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“Behold, I am making all things new.” *Revelation 21:5 ESV*

## WALK FOR A HUNGER-FREE COMMUNITY!

**CROP** means **C**ommunities **R**esponding to **O**vercome **P**overty. CROP Hunger Walks are community events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by area churches, schools and/or businesses. These walks assist families and children, both here in the US and worldwide, to have food for today while building for a better tomorrow. Of the funds raised by the Elgin walk, 25% will go to Elgin food pantries and soup kettles. The rest will be used by Church World Service for disaster relief, refugee assistance, and sustainable economic development around the world.

The 2023 Walk is on October 15 at 150 Dexter Court -- registration opens at 1:30pm, step off at 2pm. Last year, the Journey of Hope team of 11 walkers raised almost \$2,900 for Church World Service and local food pantries! Thank you for your generosity! If you want to participate in the walk or sponsor a donor, you can register or donate [online](#) where you can either join the Journey of Hope team, or choose the team member you want to sponsor in the walk.

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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

Ready or not, pumpkin spice season is upon us and in full swing. Many of you have heard my comments on this seasonal flavor and while I don't fault anyone for their love of it, I just don't share the same affection. However, I do like hoodies, backyard bonfires, hot coffee in the evening, and curling up with a good movie or book, especially in the colder temps that October brings.

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Do we see change as an opportunity to grow in our faith?”

With the welcoming of this month comes yet another change. The seasons always seem to come around no matter what. It's almost like to can plan a calendar around these seasons. But I think this is just another reminder about the constant change that we experience in our lives, and the church is no exception.

Recently, we experienced a large change as we adopted Good Shepherd in the Journey of Hope family. This brings with it many changes. One of the most

prominent would be the change in our worship time to 9am. But there are many others. Worship locations have changed, leadership has seen change, and certainly the sanctuary in Bartlett has seen dramatic changes.

But how are we doing with these changes? Are we celebrating the change or dreading it? Do we see change as an opportunity to grow in our faith? Or are we just waiting for things to fall apart so that we can just go back to the way we've always done things? I certainly hope that's not the case.

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## **CROP WALK** (cont from page 1)

Walkers who want envelopes for cash or check donations should see team captain, Steve Mink, after worship or contact him at startmink@hotmail.com or 847-426-3802. Donors who prefer to contribute by cash or check should see Steve or the walker they wish to sponsor.

This year we are teaming with Centro De Informacion to collect personal care items for their welcoming closet for recent immigrant arrivals. There will be a receptacle in the Community Room for donated items until October 15. Here is what immigrants need:

- All-season blanket - 50" x 60"
- Reusable travel water bottle - 24oz.
- Chapstick
- Small travel hairbrush
- Toothpaste/toothbrush pack
- 3 Packs of tissues
- Travel deodorant
- Fingernail or toenail clipper
- 10 Standard size Band-Aids
- Wide-tooth comb
- Travel shampoo
- 6 Fragrance-free laundry detergent pods in small Ziploc bag
- 10 Granola bars
- 10 Tampons
- 10 Sanitary napkins
- Travel pack of cleaning/baby wipes

Thanks for your past generosity; please support the CROP Walk again this year!

## **2023 GINGERBREAD BAZAAR**

Our highly anticipated 2023 Gingerbread Bazaar Craft Fair is just around the corner. On Saturday, October 21, come shop the wonderful craft fair featuring talented, local crafters and their diverse array of handcrafted items from 9am-3pm. This is an opportunity to support small businesses and pick up some upcoming Christmas presents. There will also be a delectable bake sale featuring homemade treats (bakers, please see article on page 5) and a mouthwatering lunch menu.

## ***VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

While the dedicated team behind the Craft Fair has been diligently preparing to make this a success, we need your support to make it a truly special event. Opportunities to help include setting up on Friday, October 20, working the bake sale, donate food items for the luncheon (for more information visit <https://johumcelgin.churchcenter.com/people/forms/616503>), help prepare and serve lunch and clean up after the fair.

Stop by the Navigation Center on Sundays at either campus or contact Carole Burris to lend your time.



## **CHURCH CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday, October 25, you are invited to the annual Church Conference worship being held at our Elgin campus at 7pm. Come celebrate Journey of Hope's accomplishments for 2023, challenges we are working on, and look forward to how God is calling us to be in ministry in 2024.

# PRAYER LIST

Names listed below that are in **bold** have been added for the first time or the description has been changed. An asterisk (\*) before a name denotes a Journey of Hope member. Prayers will stay on the list for one month unless otherwise requested.

## Prayers for health and healing:

- \*Gene Carter
- \*Ernie Chapman
- Angelo DiLiberti (father of Susan Collins), declining health
- Donna (sister of Connie Schweitzer), surgery to remove hypothyroid cysts
- \*Virginia Fink, strength and determination
- \*Chris Freund, eye surgery
- Friend of Marlon, battling stomach cancer
- \*Jeff Grajek, multiple myeloma
- Hunter (son of Mary Norris), migraines
- \*Robin Luzin, shoulder surgery
- Lynn (friend of Carlene Kellenberger), health issues
- Emily and family (niece of Lisa Eby)
- Marlene Palm, health
- Neighbor of Margo Goodwin, battling breast cancer
- **\*Bev Newton, broken arm**
- Emma Ramos, cancer remission and improved kidney function
- \*Connie Schweitzer, health
- \*Linda Seyller, health issues
- \*Annalise Smoot-Mollsen, cancer treatments
- \*Frank Summers, kidney infection
- Lincoln Zick (grandson of Donna Bach)
- Brett Zweig (son of Carol Zweig), ongoing health issues

## Prayers for strength, support and comfort:

## Prayers for those in continuing care and shut-ins:

- \*Shirley Fletcher, Rosewood Care, St. Charles
- \*Linda Seyller, The Sheridan at Tyler Creek

## Prayers for family and friends in Military:

- Noah Akemann
- Marcus Baker
- AJ Lewis
- Tay Lewis
- Jayden Meyer
- DJ Lewis
- All family & friends serving in the Law Enforcement



Do you want to be part of all the Barbie hype right now? Here's your chance! UWF will be hosting a "Barbie game day" for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 18 at 1pm in M5 at the Elgin campus. All women are invited to play the Barbie board game and try to be Queen

of the Prom or maybe you would prefer to play Barbie Bunco. Attendees are asked to bring feminine products to donate to the Crisis Center. See you there!



# OCTOBER

## SUNDAY

### Worship

Sanctuary/FB Live,  
9:15am

### Fellowship Time

Community Rm, 10:15am

### Sunday School

M3, M5, L3, 10:30am

### Worship

Sanctuary & FB Live,  
10:30am

### Fellowship Time

Levans Hall, 11:30am

## MONDAY

Line Dancing  
Levans Hall, 6:30pm

Elgin Campus - In Black  
Bartlett Campus - In Green

## TUESDAY

Walking Bible Study  
Parsonage, 7:30am

## WEDNESDAY

Panera Bible Study  
S.Elgin Panera, 6am

Creative Prayer  
Journaling  
U1, 2pm

Pathways Worship  
Sanctuary/FB Live, 6pm

Choir Practice  
Wesley Chapel, 7pm

## THURSDAY

Prayer Service  
Sonrise Rm/FB Live, 7am

Coffee w/ the Pastor  
Sonrise Rm, 7:30am

Journey w/ the Living  
Word  
Zoom, 11am

Stitches of Hope  
M5, 1pm

Soulful Walkers  
Sherman Hos., 6:30pm

## SUNDAY

## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

1 MANNA ORDERS Creative Journey, 3pm PADS, 5pm	2	3 Care Team, 1pm Trustees, 7pm	4 Community of Hope, 12:30pm	5	6	7 Shoebox Packing Event, 9am
8 Indigenous People Celebration, 4pm	9	10 SPRC, 7pm	11	12 Fill the Truck, 7:30am Soup Kettle, 5pm Disciple II Mtg, 7pm	13 Game Night, 7pm	14
15 MANNA ORDERS Crop Walk, 1:30pm	16 Food for Greater Elgin, 5pm	17 Soup Kettle, 4:30pm Finance, 5pm	18 UWF, 1pm	19	20 Gingerbread Bazaar Set-Up Mission Team Mtg, 12pm	21 Gingerbread Bazaar, 9am
22 Creative Journey, 3pm Crisis Center Meal, 5pm	23	24	25 Book Club, 4:30pm Church Conf, 7pm	26 Soulful Walkers 6:30pm @ Randall Oaks Rec Center Disciple II, 7pm Choir, 7:45pm	27	28
29	30	31	1	2 Disciple II, 7pm Choir, 7:45pm	3 Merger Team Mtg, 6pm	4

## SUNDAY SCHOOL / BIBLE STUDIES

*We have several Bible Studies and Small Groups that meet through out the week! Keep an eye out for new classes as more are added regularly. Interested in leading a class? See Pastor Jarrod.*

SUNDAY, 10:15am in Elgin

**Jesus Revolution, M3**

**Current Events, M5**

**Kid's Sunday School, L3**

TUESDAY

**Walking Bible Study, Parsonage @ 7:30am**

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

**Journey with the Living Word, Zoom @ 11am**

**Soulful Walkers, Sherman Hos. Walking Path @ 6:30pm**

## MISSION LINKS

Our October Mission Links will support Kids Above All. Kids Above All aims to protect, heal, and educate children and families for improved lives, champions equal justice, rights, and opportunities for all children, offering essential home-based childhood and daycare services in the Chicago area. Their comprehensive work includes foster care, adoption, housing for teens and homeless young adults, and counseling, benefiting at-risk individuals in Cook, DuPage, Kane, and Lake counties

To contribute to Mission Links, simply drop your donation into the offering basket on Sunday during worship or mail check to the office. Please designate checks "Mission Links". You may also use our online giving platform; please select "Mission Links" fund.

## CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your baking skills for our Gingerbread Bazaar's success! Do you have a cherished bread, cookie, pie, or snack mix recipe you'd be willing to make and donate for our craft fair? Here's what you can do:

1. Bake your favorite sweet treats.
2. Plate or wrap them in clear plastic wrap or bags for sale.
3. Label items clearly, including any dietary information (Nuts / No Nuts, Gluten-Free, Sugar-Free, Vegan, etc...).
4. Deliver your baked goods to the Elgin campus on Friday, October 20 (9-11am or 4-7pm) or to the Bartlett campus on Wednesday, October 18 (6-7 pm) or Thursday, October 19 (9:30am-3:30pm). These will be taken to the Elgin campus.
5. Join us at the Gingerbread Bazaar on Saturday, October 21, to shop for delectable treats baked with love by your church family!

No need to sign up or notify us in advance about your donation. We appreciate your baking talents and trust you'll fill our tables with delicious surprises!

**GINGERBREAD BAKERS:** We need 11 volunteers to each make a 10x15 pan of our signature Gingerbread to gift to each bazaar guest. You can frost or leave it unfrosted, depending on your preference. Deliver it to the church at the specified times mentioned above. To get the recipe, sign up at the Navigation Center on Sundays or contact Carole Burris or Nancy Schueneman, and we'll email it to you. Many thanks!

## EMBARK ON A DEEPER JOURNEY: DISCIPLE II AWAITS YOUR NEXT STEP

If you've completed Disciple I, whether it was recently or a while ago, you may be curious about what's next on your spiritual journey. Good news! Mary Becker will be leading a Disciple II class specifically designed for all Disciple I graduates.

To learn more, we invite you to join us for an informational gathering on Thursday, October 12, at 7 pm. We'll meet in the Elgin campus Conference Room, where Mary will unveil her class approach (hint: it may not be a weekly class), discuss meeting times, and address any questions you might have.

Should you have any questions that can't wait until then, feel free to reach out to Mary at (847) 695-1008 or send her an email at [marybecker50@yahoo.com](mailto:marybecker50@yahoo.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

FROM THE DESK... (cont from page 1)

I feel like we need to embrace the change, get cozy with the uncertainty, and dream of where God is calling us to go in our communities.

When we first formed Journey of Hope, we made efforts to combine efforts in ministry and mission. Now we get that same opportunity but with another community in Bartlett. This means a different way of coming together. We need to look at what impact we can make with our communities of Elgin and Bartlett, as well as our regional and global efforts. This could signify a change in our approach or maybe an expansion of where God is leading. What changes do you see?

One of the other changes is revealing itself in how we interact with each other. While Wesley and Epworth came together in one building, our Bartlett campus is continuing in another town. This will present unique challenges to our faith community as we come together as Journey of Hope. We will need to be intentional about community building, small groups, missional adventures, and other ministry opportunities. I feel like this next church year will be one of trial and error as we strive to live as one church with multiple sites. I know we can do it, so we will celebrate the successes and learn from the failures.

Let's grow together and we travel this Journey of Hope.

In Christ's Love,  
Pastor Jarrod

## SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

### *PADS MEAL*

Sunday, October 1 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.894.8651

### *SOUP KETTLE*

Thursday, October 12 @ 5pm

Trinity Lutheran Church

Tuesday, October 17 @ 4:30pm

Zion Lutheran Church

### *FOOD FOR GREATER ELGIN*

Monday, October 16 @ 5pm

### *CRISIS CENTER MEAL*

Sunday, October 22 @ 5pm

Contact Janina Hoffman at 847.894.8651

## MISSION News

### INDIGENOUS PEOPLE CELEBRATION

Join us for the Indigenous People Celebration on Sunday, October 8! We kick off the festivities with a presentation from a drum group representing an Illinois tribe, affiliated with the Midwest Soaring Foundation within the United Methodist church. Following the presentation, we invite everyone to participate in a potluck. Please bring a dish to share, and the drum group will also be bringing a traditional dish from their heritage.

This promises to be a memorable and enriching experience for all who attend. Don't miss out on this special celebration!

### TWO LAST CHANCES TO HELP WITH SPIRIT LAKE SHOEBOXES

Our last packing day is set for Saturday, October 7, from 9am to 4pm in the Lower Level at the Elgin campus. To accomplish our goal of packing an additional 600 boxes, we require more supplies (e.g.: socks, hats, gloves, items for teens, hygiene products, school supplies...). If shopping isn't your thing, consider contributing with an Amazon or Target gift card, and we'll handle the rest!

Then, on Thursday, October 12, at 7:30am, we'll load up the truck with all the shoeboxes. Andy and Jenny Lindstrom will take charge of transporting these boxes to the Spirit Lake Ministry Center from October 13 to 15. From there, they will be distributed to areas in North Dakota reservations where they are most needed. Your support makes a difference!

