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| <input type="checkbox"/> Returning guest | <input type="checkbox"/> Interested in membership or Baptism |
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New Contact Information:

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Opportunities to serve

Saturday Meal Site opportunities to serve:

- Hosts: Someone who can greet guests and sit with them during the meal.
- Clean-up crew. Come around 12:00-1:30pm.
- Provide grocery bags and/or socks for Meal Site & Operation Safety Net

Worship team opportunities to serve:

- Greeter—Greet people at the West parking lot.
- Usher—Greet people as they come into the service. Help with offering and Communion.
- Video—Get behind the camera to make a video recording of the sermon.
- Editor—Take the footage of the worship series and edit into a video to be posted on youtube.
- Sound—Help with the sound board, making sure mic levels are correct during worship.
- Slides—Help switch the slides during the service.

October 24, 2021

Announcements

We are blessed by your presence, and pray that worship is meaningful for you. You are invited to note your attendance and mailing address on the blue attendance tear-off sheet found in each bulletin. This sheet may be left at your seat for the ushers to gather after service. We encourage family participation in worship. We can provide activity bags for children upon request. Please see an usher for more information. Ushers can also provide you with large print bulletins if needed. We extend a special welcome to you and trust you will experience God's presence today.

Sunday School Classes

Adult Sunday School Class @ 10:30am— Asbury Parlor and Zoom

Swahili Bible Study Class @10:30am—Swahili Class Room

Children & Youth Sunday School @ 10:30am—Epworth Hall

Discipleship Schedule Monday Noon Bible Study meets in-person in Epworth Hall and on Zoom. Wednesday Noon Prayer & Devotion Time continues to meet on Facebook Live and Zoom. Zoom Meeting ID # for both is 961 006 728. All Zoom meetings can also be joined by phone simply by dial 312-626-6799. Once connected, dial the Meeting ID # 961 006 728, and you will join in the conversation.

Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 14th, the Two Rivers Evangelism Team is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner for all the friends and members of Two Rivers Church out at our beautiful Camp Milan facility. Doors will open at 3:00 with dinner starting at 3:30pm. There will also be an amazing performance by harpist, Lydia Olson after dinner, so make sure to stick around for all the fun. This will be a great Old Fashion Thanksgiving dinner. **PLEASE RSVP by October 31st** by signing up in the back of the sanctuary, in the west entrance or by calling the church office at 309-788-9384.

Caring Sisters Caring Sisters will get together again on Friday, October 29 at 11:00 a.m. in Epworth Hall. This will be a bring-your-own lunch event. All women are invited to come. Feel free to bring a friend. Join us for devotions, fellowship and a time to discuss how we can make a difference in the lives of our older adult brothers and sisters in Christ. Contact Rita Anderson at (309) 788-7150 for more information.

College Care Packages We are preparing care packages for our college students. In the back of the sanctuary there are a series of bags. Each is labeled with a different college student's name. You can drop notes, cards, and letters in each of the bags to personalize the gifts. Please don't put gift cards in these individual bags. Instead, make any financial donations to the church offering and mark them "College Care." We will then do the shopping to make sure the care packages are evenly distributed with items that are helpful to the college students. Kaeleen - Carthage College, Emma - Knox College, Colton - Knox College, Gabe - WIU Quad Cities, Mackenzie - WIU Macomb, Autumn - NIU, Florence - NIU, Patience - Drake, Keith - SIU Carbondale

Network: Two Rivers Sanctuary
Password: TwoRivers2013
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October 24, 2021
22nd Sunday after Pentecost



1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long are you going to grieve over Saul? I have rejected him as king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and get going. I'm sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have found my next king among his sons."

"How can I do that?" Samuel asked. "When Saul hears of it he'll kill me!"

"Take a heifer with you," the Lord replied, "and say, 'I have come to make a sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will make clear to you what you should do. You will anoint for me the person I point out to you."

Samuel did what the Lord instructed. When he came to Bethlehem, the city elders came to meet him. They were shaking with fear. "Do you come in peace?" they asked.

"Yes," Samuel answered. "I've come to make a sacrifice to the Lord. Now make yourselves holy, then come with me to the sacrifice." Samuel made Jesse and his sons holy and invited them to the sacrifice as well.

When they arrived, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "That must be the Lord's anointed right in front. But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven't selected him. God doesn't look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart.'"

Next Jesse called for Abinadab, who presented himself to Samuel, but he said, "The Lord hasn't chosen this one either." So Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, "No, the Lord hasn't chosen this one." Jesse presented seven of his sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord hasn't picked any of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Is that all of your boys?"

"There is still the youngest one," Jesse answered, "but he's out keeping the sheep."

"Send for him," Samuel told Jesse, "because we can't proceed until he gets here."

So Jesse sent and brought him in. He was reddish brown, had beautiful eyes, and was good-looking. The Lord said, "That's the one. Go anoint him." So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him right there in front of his brothers. The Lord's spirit came over David from that point forward.

Then Samuel left and went to Ramah.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Prelude "Open My Eyes, Lord" - Manibusan/Loomis

Greeting

***Call to Worship (adapted from 1 Peter 2:4-5)**

One: We gather as a people who are called by God. The call of God is not the privilege of the ordained. It is the ministry of the baptized.

All: "We are being built like living stones in to a spiritual temple. We are being made into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ."

***Opening Hymn #419UMH "I am Thine, O Lord" vs. 1 & 2**

***Prayer of Confession**

All: O God, You have called us to be a holy priesthood, united in service and love to each other and to the world. We are to set aside greed, falsehood, and conceit and make ourselves servants. We are to turn away from vengeance and violence, and submit to love. Forgive us for the times we forget or ignore our calling as a people of God. Help us to hear your voice calling in the night. Help us to hear the still-small voice. Empower us to respond to your call.
(Pause for silent reflection and confession)

One: Hear the Good News: Once you were no people, but now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy, but now you have received God's mercy.

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***Passing of the Peace**

Spirit Hymn #408 UMH "The Gift of Love" vs. 1

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering "I Need Thee Every Hour" -R. Lowry/Jars of Clay
Marissa Elliot, soloist

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

All: Holy God, open our hearts to the story of your love. Open our minds to new ways of knowing you. Open our doors for all whom you would welcome. Amen.

Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 16:1-13 (CEB)

Sermon Be Called: God Calls David - Robb McCoy

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

Response Hymn #2152 FWS "Change My Heart, O God"

Presentation of Bibles - See Insert

Offering Reflection and Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: We will thank you God, with our whole heart. We will talk about your wonderful acts. We will celebrate and rejoice in you.

All: Holy and Gracious God, we are thankful for the created world and our place in it. We are thankful for the Son, and the forgiveness and grace he offers. We are thankful for the Spirit, which empowers us to change the world. We are thankful for your Church, and the call you place upon the hearts of all believers. We pause to reflect on how we may respond to your great gifts.

(Pause for Silent Reflection and Gratitude)

One: We will sing praises to your name, Most High.

***Closing Hymn #438 UMH "Forth in Thy Name" v. 1**

***Blessing and Dismissal**

Postlude "Lord, I Need You" - Matt Maher

* You are invited to stand as you are able.
FWS - The Faith We Sing (black hymnal)
UMH- United Methodist Hymnal (red hymnal)
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PRAYER MINISTRY

NAME: _____

Who would you like to see this prayer?

- Pastor Only.** Only the pastor will see this prayer. He will most likely see it and be in prayer for it on Monday morning.
- Prayer Chain.** These prayers will be sent to those who have signed up for prayer chain email. They will also be prayed for by name only during our Wednesday online prayer service. Names only will be printed in newsletter if it is an ongoing need.

Please be in prayer for:

Please pray for this:

- For this week only.
- Until _____
- This is an ongoing need.

I am interested in being a part of the Prayer Chain:

Email: _____

PRESENTATION of BIBLES

Pastor: God speaks to us through the Bible. Take this Bible, for in it you will find the Word of God. Within these pages are all things necessary for salvation. It is many things. Above all, it is the love story about God and God's people.

Learn its stories and study its words. Its stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all.

They tell us who we are.

They tell us that we belong to God, and that we belong to one another for we are the people of God.

Children: We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

Thank you.

Congregation: We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.

We pray God will guide you, your family, and us as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.

We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.

Pastor to Congregation: Hold onto a Bible, either one you brought or one that is in the pews; or focus on the Bible open on the Lord's Table. Reflect on its meaning for you. Remember the stories that have shaped you, challenged you, comforted you, and guided you. Whether you know it well or not, open yourself to a spirit of curiosity and learning.

Within this book are the stories of God, the foundation of our family, the instructions of God, the history of a people, the teaching of the prophets, the poetry of the faithful, the stories of Jesus, the history of the Church, the letters and preaching of the early leaders, and the vision of redemption. Within this Bible, we will encounter the Word of God.

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