is a 100-yard dash. Our lives are more like marathons. Therefore, we need to run the race with endurance. Sure, we may need to sprint every now and again, but what about a steady pace. This should help us to spend more time during the "race" with other people. As we journey through our lives, we encounter so many friends and family and we need to take the time to truly be with them. We need to enjoy their company.

As I write this, my family is preparing to travel to South Carolina to spend a week near the Atlantic Ocean. We are looking forward to spending some time together. Who knows, maybe some late-night conversations, puzzles, games, sandcastle building, and of course, eating. But most of all, it will be time spent together, running the race of life.

You don't have to travel in order to spend this kind of time with others. You can accomplish the same thing in your backyard or a local park, quite possibly in a local coffee shop. (BTW, I read that if you drink 3.5 cups of coffee a day, it could lengthen your life. If that's true, I might live forever...lol!) This is all part of the "race" called life. So, how is your race going? Are you in a dead sprint right now, or are you maintaining a steady pace all the while running with others and sharing the journey with them?

I hope you enjoy your August and are able to spend time with family and friends, but mostly, that you will spend some time reflecting on your conflux moments and how God is guiding you in your life.

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jarrod

MANNA GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Manna Gift Card program is an ongoing fundraiser. Through Manna you are able to purchase gift cards at face value for a wide variety of stores -- from big box and grocery stores to pharmacies and gas stations! In return the retailer will give a portion (2-20% depending on the retailer; percentages are listed on the order form) back to Journey of Hope. Purchase a gift card to use for your everyday spending at the grocery or convenience store or buy one to give as a gift.

Orders are collected the first and third Sunday's of every month. You can download an order form [here](#) or pick one up at the Welcome Center on Sunday morning.

Questions? Contact Carole at 847.436.3246 or at carolejb0677@gmail.com.

Summer Choir

Do you enjoy singing but are unable to make the commitment of mid-week rehearsals and Sunday mornings? Come join the Summer Choir!!! This is the perfect opportunity to sing and share the gift of music with others. Summer Choir will sing on August 7th and 21st at 8:30am. Meet in the Sanctuary to learn the song that will be sung during worship that morning.

Questions? Contact Christopher Cherry.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

PADS MEAL

Sunday, August 7 @ 5pm
Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

SOUP KETTLE

Thursday, August 11 @ 5pm
Trinity Lutheran Church
Tuesday, August 16 @ 4:30pm at
Zion Lutheran Church

FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN

Monday, August 15 @ 5:30pm

CRISIS CENTER MEAL

Sunday, August 28 @ 5pm
Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.717.4318

MISSION NEWS

SPIRIT LAKE SHOE BOXES

This month we will be collecting wrapping paper and school supplies. Don't feel like shopping? Buy a Target gift card from MANNA and we can do the shopping for you!

SHOE BOX WRAPPING PARTY

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 14th for a shoe box wrapping party. We'll need as many shoe boxes as possible wrapped for our upcoming Super Service Saturday event on September 10th. We will have people there to give you tips and tricks to tackle the more difficult shoe boxes. Can't join us? Please let us know if you would like any to take home to wrap.

SUPER SERVICE SATURDAY

Join us for our 15th annual Super Service Saturday on Saturday, September 10th, from 9am-4pm. This event was started by our youth to have one day a year where we would all gather for a day of serving together. This year's serving opportunities include:

- Wrapping Shoe boxes for Spirit Lake
- Feed My Starving Children @ 2pm
- JOH Yard Clean Up

Keep an eye out for more information and sign up sheets.



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