



The Janesville Bridge

“To be a bridge of caring relationships connecting people to God and each other.”

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-12:30
Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. (Sept. thru May)
Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:30 a.m.



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One of my best Christmas presents was my pocket transistor radio back in 1963. It fit in your pocket, picked up every station within 50 miles, and had an ear piece. I loved it. What was on the radio in 1963? Among other things was a young guy by the name of Wayne Newton singing a Bert Kaempfert song entitled, "Danke Scheon". The opening verse is, "Danke Scheon, darling Danke Scheon. Thank you for all the joy and pain."

It is time for me to say "Danke Scheon" to both Janesville and Hudson Methodist Churches. "Thank you for all the joy and pain." The relationship between church and preacher is a unique one, both generally and specifically. You have allowed me to be a part of your communities that is special, and I have been thankful for that. Your openness and acceptance have been special and appreciated. We have gone through some great times together and some difficult ones as well. In all of them, God had been present and His grace has led us into the future.



Thank you for your prayers, thoughtfulness, and consideration in our time together. No relationship is ever perfect. Frustration and disappointment often enter in, but God's grace is more than sufficient. I have seen His hand in our time together and for that, I am grateful to our Lord, and for all of you as well. Forgive me when I did not measure up to your expectations and needs. My failures were never for lack of caring about you.

For the future, my prayer is that you will give Pastor Audrey the same consideration and caring that you have given me. If you do, your future together will be bright and blessed.

And if you ever get down around Nevada, be sure to stop by and say hello. The coffee pot will always be on. Danke Scheon, my churches, Danke Scheon.

One more time,

Pastor Mike

Pastor Mike is donating several one pound packets of ground venison to the church for sale (rather than moving it). It will be in the church freezer and he is suggesting \$1.00 per packet to be paid to the church.





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Congregation Assessment Tool

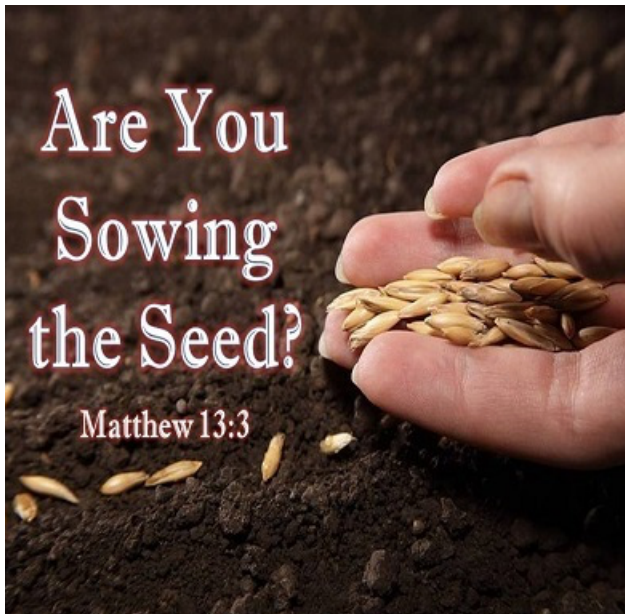
Our survey window was closed on May 18.

Now, until June 1, Holy Cow Consulting will be analyzing the survey information. Then, on June 2 (from 4:30 to 6:30), the results will be presented to our church leadership (aka - Administrative Council members).

After that, the Administrative Council will set a date to present the information to the entire congregation.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to fill out a survey. Your input is valuable.

The Z-Team



Sowing Projects

If you have started on your sowing projects or have an idea that you want to start with your \$20 seed money – GOOD FOR YOU!!!

We have reserved a table at the Waverly Flea Market on November 1 – 2.

So, if you have more items to sell at that time, just bring them to the church and we will sell them and harvest them for you.

Thank you for your participation,

The Z-Team



**Welcome
Pastor Audrey Westendorf Young
our new pastor**



Special Dates to Remember

Mark Fakler, our Choir Director this past year, is leading worship on **June 9** while Pastor Mike is attending Annual Conference in Des Moines. Mark is a very devoted Christian and an extremely talented young man! You won't want to miss this special Sunday!!

Pastor Mike's move date, which is scheduled by the Conference Move Team, is **June 19**. His last Sunday in our pulpit will be **June 23**. There will be a brief "farewell" presentation following the benediction and final hymn, and then a brunch will be served in Fellowship Hall (basement) in honor of Pastor Mike. Be there or be square!!!

On Sunday, **June 30**, Dr. Chris Eiler will lead us in worship. He has served in our church on previous occasions and most recently would have this past winter...but a storm cancelled all of us! We look forward to hearing him in June.

Pastor Audrey's move IN date is **June 22**. The SPPRC will be giving her a "welcome" basket of goodies on her arrival, and we are planning a welcome event after worship on her first Sunday with us, which will be **July 7**. We will also be planning small group "get togethers" this summer to meet Pastor Audrey. Be thinking if you would like to host a small group in your home or at the church. More details will be coming!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EVENTS!!

Margaret Shepard, Chairperson, SPPRC

Brad Ruth - Mary Burkes - Lolita Huber - Nancy Beenblossom

JUNE



June 1

2:00pm Elzinga-MacKay Wedding

June 2

10:30am Worship with Communion

June 4

9:00am Shepherds

1:00pm or 7:00pm Finance

June 6

6:00pm UMW meeting

6:30pm Rebecca Shower

June 7-11

Annual Conference

June 8

8:00am Mens' Breakfast

June 9

10:30am Worship

June 11

7:00pm Trustees

June 16

FATHER'S DAY

10:30am Worship

June 23 - Pastor Mike's last Sunday

10:30am Worship

June 30

10:30am Worship

Study & Support Group

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m.

June 4, 11, 18, 25

Pastor Mike at Hudson

Wednesdays

June 5, 12, 19

Choir Practice

Choir is on Summer Break
until fall

MISSING

We are missing a large glass punch bowl and ladle from the kitchen. If you borrowed it, can you please return it?

Thank you!

Rebecca Circle is Hosting their annual Shower

June 6, 2019 Church Basement

6:30 pm

This year's shower recipients are our church and Waverly Pet Rescue.

Join us for Fellowship, Food, and Games!



Vacation Bible School

JUMC and Messiah Lutheran will be hosting Vacation Bible School again this year.

VBS will be on July 22 thru July 25 from 6:30 to 8:00 each night at JUMC.

There is never a charge for the kids to come to VBS, all are welcome. If you would like to donate any amount of money, as a sponsorship, to help out with the VBS expenses, it would be greatly appreciated.

We are anticipating another great year, and the kids always love it!!!

Registration forms will be available soon.





The Memorial Garden brick project is underway. The bricks we have already engraved are placed along the walkway. If you ordered one, come take a look and see your brick.

We will continue to take orders, for anyone else who would like a brick engraved and put in our Memorial Garden. They are \$60 for 3 lines and \$85 for 5 lines. The order forms can be found on the table inside the office door. We need to get at least 10 orders before the engravers do the work, so the more we get, the sooner we can get them done.



We have donated to the following amounts to recent missions events:

Food Bank-\$585 which is \$1170 with the matching grant

UMCOR Sunday (formerly One Great Hour of Sharing) - \$260

Blanket Sunday - \$415

American Cancer Society - \$480

**Thank you for your generous donations.
Missions Committee**



Our next meeting will be at 6:00 P.M. on June 6th in Court Chapel. At 6:30 P.M. Rebecca Circle will host a shower for our church and Waverly Pet Rescue.

UMW News

There was no UMW meeting in May. Instead we hosted our annual May Breakfast on May 2nd. 20 guests from Messiah Lutheran, St. John's Lutheran, Washington Chapel, Mt. Hope, Little Brown Church, Heritage, Hudson, Trinity, St. Paul's, Finchford, Prairie Lakes, and St. Mary's attended. 17 UMW members and Barb Hamlyn attended from our church. 21 high school music students performed under the direction of Niki O'Meara and accompanied by Maggie Reed.



**Highlights from the May
Breakfast
on May 2, 2019**





Thank you for EVERYTHING. May is such a wonderful time for me.

Thanks for the birthday cards and wishes, the invitation to the May Breakfast, the food and entertainment, and the plant from the UMW.



~ Barb



Special prayers for those who are moving:

*Please pray for all the pastors who are relocating – especially Pastor Mike, Pastor Candie, and Pastor Audrey. May they have a safe and successful move and be welcomed into their new congregations with open arms!

*And pray for Velma Rice, who is moving from Janesville to start a new chapter in her life in West Des Moines. We will miss her.

Her new address is:

915 Ashworth #206

West Des Moines, Iowa 50265



Prayer Requests

Prayers for our shut-ins visited by our Shepherds:

Roberta Rockwood
Dick Purdy
Jean Altenheim
Richard Wireman
Flo Shephard
Evelyn Wubbena
Marlys Cook
Milton Dobbs
De & Carol Dix
John & Sandy Brucher
Georgia Eibey

Please pray for:

Nursing Home Residents
All Veterans
(past, present & future)
Fire Fighters
First Responders
Students and Teachers
Fred Hallberg
Patti Baldwin
Scott Turner
Marilyn Taylor
Dennis Osborn & family

God Hears
Prayer



Please keep

Char Brickman

Jane Fauser

Wendy Brace

Chelsey Brace

Johnny & Esther Folkerds

Ben Huber

Evelyn Turner

in your prayers as they
deal with health
concerns.

Greeters, Ushers, & Liturgist Volunteers

June 2 - Communion:

Greeters - Charley family

Liturgist - Sharon Heiser

Ushers - Tom & Christena Charley, Brad Ruth

Communion Servers - Karen Funk,
Virginia Robinson



June 9:

Greeters - Dave & Nancy Beenblossom

Liturgist - Margaret Shepard

Ushers - Dick & Karen Funk

June 16 - Father's Day:

Greeters - Matt & Amy Shook

Liturgist - Lolita Huber

Ushers - Scott & Kim Knapp

June 23:

Greeter - Cindy Spencer

Liturgist - Rita Ruth

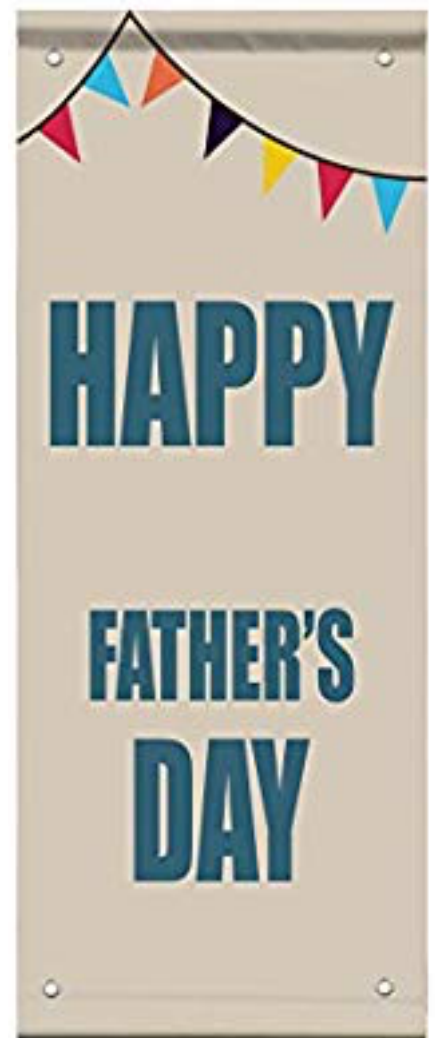
Ushers - Gary Shaulis, Dave Beenblossom

June 30:

Greeters - Bill Bloker & Nancy Millsap

Liturgist - **NEED VOLUNTERS!!**

Ushers - **NEED VOLUNTERS!!**





May Birthday

Lolita Huber 5/31

June Birthdays

Shelly Herbst 6/2
 Gary Timion 6/3
 Dawson Charley 6/5
 Norm Briden 6/5
 Zoey Barnes 6/5
 Chris Robinson 6/6
 Tom Harrold 6/8
 Tara Howe 6/8
 Talan Pletz 6/8
 Brian Busch 6/14
 Lisa Kiene 6/15
 Gene Robinson 6/16
 Robert Barr 6/19
 Kurt Graves 6/22
 Abigail Foelske 6/23
 Julia Hope Baldwin 6/24
 Deb Wienhold 6/24
 Ayden Dobbs 6/26
 Crystal Fisher 6/26
 Mary Jane Stanhope 6/26
 Hayleigh Heiser 6/28
 Sherry Dilley 6/29

June Anniversaries

Roger & Sharon Heiser 6/11
 Robert & Vicki Fisher 6/13
 Fred & Lorraine Hallberg 6/15
 Eugene & Helen Dettmer 6/21
 Michael & Cecilia Baldwin 6/30



Financial Update - January 1, 2019 thru May 28, 2019

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In an effort to help the congregation understand our financial status throughout the year, we will be providing monthly updates in each Newsletter.

This report is based on weekly offerings (and additional fund raising) vs. our expenses from our annual budget, which include the amounts we would need to pay, monthly, to cover all of our projected expenses, including apportionments.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

Page 1		2019 Budget Amount	Income vs.	
		<u>\$120,370 - total for the year</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Current</u>
	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>MONTHLY AMOUNT</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Excess</u>
	These totals do not include any special deposits (such as money from special year-end giving, Memorials, or Scrip Accounts) * unless noted *	The monthly budget amount includes salaries, payroll taxes, pastor's pension, health, & mileage, utilities, operating expenses, apportionment obligation, etc.	<u>for Month</u>	<u>or Deficit</u>
<u>DATES</u>				
1/6/19	2,878.00			
1/10-Hudson	817.48			
1/13/19	1,351.00			
1/20/19	706.00			
1/27/19	1,639.00			
direct deposits	880.00			
Jan total	8,271.48	10,031.00	-1,759.52	-1,759.52
2/3/19	929.00			
2/10-Hudson	817.48			
2/10/19	1,334.00			
2/17/19	705.00			
2/24/19	0.00			
direct deposits	880.00			
Feb total	4,665.48	10,031.00	-5,365.52	-7,125.04
3/3/19	2,881.00			
3/10-Hudson	817.48			
3/10/19	1,964.00			
3/17/19	2,387.00			
3/24/19	1,512.10			
direct deposits	880.00			
Mar total	10,441.58	10,031.00	410.58	-6,714.46
3/31/19	837.00			
4/7/19	2,086.00			
4/10-Hudson	817.48			
4/14/19	1,888.00			
4/21/19	1,455.00			
4/21-Easter Bkfst.	423.00			
4/27-Rummage Sale	857.00			
4/27-Luncheon	265.00			
direct deposits	880.00			
Apr total	9,508.48	10,031.00	-522.52	-7,236.98

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DATES				
4/28/19	591.00			
5/5/19	2,219.65			
5/10-Hudson	817.48			
5/12/19	1,840.00			
5/19/19	1,291.25			
direct deposits	880.00			
5/26/19	pending			
May total	7,639.38	10,031.00	-2,391.62	-9,628.60

There is a 0.0296% chance your child will become a professional athlete.



There is a 100% chance your child will stand before Jesus.

JULY 20TH

Fundraiser Event for Chesley:

Chelsey Brace (West) married her soul mate Lucas on October 20th, 2018. As they began

planning for their happily-ever-after, it turned out fate had other plans. Just a few short months later in January 2019, weeks before they were to leave on their honeymoon, Chelsey, at the age of 27 was diagnosed with Triple Negative Invasive Ductal Carcinoma Grade 3, a form of breast cancer. She immediately started treatment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota where Chelsey is currently



undergoing 16 rounds of chemotherapy, which will be followed with a bilateral mastectomy with reconstruction and six weeks of radiation. As most know, this has created many unexpected medical expenses for the young couple. We have put together this benefit with hopes of relieving some of the unexpected financial strain.

Please join us on July 20th, 2019 from 4-8 pm at the Janesville Rivera Roose Community Center. Just look for the giant pink fire truck parked out front! We will be providing a free-will donation dinner, and hosting a 50/50 raffle, with silent auction and live action items. If you would like to donate, please contact Nick or Natalie.

Thank you for helping us show Chelsey all this love and support as she continues to fight, we hope to see you there!



Where:

**Janesville Riviera
Roose Event
Center**

307 Maple St.
Janesville, IA 50647

Silent action!

50/50 raffle!

Free-will donation
sloppy joe dinner!

When:

JULY 20th, 2019

From 4-8 pm

**For questions or
donations please
contact:**

**Nick West
319-939-2114**

or

**Natalie Brace
319-230-1759**

Your support is greatly
appreciated!