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THE JOURNEY OF HOPE APP IS HERE!

You might remember that in August I shared about this exciting new venture that we were embarking on, a new church app for your smart phones. I am so excited to say that it is finally here! We launched this powerful communication tool on Sunday, October 16th. So far over 100 of you have downloaded this new app and have begun using it. That's incredible!

My hope is that this will be a space where you can worship online, discover small groups, have protected conversations, join a bible study, lead a bible study, or just find out what's happening here at Journey of Hope. We will have complete control over the content, and it will all be handled "in-house" so you don't have to worry about sharing information.

I continue to plan on having "app moments" during our Sunday morning worship to highlight other areas of the app and how to navigate the features; however, you can contact me or Robyn in the office if you have any questions about the app, from downloading and installing to making the best use of it to grow in your own faith and discipleship.

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"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful."

(Colossians 3:15, NIV)

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

"And be thankful." Paul writes this in his letter to the church in Colossae as he is undoubtedly trying to help them work through some issues. However, in this short letter, Paul expresses thanks for the people there, reminds them of who Jesus Christ is, talks a little bit about his ministry, encourages them, and gives them a little bit of instruction. This is almost a pattern for Paul, even in his other letters; but I think there's a lesson in this, one that I might attempt to follow.

"I THANK GOD FOR YOUR
PASSION TO SHARE THE
LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THIS
BROKEN WORLD"

I give thanks to God for all of you. Journey of Hope is a community of faith which reaches to each other, to the community, and beyond with the love of God. You demonstrate love of neighbor through local ministries, educational scholarships, and service ministries to Spirit Lake, North Dakota. I thank God for your loving attitude toward all of these ministries and to each other. You truly care for one another, providing support when needed, and praying at all times for each other. I thank God for your passion to share the light of Christ in this broken world. I am also grateful

for the ways you have shown me and my family the love and support we have needed in some difficult times.

In the midst of this community, Jesus Christ is present with us. He is our Lord and Savior who was born into the humblest of states as an infant. He lived among us, was tempted yet is faithful. He was crucified and he died. On the third day he rose from the dead and has returned to be with God the Father. His death on the cross was the atoning sacrifice for our sins and through that act of sacrificial love, we are redeemed by his grace and forgiven.

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Hanging of the Greens

Advent is quickly approaching and that means decorating the church. Our annual Hanging of the Greens will be held on Saturday, November 26th from 8:00 am to noon. Many hands are needed to put up Christmas trees, lights, banners and more. Give whatever time you can to get JOH ready to welcome the birth of our Savior.

JOURNEY OF HOPE APP *(cont from page 1)*

I encourage you to share this information with your friends and family. I guess you could see this as an evangelism tool as you reach out to those who may be searching for a church home or a new way to connect and grow. This is a great way for people to have a sense of belonging, content to help them change their lives, and a tool to share with others. Yes, this can be used in all aspects of our vision for Journey of Hope.

Pastor Jarrod

Thank you, Landscape Maintenance Team! We have a wonderful team of people who work behind the scenes all growing season long maintaining our grounds. THANK YOU Ann Fields, Nancy & Dan Gardner, Gary Hillquist, Jack Kellenberger, Chuck Keysor, Brian Kirmse, and Paul Burris for your faithfulness to caring for God's earth around our building on a weekly basis. There is a backup group of people who fill in when others are unable, such as Gary Newton and Larry Stanley. Thank you Good and Faithful Servants for serving in this way!

November

Sunday
Worship
 S & FB Live @ 9:15am
Fellowship Time
 CR @ 10:15am
Group Studies
 M3, M5, U1, U5 @ 10:30am
Confirmation
 10:30am
Explorer Kids
 L3 @ 10:30am

Monday
Walking Bible Study
 SR @ 6:30am

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

Thursday
Prayer Service
 SR & FB Live @ 7am
Coffee w/ the Pastor
 SR @ 7:30am
Stitches of Hope
 M5 @ 1pm
Disciple Bible Study
 U1 @ 7-9pm

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		1 Care Team, 1pm Trustee Mtg, 7pm	2	3	4	5
6 MANNA Orders PADS, 5pm	7	8 SPRC, 7pm	9	10 Soup Kettle, 5pm	11 Game Night	12
13	14	15 Soup Kettle, 4:30pm Finance, 7pm	16	17 UWF, 1pm	18	19 Chili Cook Off, 4pm
20 MANNA Orders Mission Team, 8am	21 Food for Greater Elgin, 5pm	22	23	24	25	26
27 Crisis Center Meal, 5pm	28	29 Church Council, 7pm	30			

SMALL GROUPS / BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY

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

"Beyond the Broken Heart," U5 @ 10:30am

"Why?," U1 @ 10:30am

"Current Events", M5 @ 10:30am

MONDAY

Walking Bible Study, Sonrise Room @ 6:30am

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

Stitches of Hope, M5 @ 1pm

Disciple Bible Study, U1 @ 7pm

you can start a gratitude journal. This is a journal where every day you can write down one thing that God has brought to your attention. Many have experienced a change within themselves as they participate in this type of writing. Things seem brighter, more full of life, when you focus on those good things instead of negativity. Try it and see how it affects you and truly be thankful this Thanksgiving season!

In Christ's Love,
Pastor Jarrod



PADS of Elgin

PADS of Elgin has helped create a place of safety, warmth, and caring for Elgin area homeless men, women, and children for 28 years. Their mission is to provide emergency shelter while helping

the homeless develop a sustainable future. The shelter is open 365 days a year from 7pm to 7am and has a current capacity for 96 guests per night.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

Robin Luzin will be leading an advent series entitled "The Angels of Christmas" by retired Methodist pastor Susan Robb. The class will meet in the upper level conference room across from the church office. It starts November 27th and meets for four weeks. Watch for the opportunity to sign up in the Thursday evening Journal update.

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

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My personal ministry and the ministry of Journey of Hope is to proclaim that good news of grace, hope, and love. It is also to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. All we do is to the glory of God, pointing others to a life of forgiveness and love. You are a wonderful example of the body of Christ, the Church as God has intended.

I encourage you to continue in the ministry that you are called. Whether it is in mission, service, nurture, or any other aspect of the church, please continue with the wonderful work of our Creator. God continues to bless this community by giving the gifts needed to participate in Kingdom building and we are seeing our numbers increase, just as the early church.

As you journey this thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take time to reflect on gratefulness. What do you thank God for in your life? What ministries of Journey of Hope are you thankful for? What relationships are you grateful for? Maybe

The JOURNEY Choir Wants YOU!

Do you enjoy singing, but are not sure about committing long term? Do you love singing the Advent and Christmas music? Come join us for the season! You are ALWAYS welcome to come Wednesday evenings at 7pm for an hour rehearsal and be part of the ministry team bringing God's word to the congregation on Sunday mornings. We'd love for you to come give it a try!



CHILDREN'S TIME MOMENT

Are you interested in being part of the team to rotate and do a mini children's time for the youngsters in our worship service? If this sounds like you, contact the office or Mary Becker to be added to the team.

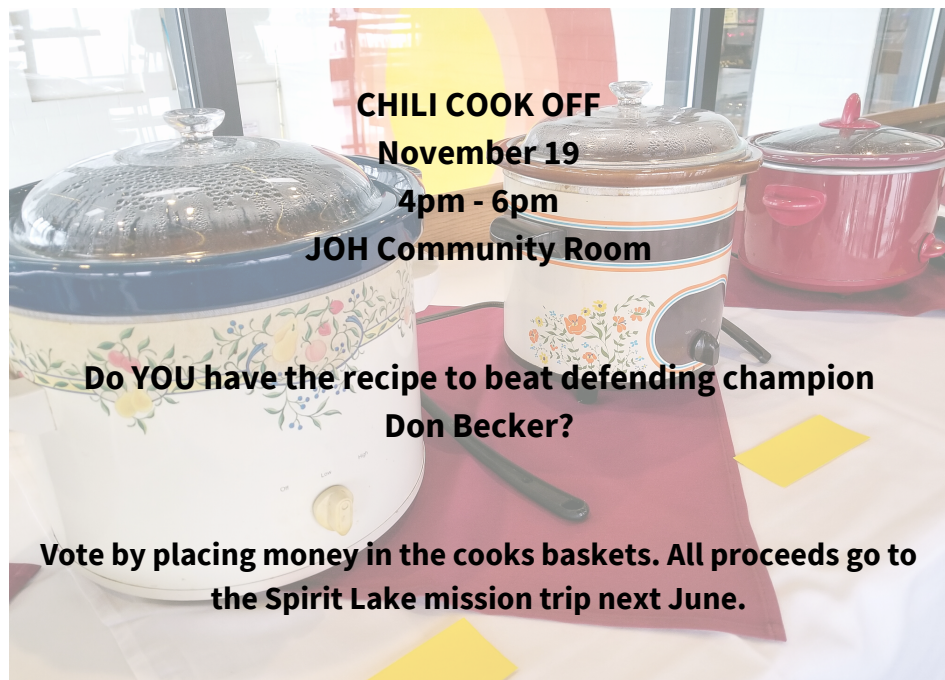
THANK YOU CARDS

Much thanks to our JOH family for your cards, condolences, gifts and support as we celebrated the life of Arlene Weas.

Carlene, Mary and their families

Thank you to everyone for their kindness, cards condolences and help at the memorial service for Arlene.

Kellenberger and Weas families



CHILI COOK OFF

November 19

4pm - 6pm

JOH Community Room

Do YOU have the recipe to beat defending champion Don Becker?

Vote by placing money in the cooks baskets. All proceeds go to the Spirit Lake mission trip next June.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

PADS MEAL

Sunday, November 5 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.894.8651

SOUP KETTLE

Thursday, November 10 @ 5pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday, November 15 @ 4:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN

Monday, November 21 @ 5:30pm

CRISIS CENTER MEAL

Sunday, November 27 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.894.8651

MISSION NEWS

Thank you to all the volunteers. The box wrappers, the shoe box stuffers, Beth Eden UMC, Dundee UMC, Cornerstone UMC, Broadway UMC, First Baptist Church of Elgin, South Elgin Super Target, and the many donations from JOH. Without all of you we would not have been able to deliver 1000 shoeboxes to Spirit Lake!

For advent we will be collecting pajamas of all sizes for local families, items for PADS, toys for kids (list available at Welcome Center) and mittens, gloves, hats for the Crisis Center. Collection boxes will be in the Community Room.

PADS of Elgin is in need of gently used winter coats for kids and adults. L and XL size adult are the most needed.

Our next trip to Spirit Lake Ministry Center is set for June 11-16, 2023. 20 spaces have been reserved and they fill up quickly.



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