



December 31, 2023

Pastor Note:

- Christ
- The Gospel of salvation through faith in Christ
- Word of God, the Bible, Scripture
- Wisdom
- Experiences
- Expertise, knowhow
- Knowledge
- Skills
- Talents
- Time
- Prayer
- Presence, being there
- Money
- Possessions, things I own
- Resources
- Connections, my network
- Strength
- Ears, my ability to listen
- Love, faith, and hope
- Insight
- Spiritual gifts
- Joy
- Encouragement
- A helping hand
- ...

All of the above can be shared, should be shared, are given to us to be shared, and are meant to be part of a Christian's lifestyle, ***"Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is life indeed"*** (1 Timothy 6:18-19 NASB), was an instruction and command Paul told Timothy to teach to the church, especially to those who were rich in this world. It is also the example and instruction of Jesus, who after authorizing and empowering His disciples, sent them out and said, ***"Freely you received, freely give"*** (Matthew 10:8 NASB).

"SHARE" has been our 2023 theme for the past 365 days, and hopefully you and I have gotten better at it. That's actually one of the main reasons why we started doing yearly themes because if we focus on and practice something for 365 days in a row, we are bound to get better at it, and, hopefully, develop a lifelong habit.

So, did you grow in your "sharing" this past year? If so, how? If not, why not? Did you get better at sharing with people with whom didn't use to share? Did you start sharing things you weren't used to sharing or weren't willing to share? And, just because we are moving on to another theme doesn't mean God's command for us to be generous, willing, and ready sharers no longer deserves attention.

Living in a hoarding, consumer, and self-fulfillment society, a lifestyle of sharing takes effort, discipline, prayer, encouragement, and lots of practice. So count it a blessing every time God gives you an opportunity to share, every time to get to dip into the pot of resources God has given and equipped you with. It is the only way to store up "treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:19-21).

Whenever I share the things God has given me and wants me to share I "grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus" (2 Peter 3:18), bring glory and praise to God (Matthew 5:16), and experience the truth that "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Finally, it is amazing how doing the right thing keeps us from doing the wrong thing, and it is possible to share the wrong thing. The truth is, we are always sharing something, but if we are interested in doing God's will and making our world and the lives of others better, we have to be committed to sharing all the good things God has blessed us with. So, keep sharing, and sharing, and sharing – Until Jesus Comes.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans

Lord Hear Our Prayers

PRAYER REQUEST

Shirley (bereavement), Mabel Mayes, Julie Ebel,
Jack (Brother in-law to Judy Mahar),
Bart Anderson, Rayella (health & Insurance), Denise (health),
Sam ,(Health & encouragement), Foster Children and
those who foster, And that we do “SHARE”.

If you notice someone has been absent from Small Group or
Worship Services for awhile, why not call them or stop by to
let him/her know that they have been missed. A kindness that
cost you nothing could mean everything to someone who is
suffering in the silence of self-exile.

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing,
Noah Martin, John Michael Chavez,
Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Brian Sula,
Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen,
Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski,
Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us
know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and
Rachel Aratin - (209)206-5236
Prayer Request e-mail to: **Judy Mahar** ldpbepayer@gmail.com

Church Board Members:

Hans Frei - Pastor . Richard Mayes - Head Deacon ,
Dan Hankemeier . Sue Kluding .
Gabi Cox . Chuck Arndt



Mark your calendars
for Sunday January 7, 2024
(after church)

if you are interested in helping plan for
our Pastor's
40th church anniversary celebration.
This will be our initial meeting to start
planning.

We are in need of another
“Kids Church Caregiver”
to serve once-a-month.
If interested. Talk to Susie ASAP

January Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- Women's Morning Bible Study— Wed. @ 10:00 AM
- Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Ministry Opportunity Fair - January 14th after the service
For more info. See Jim Cox

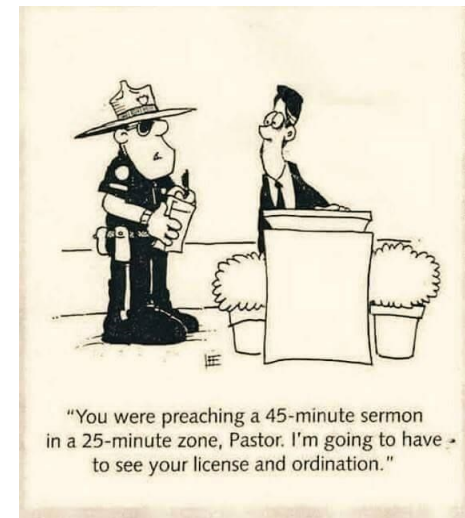
Fellowship Time Snacks were provided
By - "Merle's Class"

Thank you

Next week Hans' Class is up!!

Happy New Year

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



Giving

December 24 & 25th

Offering:
\$2,172.00

Food Basket:
\$50.00

Lottie Moon:
\$2,235.00

Facilities:
\$20.00

Attendance:
138

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - On Hiatus

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



January 1st - January 7th

DAY 1 - Gen. 1 - 2
(Prov. 1)

DAY 2 - Gen. 3 - 4
(Prov. 2)

DAY 3 - Gen. 5 - 6
(Prov. 3)

DAY 4 - Gen. 7 - 8
(Prov. 4)

DAY 5 - Gen. 9 - 10
(Prov. 5)

DAY 6 - (Prov. 6)
DAY 7 - (Prov. 7)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.