

Worship For The Lord's Day
August 29, 2010

PRELUDE Monica Crouch

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Pastor Caryn

*GREETING

*PRAISE SONG

“Shout To The Lord” (sing twice)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader 1: Friends, take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed.

Leader 2: Who's greedy? We're just getting ready for retirement.

Leader 1: One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.

Leader 2: Hey, I'm just getting a few things together for the future.

You know, relax, eat, drink, and be merry.

Leader 1: There are far better ways to prepare for the future.

Leader 2: Yeah? I'd like to hear them.

All: Lord, teach us again. As we worship here today, show us how to live today, while preparing for tomorrow.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, we hear Jesus' story of the wealthy farmer, and we see too much of ourselves in it. The farmer is not a bad man, he has not committed crimes or mistreated his workers. Your blessings of soil, sun and rain had joined to make him wealthy. He is careful and conservative. He is not unjust. But Jesus tells us he is a fool. The farmer has lived completely for himself, making all his plans fit his own needs and wants. Jesus shows us the farmer's foolishness, when all his plans end in death.

Lord, save us from such foolishness, and let us imitate the wisdom of Jesus, who lives completely for others. All Jesus' plans were for the benefit of other people. Lord, help us make new plans that will answer some of the world's many cries for help. Help us live today in the light of Jesus' teachings, so that we will be prepared for the tomorrows to come. Amen.

*HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #11

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, overwhelming in mercy, we are overly concerned about fairness, especially when it concerns what we receive. We watch to see if others are better liked or better paid. We look to see if our children are keeping up with others or receiving as much attention. We often approach faith as a series of achievements and rewards. O God of grace, lessen our anxious striving for acceptance and rewards. Surprise us again with Your free gifts of love and forgiveness. So fill us with Your mercy that we can rejoice when You work in those whom we consider undeserving. Your love knows no bounds, and Your grace is amazing. We thank You. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Pastor Caryn

Response “Father, I Adore You” #191

MOMENT FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE: Luke 12:13-21 (p.1031, p.1567 large print)

DRAMA: “The Man Who Had It Made” Pastor Caryn

Hymn “Seek Ye First” #713

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*Response “Doxology” #815

*Prayer

*Closing Hymn “Give Thanks” #170

*BENEDICTION

*Response "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" #237

*Please stand if able (bold print- congregation reads aloud)

OWLS – Older, Wiser, Livelier Saints

What: The OWLS Fall Celebration

When: September 15-16, 2010

Where: Calvin Crest Camp, Conference and Retreat Center, Fremont, NE

To celebrate life, a committee of MRV and Homestead presbyteries (we call ourselves OWLS - older, wiser, livelier saints) have a wonderful 2-day 'fly-in' for all of you. We do give a HOOT about all of you. This Celebration will be September 15-16 at beautiful camp Calvin Crest.

There will be 2 fun-filled, enlightening, spiritual days. **Overnight accommodations and great food for the soul.** Mark your calendars now! **Call the camp for details (402) 628-6455 or type the following link in your browser to see the brochure and registration form:**

http://pmrv.org/newsletters/attachments/mm_100726_owls_fall_celebration.pdf

On September 5th, Pastor Caryn and our church are responsible for leading worship at Good Samaritan and Red Oak Rehab. We'd love to have you come and worship with us. Worship starts at 2pm at Good Sam, and worship is at 3pm at Red Oak Rehab. Plan to join us!

We need shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Boxes can be placed in the vestibules. Thanks!

Today in Worship....

Elder	Allen Pohren
Liturgist	Faye Brandstetter
Ushers	Warren Hayes, Bryan Bishop, Larry & Faye Brandstetter
Greeters	Allen Pohren & Ed Pedersen

This week:

Thursday ~ Soup Kitchen 5:30-7:00pm

Next Sunday ~ Worship at 10:30am with Communion, Nursing Home Worship

Calling all women! Join us Wednesday September 15th from 7-9pm for the fall kick-off for the WINGS group. All are invited for an evening of pampering, food, fun and fellowship. This evening kicks off our six session fall Bible study- Simply Relevant Heart Spa, a relational study that guides women to rest in Jesus, reflect on Him and find renewal in God's love. WINGS meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting in October. Come & bring a friend!

Each month you are encouraged to include members of our church family in your daily prayers. With or without specific needs, it is good to pray for our brothers and sisters. August families are: Elsie Dodd; Wayne & Mary Donohue; Jim & Pat Dunbar; Thelma Eastwood; Kirk & Jolene Elwood; Pat & Marcia Fehring; Cathryn Fisher.

Don't forget! Starting next Sunday September 5th, worship starts at 10:30am.

Looking ahead- Sunday School starts September 12th at 9am with free breakfast for all! Plan to join us for a time of study and fellowship.

If there's one thing the church needs today, it's prayer! A new prayer group in our congregation has just been formed (first meeting was August 3rd). Our next meeting is September 7th (meeting is the first Tuesday night of the month) from 7-8pm at Pastor Caryn and Ed's home (1102 E. Coolbaugh). This meeting will be a time for prayer for our community, church and world, and will also be a time for learning about how to pray. We would love to pray for you! If you desire to be prayed for or prayed with, please contact Pastor Caryn.

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

- Those who are ill, including Liz Snow, Sheila Bentley, Carol Glenn, Randy Barr, Carol Stehno, Ann Govig and Kathy Carlson.

- For all those who do not yet know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior
- For the youth of our community
- All military people serving around the world, including Alex Chesnut, Ryan Borem and Zach Koeppe
- For all those who do not have opportunities to be educated
- Our missionaries: The McCutcheons, the Haspels and Kellie Kinard
- Our church members who are in nursing homes: Ina Andrews, Ruth Beeson, Elsie Dodd and Gail Peterson