



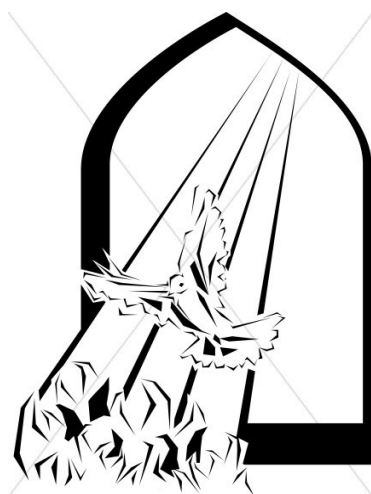
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a letter from the pastor



Grace and peace to all of you, in Christ Jesus.

One of the main callings, of a pastor, is to **“Equip the Saints to do the work of the ministry.”** Ephesians 4:12-14 states:

“So, Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,¹² to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”

One of the main ways, for all of us, “to be equipped,” is to know and grow in the understanding and application of God’s Word in our lives. I believe with all my heart that all of us need to be reading and studying God’s Word on a daily basis. Some times it can be difficult to read God’s Word and really know what it is saying and how it applies to our lives. For that reason, I have used Seedbed daily devotions here in my newsletter a number of times. The reason why is that it is a great way to ready God’s Word and also have it applied to our lives. I have and still am copying some of Seedbed’s devotions to entice you to go online and sign up for these devotions. I read them every day, and, if you are willing to read them every day, then we will be going through the same scriptures and daily devotions together. And I think that would be cool.

You can sign up for this daily devotion at seedbed.com. And if you don’t want to read them, there is an audio version as well.

Below is a Seedbed devotion titled: “Last thing... First Love”

Philippians 3:10-11

“I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead” (NIV 1984).

CONSIDER THIS

No truer, more poignant, or more inspirationally ambitious words have ever been spoken than these. This is our first love. To this we must return again and again and again. The whole genome of the Christian faith lives in these powerful words.

I want to know Christ. Let those words settle over you.

I want to know Christ. Let them lodge in your deepest heart.

I want to know Christ. This is our first love.

This is what it means to follow Jesus, to be a Christian. No matter how far along you are on the journey, no matter if you serve in the church vocationally or professionally—in fact, especially if you serve in the church vocationally or -professionally—you never progress beyond this core aspiration: I want to know Christ.

In a wedding ceremony, the first act of worship is the declaration of intent by the bride and the groom. The parties are asked questions something like this these:

Do you take this man/woman to be your lawfully wedded spouse? Will you love him/her, comfort him/her, honor and keep him/her in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others keep only to him/her so long as you both shall live?

This is the kind of intent Jesus looks for in his followers

I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

It can take time to get there, and be even more challenging to stay there, but this is the invitation. So why would we make such a declaration? Only one reason—Jesus has already made this kind of declaration toward us.

I want to know Christ.

If you are anything like me, though, I don't tend to linger too long there. I am eager to get to the next part of the declaration.

I want to know the power of his resurrection.

If I'm honest, that's what I'm most interested in. I want to know the resurrection power. I want to do the stuff Jesus did. I want to do great things in his name. I want to know the power of his resurrection.

But can we just pause and back up a step? We need to do more than linger with those first words. We must make camp there, and not just a temporary retreat kind of camp but a permanent camp. This is our home. First love.

I want to know Christ. Full stop.

Why is this so important? For starters, because if we ever get past it, we've lost it. There is no resurrection power outside of knowing Jesus. It is the fruit of the fellowship. And speaking of fellowship, watch where the text goes.

I want to know the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings.

Keeping it real here, I am not entirely sure I want to know this—the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings. You too? That's okay. This is a marathon we are running here, not a hundred-yard dash. Let's back up a couple of steps.

I want to know Christ, and the power of his resurrection . . .

So what if the point of the power of his resurrection is to enable us to participate in the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings? And what if within the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings is where the power of his resurrection becomes the most real and the most powerful? And what if this is where we really get to know Jesus? It gets deeper still.

. . . becoming like him in his death.

Okay, that's a bridge too far. But isn't this the very song Paul sings out in the second chapter of this letter—about having the same mind in us that was in Christ Jesus, who took on the nature of a slave, humbled himself, and became obedient to death, even death on a cross? Yes, Paul actually wants us to sing along with our lives.

This is moving past a declaration of intent and into something akin to vows. "For better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part." Only this is not till death do us part. Keep tracking

I want to somehow attain to the resurrection of the dead.

While death is the end of a marriage, it looks to be the beginning of the life hid with Christ in God. The resurrection of the dead was a given for Paul. He said as much in his letter to the Corinthians. If the dead are not raised, then Christ was not raised. Permit me to ponder with you here. The resurrection of the dead was as fixed as the sun in Paul's understanding. He wasn't striving to attain that which was a given at the end of time. Paul believed there was an ever-increasing sense that though he would be raised on the last day, this future reality was available even now—in life—before death. Because Jesus had attained to the resurrection of the dead, in this life, Paul believed it was somehow possible for him—and us—to attain it now. It's why he wrote things in this letter like, "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

It gets richer. Here's the even deeper mystery. Paul has accelerated his own death, allowing it to become subsumed in the death of Jesus, and thereby abandoning his whole life to him. Consider how he put it in Galatians, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (2:20).

And did I mention Paul wrote this letter from his retreat home overlooking the Mediterranean Ocean? No! Paul wrote this from a dank, dark prison cell. From a hopeless, joyless, and loveless place, Paul wrote what has become known as the Epistle of Joy. The one in greatest apparent need of encouragement became the greatest encourager of all time. What was his secret? For Paul there was only ever this: I want to know Christ.

*To know Jesus is to know everything else.
The power of his resurrection.
The fellowship of sharing in his sufferings.
The becoming like him in his death.
The somehow to attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

It seems right and good to close out this concluding word with perhaps Paul's greatest benediction, coming on the heels of the powerful declaration of his intention.

Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil. 3:12–14)

I want to know Christ. First love.

THE PRAYER

Jesus, I belong to you. Amen."

Your fellow servant in Christ Jesus.

Pastor Doug Carroll



Worship SCHEDULE

We are back in person to worship! We will continue to stream the worship service via Facebook live at 8:30 am on Sundays and this service will also be posted on our website by Monday evening.

June 6th -8:30 am—"Life in the Christian Household" - Colossians 3:18-4:1

June 13th -8:30 am—Josh Linnemann

June 20th -8:30 am—Phyllis Potter

June 27th -8:30 am— Brian Phillips

Those Who Serve

**Greeters and Readers will continue to remain as we have been currently doing due to COVID.*

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
June 6	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 13	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 20	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
June 27	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

<u>Communion Setup</u>	<u>Pianist/Organist</u>
June 6	Ann Pals

<u>Greeters/Door</u>		<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>
July 4	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 11	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 18	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.
July 25	Jason Barklow	-	Melissa V.

<u>Communion Setup</u>	<u>Pianist/Organist</u>
July 4	Ann Pals

If there is a conflict with your schedule, please find someone to trade with you, then contact Megan at the office with the change at 815-443-2177, email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS



June 6		Communion
June 6		Graduate Recognition/ Refreshments after Church
June 12	12:30 pm	Youth Group– Air Soft Games
June 13	6-8 pm	Youth Group Meeting
June 17	6:30 pm	One Board Meeting
June 20		Grace Meal– St. John's (PC)

July Newsletter items are due on June 23rd



Please Join Us! Small group/ Bible study to be held at Steve and Janis Sheffey's house on Monday nights from 6:30 -8:00 pm. Please bring a Bible and sermon notes.

Dear Parents, Our kids will experience the wonders of God at our Vacation Bible School, Workshop of Wonders: Imagine and Build with God! Your children will become Visioneers at the Workshop of Wonders as they explore how the ordinary becomes extraordinary with God and experience the love of Jesus.

Join us at: Pearl City First United Methodist Church Sunday, July 18th to Thursday, July 22nd from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Program will be Sunday, July 25th at 8:30 am

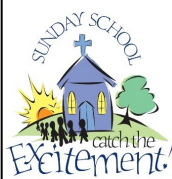
To be a part of all the excitement at Workshop of Wonders, complete a registration form by July 1st.

To register, fill out a form in the office or give it to Melissa Voegeli. You can also register online at pearlcityumc.org

For any questions, call Melissa at 815-541-4075.



And let the games begin! Pastor Doug and Devin will be taking the Youth Group (grades 5th-9th currently/just finished) to the Air Soft Games in Rock City on Saturday, June 12th. Meet at the church by 12:30 pm sharp. We need to arrive and be ready to play by 1:30 pm. We will return to the church at approximately 5:30 pm. Parents are welcome to join, for we need supervisors and drivers. The cost is \$10 per person and all supplies are provided. We are inviting the Stockton Calvary Church youth as our opponents. Ralph Taylor runs the facility and will spend some time talking to the youth about his Christian experiences. **Please tell Kathy if your child is going to attend by June 10th so transportation arrangements can be made.**



Don't forget! Sunday school has resumed. Every Sunday during service, children are welcome to attend Sunday school in the lower level. A short children's sermon is held when they return from Sunday school.



The youth group will meet on the second Sunday evening of the month from 6-8 pm for all 7th-9th grade youth. If you have any questions, please contact Devin Martens, pastor Doug Carroll, or Kathy Sleezer.



Pearl City United Methodist Church One Board Meeting May 20th, 2021

Present: Calvin, Jason, Jennifer, Jolene, Greg, Pastor Doug, Janis, Dennis, Janine, Sarah, Cindy, Ann, Janis, Lucy

Calvin called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm

Checking account balance at the end of January, 2021 was \$6,126.66

Motion was made by Dennis to approve the consent calendar, and Lucy seconded, motion passed.

Trustee items:

1. Remodel work at parsonage continues.

- *Jason, Sarah & Rita from McConnell did a walk-through in the parsonage.

- *Stove and dishwasher have been installed.

- *Appears to be a pipe issue in the shower room in the basement. Brinkmeiers will be contacted ASAP. Basement also has a hole in the floor near the base of the stairs that needs to be addressed as it fills with water.

- *Landscaping work continues-Pastor Doug taking on some of that work by his choice

2. Construction work in lower parking lot

- *Goal for work in lower church parking lot so that door is able to be used for the food pantry is roughly set for end of June/beginning of July

- *Parking lot will be approximately 50 feet shorter than the old lot was

- *West wall in lower parking lot needs to be replaced. Cost of concrete wall vs block wall was considered and were approximately same cost

- *There will be a frost-free stoop at the back door. The old concrete will be removed and replaced.

- *The drain in the back parking lot is going to have to stay due to some unexpected line issues

- *The road down to the parking lot from the south side of the church will be 2 lanes

Lucy made a motion for the existing wall to be replaced with a concrete wall. Janis seconded the motion. Motion passed

Old Business:

New Business:

1. The organ is still needing to be removed. Calvin had someone lined up to take it, but that fell through. Janis will contact the piano tuner to see if he knows of anyone that may be interested in taking it.
2. Communion on June 6th will be done in a way closer to the way it was done pre-pandemic. The bread will be pre-cut and the cups will not be placed back. Sealed cups/bread will still be an option
3. Linda, Trudy & Kris L will be contacted about the new process



Newsletter Cont.

Walk-in Items:

The church will follow CDC COVID-19 guidelines. Social distancing remains in place for all. Per the CDC, masking is not required for members that are vaccinated, however, anyone may wear a mask if they would like to. There has been no change in guidance per the CDC for those not vaccinated and masks and hand sanitizer will remain available. Members are encouraged to use their own judgement on CDC guidance.

2. Pastor Doug will be on vacation June 7th-June 27th. He will be vacationing at home the week of June 7th & June 21st and out-of-state the week of June 14th
 - a. Phyllis, Brian and Josh will preach the 3 Sundays that Pastor Doug will not be available
 - b. Pastor Eddie will be available if needed during that time
 - c. Bible study will continue Monday nights as they have been

Jason made a motion to adjourn, Cindy seconded, and meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm

Submitting a Prayer Request: Please email prayer



requests/ joys to pearlcityumc@gmail.com or call the PC UMC Phone (815-443-2177) and leave a message, and we will add them to our bulletin and they'll be included in our worship service.

We also have a sheet on the table in the

Narthex that you can add your joys/concerns to before the service begins. For those that would like a private prayer with the pastor, please just note that in your message. There are also private prayer slips on the table that you can write out and leave for Pastor Doug.



Office Hours: Megan will be working from home and in office throughout the week with set office hours on Thursdays from 10:30-3:30. If you need anything, please don't hesitate to call or email her. You can email her at pearlcityumc@gmail.com or call the office and leave a message. She will get back to you as soon as possible.

Offerings: Please remember that if you are financially able, you can continue to mail your offerings to the church: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236, Pearl City, IL 61062.



PRAY FOR HEALING

Those suffering from illness and injury

Those going through hard times, spiritually, mentally, finically, and/or physically.

OUR SHUT-INS & THOSE IN NURSING HOMES

Dortothy Willhite

Connie Brady

Marcelle Rosenstiel

Our family and friends in care facilities and hospital

OUR NATION, WORLD & COMMUNITY

Our men and women in uniform and their families



June Celebrations



Birthdays

Jun 1 Dustin Kluck
Jun 4 Melissa Kluck
Jun 6 Vivienne Sheffey
Jun 14 Owen Benefiel
Jun 14 Diem Gronewold
Jun 16 Dorothy Willhite
Jun 18 Merlyn Voss
Jun 18 Angela Rosemeier
Jun 18 Marvin Edler
Jun 20 Luke Sheffey
Jun 23 Joshua Linnemann
Jun 25 Noah Liebenstein
Jun 26 Emma Gobeli
Jun 28 Melissa Voegeli
Jun 30 Michelle Christasen
Jun 30 Stephanie Rosestiel



Anniversary's

Jun 7 M/M Leon Volkers
Jun 8 M/M Larry Roach
Jun 8 M/M Ralph Drane
Jun 14 M/M Terry Phillips
Jun 16 M/M John Kuhlmyer
Jun 28 M/M Larry Johnson

****If any birthdays or anniversaries have been missed or are incorrect, please let Megan know so she can update our records. Thank you!***

Church Directory

UPDATE

HELP NEEDED! Our church directory is in need of some updating. We need your current address and contact information to keep you up to date on what's happening in the church. Please let us know of any changes to your family (marriage, births, etc.) so we can keep those record updated as well. If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter or would like to only receive it by email, please let us know too. If you need to update your information, you can call (815)4432177, email pearlcityumc@gmail.com, or mail this from back to: Pearl City UMC, PO Box 236 Pearl City, IL Attn: Megan You can also update your information on or website under Member Access.

-Thank you for your help!

Name(s)

Address

Phone

Cell Phone

Text Yes No

E-mail

Anniversary

Birthday(s):

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With that being said:

Communion on June 6th, and, going forward, will be done in a way closer to the way it was done pre-pandemic. The bread will be pre-cut and the cups will not be placed back. Pre-packaged communion cups will still be an option for those who prefer it.



Congratulations to all of our 2021 graduates:

Brent Barklow— Loras College, Bachelor's Degree in Sports Management. He is finishing up his internship at the Field of Dreams this summer and then would like to find a job with a professional sports team.

Aimee Gravenstein- Freeport High School. She plans to attend Highland Community College for nursing and pursue a career in the labor & delivery unit.

Allana Pals— Luther College, Degree in Psychology. She will be starting a job with FHN Counseling Center in June while she obtains her Master's degree with an emphasis on working with emotional support animals.

Ayden Pals— Dakota High School, He plans to attend Highland Community College to get his welding certificate and major in Industrial Science.

Brooke Stephan— Carroll University, Bachelor's Degree in Health Science with an emphasis in Radiologic Technology and a minor in Psychology. She is living in the Milwaukee area and pursuing a job in her field, looking to specialize in MRI.

Please Join us in recognizing our graduates on June 6th. We will be serving refreshments after church. (donuts, juice, milk, coffee)