



Connections

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to the others. **Romans 12:5**

A Message from Pastor:

Do you remember the latest words of encouragement that you received? They can be so powerful in lifting us up and helping us along. In many of Paul's letters to the individuals and churches he was ministering to, he often included words of encouragement and thanksgiving. One passage in particular is found in Paul's letter to the Thessalonian church.

1 Thessalonians 5:14-18—"And we urge you, brothers and sisters... encourage the disheartened, help the weak, be patient with everyone... always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else. Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

These verses speak of the unity in Jesus that we celebrate together as a family of believers and the blessing it is for us to offer words of encouragement to one other. God has placed us together in this time and place as a worshipping community of brothers and sisters in the Lord and it is a true joy to serve together and encourage one another!

As we move close to what many consider the holiday season, this time of year can be a blessing for many, yet difficult for others. For some, the holidays are a season of joy and anticipation as loved ones gather together to share in special celebrations. For others, it can be a season of recalling wonderful memories of times past, while still sharing moments of joy with friends and family. Yet for still others, it can be something more difficult and a word of encouragement can be an extra special blessing when it is received.

These words from Scripture can be an encouragement for us all to reach out with empathy, love, encouragement and support to one another. It's a reminder for us to reach out to include others, maybe with an invitation, a word of encouragement or to walk alongside them in the challenges they are facing. It's my prayer that your heart will be filled with thanksgiving for the love, grace and mercy that God showers on you each and every day!

May God continue to bless our journey together!

Your Servant in the Lord,

Pastor Rick



"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!"
Psalms 107:1

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Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

Join us on Saturday, November 3rd at 8 a.m. in the church gym for a delicious, hot breakfast and devotion! Pass along the word and invite a brother to join us!

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

"Discovering Spiritual Maturity" Please note! The Adult Sunday Morning Bible study led by Pastor Rick will resume on Sunday, November 18th. We are studying the spiritual disciplines of a Daily Time with God, Prayer, Using our Spiritual Gifts and Fellowship. Please consider joining with us as we continue to study God's plan for our lives in these areas of spiritual disciplines as we seek to respond with lives of thanksgiving to the grace and mercy we receive from our Lord!

November Worship Schedule



Sunday, November 4th

Don't forget to set your clocks back 1 hour before bedtime!

November 4 All Saints' Sunday

Message: "When You Run Out of Questions"—Bob Illman

Text: Mark 12:28-34

Lessons: Deuteronomy 6:1-9, Leviticus 19:18
James 2:1-13
Mark 12:28-34

November 11 Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "The God-Man Has Come!"—Bob Illman

Text: Mark 12:35-37

Lessons: I Kings 17:8-16
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18 Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Message: "How to Live With Hope in a Broken World"

Text: Mark 13:1-13

Lessons: Daniel 12:1-3
Hebrews 10:11-25
Mark 13:1-13

November 22 Last Sunday of the Church Year

Message: "In Those Days—Navigating Your Life Through a Season of Change"

Text: Mark 13:24-37

Lessons: Isaiah 51:4-6 or Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Jude 20-25 or Revelation 1:4b-8
Mark 13:24-37



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Our Annual **Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, December 2nd** right after Coffee & Fellowship. This is an important meeting which includes discussing our budget for the new year and electing new council members.



Refuel News

“Refuel”- is now an official HSU Campus Ministry Club and is led by “V” Malofsky. The club meets on Thursdays at 6 p.m. on campus just outside the Club Office below the Campus Bookstore near the quad and also hosts two activities per month on Saturdays. All young adults are invited to gather for a time for worship, prayer, food, and fellowship each week. If you would like to help with this ministry by offering to provide a meal for the students who gather, please talk to Valerie Simons. **We are also hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner for our Refuel students on Saturday, November 17th!** More details will be coming soon on ways to help support this event. Your help is greatly appreciated as we support this ministry together! Please keep this ministry in your prayers as we continue to reach out with the love of Jesus.

Women’s Tabletalk News

The Tabletalk Ladies continue their devotional study of Ann Voskamp’s book *One Thousand Gifts*. It is wonderful to see how God is working as the ladies take turns choosing and leading the discussion of a devotion as they meet in one another’s homes. The November 5th study will be at Bonnie Oliver’s home, and the 56th devotion called *Comforting Grace* will be led by Cyd Lueck. The November 26th study will be at Beth Christians’ home and led by Joann Barklage. All are welcome. The current devotion is available on the table in the narthex.

We are also looking forward to our Christmas party to which all the ladies in the church are invited. It will be at Kathy Wood’s home. We will start at 5:30 p.m. with hors d’oeuvres that all have brought to share, and we will have an ornament exchange. The ornaments should cost \$5 or less. We expect a lot of laughter and a great time!

Bible Stick Ministry helps Veterans

As we celebrate Veteran’s Day this month, I would like to ask you to consider helping spread the Word of God with our servicemen and women around the world. On **Sunday, November 18th** we will present a short video presentation following worship on the “Faith Comes By Hearing” Military BibleStick ministry. This world-wide ministry distributes small, personal listening devices pre-loaded with the New Testament and Selected Psalms for military chaplains to share with the troops that are deployed. Every \$25 raised will provide one of these devices to each service member. If you would like to donate to this ministry, please join us on that Sunday and we will share with you how you can assist in this important ministry of sharing the Word of God!



In Our Prayers

For Healing:

Joann Barklage
Emil Craig
Matt Parkhurst

In the Military:

Josh Henry
Seth Jarvis
Jackson Klopp
David Seda

In Prison:

Deuce Adams
Jeff Dumont
Caius Joesting



11/2 Jan Claasen
11/4 Adair Paul
11/18 Keiko Ranta
Liberty Seda
11/23 Lynn Rose Seda
11/29 Brooke Schafer
11/30 Shannon Seda