## **KOINONIA**

"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship (Koinonia) of the Holy Spirit be with you all."

2 Corinthians 13:14

#### NORWIN ALLIANCE CHURCH

### NOVEMBER 2019



### Great Truths in the Bible - Book by Book

Here are some favorite verses in God's Word to build your faith in Him.

1 Samuel "Man looks at the outward

appearance, but the Lord looks at

the heart." (16:9)

2 Samuel "For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is the Rock except our

God?" (22:32)

<u>1 Kings</u> "Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

. . . He said, 'I have had enough,

Lord . . . take my life.' "(19:3,4)

2 Kings "Josiah . . . who turned to the Lord .

. . with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his

strength." (23:25)

<u>1 Chronicles</u> "O Lord . . . everything in heaven

and earth is Yours . . . Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from Your

hand." (29:11,14)

2 Chronicles "If my people, who are called by my

name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (7:14)

"Though we are slaves, our God has

not deserted us." (9:9)

Nehemiah "We will not neglect the house of our

God." (10:39)

Ezra





The following items were approved and discussed at the Elder's and Ministry Board meetings in October:

- 1. Begin to pray every day for families with children and youth to be reached by our church. Also, we can teach children to invite children, youth to invite youth as we reach out also. This need is an emergency 911 need for the younger generation.
- 2. Discussed family needs
- 3. Decorating Committee—Chris will lead
- 4. Preschool: They are collecting food monthly for the Irwin Food Bank October was Mac-n-Cheese month. November is Paper Products. The Preschool went to the Goodman Family Farm for a family hayride and to pick a pumpkin. A good time was had by all. The Fire Department and the Police came in October for the 4-year olds.
- September was a good month financially. Our receipts exceeded our budget needs and our expenses. We are behind the asking budget YTD.
- 6. Items on the Trustee "project" list need to start being tackles. The broken down play set from the court yard was taken apart and thrown out.
- 7. Names were approved to work with our children and youth.

Reminder ~ if you have a question or concern for these Boards, please see Ken or Brian, our Board Members-at-Large. They will bring the concerns to the Boards.



Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** 1 hour on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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Choir would LOVE to have some new/old faces in our ministry group. If you are willing to give it a try, please come on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm or for just the Cantata at 7:45 pm. We have a good time, sing praises and you don't have to be an amazing voice to join.

Hope to see you soon.!



# TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>



NAC is a polling facility. Voting will be in the back youth area. Please do not enter the church through the back.

NO Preschool this day

Church Office will close at 11:00 am



### Norwin Alliance Preschool News

Each month the preschool children collect specific food items for the Irwin Area Food Pantry. If you would like to contribute, a box is available in the narthex. November's collection item: **Paper Products** 

Thank you so much for any contributions you can make.



At a special congregation meeting on March 31, 2019 NAC approved to sponsor a 3 & 4 year old Preschool. This was a decision based on prayer and input from members. As the Preschool is a ministry of our church, it has been approved for a Prayer Ministry to be started by which our members could pray for the students and their families. Those members signing up to participate would be given the first name of a student only. No personal information will be exchanged. Members can then pray for that student and their family.

In the near future a sign up sheet will be in the narthex. If you are willing to be a part of this ministry please sign up. Those participating will then be given a name of a Preschool student. Please prayerfully consider being part of this ministry. Prayer is the greatest support we can give for our Preschool children. KOINONIA Page 3

## **Thanksgiving Season**

On Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, Pastor Bob will lead us in a Praise and Worship service at 7:00 pm at Norwin Alliance Church.

Invite your family and friends to join us as we give praise to God for the bountiful blessings He has given us this year!





## LIBRARY NEWS



- 1. *Thank you* to everyone who donated books to the library.
- Looking Ahead: Some of our library will be moved upstairs - into the Board Room. When this happens, which SECTION would you like to see moved? For example:
  - † Bible Study
  - † Extra Bibles
  - t Children's
  - † Non-fiction
  - † Fiction
  - † Devotionals
- 3. Duplicate books are passed on to church members and the public library.

Please let Sara Masters and/or Janice Lazzaro know what section of the downstairs library you would like to see moved up. This will help them in planning. Thank you.



The Keen-Agers will meet one week earlier in November. They will meet on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, for a Thanksgiving Luncheon beginning at 11:30 am.

Lunch will be catered by The Lamplighter Restaurant. Menu: Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes/gravy, sweet potatoes, corn, green beans, bread and pumpkin pie. Possibly butternut squash and cranberries.

Cost: \$12.00/person. Money and RSVP is due asap to Ruth or Norma.

Program by Steve Tori.

An election of officers for 2020 will take place.

Please note: the December meeting will also be a week early - Thursday, December 19. More details will be included in next month's Koinonia.

Please circle these dates on your calendar and plan to attend both meetings.



PLEASE SIGN-UP TO HELP!

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## Vignettes by Virginia

Psalm 126:3 reads: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." As we approach Thanksgiving, we are easily reminded of the wonderful blessings we receive from God on a daily basis; we have motives to be 'filled with joy'. Reflect on this year, and how very quickly it has passed from January 1 to almost the Christmas season already.

One of our greatest blessings is the Word of God. The variety of persons mentioned in the Bible are excellent examples of encouragement, knowing that many years ago they also had difficult decisions to make, learning to make adjustments in life, accepting Jesus as Savior, God as the Father, and loving people in service or ministry. Life has been tough for a long time. BUT many 'tribes' learned the blessings of praise, thanksgiving, joyfulness, and worship. We have the privilege to honor God everyday - not just one day a year on Thanksgiving.

1 Chronicles 16 shares a **Psalm of Thanks** written by King David; and WOW he had quite an interesting life.

Psalm 95:2 "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song."

Psalm 100:4 from THE MESSAGE Bible: "Enter with the password: 'Thank you!' Make yourselves at home, talking praise. Thank Him. Worship Him."

1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God! He give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Philippians 4:6 "Do not be anxious about anything; but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

Hebrews 12:28 from THE MESSAGE Bible: "Do you see what you've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God."

A familiar song reminds us, "Count your blessings, Name them one by one. Count your many blessing, See what God has done."

We should have this "habit" on a daily basis.

BE THANKFUL!







All shoeboxes should be returned to the church **Sunday, November 10**<sup>h</sup>.

Remember to:

- ~ ~ Enclose a check (made out to Samaritan's Purse \*note OCC on memo line) for **\$9.00** per box to cover shipping and handling cost.
- ~ Attach the appropriate label (girl/boy) and mark the appropriate age category.

Boxes are still available on the shelf in the narthex. Please take one, fill it up, and return by Nov. 10th.

Let's fill Renee's jeep to overflowing!

