

The Sterling Messenger

“Inspire”

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“A “Needs Board” and Acts 2: 42-47”

*Our Mission
is to proclaim
the gospel of
Jesus Christ
and to serve all
people.*

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Recently, we, First Christian Church, hosted a visiting mission group from Missouri. I coordinated the work for this group to do while they were in Sterling. As I called people to find out what “needs” we had in our congregation I found out a few interesting things. First, there were those people who already have plenty of help and who did not feel as if they needed help. Second, there were those who said, “There are always others who are worse off than me,” and finally there were those who accepted help immediately. Regardless of where you fell on this continuum of responses, or where you would fall if you were called, I want you to know that every response it O.K. My main concern in all of this was to make sure we were helping people in need. And do you know what.....we did, and it was amazing!

The fact is we all need help occasionally.

There are times in our lives when we need more help than at other times. My hope is that we, the people who make up this congregation, know that we can call on each other in our times of need.

Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

As a result of my understanding of this scripture and of how we should be living out community, I have created a “Needs Board.” The “Needs Board” is a bulletin board that is located in the hallway of our church that leads to the kitchen and fellowship hall. It is clearly designated with a “Needs” sign. There is a place for people to write down their needs along with their name and phone number. There is also a place for people to write down ways in which they can help others along with their name and phone number. I will coordinate this board for a short period of time, but then I will “need” to hand it over to someone else to coordinate.

I look forward to this new ministry in the life of this congregation. I think it has great potential to encourage us all to reach out for help when we need it and to use our God given gifts to help others when they are in need.

Susan

This Week’s Calendar

Sunday, August 1st

9:40 a.m. Elders
10:00 a.m. Worship

Monday, August 2nd

Yoga cancelled

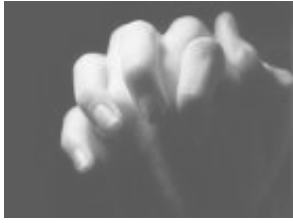
Wednesday, August 4th

Yoga Cancelled

Sunday, August 8th

9:40 a.m. Elders
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. Worship Committee after Church

Prayers: Joys and Concerns



Mayler Brunie (Peni Carson's friend) - brain Tumor, had surgery, but a portion of the tumor remains.

Reagan Murry (25 years old from Holyoke) has esophageal cancer.

Joshua Frank, 15 years old, malignant tumor, pressing against his heart.

Cards can be sent to:

Josh Frank
19548 Marigold Dr.
Sterling, CO 80751

Margaret Lueck, shoulder pain.

Ted Tomes (friend of the Lindstroms) was recently diagnosed with cancer.

Bonnie Gross's son's wife's grandma, has bone marrow cancer.

Continued prayers for:

Ryan Miller , Koy McClanahan, Greg Davis

Kelly Hartman, daughter of **Carol Graybill, Carol and Paul Leightsey**, friends of Peni Carson. **Melissa**

Craddock, Russ Johnson, Jeremy Hobbie, Elaine Lampley, Brian Sessions, Harriet Kerndt, (Pat Crough's sister from Salida), Lon Dickerson, Suzie Mauler, Lindsay Boerner, Starla Reed and her boys.

Daily Time with God



July 29th	Psalms	56-58
July 30th	Psalms	59-61
July 31st	Psalms	62-64
August 1st	Psalms	65-67
August 2nd	Psalms	68-69
August 3rd	Psalms	70-72
August 4th	Psalms	73, 74

Sermon Schedule

August 1st

Lay Minister: Jared Sonnenberg

Sermon Title: Doubting with Faith

Sermon Scripture: John 20:19-31

Get Well Cards!



Anyone wanting to send get-well cards to George Bittler, please send them to:

George Bittler
Owner
Big O Tire Co.
313 E. Chestnut St.
Sterling, Co 80751

George is in rehab in Longmont. His son takes the cards to him.

Water Booth!!!

We are still in need of volunteers for the water booth. The water booth will be running from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Please sign up. We need all the help we can get.

The Evangelism Committee

Thank you, Ladies!

Thank you to all the ladies that hosted the Ladies Night Out. All of the salads were delicious. We appreciate all your effort. It was beautiful!

Bonnie North

Thank You!

To the 30 daring souls who braved the monsoon to attend our ladies night out, a big thank you! Though our bodies were dampened, our spirits weren't! You made our evening of food, fun and friendship a big success. Thanks again for coming.
CWF Executive Committee



Navajo Mission Trip

I need to know by **Sunday, August 8** if you are committed to going on the Navajo mission trip. Due to planning reasons I can not have people backing out at the last minute. We will depart on **Wednesday morning, September 22**. Each car will be responsible for packing their own dinner to eat on the road. We will make stops as necessary. The trip will take approximately 9 hours (without stops). We will head back home **Sunday, September 26** in the morning. The cost is: gas + anything else you want to contribute.

Please call me, **Susan**, at **522-3353** if you have any questions regarding this trip!

Serving Schedule for Sunday, August 1st

Elders: Marty Royle (Out)

Boyd Glennen & Maxine McFarland (In)

Deacons: Amy Sonnenberg (Out)

Dorothy Schreyer & Tammy Sonnenberg (In)

Sandy VanDusen & Rita Sonnenberg (In)

Lay Leader: Patty Ingraham

Guest book: Margaret Bailey

Children's Moment: Patty Bartlett

Greeters: Gene Uler

Acolytes: Josh Barton & Zachary Karg

Soundboard: Stephen May

Bread Baker: Carol Graybill

Preparing Deacon: Carol Graybill

Working Pews: The Worship Committee

Ushers: Margaret Bailey & Phyllis Jones

August Birthdays

Sean Bartholomew	10-1
Cassie Sonnenberg	10-1
Kay VanKalkeren	10-5
LaVonne Duncan	10-6
Elizabeth May	10-7
Marilyn Mallory	10-12
Marty Royle	10-13
Marie Rogers	10-15
John Snyder	10-15
Daniel Koch	10-17
Boyd Glennen	10-17
Della Williams	10-18
Maxine McFarland	10-18
Randy Grossart	10-26
Nena Russell	10-26
Marshall Mitchell	10-27
Gene Russell	10-29
Hunter Diamond	10-29
Rob Nichols	10-30



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