



Greetings from the Dr. Moody Colorado

While writing this article, the internet and television news is getting flooded with the news that the current President Joe Biden has released an official statement that he will not seek a reelection at the same time endorsing Vice President Kamala Harris. With the internet, this breaking news must have been circulating around the world in just a few minutes.

This year's political changing of the guards contest is a world spectacle. The attempted shooting on former President Donald Trump raised so many questions of "why?" with not much answer because the shooter is dead. No doubt, leadership is a power that affects people's lives. I'm sure the world is praying for God's blessing upon the world leaders. Whatever world leaders say and do, everyone ought to whisper, "Lord in your mercy."

People look up to the Leader. Who do leaders look up to? None other but God, I hope. When a leader looks up to himself or herself this world is in trouble. History reminds us of the doomed charismatic leaders that led their people to historical destruction such as Hitler and Reverend Jim Jones. Hitler's self-uplifting leadership plunged the world into World War 2. The so-called Reverend Jim Jones led his church into a dream of an earthly paradise that ended up in a mass suicide known as the 1978 Guyana Massacre. And we thought that a leader with the title Reverend would have been sufficient to ensure that the people are following a godly leadership. I want to toss in a penny of my thoughts on how to know that a leader is truly godly. This is important to all new leadership including new pastors in a new appointment.

Borrowing from the Theologian, Paul Tillich, it's all about the Ultimate Concern. Every human has heart, mind and soul. Everything that a human pursues in his/her heart, mind and soul, is driven by a value, a dream, a vision, or in short, a Concern. In pursuing anything, the direction can either be godward or selfward. At the ultimate spot of the direction is the glory for either God or the self. This is where a good organization succeeds or fails. All great empires like the Roman Empire, the Nazi Government, including the Rev Jim Jones Church in Guyana, has fallen because of one common mistake of leadership: Selfward Ambitions and Glory.

Every human is given by God the free choice of mindset. Those who choose to have godward perspective have a powerful help from Christ who promised to send the Holy Spirit in his name. Paul told the

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Corinthians, “For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God,” (1 Corinthians 1:18).

Everyday, every human experiences a tension in his heart whether to pursue a selfward ambition or godward ambition. There is the tension in the mind whether to be truthful or be a hypocrite. There is a tension in the soul whether to be holy or corrupt. No ordinary human is walking perfectly on the straight line. The term human implies that we are not perfect and that we must admit this truth so that we can avail of Christ’s help.

The tension pull is happening towards the left or the right of the perfect holy line. Every human is a nervous navigator constantly steering his/her own vehicle towards the center of the road without blinking. To fall asleep on the wheel is a sure disaster. Therefore keep focused on the Cross. Right away you see the message of sacrifice. It is the key to fixing all the problems in this world. It is the secret in succeeding to obey God’s greatest command to Love God with all heart mind and soul, and to love those that are other than yourself. The key to success is the formula: deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow Christ diligently and wholeheartedly.

Christ is the most outward of all leaders. He never spoke of his own glory. He never claimed the things he deserved. He never used his power for his own benefits. He was outwardly. He is god-wardly. His example is what every humble leader must learn.

Pray hard because the tension in our hearts are great: godward vs selfward. Is it godward? And is it not selfward? If yes on both, then that could be the best choice. Pray hard that your direction may keep steady and reach your ultimate dream, your ultimate value, your ultimate concern of all ... God. God is our ultimate concern. Godward is the ideal direction. Amen.

Dr. Moody Colorado

MEET and GREETs

with Pastor Emelyn!

Join her in Fellowship Hall
after church on Sundays,
at 10 AM on Mondays (starting July 29),
or call to set up a time.

Pastor Emelyn is looking forward
to getting to know you,
sharing her journey, and
sharing the love of Christ with all.
Come alone or with a group!

Coffee and snacks will be served!

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Education News

RALLY DAY at Sunday School on **September 8th!!!**

Summertime! Hope your days are filled with
sunshine, love and joy! (and not too many mosquitoes!)
Mark your calendars for **RALLY DAY** at Sunday
School on **September 8th!!!**

HELP! Our preschoolers need a teacher for their class.
If little people are your passion, please contact the
church office or Roxanne Lewis (319-939-1938). We
need YOU!



Lay Leader Notes

By Cindy Morse

Greetings to my St Paul church family--- and a big welcome to Pastor Emelyn and Moody Colorado.

If you have attended any committee meetings this past month, you have witnessed the excitement of Pastors Emelyn and Moody the Holy Spirit is truly with them.

Secondly, if you have been present when prayers are said; you would have heard; salt of the earth and discipleship mentioned often.

What I am sharing in this article are excerpts from the book The Walk by Adam Hamilton. Our Lord wants us to serve others and to be disciples.

To Serve; here I am, Lord, Send Me. From Joshua 24: 15 We are told, " Choose this day whom you will serve... but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

From Matthew 20: 26b,28; Jesus is telling his disciples "Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant... just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

And last from Ephesians 2:10; For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life."

All essential practice of Christian life is serving. The words "serve", "serving", "service", and servant appear over 1000 in the Bible. We are meant to serve God by doing his work and his will in this world. This is an important truth; God's primary mode of working in the world is through people. When God looks at our world today, there are things that continue to break his heart. When God sees pain and brokenness, poverty and injustice he is moved with compassion.

Through scripture God calls us to do good, practice justice, kindness and love.

To close I want to share this blessing by Mary Farrell

We will be together in these places. We will watch out for each other. We will listen to whatever needs to be said. We need not be fearful or anxious or prodding when it seems that silence is the only possible response.

We will wait for the slowest. We will sooner or later catch up with the fastest. We will dry the tears of those who are weeping and know that they will dry ours when the time comes.

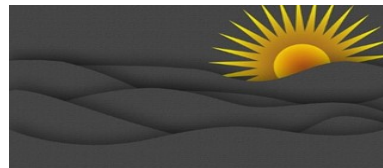
We will ourselves begin to feel at least a little of the pain of those we have considered our enemies. We will let ourselves feel the pain of being thought of as someone else's enemy; not the pain of being thought of as someone misunderstood, but the pain of acknowledging all those strands of history that have put so many barriers between us.

We will not forget the joy of life; we will not forget to be grateful. We will do our best to stir in each other the courage to act with love and justice in our lives.

Is it time that we all become servants?

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Healthy

Cindy Morse



Outreach Opportunities



As August is approaching, we may be asking where has the summer gone. For our outreach work we have been packing twenty-nine kids' bags and eleven family bags each week. Thank you for your contributions to this program. The families are very appreciative. We will continue for three weeks in August.

If you listen to KNWS, they are collecting gift cards for the children's Hospital. We gave four cards, each worth \$25.00

At mid-summer, the school sales start. We have started collecting items for school bags and health kits. In the past we have sent around 100 bags. Have fun shopping!

PERSONAL DIGNITY KIT

- 1 Hand towel—no kitchen towels
- 1 Washcloth—no dishcloths
- 1 Adult toothbrush—no multipacks
- 1 Bar soap 3-4 oz
- 1 Shampoo—12-19 oz
- 1 Deodorant—2-3 oz—stick, roll on, or pump
- 1 Lotion—8-10 oz
- 1 1-gal resealable plastic bag

Place all items in the resealable plastic bag

\$2 donation for toothpaste and carrying bag, per kit

STUDENT KIT

- 3 Notebooks—1 subject spiral 8" x 10 1/2"
- 1 Ruler—12" long with metric
- 6 Pencils—unsharpened
- 1 Pencil sharpener
- 1 Eraser—2" or larger
- 1 Box 12 colored pencils
- 1 Box 24 crayons
- 1 Pair student scissors
- 1 One-handed cloth bag*
- Place all items in the cloth bag



Outreach Opportunities



Pastor Emelyn and Moody have a very helpful mission project in the Philippines. We have sent \$300 to help with the school. Also, we are starting to collect Tylenol and acetaminophen, which are important in the healing ministry. It is so helpful to have a personal connection to international outreach.



Thank you to the Krugs, Higgens and Huttons for hosting the summer get-togethers.



May God Bless you as you Bless Others!

Finance Update

June 30	\$1870
July 7	\$3764
July 14	\$1015
July 21	\$3020

If you are enjoying summer get aways, remember the church expenses continue during these months. Thank you for your faithfulness.



Thank you for faithful giving of your time and offerings to the church..

United Women in Faith

August 2024

WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG WELCOME TO OUR NEW MINISTER, PASTOR EMELYN, AND TO HER HUSBAND, PASTOR MOODY. If you haven't met them yet, stop by their office and introduce yourself.

Summer is quickly coming to an end. Be sure and take extra time while you are driving to watch out for all the children and extra traffic. We may still have some nice summer weather, but Fall is just around the corner. School Bells will be ringing in a few weeks in our Union Community Schools, and that means for all general purposes that the Summer of 2024 is coming to an end.

Now is the time to get your items for our school bags. Most stores have them on sale now. If you would like to donate but don't want to go shopping, we can use donations to help pay for the shipping. If you have any questions, please call Colleen Schulz.

Thank you to JoEllen & Jerry Krug for hosting our first gathering at their home. Be sure and remember the gatherings August 4 at Dee & Dick Hutton home. These are great opportunities to get to know Pastor Emelyn and each other a little better.

This month I am sharing some suggestions on ways "To Make Your Day" from the book, "Joy Breaks" by Barbara Johnson.

Start a journal if you don't already have one. Write down 5 things each day that you are thankful for that day.

Make eye contact with every person you greet and give a hug to at least half of them.

Take the word struggle out of your vocabulary and replace it with the word adventure.

Smile at yourself in the mirror, wink back.

Don't allow a problem to be solved to become more important than a person to be loved.

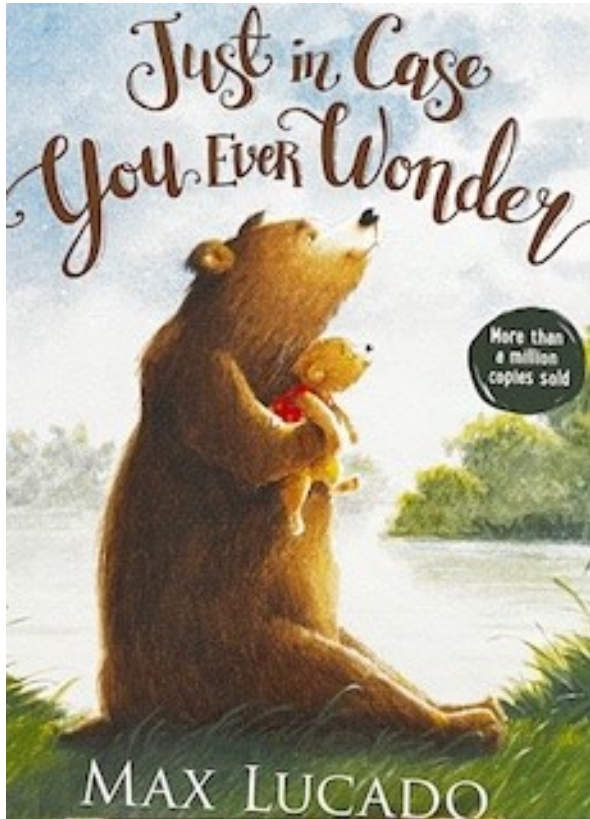
Relish small pleasures.

Our Bible Verse for August is found in Philippians 4: -5.

"Be glad in the Lord always! Again, I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near."

Blessings to you and your loved ones as we enjoy the remaining days of Summer.

Pat and Charlene



The Book of the Month

About the Author

In Max Lucado's remarkably simple yet profound style, *Just in Case You Ever Wonder* expresses those things you'd most like to share with your children. Introduce your family to the heartfelt message that has impacted millions of children for more than a generation.

The church library has many ranges of books for you to enjoy reading. You are welcome to stop in and check out a book or two for your reading.

If you have any question you may contact the Bev or Bonny at the church, (319-342-2208).


Hope to see you!





SUMMER

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4 Worship 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion	5 Meet & Greet 10 a.m. B.S. 1:30 p.m. S. M. 7:00 p.m.	6 SPRC 6 p.m.	7 Jubilation 6:00 p.m.	8 Worship 9:00 a.m.	9	10
11 Worship 10:00 a.m.	12 Meet and Greet 10 a.m. B.S. 1:30 p.m. S. M. 7:00 p.m.	13 Finance 10:00 a.m. Trustees 5:30 p.m. Ad Council 6:30 p.m.	14 Joy Circle 9:00 a.m. Jubilation 6:00 p.m.	15	16	17
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