

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. (1 John 4:18)

I seek to start each day with this prayer: “Dear Heavenly Father, grant me Your Holy Spirit today, may I love without fear.” If you have been around me for awhile most likely you have heard me reference this daily mantra. The first part of the phrase is a reference to Luke 11:9-13. In this Luke text, Jesus is calling us to ask, seek, and knock. Verse 13 confirms what we are to receive, find and be open to. *You then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children; how much more will Your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask.* (Luke 11:13) This daily asking for the Holy Spirit has been a part of my Spiritual journey since the early 90’s. If you have not heard the story, ask me about a humbling experience I encountered when I lead a Bible Study on this passage for 300 students in Namibia, Africa during the Summer of 1995.

The second part of this daily devotion developed in the Spring of 2015. When remembering this time, I still find myself pausing, reflecting, praying and sitting in the ashes. It was a sad time. My pastoral ministry had abruptly ended. ‘What ifs’ were creeping into my thoughts as well as ‘what’s next?’ Stability was not a guarantee for my family and another change was eminent. It also became a time of deep journeying into Scripture and writing to help understand God’s presence in my and my family’s life. 1 John chapter 4 is filled with love language. I found myself encompassed by 1 John 4:18.

Here are some of the things this verse has taught me:

- I am not perfect, yet the love of God which dwells within me is
- To love is not dependent on being perfect
- No one can diminish the presence of God’s perfect love
- Even if I am in the wrong, I can still be present, honest, repentant and loving
- I should never fear an interaction with another
- Every interaction is a chance of God’s perfect love to be present

This insight was not immediate. When I added the phrase, ‘may I love without fear’, it was a response to Scripture. I did not know at the time how much this phrase would grant me love, peace and joy. It is amazing how the joy of the Lord becomes our strength in all things.

In Christ’s Loving Embrace,
Pastor Shannon

HELLO SEPTEMBER

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COUNCIL MEETING:

August 11th council meeting

Lori opened with Prayer

Secretary's report read and approved

Treasurer's report, Cyndi will present next week.

Old business:

1. The electrical issue in back room will be completed soon.
2. Ice Cream social is today, a motion was made, seconded and carried that we match up to \$500 to the Good Samaritan fund.

New business:

1. Pastor and Sarah would like to go to the National LCMC convention held in Lakeville Oct 2nd thru 5th. Cost is \$200 per person. A motion was made seconded and carried to do so.
2. Missions for Sept will be the Naatz ministry, 2nd one will be the Cannon Falls Fire dept.

Meeting closed with Lords Prayer.

Continuation of August meeting on Aug 18th

Lori opened with Prayer

Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor and Sarah passed out their idea of a joint leadership for us. After some discussion it was decided to have them go ahead with ideas and Sarah would be paid as a guest pastor for now. This would give them and us an idea as to how this will work. This will be addressed further at our annual meeting.

Meeting closed with the Lords Prayer.

July Missions:

Cannon Valley Senior Center: \$655.80

Ukrainian Mission: \$655.90

-Ukraine Family: \$327.90

-Alex Hodovanets: \$328.00

Helping Hands: \$720.00

-Casey's Gas cards: \$200.00

-Kwik Trip Gas cards: \$420.00

-WalMart Gift cards: \$100.00

Cannon Falls Food Shelf: \$70.00 (designated)

Hope Coalition: \$50.00 (designated)

Voice of the Martyrs: \$70.00 (designated)

**This information was not available for the newsletter last month, so updating now.*

August Missions:

Feed My Starving Children: \$735.45

Kentucky Flood Victim Assistance: \$835.45(Matching funds from Thrivent)

Good Samaritan Fund: \$1365.00

Helping Hands: \$78

Voice of the Martyrs: \$21.00

LCMC disaster Relief Fund: \$21.00

Institute of Lutheran Theology: \$30.00

Cannon Falls Food Shelf: \$39.00

Community Emergency Services: \$10.00

2nd September Mission: Cannon Falls Fire Department: The Cannon Falls Volunteer Fire Department provides excellent fire protection for the City of Cannon Falls and surrounding area. Fire Chief Mike Althoff is responsible for Cannon Falls Volunteer Fire & Rescue. Cannon Falls Fire & Rescue is made up of committed community members that handle calls within the City and surrounding townships 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ***This is held over from last month!***

Naatz family update - Rick and Brenda will be at Wangen Prairie on Sunday, Sept. 11! Plan to be there and hear about their current mission! Rick will be giving the sermon, and the service will be followed by a light meal and time for fellowship.

Monthly Mission: Naatz Ministry with SIM

SIM
Serving in Mission



We continue to serve as missionaries with SIM. June 2021 was the Beginning of new ministry for us.

Rick is now part of the SIM Pastoral Care Team. He will primarily be working with our SIM missionary retirees but will also have opportunity to meet with others as needs arise. His passion is to encourage missionaries in their spiritual walk with the Lord and in their relationships as he listens to the struggles they may be facing.

Brenda is now the Central Asia Regional Director's Assistant.

Helping new candidates as they prepare to work in Central Asia and letting people know of the needs and prayer requests for this region is a big part of her ministry. This is an exciting position as it is an open area where workers are needed. Her director is from the Czech Republic so she is learning about new cultures as she works with this team.

We are based in Minnesota and will travel as needed to various locations as we serve in these new ministry roles.

We are continuing to be a part of the Pro-Life Ministry in Nigeria through encouragement, prayer and finances.

Pray for Hezekiah to have more opportunities to do pro-life awareness in churches and schools using their new projector.

All money from Wangen Prairie goes directly to them to support their ministry.



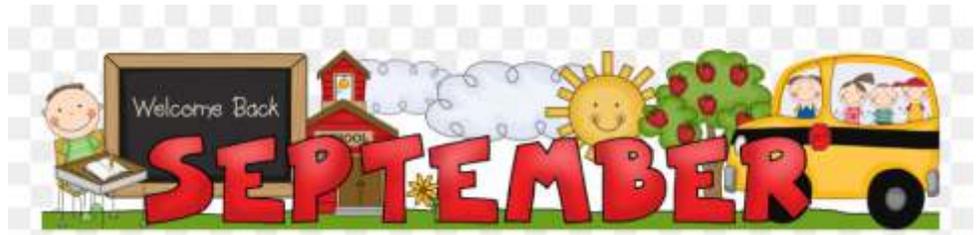
2022 update from Rick and Brenda: Since we saw you last we have been busy. Rick has been able to connect with a few SIM people on phone calls to help them through the retirement or relocation process. We were able to organize a farewell for one of our SIM Nigeria missionaries in the spring and traveled to WA state to honor her many years of ministry to the Fulani people.

Brenda had a busy year of helping new workers through the application and interview process to join the SIM Central Asia(CA) team. We now have 10 family units on the team! She also helped to organize and oversee the first CA Spiritual Life Conference. We just returned from our two week trip to Central Asia where we attended the conference and met her co-workers and other SIM leaders.

We both enjoy our new ministry roles and those we are working with. It has also been great to be closer to family and our children to see them and help out as needed.

See you in a few weeks!

Brenda & Rick Naatz



Some upcoming events:

- Council meeting is postponed from Sept 11 to Sept 18
- On Saturday September 24, and Sat., October 1, from 9 to noon, folks will be able to drop off donations at Wangen Prairie. Lori will be there to collect. Donations can include, winter coats, NEW pillows, twin xl sheet sets, towels (sheets and towels can be good used) men and ladies's toiletries, feminine products, NEW socks, NEW underwear, for both male and female and all sizes. These items will go out in the Cannon area, Goodhue county, then missions in Minnesota
- Information on the LCMC annual gathering and convention on Oct 2-5, 2022 at Hosanna Lutheran Church in Lakeville can be found here: <https://www.lcmc.net/annual-gathering>. Pastor Shannon and Sarah Jystad will be voting representatives and attend break out sessions during the conference, but it will be a worthwhile event for anyone who is interested.



Empowering Lives Through HOPE

Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church Congregation
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August 3, 2022

Thank you Pastor Shannon and all Members of Wangen Prairie Lutheran Church,

You make all the difference! We received your donation of gift cards and it brightened our day! These cards are essential. Your generosity and compassion build a brighter future for those who have experienced abuse, violence or lack of basic needs. You give hope to so many others in need. Thank you!

Thanks to you, we are helping families rebuild their lives in times of crisis, and you are part of addressing the larger underlying issues that cause domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and homelessness.

Warmest regards,

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Sara Kern, Executive Director



skern@hope-coalition.org
651-388-9360, Ext.9

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much for supporting
HOPE and the people
we serve!

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Below is the information for your records:

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July 8, 2022

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Dear Partners in Mission for Ministry of Jesus Christ,

Thank you for your prayers and generous donations supporting the efforts in the Bishara Center and the Bible College. Your gift(s) noted below are crucial to sustain the activities and outreach to the Muslim world.

In the last quarter, several improvements were done in the facility, transportation to the house churches was improved, and pamphlets and materials were distributed to those hearts God calls to learn. In addition, we are now able to get the college up and operational after COVID, it is a blessing that most staff remained through COVID shut down and now 25 students are expected to start up in June. All possible because of our generous supporters. You are awesome!

Time has and will continue to be spent working with the government and ensuring that their requirements are met. In the current environment of shutting down missions, it is ever so important that expectations are met, and the government is happy. This is a very critical, challenging, and demanding activity.

Efforts continue into the next quarter and beyond. It is hoped that college re-starts smoothly, and a positive learning environment can be maintained. We are also working on funding for additional renovations at the mission and college. The weather there is very degrading on buildings and maintenance and repair is a constant activity and expense.

Given the growth of the Mission, reaching out to our house churches is becoming more challenging every day. Solutions for both individual and group transportation is a big topic needing financial support.

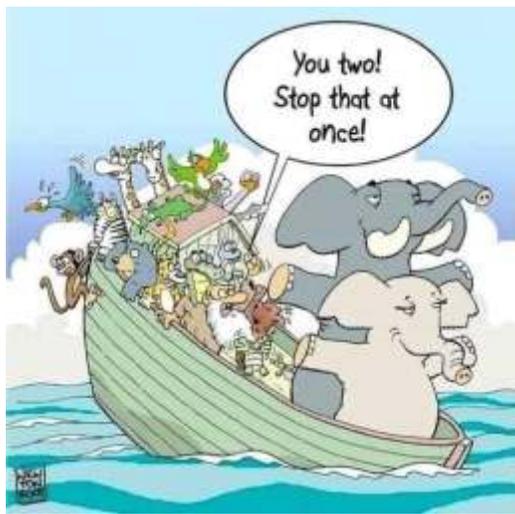
We pray and ask for your continued support of NHMS. Your prayers are a great blessing, and any future contributions will be put to spreading the Word of God. Thank you for your faithful support and thank God for each of you and your passion for mission and helping to equip those going out into the mission fields.

Thank You Again!
Together in Christ,

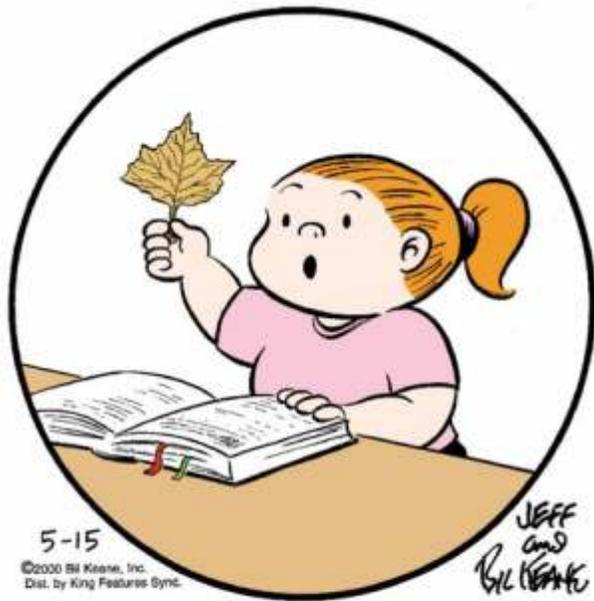
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SEPTEMBER



"This leaf was in the Bible. Maybe it's the one Adam wore!"

Weekly Verse to Ponder



September 4-10: *Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.* Proverbs 22:6

September 11-17: *Forgive and you will be forgiven.* Luke 6:37b

September 18-24: *Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and there be any praise, think on these things.* Philippians 4:6-8

September 25-October 1: *Whatever task you must do, work as if your soul depends on it, as for the Lord and not for humans,* Colossians 3:23

Please email Sarah at dandsbanner@gmail.com, call 507-789-4611 during the day, or call 913-685-3031 (cell phone) to leave a message if you want anything included in bulletin or newsletter. Bulletin deadline is Thursday evening, newsletter is the 25th of the month.

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