**Spirit of Liberty**

*For the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.*

2 Corinthians 3:17

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**NORTH LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Do you often wonder how you can make a difference in someone’s life? Once a quarter, NLCC puts on a service at Miller’s Merry Manor. Come join us on Monday, February 29th at 7:00 at Miller’s. Any questions—contact Tom Fair at tafair1@hotmail.com

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Senior ladies…Valentine’s Day Lunch on Monday, Feb 15th ~ noon at Andrea Ritter’s house
Come enjoy a time of fellowship & laughter with friends.
Questions contact Andrea (586-7458) or Christina Webb
Sign up sheet on “The Board”

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**NLCS Trivia Night**
Feb 12th @ 6:pm
In the Kidz Konnection and School Cafeteria
Proceeds will go towards the 5th/6th grade DC Trip
$10/person
50/50 & Silent Auction

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NLCS collects both the Box Tops & Labels for Education! Place them in the box on the wall across from Stephanie’s office.

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**CUT & EARN 1 POINT**

For your school!
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Military Personnel:

Eric Rodman, son of Jerry & Sherry Roberts; Andrew Ross, Mary Bunch’s son, Joshua Cole (Omaha, NE), Jason Rodman (CA.); Jeff Roberts (TX), Shannon Vickers, Dave Bickel (CO), Josh Grayekowski (TX) Kyle Singleton, Mike McGann, Mary Patton’s son (San Diego, CA), Jason Fair (CA), Lionel Williams, Bob & Sherry Lichtenberger’s son-in-law, Christopher Brandenburg (NC), Erin & Trevor Wiegars, - Bryant Miller (Afghanistan); Danny Francis (Okinawa); Trevor Duff; Josh Anderson; Neal Dillon, Ray & Geri’s grandson (left for 5th deployment to Middle East, 5th child due in February)

Those with cancer:

Susan (Snyder) Baughman; Brittney Hummer; Caleb Hoppe, friend of Elin Fair; Donnetta Robinson; Roy Becker; Chris Cloud; Kim Perkins; Heather Horvath, Dawn’s daughter; ; Scott Hickman, Makenzie’s dad (pancreatic) Marianne Demaegd, Matt Flournoy’s mom; Melvin Johnson; Dan Crosley: Joe Bellman, Sharon’s step-dad; Jim Bradley, Jackie Noland & Jeni Yergeau’s dad; Dolly Donahue, Pete Stuart’s aunt; Kay White, Keith Beringer’s sister; Isaac porogi, JGHS student;

MyNLCC:

Having an account at NLCC makes connecting with those around you and the church much easier.

Once you have an account established you can:

~Update you or your family’s information
~View an online church directory
~Manage the events or ministries in which you serve
~Connect with a small group
~Manage your giving
~And much more

In addition, you can download the myNLCC app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Have questions? Email info@nlccnet.org.
Jerald & Laura Denton were immersed on Dec 22nd. They live here in North Liberty and have been married for over 26 years!

Benton Webb was immersed on Jan 3rd by his father. He is in the 2nd grade and is homeschooled.

Emily Krou was also baptized on Jan 3rd. She is in the 4th grade. Her mother is Laura Krou and Emily has 1 older sister & one younger sister.

Wednesday Night Happenings:
- Meal 5:45-6:30 pm
- Classes 7:00 pm
- Middle School (6th-8th) 6:45-8:00 pm
- Adult Class: Culture Shock-led by Tim
- Women’s Bible study- “Keep it Shut” will end on Feb 10th
- Family Project-led by Ben in the gathering area starts on 2/17

If you still have not picked up you tithing envelopes, they can be found at guest services.
If you already have a number just pick up your designated number.
If you would like to start using the envelope system, please take an available box and sign the sheet with the # you are taking.
You can also log into your account for MyNLCC and set up giving thru the portal. We will soon be phasing out our current e-giving process.

There is a sign up sheet on “The Board” for snow removal.

1st and 3rd Thursdays Sept-May
(9-11am) Pregnant Moms through Moms of Preschoolers welcome to come join us! Come and meet other Moms in the area and relax while your kids are being taken care of and play with our amazing childcare workers. We always have coffee and yummy snacks available. We meet in the student center (old sanctuary), first awning in the parking lot.

Current Sunday School Classes:
- ~Standard for Seniors– Room 4
- ~Understanding the End Times-taught by Lyndal Smith–Room 1

Building Usage:
You must contact the church office either by phone or e-mail to reserve the building. Church functions have priority.
Please Do NOT write your function on the calendar!! You have to follow the proper procedure.
There is a charge and will be discussed when scheduling.

The Senior Citizens will have a carry in meal together following the worship service on Feb 7th. Bring a crockpot of your favorite meal, soup or chili.

Communion Preparation–Communion is a very important part of our Sunday morning services and we need people to volunteer to prepare the trays each Sunday before service and to clean them after the service. Contact Donna Napier at 574-360-1135
# Spirit of Service

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A few weeks ago we started a series on finding our way or finding hope in this chaotic world we live in. In the first part of chapter one, we learned about our reason to hope. That our hope does not consist of what is going on in this world but lies within the fact that we are just strangers passing through this world, that we are already part of a winning team guaranteed eternal life and any suffering we encounter here is temporary.

The second part of chapter one discusses how we can find our way through this world and that is by digging into God's word and preparing our minds for action, “Therefore, prepare your minds for action.” The “Therefore” is a transition word telling us that since the previous principles are true, here is the action or attitude that should follow. And then Peter goes into our motivation on why we would do this in verses 19-21, “…we were redeemed…with the precious blood of Christ… and so our faith and hope are in God.”

Chapter two explains to us that our reason to live in this world is because God is building us into a spiritual house and communicating that each of us is extremely important in accomplishing His will as living stones. We are to be daily setting aside our personal desires, our selfish nature, and our negative emotional reactions to the things that happen in this uncertain world for kingdom purposes. In 2:9 it says, “But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness (those things that will dishonor the Lord and His word and His work) into his wonderful light.”

And then in the second part of chapter two, Peter addresses a very difficult command for anyone experiencing uncertainty. We are to “submit ourselves” to those who have been placed in authority over us. Remember he is talking to a bunch of Christians who are being persecuted by the Roman authority. And Peter explains why we do this in the same verse, “…for the Lord’s sake…” By submitting God’s way we honor the Lord and we enhance our testimony. This whole lifestyle is to be played out in the work place and within our government as long as we do not override what God says on spiritual and moral issues.

Church if you want to find your way through the mess we live in today, and then honor the Lord by doing what He asks and believing what He will provide.

Saved to Serve,
Tim

The Creator of the Universe got in line with everybody else to be baptized in the Jordan.

In our high school youth ministry we’ve been looking at some deeper philosophical views of the world around us, and this past week we looked at the existence of man. We considered materialism, which sees man as composed of nothing more than material components. His intellectual, emotional, and spiritual aspects are nothing but products of his material nature acting according to the rules of physics and biology. Opposing that view is idealism, which sees man as essentially a spiritual being, and his physical body is foreign to his essence. The body is nothing but a shell for the spirit or the intellect. Ultimately neither of these realities fits well with the biblical account or God’s view of man. To ignore the soul from a materialistic perspective is to ignore eternal life breathed into us from God. To ignore the physical body from a la idealism is to ignore our physical existence, how we use our bodies, and the moral responsibilities that entails.

Simply put, we are flesh and we are soul. Not one or the other. But more than that, we are created in the image of God. We aren’t just flesh, and we aren’t just flesh and soul, but we are made up of components and characteristics that are found in the creator himself. Something about us shouts to the existence and glory of God. And if it’s true of me, it’s true of you. And anyone else you see. Good or bad. Friend or foe. Worthy or unworthy. We all have this mark of the creator upon us, and this truth has some fierce implications.

Surely it regards how we treat one another, bearing witness to the glorious qualities each life proclaims of the father. This is a hard pill to swallow: you will never gaze upon the face of one who does not bear witness of our great and glorious creator, and how you treat your fellow man speaks to how you bear witness to your great and glorious creator. Good or bad. Friend or foe. Worthy or unworthy.

We speak frequently of this in church. It is “loving your neighbor as yourself.” But, perhaps, the part we often forget about is the implications on how we view ourselves. We must recognize our amazing worth – that we are loved regardless of our earnings and that God has stamped us with his signature. We are in his image. The other part of that is how much we’ve desecrated that image. It has been twisted, abused, discarded, and flat out ignored. We each daily pass on bearing the image of God as we choose to bear the image of self. And we bring damage to the design that God placed within us.

And so, I’m becoming more and more convinced that humility may be the most important character trait needed for the Christian life. It’s proper view of self. Recognizing how good we have it, while also recognizing how much we’ve screwed it up.

It’s recognizing the Creator of the Universe got in line with everybody else to be baptized in the Jordan. Humility is important because humility is a part of God’s character. He didn’t decide that humility was good. He didn’t take a vote within the trinity to decide whether humility or pride was to be pursued. He simply looked within Himself, and He created us in His image.

If your life can not be described with the word humility, then you need re-evaluate whether you are bearing the image of God, or bearing the image of yourself. ~ Ben
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EASE UP ON THE SPORTS PRESSURE By Walt Mueller

Researchers at Michigan State University report that 70 percent of people who play youth sports drop out by the age of 13. The reason? Too much pressure from parents and a society that puts a premium on athletic ability, performance, and winning. Sadly, many of these dropouts are gifted athletes who should be developing their God-given athletic gifts and abilities long into the teen years. Others are late bloomers who discouragement leads them to hang it up, causing them to miss out on the years of successful play that could theirs if they would only be encouraged to hang in there long enough for their bodies and skills to develop. Then there are those who continue on while allowing the pressure to excel to lead them to try to get an edge through cheating and performance-enhancing drugs. The youth sports landscape is not good. Want to know how bad it’s become? Go to a soccer field where elementary-aged kids are playing an organized game. Don’t watch what’s happening on the field. Turn sideways and look down the sideline. Just keep on looking and listening. What you see and hear might break your heart. Then ask yourself, “Am I putting too much pressure on my children?” Make sure your expectations are reasonable.
**What do you do while you drive?** Listen to talk radio, put on your makeup, or perhaps even listen to classic rock and roll. We want to encourage you to use that time as an investment toward personal spiritual growth. This month we will be providing two CDs that will address certain family issues from a Christ-centered approach. These CDs will help encourage, equip, and strengthen you as a Christian parent and spouse. You can find these CDs available at the Parent Resource Center in the Kidz Konnection Zone.

**Topics Available for February:**

CD 1 – LETTING GOD MEND YOUR MARRIAGE (Dr. George Kenworthy)

CD 2 – HOW TO CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

  Part 2 – How to Do What’s Best When You Feel It The Least (Chip Ingram)

CD 3 – Loving Your Kids For Who They Are (Mrs. Jill Savage and Dr. Kathy Koch)

20). We need to teach our children – and ourselves – that the only treasures that matter are heavenly ones. Possessions mean nothing. If you’re not pounding out that life-saving truthful message at home, chances are your teenagers might not hear it anywhere else.

**COMING IN FEBRUARY IN KIDZ KONNECTION:**

When you have a job to get done, you need the right tool. Hammers and screwdrivers work great for doing the job they were designed for, but sometimes you need something a little more complex. You need a tool that has the right attachment for the job, one that cooperates with that tool to get the job done.

Like a drill. Without the right drill bit to do the work, it’s just a noisy paperweight.

Or a ratchet. Without the right socket, well, I guess you’ve got a shiny little … hammer maybe? It’s just not useful unless you have both parts working together.

There are even some tools that don’t need another piece. They need another person, like those lumberjack crosscut saws. The saw won’t work at all unless two people are working together. That’s cooperation—working together to do more than you could do alone.

When you think about it, cooperation is huge. When you cooperate, you can build more. You learn more. You can do more.

As kids are growing they become more aware of the people around them. They have friends on the playground or in their neighborhood. They have to work in teams to finish projects in school. If they don’t learn God’s plan for cooperation, they’ll have a difficult time getting along with people. That’s why it’s important that we take some time out to discover more about what the Bible says about cooperation.

Cooperation is actually a spiritual concept that originates with God. God designed us as human beings not only to need each other, but also to need Him. Now, it’s not like God was up in heaven desperate for some help, so He made us. No, God is all-sufficient. But, He created us so we could have a relationship with Him, and so that we could participate in His work together. In other words, God put all of us together on this planet to do more together than we could ever do alone, and in some cases—with His help—to do things that might even seem “undoable.”
SUPERSTART is a fun, high-energy 4th - 5th Grade Weekend Event

April 8 – 9, 2016
We will leave at 1 pm on April 8th and return on April 9th around 6 pm

Naperville, IL
Staying at Wyatt House Hotel in Warrenville, IL

$110 plus the cost of (1) meal and any souvenirs
We will need a deposit of $55 by 3/20/16
Although the youth no longer collects pop cans, a local rescue Lisa Fair volunteers for does. They take any kind of aluminum cans and 10 cent pop cans. Place bags of clean cans in her office or in the box in the kitchen marked cans.

It’s that time of year again!! We will be collecting granulated sugar, brown sugar and powder sugar for Michiana Christian Service Camp. Place on back counter in kitchen.